

Exotic Switzerland

8 DAYS / ZA06Z

Zurich - Lucerne - Mt. Titlis - Interlaken - Berne - Gruyères - Geneva - Montreux - Zermatt - Nufenen Pass - Lugano - Lake Como - Maloja Pass - St. Moritz - Principality of Liechtenstein - Zurich

Price: EUR 2,230 / PER PAX

Departure Dates: **April:** 19, 26 **May:** 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 **June:** 7, 14, 21, 28 **July:** 5, 12, 19, 26 **Aug:** 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 **Sep:** 6, 13, 20, 27 **Oct:** 4, 11

Day1:

Zurich. Day at leisure.

Day 2

We leave Zurich at 8.30 a.m. A short drive takes us to the city of Lucerne where we visit the Lion Monument and walk over the 14th century wooden bridge, time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing. At noon we proceed to the mountain resort of Engelberg. A cable car ride to the summit of Mount Titlis brings you up into the high alpine region with its glaciers and eternal ice. Enjoy a magnificent ride in the new revolving "ROTAIR" gondola. (Take a warm sweater along.) In the afternoon we cross Brunig Pass to the Bernese Oberland and reach the village Brienz, which is famous for its long tradition of woodcarving. We continue to the holiday resort of Interlaken at the foot of Jungfrau mountain. Dinner on your own. Overnight at 1st class hotel.

Day3

We leave Interlaken in the morning and drive along beautiful Lake of Thun to the Swiss capital, Berne. The city is attractively set on a steep-sided curve of the River Aare and backed by the majestic Alps. A city tour to the Old Town includes the Clock Tower, Kramgasse, and the 15th century Cathedral of St. Vincent. A drive south takes us to the scenic dairy farmlands, to Gruyères. A beautiful hilltop town, preserved against time, which could be the magical setting for fairytales with its impressive, medieval castle. An informative visit to a factory of delicious milk product is a further highlight of our day. We continue our drive to the Vaud Riviera and reach Geneva, the most cosmopolitan city of Switzerland. Dinner on your own. Overnight at superior tourist class hotel.

Day4

We start with a city tour of Geneva this morning. We will show you the beautiful parks along the lake, the unique town-hall and the European seat of the United Nations. In the late morning we leave Geneva and drive to Lausanne and Montreux. We pass by Chillon Castle, the 13th century fortress made famous by Lord Byron's poem. In the afternoon we proceed through the Valais, the valley of the river Rhone with its orchards and vineyards. At Täsch we will board a cogwheel train that takes us to the mountain resort of Zermatt at the foot of the mighty Matterhorn.

Dinner and overnight at 1st class hotel.

Day5

Morning at leisure in Zermatt – admire the quaint old farm houses and barns in their unique style, do some shopping, relax or take an optional cogwheel train up to Gornergrat for a spectacular view of the surrounding snow-covered peaks. After noon board the train to Täsch where our bus is waiting to take us over the breath-taking Nufenen Pass into the Italian speaking part of Switzerland, to the garden city of Lugano. Dinner on your own. Overnight at 1st class hotel.

Day6

We leave Lugano and drive along the scenic road to Gandria where we cross the border into Italy. Along the romantic shores of Lake Como we pass by Menaggio and reach Chiavenna in the lovely Bregaglia Valley. In Castasegna we re-enter to Switzerland and drive thirteen hairpin bends over the Maloja Pass. Passing by crystal blue Lake Sils and Silvaplana we reach the world-renowned mountain resort of St. Moritz in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight at 1st class hotel.

Day7

We leave St. Moritz in the morning and cross the Julier Pass to reach Chur. In the capital of Principality of Liechtenstein, Vaduz, there will be time for lunch and for sightseeing. This tiny country with the mighty castle, which is the home of the present Prince and his family, attracts visitors from all over the world. In the afternoon we will return to Zurich through the Toggenburg region with its picturesque farmhouses. Arrival in Zurich at approx. 5 pm.

Day8

Zurich Depart

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