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SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS



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Holiday Company



Lake Lucerne



Choosing your scenic rail holiday itinerary

One of the best ways to see and enjoy the stunning landscapes of Switzerland is with a two or multi centre holiday, allowing you to explore the diverse scenery. Picture yourself with a coffee beside a shimmering lake or taking a gentle walk along a mountain path in the high Alps! With all the natural beauty on offer, Switzerland is a wonderful place in which to holiday, made all the more memorable with a scenic rail journey connecting your resorts. We do hope you enjoy browsing through our suggested itineraries and look forward to helping you to make your Swiss plans a reality.

Call our expert team to start planning your holiday today **0800 619 1200**

The holidays in this brochure have been arranged into three sections

Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS

These holidays offer you the chance to stay in two resorts which complement each other, and which are connected by a scenic rail journey. They are generally suggested as a week's holiday but can easily be extended to a fortnight. There are plenty of day trips to enjoy from each resort, or you could simply relax amidst the beautiful lakes & mountains scenery.

Three Centre

 SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS

Perfect holidays for people who want to extend their explorations a little further, with the opportunity to stay in three delightful lakes and mountains resorts and enjoy the scenic journeys connecting each. The holiday durations are naturally longer - 12 or 15 days - so you will have plenty of time to really get to know each resort and its surrounding beauty spots.

Scenic

 TOURING HOLIDAYS

These are the itineraries for the real train enthusiasts, or for those who want to explore as many aspects of the Swiss lakes & mountains landscape as possible. You will be moving on to a new resort every couple of days via a scenic rail journey, but will still have time to relax in each destination and enjoy the glorious scenery around you.

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Wengen



Glacier Express

Stress free, bespoke holidays

You can rely on The Swiss Holiday Company to make all your arrangements, from booking flights and hotels to supplying your rail tickets with seat reservations where required. We even provide a personalised itinerary showing you how to travel by rail to each of your hotels, including timings and platform numbers.

The holidays in this brochure are merely suggestions on ways to combine various scenic rail routes with the best lakes and mountains resorts. If you would like to create a completely new itinerary, we will be very happy to put together the series of rail journeys and resorts that you're dreaming of.

You can find more details on resorts, excursions and hotels in our sister brochure Switzerland Lakes & Mountains 2024.

You can also adapt the holidays in this brochure in several ways

- ✓ Reverse the direction of travel
- ✓ Upgrade to 1st class rail travel throughout Switzerland
- ✓ Change the suggested resorts, for example switching from lively Lucerne to quieter Weggis just along the lake
- ✓ Upgrade your choice of hotel from 3 to 4 star
- ✓ Choose between bed & breakfast or half board (evening meal included)
- ✓ Stay for longer (where appropriate with your Swiss Travel Pass – recommended durations are 4, 6, 8 and 15 days)
- ✓ Swap your UK flights to international rail travel from London St. Pancras

Your holiday in Switzerland



Imagine visiting a place which has a rail, lake steamer and bus service that takes you to every corner of the country in a relaxed and reliable way, with no need for car hire or waiting for group transfers. Indeed, Switzerland is famed for its scenic rail journeys – there are several wonderful routes connecting resorts across mountain ranges and alongside sparkling lakes, guaranteeing the traveller ever changing but always beautiful views. Many of the trains have special panoramic carriages, with huge windows that extend into the roof so that you can immerse yourself in the stunning lakes & mountains landscapes.

This brochure contains a range of unforgettable holiday ideas for the independent traveller, drawn from our 30 years' experience of arranging such itineraries. We can help you with advice on where the trains go, the best resorts in which to stay for each journey, and what you can do while you're there. We'll offer advice on upgrades to 1st class (or even the superb Excellence Class on the Glacier Express) and the best times to go in order to make the most of your holiday in Switzerland. Your ticket wallet will contain a personalised itinerary, detailing your hotels and train connections for each day.



Bernese Oberland

The Grand Train Tour of Switzerland



The Grand Train Tour is a concept from Switzerland Tourism to help visitors experience the very best of Switzerland, using the network of scenic rail routes. The itineraries in this brochure all incorporate sections of the Grand Train Tour, giving you a fantastic choice of where to go and what to see. Of course, if you would like to travel around the whole country, please take a look at our touring holiday itineraries on pages 30-35.

Sustainable Switzerland



Thanks to Switzerland's superb network of public transport which you'll be using to get around - trains, buses, boats and mountain transport - the holidays in this brochure are inherently eco-friendly. Switzerland takes its green credentials seriously and through the 'Swissustainable' programme, you can relax in the knowledge that long term commitments are increasingly being made by both travel and accommodation partners, with no compromise in quality.

Climate-friendly public transport in Switzerland

13 x more An electric car produces 13 times more CO₂ than a railway

0.2% Railway traffic contributes only 0.2% to the total of CO₂ emissions of overall traffic

90% SBB (Swiss Railways) operates with 90% hydropower

27 x less A train ride produces 27 times less CO₂ than a comparable car drive

Only pedestrians and bicycles are more ecological than trains



We are delighted to work closely with Switzerland Tourism and Swiss Travel System



Montreux

Swiss Travel Pass included with all holidays

One of the greatest joys of a holiday in Switzerland lies in using the excellent transport system to explore the country at your own pace, with very little fuss.

The holidays in this brochure **all include a Swiss Travel Pass**. As well as covering all the scenic rail journeys connecting your resorts, you will have complete freedom to strike out and explore the wonderful scenery surrounding wherever you are staying. You can hop on a train to visit a nearby town, settle in with a drink on one of the historic lake steamers for a memorable cruise, or board one of the distinctive yellow PostBuses for a ride up into the mountains – all for free. Your Swiss Travel Pass also acts as a discount card for the cable cars and other mountain transport. Take a look at the map on the back of this brochure to see the freedom you have across Switzerland. The mainline railways are shown in red solid lines, PostBuses in yellow and lake cruises in white. The cable cars, mountain railways and funiculars are shown in dotted lines which indicates up to 50% discount.

Benefits of the Swiss Travel Pass

- Free unlimited travel on all mainline trains, lake steamers and PostBuses throughout Switzerland
- Fabulous convenience of not having to visit ticket offices when the travel is free – just hop on board!
- Up to 50% off cable cars, mountain railways and funiculars
- Staying in Lucerne? The Mount Rigi train/cable car, Stanserhorn cable car and Stoos funicular are also free, as well as cruises on the full length of the beautiful lakes of Lucerne and Uri

If your budget allows, an upgrade to 1st class is well worth the extra spend. On the trains you benefit from more space and quieter carriages, and on lake boats 1st class is normally on the top deck – with better viewing and fewer fellow passengers.



Chillon Castle

Museum Pass

Did you know that your Swiss Travel Pass also acts as Museum Pass, giving you free access to over 500 museums and attractions across Switzerland? Just a few popular examples include Chillon Castle in Montreux, Alimentarium in Vevey, Olympic Museum in Lausanne, the castles in Spiez and Thun, Matterhorn Museum in Zermatt, Stockalper Palace in Brig, National Park Centre in Zerne, UNESCO World Heritage castles in Bellinzona, art museums in Interlaken and Lucerne, and of course a long list of museums in the big cities of Zurich, Geneva, Bern and Basel.

Good to know - excursions

Some higher altitude cable cars and mountain railways have operating seasons of **late June-mid October** and **December-March**. Any trips which we state are included in the price of the holiday will be running, but we cannot guarantee exact dates of operations of other trips which are shown merely as recommendations. If there is a particular trip you would like to make during your stay, please do check before confirming your holiday booking.

St. Moritz and Appenzell have a fantastic travel card scheme which is offered free during the summer months (when you stay 1 or 3 nights respectively) and which entitles you to completely free travel on the local cable cars and mountain railways.



Glacier Express

6 DAY ESSENTIAL GLACIER EXPRESS



Exceptional mountain excursions and travel on the Glacier Express including lunch

GLACIER EXPRESS

3 nights in Brig
2 nights in Chur



Aletsch Glacier

Day 1. Arrive and explore historic Brig

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Brig. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy a stroll around this interesting town.

Days 2-3. Free days with a great choice of scenic trips

With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can take your pick of stunning visits **at no extra cost**. Travel to the Matterhorn village of Zermatt or take a trip over the Lötschberger mountains to Lake Thun and enjoy a lake cruise to Interlaken. Alternatively, you can head for the amazing Aletsch Glacier where we recommend buying a local pass, with amazing walks and views. Another possibility is a journey on the Centovalli Line via Domodossola in Italy to Locarno in Switzerland's Ticino region. You will be spoilt for choice!

Day 4. Glacier Express to Chur including lunch

Sit back and relax in your reserved seat on this leisurely 4 hour **Glacier Express** experience to Chur. You will be served lunch while travelling through the picturesque Goms Valley en route to the highest point of the journey - the Oberalp Pass - before a spectacular finale to your journey travelling alongside the Rhine and through the Grand Canyon of Switzerland to Chur.

Day 5. Free day in Chur and a possible visit to the mountains

Chur is Switzerland's oldest town and has a delightful centre. It also makes a wonderful base from which to explore the region **for free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass** - such as a trip on the spectacular Albula route to St. Moritz. Alternatively try the charming resort of Arosa, another fabulous scenic journey, from where you can add a cable car trip to the Weisshorn, at half price, for a high Alps lunch!

Day 6. Last day in historic Chur

A leisurely start with time in Chur before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Arosa



Chur



Brig

Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 6 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats and lunch on the Glacier Express Brig-Chur (2nd class)
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Available all year except 13 October-6 December

Guide prices from £1,179 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £174 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel rooms

Include half board £263 per person

Extend your stay to 8 days

Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS

6 DAY HEART OF SCENIC SWITZERLAND



Switzerland's best-known resorts with a glittering choice of excursions

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN
EXPRESS

3 nights in Lucerne
2 nights in Interlaken

Day 1. Arrive and explore charming Lucerne

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lucerne. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy exploring the Old Town and lakeside.

Days 2-3. Free days to enjoy the beautiful Old Town, lake and mountains

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. A lake cruise is a must along with the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi. The Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular are also included free with your Swiss Travel Pass along with trips further afield to Bern. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

Day 4. Journey on the Luzern-Interlaken Express across the mountains to Interlaken

This striking journey is 2 hours of joy as you travel over the Brünig Pass and alongside the scenic lake to Interlaken. After check in you will have time to get a flavour of Interlaken and finalise your plans.

