



Men in traditional costume carrying the swiss cow bells and cheese wheels for a local festival © swiss-image.ch

BEST OF SWITZERLAND 11 Days - 10 Nights

Valid from 14 April - 21 October 2017



WATER TOWER OF LUCERNE

Archive, treasury and prison
The Water Tower is one of Lucerne's most well-known landmarks. Built in the first half of the 14th century, it predates the Chapel Bridge.

The old stork's nest, which hasn't been occupied in a century, isn't its only noteworthy characteristic. The tower is octagonal in form, a shape that Kaiser Friedrich II loved and favoured for his most beautiful buildings. From its roof to the ground, the water tower measures 34.5 metres. Its circumference is a full 38 metres.

In its long history, the enormous structure has served various purposes. First it was a defence and watchtower, and later it was used as an archive, treasury and preparation chamber. With walls measuring 4-5 metres thick, the lowest room was used as a prison cell.

Its interior was completely dark, and the poor prisoners who came there had to sit on a toggle and be lowered into the cell through a hole. There was also a torture chamber in the late Middle Ages.

Today, the middle floor is home to the headquarters of the Lucerne Artillery Association.

Lucerne and Mt Pilatus ©swiss-image.ch



Price includes

- Swiss Transfer Ticket Combi Best of Switzerland with 8 first-class rail transfers (from/ to Swiss border or airport rail station)
- Excursions to Jungfrauoch and Matterhorn Glacier Paradise (2nd class only)
- Reserved seats on the Bernina Express, Glacier Express and GoldenPassLine Montreux-Interlaken
- Lunch on board the Glacier Express (excluding beverages)
- 2 nights in Lucerne, 1 night in Lugano, 1 night in St. Moritz, 2 nights in Zermatt, 1 night in Montreux, 2 nights in Interlaken, 1 night in Zurich, in a room with private facilities and breakfast daily
- Any additional tickets for optional excursions to travel by rail, boat, postal-coaches & cable-cars can be purchased at 25-50% off the regular fares
- Service charges, taxes and VAT

Please Note: A one-way only seat reservation per person aboard the Glacier Express train is included in this package.

Does not include

- ◆ Train seat reservations unless otherwise stated

Day 1 | Lucerne
Arrive in Lucerne by train in 1st class from Swiss border or airport railway station. Overnight in Lucerne.

Day 2 | Lucerne
Day at leisure. We recommend an optional excursion to any of the following mountain tops: Mount Pilatus, Mount Rigi or Mount Titlis. Overnight in Lucerne. (B)



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Matterhorn Glacier Paradise © Michael Portmann

Day 3 | Lucerne to Lugano
Train journey from Lucerne to Lugano. Experience the new Gotthard Base Tunnel - with its 57 kilometres it is the longest train tunnel in the world. It takes only 20 minutes to travel this fast flat-track route under the Alpine massif in the heart of Europe. Continue from Bellinzona to Lugano. Overnight in Lugano. (B)

Day 4 | Lugano to St. Moritz
The Bernina Express of the Rhaetian Railway takes you along the UNESCO World Heritage route. Enjoy an Alpine switchback ride, taking you from a land of swaying palms to one of towering glaciers. Overnight in St. Moritz. (B)



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Day 5 | St. Moritz to Zermatt
Today board the Glacier Express which is one of the greatest train-journeys in the world! Travel from St. Moritz to Zermatt, on an 8-hour railway journey across 291 bridges, through 91 tunnels and across the Oberalp Pass at 2,033 metres in altitude. Travel in comfort through the beauty of a landscape rich in mountain forests, alpine meadows, mountain streams and valleys, soaked in tradition and centuries-old culture. Overnight in Zermatt. (B)

Day 6 | Matterhorn Excursion
The Zermatt Bergbahnen AG takes you to the highest cable-car station in Europe at 388 metres. The 360° panorama is unique - do not miss their new highlights: Snow-Tubing, Cinema Lounge, Glacier Palace, Peak Shop and Viewing platform. Overnight in Zermatt. (B)

Day 7 | Zermatt to Montreux
Train journey to Montreux on the shore of Lake Geneva in the French part of Switzerland. Overnight in Montreux. (B)

Day 8 | Montreux to Interlaken
The GoldenPassLine train takes you through mountain villages to the Bernese Oberland. Overnight in Interlaken. (B)



View over St. Moritz

Prices are per person in Australian Dollars and are subject to currency fluctuation.