Day 5. Free day in and around the glorious Bernese Oberland

There is so much on offer here with your **Swiss Travel Pass** which you could use for **free unlimited** travel on the Lakes of Thun and Brienz and trips into the mountains at Wengen and Grindelwald -where mountain railways and cable cars are offered with up to 50% reduction. A favourite trip is a leisurely cruise from Interlaken to Brienz, then change to a half price journey on the Brienz Rothorn steam railway which has been chugging away since 1892. A memorable visit to the Jungfrauoch is available at 25% reduction.

Day 6. Last day - if only you had booked to stay longer! (The 8 day Pass is also great value)

Time for a last look around Interlaken before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Interlaken



Lucerne



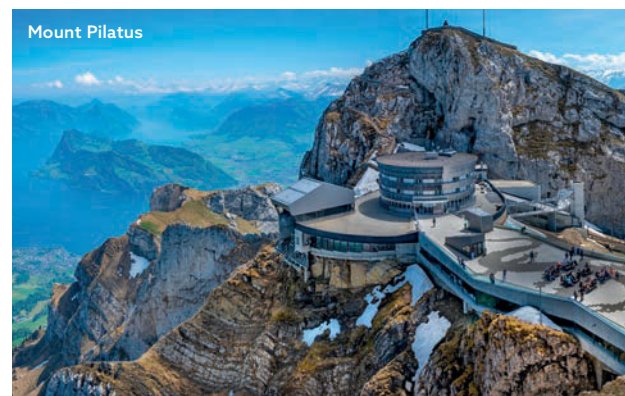
Lake Thun



Luzern-Interlaken Express



Rigi in Winter



Mount Pilatus



Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 6 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 5 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Available all year

Guide prices from £1,221 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,404 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £174 per person - great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board (Lucerne only) £114 (3 star) or £188 (4 star) per person

Change your resorts to the quieter villages of Weggis and Bönigen

Extend your stay to 8 days

Also available with Geneva flights

Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



Zermatt

8 DAY SUPREME GLACIER EXPRESS



A true highlight with leisurely scenic rail journeys to remember

GLACIER EXPRESS
BERNINA EXPRESS

3 nights in Zermatt
4 nights in St. Moritz

Day 1. Arrive and explore alpine Zermatt

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Zermatt. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy your first views of the stunning Matterhorn mountain.

Days 2-3. Sublime views in the Matterhorn region

Zermatt is a fascinating alpine village dominated by the Matterhorn and the story of its dramatic conquest. There are great options of exciting rail and cable cars into the high Alps, all available at half price, such as the network of cable cars to Klein Matterhorn - which at 3,883m is the highest sightseeing point in Europe. Try an alternative view from the idyllic lake of Schwarzsee at the foot of the Matterhorn, or take the cog railway to the pure air and mountain restaurants of the Gornergrat. You will not be disappointed by the views and walking routes with picturesque refreshment stops in this stunning alpine region.

Day 4. Glacier Express to St. Moritz including lunch

Sit back and relax in your reserved seat on the leisurely **Glacier Express** for its full journey as it slowly meanders across Switzerland to St. Moritz. This wonderful experience takes 7½ hours in the comfort of special panoramic coaches. While away your time with a 3 course lunch served at your table; drinks are available throughout the day at an extra cost. You are provided with interesting information about the route and it is a delight to discover more about the famous highlights such as the Oberalp Pass, Rhine Gorge and the Landwasser Viaduct.

Days 5-7. Glorious St. Moritz and the Upper Engadin region

The joy of a Swiss holiday is visiting the mountains. During the summer months this holiday includes the fabulous **Engadin Card** with unlimited **free** transport including





Bernina Express



St. Moritz

mountain railways and cable cars, buses and local trains - real freedom of this alpine region! Recommendations include funicular and cable car to Piz Nair often travelling above the clouds at 3,057m, with stunning views and maybe lunch at the top. You are spoilt for choice with other trips. We include an **unforgettable day trip on the Bernina Express** from St. Moritz to Tirano in Italy. This stunning rail journey crosses the Alps with spectacular views en route - and time to enjoy an Italian lunch.

Day 8. Last day with a beautiful train journey down to Chur en route to Zurich

Time for a last look around St. Moritz before you take the train to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Glacier Express



Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats & lunch on the Glacier Express Zermatt-St. Moritz (2nd class)
- Regional rail travel on the Bernina Line St. Moritz-Tirano; return with reserved seats on the Bernina Express (2nd class)
- Engadin Card during the summer months offering free transport including mountain railways and cable cars around St. Moritz
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Available all year except 13 October-6 December

Guide prices from £1,494 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,712 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Travel in Excellence Class on the Glacier Express (see page 36)

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £192 per person - great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board £319 (3 star hotels) or £389 (4 star) per person

Upgrade to Bernina Express on both legs of the day trip £32

Change your St. Moritz stay to the quieter village of Pontresina

Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



Montreux

8 DAY SWITZERLAND'S TOP LAKESIDE RESORTS



A true scenic delight featuring the GoldenPass Express to Montreux

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS
GOLDENPASS EXPRESS

4 nights in Lucerne
3 nights in Montreux



Montreux

Day 1. Arrive and explore charming Lucerne

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lucerne. Welcome to your hotel for your 4 night stay and enjoy exploring the Old Town and lakeside.

Days 2-4. Free days to enjoy the beautiful Old Town, lake and mountains

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. A lake cruise is a great way to relax with a restaurant on board - treat yourself to lunch with a longer cruise to Brunnen or even Flüelen. Also included free with your Swiss Travel Pass are the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi, the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular, and even a trip further afield to Bern. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

Day 5. Luzern-Interlaken Express and the GoldenPass Express train to Montreux

A day to look forward to with these two exceptional journeys. The **Luzern-Interlaken Express** travels over the amazing Brünig Pass and alongside scenic Lake Brienz to Interlaken where you board the **GoldenPass Express** all the way to Montreux. Enjoy views of Lake Thun as you head into the mountains and the Simmen Valley to Zweisimmen. Here, the new train switches track and travels on to the alpine resort of Gstaad, before the descent into Montreux, with fabulous views of Lake Geneva.

Days 6-7. Explore Montreux and glittering Lake Geneva

Montreux is a fascinating town, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle. Entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day, or perhaps Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views. Chaplin's World in Vevey is also a great visit with 50% off with your Riviera Card.

Day 8. Last day

Time for your last look around Montreux before your journey back to the UK.





Lucerne



Chillon Castle



Mount Pilatus



GoldenPass Express

Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express and the GoldenPass Express Interlaken-Montreux (both 2nd class)
- Riviera Card in Montreux offering free local buses and reductions for local places of interest
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Available all year

Guide prices from £1,429 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,661 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £192 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Change your Lucerne stay to the quieter village of Weggis

Include half board (Lucerne only) £152 (3 star) or £250 (4 star) per person

Also available with Geneva flights

Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



Chillon Castle, near Montreux

8 DAY EXPLORE SWITZERLAND'S VARIETY



The GoldenPass Express - where the grandeur of the Swiss Riviera meets the glories of the Bernese Oberland

GOLDENPASS EXPRESS
LUZERN-INTERLAKEN
EXPRESS

3 nights in Montreux
4 nights in Interlaken



View of Interlaken from Harder Kulm

Day 1. Arrive and explore elegant Montreux

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Montreux. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy exploring the famous lakeside promenade.

Days 2-3. Free days to enjoy Montreux and stunning Lake Geneva

Montreux is fascinating town, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle. Entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day, or perhaps Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views. Chaplin's World in Vevey is also a great visit with 50% off with your Riviera Card.

Day 4. The GoldenPass Express to Interlaken

A day to savour with your journey on the **GoldenPass Express** to Interlaken. The trains starts off with a stunning ascent as you leave Montreux and head for the high meadows and dramatic mountain views. Passing through Gstaad you then reach Zweisimmen where the new train switches track for the journey down the Simmen valley to Spiez and the final run alongside Lake Thun to Interlaken.

Days 5-7. Discover Interlaken and the glorious Bernese Oberland

There is so much on offer here with your **Swiss Travel Pass** which you could use for **free** unlimited travel on the Lakes of Thun and Brienz. A favourite trip is a leisurely



Interlaken

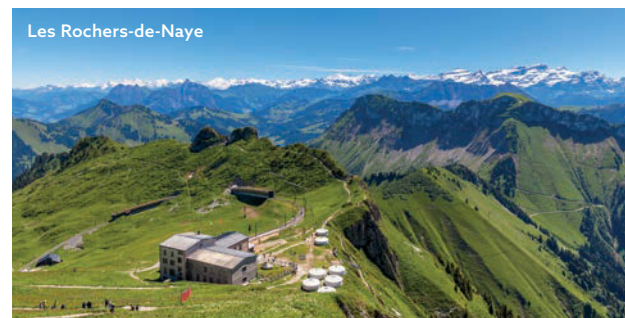
cruise from Interlaken to Brienz then change to a half price trip on the Brienz Rothorn steam railway which has been chugging away since 1892. You can also travel for free to the alpine villages of Lauterbrunnen, Wengen and Grindelwald. From here, the mountain railways and cable cars are offered with up to 50% reduction, or a memorable visit to the Jungfrauoch is available at 25% reduction. We also suggest a return day trip on the **Luzern-Interlaken Express (free with your Swiss Travel Pass)** - this striking journey is 2 hours of relaxation and fabulous views each way as you travel over the Brünig Pass to Lucerne.

Day 8. Last day

Time for your last look around the joys of Interlaken before your journey back to the UK.



GoldenPass Express



Les Rochers-de-Naye

Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). [See page 5 for full details](#)
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats on the GoldenPass Express Montreux-Interlaken (2nd class)
- Riviera Card in Montreux offering free local buses and reductions to local places of interest
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Available all year

Guide prices from £1,494 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,628 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £192 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Change your Interlaken stay to the quieter village of Bönigen

Also available with Geneva flights

Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



8 DAY HISTORIC ROUTE ACROSS THE ALPS



Two lakeside villages of contrast, from traditionally Swiss Lucerne to the Mediterranean way of life in Locarno

TRENO GOTTARDO LINE

4 nights in Lucerne

3 nights in Locarno

Day 1. Arrive and explore charming Lucerne

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lucerne. Welcome to your hotel for your 4 night stay and enjoy exploring the Old Town and lakeside.

Days 2-4. Free days to enjoy the beautiful Old Town, lake and mountains

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland - a cruise is a must as this is without doubt one of the most beautiful lakes, whose shoreline is dotted with idyllic villages. Also included free with your Swiss Travel Pass are the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi, the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular, and even a trip further afield to historic Bern. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

Day 5. Scenic rail journey on the Treno Gottardo Line to Locarno

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace on the **Treno Gottardo Line** which takes you around Lake Lucerne via Brunnen and Flüelen then heads up the Reuss valley with ever changing views towards

the historic Gotthard Pass. The line loops three times past the church at Wassen to the original 19th century Gotthard tunnel after which you dramatically arrive in the beautiful Ticino region of Switzerland. There is a slow looping descent to Bellinzona en route to Locarno on Lake Maggiore.

Days 6-7. Enjoy la dolce vita in Locarno and the Ticino region

Locarno is a resort where the Italian influence affects all aspects of life, from the architecture to what you eat. Situated on stunning Lake Maggiore, with the lakeside village of Ascona only a bus ride away, the town is also well placed for enjoying the mountains. Your **Ticino Ticket** gives you **free** travel on local trains and buses helping you get the most out of your holiday. You could visit the region's historical capital, Bellinzona, with three fabulous historic castles to explore. You can also enjoy a day trip to Domodossola on the fabulous Centovalli Line **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**.

Day 8. Last day

Time for a last look around Locarno before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Locarno



Cardada cable car



Treno Gottardo Line



Lucerne



Lucerne

Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- 2nd class rail travel on the Treno Gottardo Line Lucerne-Locarno
- Ticino Ticket in Locarno offering free bus and train travel around the area
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Fully detailed itinerary
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Available all year

Ideal for holidays in spring and autumn

Guide prices from £1,395 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,717 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £192 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board £303 (3 star) or £351 (4 star) per person

Change your Lucerne stay to the quieter village of Weggis

Change your stay in Locarno to Ascona

Relaxing

 TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS



Weggis

8 DAY LAKES AND MOUNTAINS IDYLLS



Away from the crowds - a great combination of two of our favourite resorts ... picturesque Weggis and peaceful Kandersteg

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN
EXPRESS

LÖTSCHBERG REGIO
EXPRESS

4 nights in Weggis

3 nights in Kandersteg



Kandersteg

Day 1. Arrive and explore the lakeside resort of Weggis

Flight from the UK to Zurich airport in under 2 hours with train and lake boat to Weggis and enjoy your first taste of this picturesque lakeside resort.

Days 2-4. Tranquil Weggis and the mountains of Central Switzerland

Weggis is a peaceful lakeside village nestling below Mount Rigi. With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland - a lake cruise is a great way to relax and connect with your mountain visits. Also free with your Swiss Travel Pass is travel to Mount Rigi via the cable car from Weggis or the railway from nearby Vitznau, as well as the Stanserhorn open deck cable car and the Stoos funicular. The historic town of Lucerne lies just along the lake and has wonderful sightseeing, shopping and restaurants. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

Day 5. Travel on the Luzern-Interlaken Express and Lötschberg Regio Express to Kandersteg

A splendid way to start your journey is the cruise from Weggis to Lucerne. Here you join the **Luzern-Interlaken Express** on a striking 2 hour journey travelling along a very scenic route including the fabulous Brünig Pass, the resort of Meiringen and the final run alongside Lake Brienz into Interlaken. Take the

regional train alongside Interlaken's other lake - Lake Thun - to Spiez to join the **Lötschberg Regio Express**. The old, looping route meanders to Kandersteg, where a warm welcome awaits you at your hotel.

Days 6-7. Discover the wonderful mountain village of Kandersteg

This is perhaps the ultimate idyllic Bernese Oberland alpine village. Kandersteg enjoys a picture-perfect setting in the mountains with lush meadows and mountain streams and a village centre characterised by traditional wooden buildings and cosy restaurants. A favourite spot for walkers, the area boasts a huge number of marked trails, taking in some truly beautiful alpine scenery and the deep blue lakes of Oeschinensee and Blausee. Your stay in Kandersteg is enhanced by the **Kandersteg Guest Card** with **free** local travel and discounts for the Oeschinensee cable car during the summer months. From Kandersteg is easy to take a scenic journey south to Brig, **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**.

Day 8. Last day

Time for a last stroll around before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more. **See page 5 for full details**
- 4 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast in Weggis and 3 nights' half board in Kandersteg based on two people sharing
- Rail/boat travel Weggis-Lucerne (2nd class)
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Regional rail travel Interlaken-Spiez and Lötschberg Regio Express Spiez-Kandersteg (2nd class)
- Kandersteg Guest Card offering free local travel around the area
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Available May to October

Guide prices from £1,233 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,287 in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

- Reverse the direction of travel
- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £192 per person – great value
- Upgrade to a 4 star hotel in Weggis
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Include half board in Weggis £179 (3 star hotel) or £224 (4 star) per person
- Change your Weggis stay to Lucerne
- Also available with Geneva flights

Relaxing





Pilatus Kulm Hotels high above Lake Lucerne

8 DAY LAKES AND MOUNTAINS WITH SUMMIT STAYS



A unique holiday experience!
Stay in Zermatt and Lucerne,
plus a night in two exceptional
mountain top hotels

GORNERGRAT COG
RAILWAY

MOUNT PILATUS CABLE
CAR & RAILWAY

2 nights in Zermatt

1 night Gornergrat Kulmhotel

3 nights in Lucerne

1 night Pilatus Kulm Hotels



Lake Lucerne



Zermatt

Day 1. Arrive and explore alpine Zermatt

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Zermatt. Welcome to your hotel for your 2 night stay and enjoy your first views of the stunning Matterhorn mountain.

Day 2. Sublime views in the Matterhorn region

Zermatt is a fascinating alpine village dominated by the Matterhorn and the story of its dramatic conquest. There are great options of exciting rail and cable cars into the high Alps, all available at half price, such as the network of cable cars to Klein Matterhorn - which at 3,883m is the highest sightseeing point in Europe. Try an alternative view from the idyllic lake of Schwarzsee at the foot of the Matterhorn. You will not be disappointed by the views and walking routes with picturesque refreshment stops in this stunning alpine region

Day 3. 'Summit Experience' - an overnight stay on top of the world

A real adventure awaits as you travel up on the Gornergrat cog railway to over 3,100m altitude for your overnight stay including dinner at the 3100 Kulmhotel, the highest hotel in the Swiss Alps. Its impressive location and view of the surrounding mountain peaks is second to none - everyone leaves with wonderful memories that last a lifetime.

Day 4. From your mountain top experience to the lakeside at Lucerne

What better way of travelling back down to earth than via the Gornergrat cog railway to Zermatt. Connect here with a scenic route to the valley at Visp, then onward travel by regional train to the wonderful old town of Lucerne.

Days 5-6. Discover the beautiful Old Town, lake and surrounding mountains

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland - a cruise is a must as this is without doubt one of the most beautiful



On top of the world at the Gornergrat 3100 Kulmhotel

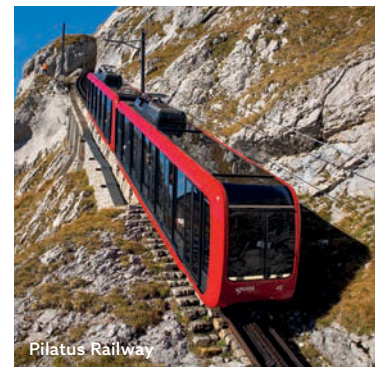
lakes, whose shoreline is dotted with idyllic villages. Also included free with your Swiss Travel Pass are the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi, the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular.

Day 7. A night in Mount Pilatus Kulm hotels - magical dreams are included

This starry mountain-top experience including dinner is a complete contrast to the Gornergrat stay. Pilatus stands high above Lucerne at 2,132m and so has incredible views of the waters of Lake Lucerne as well as a vista across the mountain peaks as far as the eye can see. Travel to the summit year round by cable ways, and during the summer on the world's steepest cog railway.

Day 8. Last day with travel down to Lucerne and home

After a leisurely breakfast, travel by cable way to Lucerne for the hour's rail travel back to Zurich airport and your flight to the UK.



Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 2nd class 8 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more. **See page 5 for full details**
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Dinner included at the summit hotels above Zermatt and Lucerne
- Return travel Zermatt-Gornergrat
- Regional rail travel Zermatt-Lucerne
- Return travel Lucerne-Mount Pilatus
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Consider taking an overnight bag for your mountain stays - your main luggage can be left in the station luggage lockers.

Available all year

Guide prices from £1,626 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,914 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

- Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £192 per person – great value
- Upgrade your hotel room
- Include half board in Zermatt & Lucerne £192 (3 star) or £268 (4 star) per person
- Change the number of nights
- Include just one of the mountain summit hotels
- Also available with Geneva flights

Relaxing

 **TWO CENTRE HOLIDAYS**



12 DAY SUNNY LAKES & DRAMATIC MOUNTAINS



Enjoy Italian style, a beautiful lakeside village and the sweet mountain air of the Alps

GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

3 nights in Lugano

4 nights in Weggis

4 nights in Wengen

Day 1. Arrive and explore the lakeside resort of Lugano

Flight from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lugano. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy your first taste of the Italian way of life in the Ticino region of Switzerland.

Days 2-3. Enjoy the warmth of southern Switzerland

Soak up the Italian atmosphere of this attractive lakeside resort. Your **Ticino Ticket** gives you **free** travel on the region's buses and trains to explore the area. You can even visit the medieval town of Bellinzona, which boasts three medieval castles. There are also discounts on the funiculars to visit the local mountains. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** gives you **free** travel further afield – enjoy a journey on the Centovalli Line and lunch in Domodossola.

Day 4. Travel 1st class on the Gotthard Panorama Express to Weggis

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace on the **Gotthard Panorama Express**. This unforgettable journey starts in special panoramic 1st class rail coaches for the spectacular journey through the original Gotthard Tunnel before meandering down to

Flüelen. Here you board the lake steamer on your 2 hour cruise criss-crossing beautiful Lake Lucerne all the way to the attractive lakeside village of Weggis.

Days 5-7. Tranquil Weggis and the mountains of Central Switzerland

The delightful lakeside resort of Weggis is a peaceful village nestling below Mount Rigi. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** is a real bonus as it includes **free** and unlimited travel on the regular lake boats to explore the region including Lucerne's beautiful Old Town. Travel to the scenic mountains of Rigi and Stanserhorn is also included and other cog railways and cable cars such as Pilatus are at 50% reduction.

Day 8. Travel to Wengen, including the scenic Luzern-Interlaken Express journey

The day starts with a boat journey to Lucerne to connect with the panoramic coaches of the **Luzern-Interlaken Express** which offer wonderful views on this two hour journey over the Brünig Pass to Interlaken. Here, you board the local trains to Lauterbrunnen and then Wengen for 4 nights.



Days 9-11. Discover Wengen and the Jungfrau mountains

Wengen is an idyllic car free mountain village perched on a sun soaked terrace with spectacular views to the high Alps and easy access into the high mountains. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** gives you **free** rail travel back to Interlaken and its two lovely lakes as well as rail travel to Grindelwald and Mürren. Mountain transport, for which your pass gives a 50% discount, takes you directly into the Alps at Männlichen or Kleine Scheidegg for stunning scenery and spectacular walks. Travel up to the famous Jungfrauoch with a 25% reduction.

Day 12. Last day

After a last look around at the village, take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.



Wengen



Lugano



Wengen



Luzern-Interlaken Express

Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 11 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- 1st class lake steamer and rail travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Lugano-Weggis with reserved seats on the train section
- Boat travel Weggis-Lucerne, reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express and regional rail travel Interlaken-Wengen (2nd class)
- Ticino Ticket in Lugano offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Available all year

(see page 40 for full details)

Interlaken may replace Wengen at certain periods

Guide prices from £1,770 per person in 3 star hotels or from £1,911 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £168 per person – great value

Include a 3 day 2nd class Jungfrau Travel Pass for your stay in Wengen

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board £300 (3 star hotels) or £677 (4 star) per person

Extend your holiday by up to 3 nights in your chosen resort

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 SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS



Lucerne

12 DAY TREASURED RESORTS & A NEW DISCOVERY



A wonderful combination of well-loved Swiss gems with the lesser known joys of Appenzell

GOLDENPASS EXPRESS
LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS
PRE-ALPINE EXPRESS

3 nights in Montreux
4 nights in Lucerne
4 nights in Appenzell



Appenzell

Day 1. Arrive and explore Montreux's café society

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Montreux. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy exploring famous lakeside promenade.

Days 2-3. Free days to enjoy Montreux and stunning Lake Geneva

Montreux is fascinating town, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle – entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day or perhaps Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views. Chaplin's World in Vevey is also a great visit with 50% off with your Riviera Card.

Day 4. The GoldenPass Express and Luzern-Interlaken Express

A day to savour with your journey on the **GoldenPass Express** to Interlaken. You start with a stunning ascent as you leave Montreux, heading for the high meadows and dramatic mountain views and passing through Gstaad to Zweisimmen. Here, the new train switches track for your journey down the Simmen valley to Spiez and alongside Lake Thun to Interlaken. At Interlaken you board your second scenic train of the day: the **Luzern-Interlaken Express**. This striking journey is 2 hours of joy as you travel alongside scenic lakes and over the Brünig Pass and to Lucerne. After check in enjoy your first glimpse of the Old Town and the lakeside.

Days 5-7. Lakeside Lucerne and the mountains of Central Switzerland

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. A lake cruise is a great way to relax with a restaurant on board - treat yourself to lunch with a longer cruise to Brunnen or even Flüelen. Also included free with your Swiss Travel Pass are the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi, the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular, or trips further afield to Bern. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.



Montreux



Appenzell region



Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 11 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats on the GoldenPass Express Montreux-Interlaken and the Luzern-Interlaken Express (both 2nd class)
- Voralpen Express Lucerne-St. Gallen and regional rail travel St. Gallen-Appenzell (2nd class)
- Riviera Card in Montreux offering free local buses and reductions to some local places of interest.
- Appenzeller Card with free local and mountain travel
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Day 8. The Pre-Alpine (Voralpen) Express from Lucerne to St. Gallen and on to Appenzell

Leave the delights of Lucerne on this appealing journey on board the **Voralpen Express**. You'll cross Lake Zurich to Rapperswil and enjoy the rolling hills, pristine villages and the Sitter Viaduct en route to St. Gallen. Change here to the charming local line to Appenzell for the last 30 minutes of your journey. Appenzell is a great favourite of the Swiss but yet to be discovered by the UK!

Days 9-11. Discover Appenzell and its fabulous landscapes

This delightful small town has a beautiful old centre with many buildings ornately decorated with frescoes some of which date back to the 16th century. You benefit from the **Appenzeller Card**, allowing you to explore the countryside around Appenzell for **free**. This walkers' paradise has a number of local cable cars taking you to stunning alpine beauty spots. With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel to Lake Konstanz (Bodensee) for a leisurely lake cruise to historic Stein am Rhein. Another great day out is to visit the Rhine Falls at Schaffhausen.

Day 12. Last day

Take a last look around at the village before you take the train back to Zurich airport for your flight to the UK.

Available all year

Guide prices from £1,789 per person in 3 star hotels or from £2,647 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £207 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board (except Montreux) £398 (3 star hotels) or £496 (4 star) per person

Extend your holiday by up to 3 nights in your chosen resort

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 SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS



St. Moritz

15 DAY LEADING SCENIC JOURNEYS & RESORTS



Explore three diverse regions travelling across Switzerland from lakeside to high Alps

BERNINA EXPRESS
GLACIER EXPRESS
GOLDENPASS EXPRESS
LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

5 nights in St. Moritz
4 nights in Montreux
5 nights in Interlaken

Day 1. Arrive and enjoy views of the high Alps

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to St. Moritz. Welcome to your hotel for your 5 night stay and enjoy exploring this famous alpine resort.

Days 2-5. Around the famous alpine resort of St. Moritz with free travel into the mountains

The joy of a Swiss holiday is visiting the mountains and during the summer months, your holiday includes the fabulous **Engadin Card** with unlimited **free** transport including mountain railways and cable cars, buses and local trains - real freedom of the Alps! Recommendations include the funicular and cable car to Piz Nair, often travelling above the clouds at 3,057m and with stunning views and lunch at the top! You are spoilt for choice of other trips. We include an **unforgettable day trip on the Bernina Express** from St. Moritz to Tirano in Italy. This stunning rail journey crosses the Alps with spectacular views en route - and time to enjoy an Italian lunch.

Day 6. Travel to Montreux, including Glacier Express to Brig with lunch on board

This famous **Glacier Express** journey travels down to Chur through stunning scenery with majestic viaducts and along the awesome Rhine Gorge. You'll cross over the Alps via the impressive Oberalp Pass at 2,044m and it's then on through the gentle Goms Valley with picturesque villages, to the town of Brig. At Brig change to the mainline railway to the grand lakeside resort of Montreux.

Days 7-9. Free days in and around Montreux on the beautiful Swiss Riviera

Montreux is fascinating town, with cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle - entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day, or perhaps Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-



Schynige Platte

Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views. Chaplin's World in Vevey is also a great visit with 50% off with your Riviera Card.

Day 10. Experience the GoldenPass Express to Interlaken

A day to savour with your journey on the **GoldenPass Express** to Interlaken. You start with a stunning ascent as you leave Montreux, heading for the high meadows and dramatic mountain views and passing through Gstaad to Zweisimmen. Here, the new train switches track for your journey down the Simmen valley to Spiez and the final run alongside Lake Thun to Interlaken.

Days 11-14. Interlaken and the glorious Bernese Oberland

There is so much on offer here with your **Swiss Travel Pass** which you could use for **free** unlimited travel on the Lakes of Thun and Brienz. A favourite trip is a leisurely cruise from Interlaken to Brienz with a half price trip on the Brienz Rothorn steam railway which has been chugging away since 1892. You can also travel for free to the alpine villages of Wengen and Grindelwald. From here, the mountain railways and cable cars are offered with up to 50% reduction, or a memorable visit to the Jungfrauoch is available at 25% reduction. We also suggest a return day trip on the **Luzern-Interlaken Express** (**free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**) - this striking journey is 2 hours of relaxation and fabulous views each way as you travel over the Brünig Pass to Lucerne.

Day 15. Last day

Time for your last look around the shops of Interlaken before your journey back to Zurich airport.

Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). See page 5 for full details
- 14 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Regional rail travel on the Bernina Line St. Moritz-Tirano; return with reserved seats on the Bernina Express (2nd class)
- Lunch and reserved seats on the Glacier Express St. Moritz-Brig (2nd class)
- Regional rail travel Brig-Montreux (2nd class)
- Reserved seats on the GoldenPass Express Montreux-Interlaken (2nd class)
- Engadin Inclusive Card during the summer months offering free and unlimited travel on mountain railways and cable cars around St. Moritz
- Riviera Card in Montreux offering free local buses and reductions to some local places of interest.
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Chillon Castle



Bernina Express



Available: All year except 13 October-6 December

Guide prices from £2,482 per person in 3 star hotels or from £2,720 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Travel in Excellence Class on the Glacier Express (see page 36)

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £207 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board (St. Moritz only) £252 (3 star) or £335 (4 star) per person

Upgrade to Bernina Express on both legs of the day trip £32

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 SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS

15 DAY HIDDEN TREASURES



Charming scenic journeys off the beaten track, crossing the Alps not once but twice

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS
LÖTSCHBERG LINE
CENTOVALLI LINE
GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

5 nights in Interlaken
4 nights in Locarno
5 nights in Lucerne

Day 1. Arrive in Interlaken via the Luzern-Interlaken Express

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with rail travel to Lucerne and then join the **Luzern-Interlaken Express** to Interlaken. Welcome to your hotel and enjoy your first look round and get your bearings.

Days 2-5. In and around the stunning Bernese Oberland

There is so much on offer here with your **Swiss Travel Pass** which you could use for **free** unlimited travel on the Lakes of Thun and Brienz. A favourite trip is a leisurely cruise from Interlaken to Brienz with a half price trip on the Brienz Rothorn steam railway which has been chugging away since 1892. You can also travel for free to the alpine villages of Wengen and Grindelwald. From here, the mountain railways and cable cars are offered with up to 50% reduction, or a memorable visit to the Jungfrauoch is available at 25% reduction.

Day 6. Travel on two lesser known but fabulous scenic journeys to Locarno

Depart Interlaken by rail to Spiez and join the **Lötschberg Line** to Brig on the old, looping route via Kandersteg. Onward travel is by international train to Domodossola in Italy where you board

the charming **Centovalli Line** to Locarno. Although there are three changes on this route it is well worthwhile to enjoy the changing scenery.

Days 7-9 Enjoy the sunny Ticino region of Switzerland

Locarno is an ideal place to relax and enjoy the dolce vita with the famous Piazza Grande boutique shops and an inviting Mediterranean-style café culture. Your free **Ticino Ticket** gives you **free** travel on local transport including to the beautiful lakeside resort of Ascona. Historic Bellinzona with its famous three castles and Lugano with its fabulous lake promenade are also worth visiting.

Day 10. Gotthard Panorama Express - a 1st class rail and boat journey to Lucerne

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace on the **Gotthard Panorama Express**. This unforgettable journey starts in special panoramic 1st class coaches for the spectacular journey through the original Gotthard Tunnel before meandering down to Flüelen. Here you board the lake steamer on your 2½ hour cruise criss-crossing beautiful the beautiful lake all the way to the attractive town of Lucerne.



View over Interlaken from Harder Kulm

Days 11-14. Lakeside Lucerne and the mountains of Central Switzerland

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland. A lake cruise is a great way to connect with your mountain trips. Also included free with your Swiss Travel Pass are the famous old cog railway or cable car to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi, the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular, or trips further afield to Bern. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

Day 15. Last day

The one hour train journey to Zurich airport allows you time for a last look around and perhaps lunch in Lucerne before your flight to the UK.



Centovalli Line



Locarno



Lucerne

Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 14 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Lötschberg Regio Express, Centovalli Line and regional rail links Interlaken-Locarno (2nd class)
- Regional rail travel Locarno-Bellinzona (2nd class)
- 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Bellinzona-Lucerne with reserved seats on the rail section
- Ticino Ticket in Locarno offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Available all year
(see page 40 for full details)

Guide prices from £2,463 per person in 3 star hotels or from £2,879 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £168 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board (except Interlaken) £201 (3 star hotels) or £447 (4 star) per person

Also available with Geneva flights

Three Centre

 SCENIC RAIL HOLIDAYS



13 DAY FOUR LAKES SCENIC SPLENDOURS TOUR



Fabulous scenic journeys taking you twice across the Swiss Alps, to enjoy stays beside four beautiful lakes

GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

GOLDENPASS EXPRESS

3 nights each in Lugano, Lucerne, Bönigen (near Interlaken) and La Tour-de-Peilz (near Montreux)

Day 1. Arrive and explore the lakeside resort of Lugano

Flight from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Lugano. Welcome to your hotel for your 3 night stay and enjoy your first taste of the Italian way of life in the Ticino region of Switzerland.

Days 2-3. Enjoy the warmth of southern Switzerland beside Lake Lugano

Soak up the Italian atmosphere of this attractive lakeside resort. Your **Ticino Ticket** gives you **free** travel on the region's buses and trains to explore the area. You can even visit the town of Bellinzona, which boasts three medieval castles. There are also discounts on the funiculars to visit the local mountains. Your **Swiss Travel Pass** gives you **free** travel further afield – perhaps a journey on the Centovalli Line and lunch in Domodossola.

Day 4. Travel 1st class on the Gotthard Panorama Express to Lucerne

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace on the Gotthard Panorama Express. This unforgettable journey starts in special panoramic 1st class rail coaches for the spectacular journey through the original Gotthard Tunnel before meandering down to Flüelen. Here you board the lake steamer on your 2½ hour cruise criss-crossing beautiful Lake Lucerne all the way to the old town of Lucerne.

Days 5-6. Charming history and scenery beside Lake Lucerne

With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland - a lake cruise is a great way to relax and connect with your mountain visits. Also free with your Swiss Travel Pass is travel to Mount Rigi via the cable car from Weggis or the railway from Vitznau, as well as the Stanserhorn open deck cable car and the Stoos funicular. The historic Old Town has wonderful sightseeing, shopping and restaurants. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars around Lake Lucerne are available at a 50% reduction.

Day 7. Luzern-Interlaken Express journey to Interlaken

This striking 2 hour journey is a joy as you travel along a very scenic route including the fabulous Brünig Pass, the resort of Meiringen and a final run alongside Lake Brienz into Interlaken. A 10 minute private transfer brings you to Bönigen, a tranquil, relaxing village on Lake Brienz (from where you can also take advantage of the benefits of Interlaken).

Days 8-9. Explore the glorious Bernese Oberland from Bönigen, your Lake Brienz base

An **Interlaken Card** is provided for free travel into town. With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel on cruises around the lakes of Thun and Brienz and travel to the stunning Jungfrau

mountain villages at Wengen, Mürren or Grindelwald. You may like to consider a trip on the mountain railways or cable cars with a 50% discount to Schynige Platte, Schilthorn or Harder Kulm - Interlaken's own special mountain.

Day 10. GoldenPass Express to Montreux - an exceptional scenic journey

A day to look forward to, with the GoldenPass Express all the way to Montreux. Enjoy views of Lake Thun as you head into the mountains and the Simmen Valley to Zweisimmen. Here, the train switches track and travels on to the alpine resort of Gstaad, before the descent into Montreux, with fabulous views of Lake Geneva. It's a short rail journey to Vevey and private transfer to La Tour-de-Peilz. This lovely lakeside setting offers a quiet alternative to the bustle of Montreux.

Days 11-12. Explore Vevey and Montreux on glittering Lake Geneva

Situated a short walk from Vevey, a Tour-de-Peilz holiday also benefits from the **Riviera Card** offering **free** local transport to Montreux. This fascinating town has a great café culture, and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle. Entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers and mainline trains so you can visit Geneva for the day, or perhaps Lausanne and the vineyards at Lavaux. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended for spectacular views. Chaplin's World in Vevey is also a great visit with 50% off with your Riviera Card.

Day 13. Last day

Time for your last look at Lake Geneva before your journey back to the UK.

Always included

FLIGHTS + HOTELS + RAIL

- Flights London-Zurich including taxes and hold baggage (other flights are available from around the UK)
- 15 day Swiss Travel Pass covering all rail journeys described and many more (2nd class). **See page 5 for full details**
- 13 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Lugano-Lucerne with reserved seats on the rail section
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class) and local transfer to your hotel in Bönigen
- Reserved seats on the GoldenPass Express Interlaken-Montreux and regional rail to Vevey with local transfer to your hotel in La-Tour-de-Peilz
- Ticino Ticket in Lugano offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Interlaken Card in Bönigen offering free local travel
- Riviera Card in La Tour-de-Peilz (Montreux) offering free local buses and reductions on local places of interest
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Lake Geneva



Bönigen



Available April to October

Guide prices from £2,258 per person in 3 star hotels or from £2,493 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Change your stay in Lucerne to Weggis, Bönigen to Interlaken or La Tour-de-Peilz to Montreux

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £168 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board (except Montreux) £235 (3 star hotels) or £439 (4 star) per person

Extend your holiday by up to 2 nights in your chosen resort

Scenic

 TOURING HOLIDAYS



Montreux

15 DAY GRAND SCENIC TRAIN TOUR



Experience six scenic rail journeys with seven stunning resorts across Switzerland

LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS
GOLDENPASS EXPRESS
GLACIER EXPRESS
BERNINA EXPRESS
GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS
PRE-ALPINE EXPRESS

2 nights each in Interlaken, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Lugano, Lucerne and Appenzell

Day 1. Arrive and explore Interlaken

Fly from the UK to Zurich with rail travel to Lucerne to join the **Luzern-Interlaken Express** to Interlaken. Welcome to your hotel and enjoy your first look round and get your bearings.

Day 2. In and around the glorious Bernese Oberland

Enjoy **free** unlimited travel with your **Swiss Travel Pass** on the Lakes of Thun and Brienz, or trips to the alpine villages of Wengen and Grindelwald where onward mountain railways and cable cars are offered at up to 50% reduction. A memorable visit to the Jungfraujoch is available at 25% reduction.

Days 3-4. GoldenPass Express to Montreux and stunning Lake Geneva

The **GoldenPass Express** journey takes you along Lake Thun, then heads into the scenic mountains before a spectacular descent towards Lake Geneva with unforgettable views. Enjoy your time in Montreux with its cafés and a wonderful promenade which you can follow to the romantic Chillon Castle - entry is **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, as is travel on the lake steamers. The mountain railway to Les Rochers-de-Naye at 50% reduction is highly recommended.

Days 5-6. Travel to Zermatt and explore the beautiful Alps

Regional rail from the lake to the high Alps - and your first glimpse of the Matterhorn! Charming Zermatt is a delight to explore and there are plenty of mountain rail and cable cars available at a 50% reduction. Take a trip to Klein Matterhorn at 3,883m, or the cog railway to the pure air and mountain restaurants of the Gornergrat. You will not be disappointed by the views and walking routes in this stunning alpine region.

Day 7. Glacier Express to St. Moritz including lunch

Relax on the leisurely **Glacier Express** for the full 7½ journey to St. Moritz. This wonderful journey includes a 3 course lunch served at your table; drinks are available to buy throughout the journey. Scenic highlights include the Oberalp Pass, Rhine Gorge and the Landwasser Viaduct.

Day 8. A day in St. Moritz and the Upper Engadin region

The joy of a Swiss holiday is visiting the mountains and during the summer months, your holiday includes the fabulous **Engadin Card** with unlimited **free** transport including mountain railways and cable cars, buses and local trains - real freedom of the Alps!

Day 9. Bernina Express journey to Lugano

Magnificent mountain views abound as you travel on the **Bernina Express**. The Bernina Bus then takes you through Italian countryside and crosses back to Lugano. Time to enjoy an evening stroll along the stunning lake.

Day 10. Lakeside Lugano and the sunny Ticino region

Lugano is a lovely resort with an Italian influence on its architecture and cuisine. Your **Ticino Ticket** gives **free** travel on local trains and buses to help make the most of your holiday. Or why not take a lake cruise, **free** with your **Swiss Travel Pass**, to the picturesque village of Gandria.

Day 11. 1st class Gotthard Panorama Express to Lucerne

Your next adventure is at a leisurely pace with 1st class panoramic carriages taking you slowly upwards on looping mountain tracks,

with some fabulous scenery to enjoy. On arrival in Flüelen you'll join the paddle steamer on the 1st class upper deck for a scenic cruise along the whole length of the lake to Lucerne.

Day 12. Explore Lucerne's Old Town and surrounding beauty

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is perfectly placed to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central Switzerland including the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi or the Stanserhorn open top deck cable car.

Days 13-14. Pre-Alpine Express and delightful Appenzell

A charming journey on the **Voralpen Express** taking in Lake Zurich, rolling hills and the Sitter Viaduct en route to St. Gallen where you change for Appenzell. This small town is a delightful place in which to relax amongst the buildings ornately decorated with historical frescoes. With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can also enjoy a **free** cruise to historic Stein am Rhein or a visit to the mighty Rhine Falls.

Day 15. Last day

Enjoy a coffee and stroll around Appenzell before your train back to the airport.



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- 14 nights' hotel accommodation bed and breakfast as described based on two people sharing
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express and GoldenPass Express Interlaken-Montreux (2nd class)
- Regional rail travel Montreux-Zermatt (2nd class)
- Lunch and reserved seats on the Glacier Express Zermatt-St. Moritz and reserved seats Bernina Express St. Moritz-Lugano (both 2nd class)
- 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Lugano-Lucerne with reserved seats on the rail section
- Voralpen Express Lucerne-St. Gallen and regional rail St. Gallen-Appenzell (2nd class)
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.



Available April to October

Guide prices from £2,395 per person in 3 star hotels or from £2,864 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Travel in Excellence Class on the Glacier Express (see page 36)

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £168 per person – great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board (except Interlaken & Montreux) £458 (3 star) or £631 (4 star) per person

Scenic

 TOURING HOLIDAYS

15 DAY THE SWISS EXPERIENCE



Experience scenic rail journeys through beautiful landscapes, staying in inspirational towns

GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS
 LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS
 LÖTSCHBERG REGIO EXPRESS
 GLACIER EXPRESS
 BERNINA EXPRESS
 AROSA LINE

2 nights in Locarno
 4 nights in Lucerne
 3 nights in Interlaken
 2 nights in Brig
 3 nights in Chur

Day 1. Arrive and explore Locarno

Fly from the UK to Zurich in under 2 hours with connecting rail travel to Locarno. Welcome to your hotel and enjoy your first views of Locarno and Lake Maggiore.

Day 2. Enjoy the Ticino region and the Centovalli Line

Locarno is an ideal place to enjoy the dolce vita with the famous Piazza Grande boutique shops and an inviting Mediterranean-style café culture. Your free **Ticino Travel card** gives you **free** travel on local transport including to the beautiful lakeside resort of Ascona and Bellinzona and its famous castles. Alternatively, with your **Swiss Travel Pass** enjoy **free** return travel on the stunning Centovalli Line to Domodossola in Italy.

Day 3. Travel 1st class on the Gotthard Panorama Express

Travel to Bellinzona to join the 1st class panoramic carriages of the **Gotthard Panorama Express**, which takes you slowly via the old Gotthard tunnel on looping mountain tracks, with some fabulous scenery to enjoy. On arrival in Flüelen you join the lake steamer on the 1st class upper deck, for a scenic cruise along the whole length of the lake to historic Lucerne.

Days 4-6. Lakeside Lucerne and the mountains of Central Switzerland

With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, Lucerne is the perfect spot from which to enjoy **free** travel around the dramatic scenery of Central

Switzerland. In addition to lake cruises, there's the famous old cog railway to the stunning peak of Mount Rigi. The Stanserhorn open top deck cable car and the Stoos funicular are also included with your Swiss Travel Pass. Pilatus and other mountain railways and cable cars are available at a 50% reduction.

Day 7. Luzern-Interlaken Express to Interlaken

This striking 2 hour journey is a joy as you travel along a very scenic route including the fabulous Brünig Pass, the resort of Meiringen and a final run alongside Lake Brienz and into Interlaken.

Days 8-9. Explore the glorious Bernese Oberland

With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can enjoy **free** travel on cruises around the lakes of Thun and Brienz and travel into the stunning Jungfrau mountains at Wengen, Mürren or Grindelwald. You may like to consider a trip on the mountain railways or cable cars with a 50% discount to Schynige Platte, Schilthorn or Harder Kulm - Interlaken's own special mountain.

Day 10. Lötschberg Regio Express to Brig

A lovely journey today: take a scenic cruise on the lake to the town of Thun, where you change to rail and the **Lötschberg Line**. This historic route loops through the mountains via Kandersteg and offers fantastic views over the countryside en route to Brig.

Day 11. A day in Brig, with a great choice of trips

With your **Swiss Travel Pass** you can take your pick of stunning visits, including **free** travel to the Matterhorn village of Zermatt - maybe even plan a trip on the Gornergrat railway (50% reduction). Alternatively, you can head for the amazing Aletsch Glacier where we recommend buying a local pass for walks with truly awesome views. You will be spoilt for choice!

Day 12. Glacier Express to Chur including lunch

Sit back and relax in your reserved seat on this leisurely 4 hour **Glacier Express** experience to Chur. You will be served lunch while travelling through the picturesque Goms Valley en route to the highest point of the journey - the Oberalp Pass. Then it's a spectacular finale to your journey travelling alongside the Rhine and through the Grand Canyon of Switzerland to Chur.

Days 13-14. Chur and the wonderful Rhaetian Railway

From Chur, we have included more famous journeys. With your **Swiss Travel Pass**, the **Arosa Line** is an amazing journey, where the train climbs up to 1,800m in an hour and offers wonderful views en route. Enjoy pretty Arosa or take the cable car up to the Weissshorn mountain (50% reduction). The second journey is the **Bernina Express** to Tirano - a full day (4 hours each way) travelling through the high Alps via fantastic bridges, viaducts and tunnels with dramatic scenery to enjoy. An alternative shorter journey is the spectacular route to St. Moritz or Pontresina.

Day 15. Last day

A last look around historic Chur before you board the train to Zurich for your flight to the UK.



Beckenried, Lake Lucerne



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- 1st class travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express Bellinzona-Lucerne with reserved seats on the rail section
- Reserved seats on the Luzern-Interlaken Express (2nd class)
- Lake cruise Interlaken-Thun and Lötschberg Regio Express Thun-Brig (2nd class)
- Lunch and reserved seats on the Glacier Express Brig-Chur (2nd class)
- Regional rail travel on the Bernina Line Chur-Tirano; return with reserved seats on the Bernina Express (2nd class)
- Return travel on the Arosa Line Chur-Arosa (2nd class)
- Ticino Ticket offering free bus and train travel around the region
- Personalised full detailed itinerary sent with all tickets
- Financial protection ATOL 3148

Optional excursions may not operate year round, please check before booking.

Available April to October

Guide prices from £2,574 per person in 3 star hotels or from £2,844 per person in 4 star hotels

Adapt this holiday

Reverse the direction of travel

Upgrade to 1st class Swiss Travel Pass £168 per person - great value

Upgrade your hotel room

Include half board (not Interlaken) £521 (3 star) or £586 (4 star) per person

Upgrade to Bernina Express on both legs of the day trip £40

Scenic

 TOURING HOLIDAYS



Glacier Express



Zermatt



Excellence Class

GLACIER EXPRESS CROSS THE ALPS IN STYLE



A true highlight of a holiday to Switzerland is a journey on the Glacier Express, one of the world's most famous scenic routes. Immerse yourself in the outstanding panoramic views and enjoy the three course lunch served at your seat.

The Glacier Express has been running for over 90 years between the Matterhorn village of Zermatt and glamorous St. Moritz. The panoramic trip takes you across the heart of the Swiss Alps, over 291 bridges and through 91 tunnels, winding its way through remote valleys, past sheer rock faces and idyllic mountain villages. Thanks to the large panoramic windows, you have clear views of mountain peaks, deep gorges and UNESCO protected landscapes. Some of the highlights include the Rhine Gorge (the Grand Canyon of Switzerland), the impressive Landwasser Viaduct and the highest point of the journey at the Oberalp Pass: 2,033m above sea level.

You should set aside a day for this remarkable journey - it takes almost 8 hours for the full route between St. Moritz and Zermatt. A shorter journey between Chur and Brig is around 4½ hours.

On board the Glacier Express

The huge panoramic windows extend into the roof so that you can gaze upon the highest peaks as you travel. All carriages were all refurbished in 2021 - they are air conditioned and offer comfortable seating. 1st class carriages have fewer passengers and seats which are slightly bigger. To enhance your enjoyment, English commentary is provided via headphones which you plug into your smartphone. Windows at the carriage entrances can be lowered for mirror-free photography.

Dining on the Glacier Express

Dining is a leisurely experience as the ever changing scenery slowly passes by. Your pre-booked lunch, which is freshly prepared in the galley kitchen, is served at your seat. Further refreshments are available to purchase.

Excellence Class

You'll be greeted on the platform at the private check-in desk and your luggage stowed for you. On board, you'll find that there are only 20 places in the VIP carriage - all of them guaranteed to be window seats - and a dedicated in-carriage bar which provides a welcome drink. Tea and coffee and soft drinks are provided throughout the day, and you have access to a tablet packed with information about the journey. The superb food offering is a highlight, with each passenger being served a seasonal 6 course menu, with accompanying wines. This is a fabulous way to enjoy the journey, perhaps during an anniversary or birthday celebration. Available at a supplement in addition to 1st class prices.

Glacier Express at a glance

Operating	Daily All year (except 16 Oct-8 Dec 23 and 13 Oct-6 Dec 24)
Calls at	Zermatt, Brig, Andermatt, Chur, St. Moritz OR vice versa
Duration	Zermatt-St. Moritz 8 hours; Brig-Chur 4½ hours
Seating choice	Excellence Class, 1st class, 2nd class
Catering	Lunch included, served at seat
Connects with	Bernina Express
Not possible as a return day trip	
Suggested holidays, see pages 6, 10, 26, 32, 33	

The Swiss Holiday Company service

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- Lunch included
- Personalised itinerary detailing connections



Bernina Express



Bernina Bus



BERNINA EXPRESS

FROM MIGHTY GLACIERS TO SWAYING PALMS



Crossing the Alps from Switzerland to Italy and back again, the Bernina Express is the highest mountain railway in the Alps. This beloved line combines virtuoso engineering skills with glorious surrounding landscapes.

The full journey starts in Chur and features 55 tunnels and 196 bridges. Travel through the Albula Valley, with a looping route between Bergün and Preda and a crossing over the Landwasser Viaduct. After St. Moritz, there are views of the Morteratsch Glacier and Bernina Diavolezza, and you climb to the highest point on the line: 2,253m. The train pauses at Alp Grüm where you can take photos of the beautiful alpine views. A meandering descent features the Lago di Poschiavo and the Brusio viaduct with its 360-degree curve – necessary to overcome the difference in altitude. You'll cross the Italian border and arrive in Tirano, a small town with welcoming restaurants for lunch. If you are travelling onwards to Lugano, the comfortable Bernina Bus takes you through the Italian countryside – past vineyards and picturesque little villages – and along Lake Como before you cross back into Switzerland.

Bernina Express as part of a multi centre holiday

The Bernina Express train and coach journey takes you on the slow, scenic route through the Alps via Italy. It can be used to connect Chur with Lugano (9 hours) or St. Moritz/Pontresina with Lugano (7 hours) and offers comfortable travel with glorious views.

Enjoying Bernina Express as a day trip

This is available for those staying in Chur (4 hours each way) and St. Moritz or Pontresina (2½ hours each way). You will have a couple of hours to stretch your legs and time for an Italian lunch in Tirano before your return journey. Highly recommended for the outstanding views of this beautiful region.

Where a Bernina Express day trip is included in a holiday price, the journey towards Tirano is on a standard regional train and the return is on board a Bernina Express carriage. This can be reversed, or a small supplement paid to upgrade the standard leg.

On board the Bernina Express train

All carriages are air conditioned and very comfortable, while 1st class carriages have slightly bigger seats and fewer passengers. Commentary of the most important sights is provided via the carriage speakers or can be sent to your smartphone. Thanks to the panoramic windows extending into the roof, the mountains soar majestically before your eyes.

Included in the price is an exclusive Bernina Express iced tea drink (made with herbs from the lush meadows of Valposchiavo), and a souvenir box filled with Lindt chocolate hearts. A trolley service is available for purchasing snacks and drinks during the journey.

Bernina Express at a glance	
Operating	Chur-Tirano: Daily All year Tirano-Lugano: Daily 28 Mar-27 Oct Thur-Sun 15 Feb-24 Mar & 31 Oct-24 Nov
Calls at	Chur, St. Moritz, Pontresina, Tirano, Lugano OR vice versa Connect via Filisur for Davos
Duration	Chur-Tirano 4 hours; St. Moritz-Tirano 2½ hours; Chur-Lugano 9 hours; St. Moritz-Lugano 7 hours
Seating choice	1st class, 2nd class
Catering	Souvenir chocolates included; trolley service
Connects with	Glacier Express, Gotthard Panorama Express
Possible as a return day trip from Chur, Davos, St. Moritz or Pontresina	
Suggested holidays, see pages 10, 26, 32, 34	

The Swiss Holiday Company service

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- Personalised itinerary detailing connections



GoldenPass Express



Mountains above Interlaken



Chillon Castle



GoldenPass 1st Class

GOLDENPASS EXPRESS

SUPERB SCENIC JOURNEY BETWEEN INTERLAKEN & MONTREUX



Thanks to world-class engineering, passengers no longer need to change trains on this popular journey: the new trains now travel seamlessly through the spectacular scenery. With a popular resort to enjoy at either end, this makes for a wonderful holiday.

On this picturesque route, you'll enjoy views of Lake Thun and the pyramid shaped Mount Niesen as you depart Interlaken. The railway line heads inland after Spiez - into the mountains and through a narrow gorge before the Simmen Valley. From Zweisimmen, the train climbs to its highest point at Saanenmöser and on towards the chic mountain resort of Gstaad. Look out for hot air balloons around Chateau-d'Oex then it's through the valley and the long Jaman Tunnel. At Les Avants, you'll enjoy scenic woodlands and meadows. The dramatically winding descent towards Montreux offers spectacular views of Lake Geneva.

The GoldenPass Express runs four times a day in each direction between Interlaken and Montreux and the journey takes 3 hours 15 minutes.

On board the GoldenPass Express

Panoramic windows extend into the roofspace for amazing views of the beautiful landscape. Being brand new, both the 2nd and 1st class carriages are very comfortable; the latter has bigger seats and more space. For your refreshment, there is an at-seat catering service with drinks and snacks. Breakfast or lunch plates can be pre-ordered.

Prestige Class

Prestige Class offers superbly comfortable seats which are raised 40cm higher against the windows, allowing you to feel as if you are truly in the midst of the scenery through which you are passing. The ingenious seats also rotate to be facing the direction of travel. For an extra touch of luxury, the seats are heated - a real treat in the winter months. Prestige Class passengers can pre-order a caviar and Champagne package.

GoldenPass Belle Epoque

This historic version runs between Zweisimmen and Montreux. The nostalgic, beautifully renovated 1930s carriages offer an opportunity to step back in time and experience travel from a bygone era.



GoldenPass Express at a glance	
Operating	Daily All year
Calls at	Interlaken, Spiez, Zweisimmen, Gstaad, Montreux OR vice versa
Duration	Interlaken-Montreux 3½ hours
Seating choice	Prestige Class, 1st class, 2nd class
Catering	At seat service or pre-book catering packages
Connects with	Luzern-Interlaken Express, Lötschberg Regio Express
Possible as a return day trip from Montreux	
Suggested holidays, see pages 12, 14, 24, 26, 30, 32	

The Swiss Holiday Company service

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- Seat reservations confirmed
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LUZERN-INTERLAKEN EXPRESS

RELAXING JOURNEY THROUGH LAKES & MOUNTAINS SCENERY



This scenic panoramic train connects favourite resorts in a two hour journey through the very heart of Switzerland, passing along the shores of crystal clear lakes and over the magnificent Brünig mountain pass.

Spectacular views of the Swiss Alps will accompany you all the way along this popular route. Board the train with its distinctive red livery in historic Lucerne, and you travel along the lakeside to Alpnachstad where the Pilatus cog railway starts its amazing ascent. You'll travel along the Saarer lake and then for the section from Giswil, the train is required to engage its cog rail system to overcome a gradient four times steeper than the famous Gotthard line.

Another scenic lake (Lungern) comes into view after which you head through picturesque countryside towards the Brünig Pass which - at a height of over 1,000m - links Central Switzerland with the Bernese Oberland. The journey continues to Meiringen, starting point for visits to the region's gorges and mountain lakes as well the thundering Reichenbach Falls, made famous by Sherlock Holmes' watery end. The train descends towards Brienz and here you again travel along a picturesque lakeshore as you make your way to Interlaken. On arrival, look up for lovely views towards the Jungfrau mountains.

On board the Luzern-Interlaken Express

The modern, air conditioned carriages are available in 1st and 2nd class and offer comfortable seating and large panoramic windows, allowing you to fully enjoy the passing scenery. Why not download the train's LiveGuide app which displays a live map and interesting information about where you are on the journey at any given moment.

Bistro car

The train has a bistro car where you can sit and enjoy tea/coffee, soft drinks, beer and a choice of breakfast items, snacks and selected main meals. The baked goods on offer are produced by local bakeries in

Interlaken and Lucerne. Alternatively, a new service means that you can order via an app and have your refreshments brought directly to your seat.



Luzern-Interlaken Express at a glance	
Operating	Daily All year
Calls at	Lucerne, Meiringen, Brienz, Interlaken OR vice versa
Duration	Lucerne-Interlaken 2 hours
Seating choice	1st class, 2nd class
Catering	Bistro car
Connects with	GoldenPass Express, Gotthard Panorama Express, Lötschberg Regio Express, Voralpen Express, Treno Gottardo
Possible as a return day trip from either Interlaken or Lucerne	
Suggested holidays, see pages 8, 12, 14, 18, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34	

The Swiss Holiday Company service

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Lugano



Flüelen, where the boat meets the train



GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

HISTORIC BOAT AND TRAIN JOURNEY THROUGH THE ALPS



This is an enchanting journey which combines a tranquil cruise along the length of picturesque Lake Lucerne with a train ride through the heart of the Gotthard mountains and the sunny Ticino region. Travel is in 1st class throughout.

The new 57km Gotthard Base Tunnel whisks you from Lucerne to Lugano under 2 hours. However, we love the historic - and far more scenic - way of travelling between these two resorts! You'll depart Lucerne for almost 3 hours of scenic cruising on the 1st class upper deck of an elegant motor boat or restored paddle steamer. This is one of Switzerland's most beautiful lakes with a shoreline dotted with idyllic villages; the cruise also passes by the historic Rütli meadow, birthplace of the Swiss Confederation in 1291. At Flüelen, you transfer to 1st class panoramic coaches of the Gotthard railway and travel onwards towards the original 15km alpine tunnel which dates from 1882. The looping track also gives amazing views of the landscape, including views from three different angles of the Wassen Church. You'll continue down through the picturesque Ticino region to Lugano.

On board the Gotthard Panorama Express

The boats on Lake Lucerne are a joy, particularly in 1st class which is located on the top deck. Here you will have room to relax and enjoy the stunning lake views as you sip a coffee or a cold beer. The first class dining room is an excellent place to enjoy lunch if you wish, with meals prepared on board in the galley kitchen.

The train is waiting for you in Flüelen. The 1st class carriages are roomy and comfortable, with large panoramic windows to enhance your enjoyment of the views. Information about the historic route is played out and you also have a guide on your train to point out special points of interest. During the journey you can head to the photo coach which has windows that open. There is a selection of snacks and drinks available from the at-seat trolley service.

Gotthard Panorama Express operating dates




The official journey can be enjoyed Tuesday-Sunday from 15 April to 22 October. However, it is still possible to travel on the same route on Mondays, and also during the November-March period. Boats sail across Lake Lucerne all year - albeit with a more limited service in winter - and you may be sailing aboard a comfortable motorboat rather than a steamship. At Flüelen, you can connect with the Treno Gattardo service to Locarno which also runs through the Gotthard mountains via Bellinzona where it is an easy change to the local train for Lugano. This route offers both 1st and 2nd class travel.

Lugano and the Ticino region lie south of the Alps and have the warmest climate in Switzerland. You can therefore enjoy pleasantly mild weather even in spring and autumn.

Gotthard Panorama Express at a glance

Operating	Officially Tuesday-Sunday 20 Apr-20 Oct However, travel on the route is possible year round
Calls at	Lucerne, Weggis, Flüelen, Bellinzona, Lugano OR vice versa
Duration	Lucerne-Lugano 5 ½ hours
Seating choice	1st class
Catering	Trolley service on train; restaurant area on lake steamer
Connects with	Luzern-Interlaken Express, Voralpen Express, Bernina Express
Possible as a return day trip for the separate sections - from Lucerne as a round boat trip; by train from Lugano to Arth Goldau & return	
Suggested holidays, see pages 22, 28, 30, 32, 34	

The Swiss Holiday Company service

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-  Seat reservations confirmed
-  Personalised itinerary detailing connections

More scenic railways

PICTURESQUE ROUTES ACROSS SWITZERLAND



Treno Gottardo



Locarno



Kandersteg on the Lötschberg route

AROSA LINE

This delightful line climbs 1,000m in one hour from Chur, the old capital of the Graubünden region, to the attractive resort of Arosa. The journey starts at a sedate trundle through the streets of Chur before climbing into unspoilt nature and mountainous landscape. You'll cross the Langwieser Viaduct and enjoy dramatic scenery before the train winds its way into alpine Arosa. Available all year.

Suggested holiday on page 34

CENTOVALLI LINE

Known as the 100 valleys, the Centovalli is a scenic region on the Swiss/Italian border. The route twists its way past small villages in a constantly changing landscape as it meanders from Locarno to Domodossola in Italy. Enjoy a browse around this historic town then either join the mainline rail route through the Simplon Tunnel to Brig, or return to Locarno. Available all year.

Suggested holiday on page 28



Centovalli Line



Arosa

LÖTSCHBERG REGIO EXPRESS

This route has a faster tunnel but we prefer the original, 100 year old line! From Brig, you can enjoy impressive views of the Rhone Valley, a descent featuring incredible loops around the remains of the Tellenburg Tower and the imposing Kander Viaduct. The journey continues through the countryside towards Spiez and hugs the shore of picturesque Lake Thun. Available all year.

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TRENO GOTTARDO

A wonderful new addition to the scenic rail portfolio, the Treno Gottardo transports you between Lucerne and Locarno. It follows the same snaking route over the mountains as the Gotthard Panorama Express train, but terminates in Locarno rather than Lugano. The scenery is outstanding – throughout your 3 ½ hour journey you will be treated to spectacular mountain views and will be struck by the change in scenery once in the southern Ticino region. Available all year.

Suggested holiday on page 16

VORALPEN EXPRESS

Also known as the Pre-Alpine Express, this line connects the historic towns of Lucerne and St. Gallen, taking in delightful Swiss countryside on the 2¼ hour journey. A short onward journey takes you to Appenzell. Enjoy views over the rolling foothills of the Alps, idyllic villages, shimmering Lake Zurich and the Sitter Viaduct which is Switzerland's tallest railway bridge. Available all year.

Suggested holidays on pages 24, 32



Scenic journeys in Winter

A TOTALLY FRESH EXPERIENCE

You can enjoy the classic scenic rail routes throughout the year, with spectacular seasonal landscapes. Each season brings its own particular magic, but there is something very special about seeing Switzerland in the snow. Imagine a scenic rail journey meandering across a winter landscape covered in pristine snow, with a backdrop of a clear blue sky. Many of Switzerland's scenic journeys travel over high passes, which are blanketed for most of the winter. The change of scenery from summer is quite dramatic and is highly recommended even if you are familiar with the scenic rail routes.

We have a selection of itineraries to experience beautiful Switzerland in wintertime, taking in some of the country's most stunning sights. The itinerary below is just one example, however we will be pleased to create any bespoke scenic rail itinerary to suit your requirements.

Luzern-Interlaken Express



Jungfrau joch



Lake Lucerne

11 DAY GRAND WINTER TOUR



3 nights in Lucerne

Take a day to visit the museums, chocolate boutiques and the famous Chapel Bridge. On your other days you can explore Mount Rigi - highly recommended for views and winter walks - or try a winter cruise on Lake Lucerne.

Luzern-Interlaken Express

Take in the snowy views through your panoramic windows, including the fabulous Brünig Pass and a run alongside Lake Brienz to Interlaken.

3 nights in Interlaken

Plenty of opportunities for sightseeing and visits into the winter wonderland of the Jungfrau mountains. The Jungfrau joch-Top of Europe at 3,571m is a breathtaking experience in the high Alps (25% discount).

Lötschberg Regio Express

A lovely journey which loops through the white mountains via Kandersteg and offers fantastic views over the countryside en route to Brig.

2 nights in Brig

Enjoy historic Brig! On your free day take a trip to Zermatt with unforgettable views of the Matterhorn from the village - maybe even travel on the Gornergrat cog railway to enjoy spectacular glacial views (50% discount).

Glacier Express

On this shorter section to Chur, taking around 4 hours, lunch is still served at your seat, and you have spectacular panoramic wintry views of the Oberalp Pass and the Rhine Gorge.

2 nights in Chur

Explore this historic town as well as a fabulous day trip to St. Moritz. The journey takes you through the high Alps via bridges, viaducts and tunnels with dramatic winter scenery to enjoy.

Prices from £1,970 per person



Gornergrat



Lake Brienz

Scenic day trip recommendations

CRUISES ON LAKE THUN & LAKE BRIENZ

These two lakes lie either side of Interlaken, each fed by pure alpine water coming down from the highest glaciers. Criss-crossing the lakes are a number of pleasure cruisers, and spending a couple of hours on board is sure to be one of the highlights of your holiday. The comfortable modern boats have dining facilities and a well-stocked bar. First class tickets allow you to access the upper deck, with fewer passengers and fantastic views. Each lake has a jewel in the crown: a lovingly restored paddlewheel steamer. The Blümlisalp on Lake Thun and the Lötschberg on Lake Brienz are real treasures - look out for 'dampfschiff' on the timetables to indicate when they sail.

The lakes are of course surrounded by fabulous mountain scenery. With a day ticket you can disembark to explore a waterside village or take a mountain railway up to explore the peaks - then simply join a later boat to continue your cruise. A charming feature of Lake Thun is the series of romantic castles, while Lake Brienz boasts the Giessbach waterfall.

See pages 8, 14, 26, 28, 30, 32 & 34 for itineraries with Interlaken or Bönigen, ideal for a lake cruise.



Culinary Cruises

Why not treat yourself to a special culinary experience on the water! There is a fantastic choice of catered scenic cruises, including at breakfast time and sunset. A particularly lovely idea is the Sunday Brunch cruise on Lake Thun - great food and fabulous scenery. Speciality themed cruises are also available such as fondue evenings, the burger cruise, and even a fajita special.

Operates on selected dates; must be pre-booked.



GORNERGRAT

The Matterhorn is the iconic symbol of Switzerland and a favourite place from which to view it is the Gornergrat. Take the mountain railway from Zermatt and enjoy the slow journey up to 3,089m altitude. When you reach the Gornergrat summit, you will find a very different world - a rocky landscape, pure mountain air and views over the Alps. Walkers can take the trail to Riffelsee to see the Matterhorn reflected in the lake's waters; other activities include the 'Zoom the Matterhorn' interactive exhibition, and meeting the black-nosed sheep who graze on the alpine grass. Perhaps best of all is relaxing with a drink on the panorama terrace and losing yourself in the scenery.

The Gornergrat railway has been delighting visitors for 125 years! The rail line leads over dramatic bridges, through galleries and tunnels, across forests of larch and Swiss stone pine, and past rocky ravines and mountain lakes. At the summit, the panorama is among the finest in the world, taking in the Gorner Glacier as well as 29 mountains rising to above 4,000m.

See page 20 for a fabulous holiday itinerary which includes a journey to the Gornergrat summit, and an overnight stay in the splendid Kulm Hotel.

See pages 10 and 32 for other itineraries with Zermatt, ideal for a day on the Gornergrat.



NostalChic Class by Gornergrat

An unforgettable experience. This VIP package has many benefits including a dedicated guide, welcome drink, 3 course meal & wine at the summit restaurant, and dessert & coffee at the Riffelalp resort. The rail journeys take place in a specially restored heritage carriage with guaranteed window seat. Exclusively, the train stops for Matterhorn photos from the perfect viewpoint.

Operates on selected dates; must be pre-booked.



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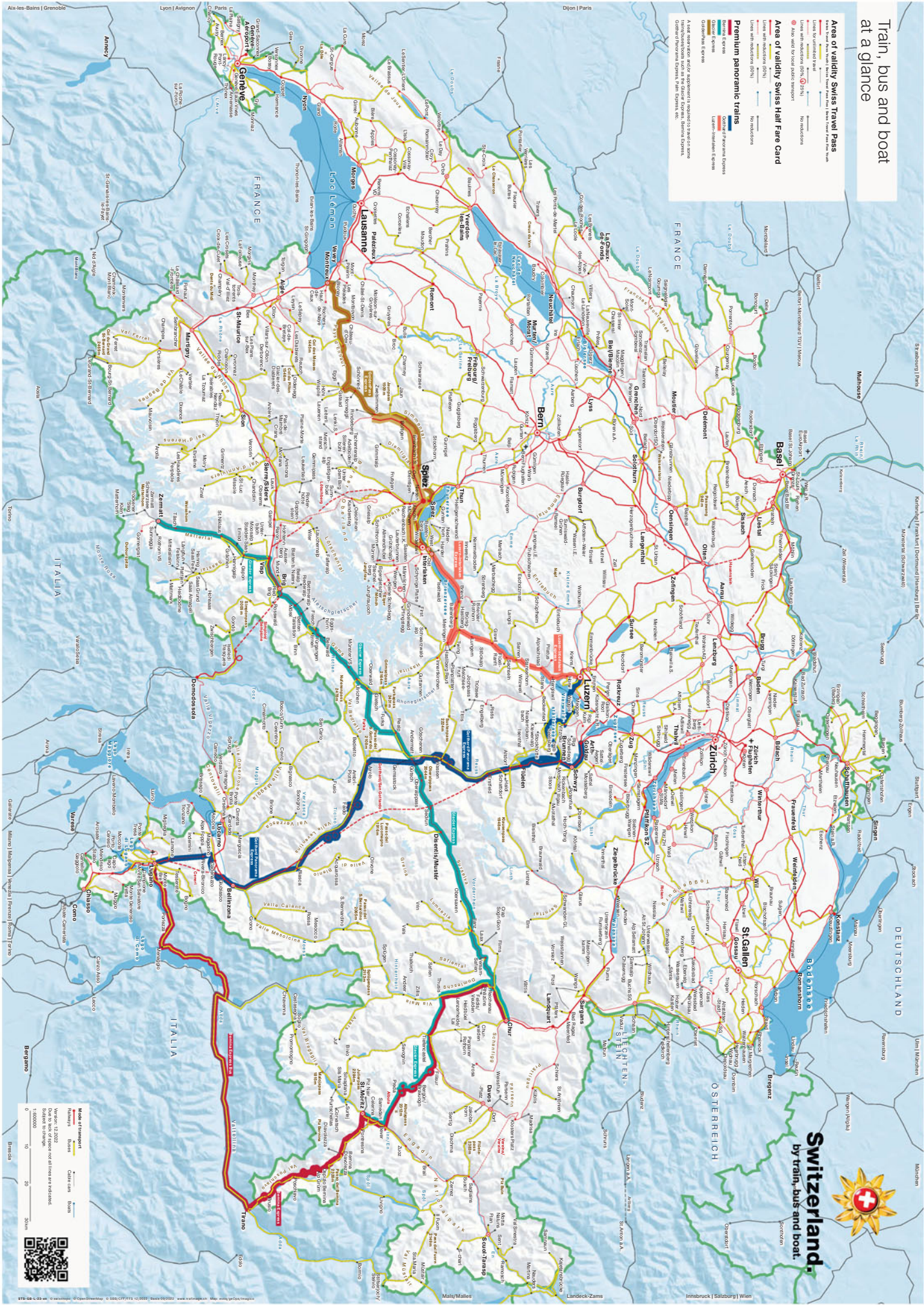
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