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Bernese Oberland

Lauterbrunnen is situated in one of the most-impressive trough valleys in the Alps, between gigantic rock faces and mountain peaks! With its 72 thundering waterfalls, secluded valleys, colourful alpine meadows and lonely mountain inns, the Lauterbrunnen Valley is one of the biggest nature conservation areas in Switzerland.

The very name 'Lauter Brunnen' ('many fountains') suggests the magnificence of this landscape. There are 72 waterfalls in the Lauterbrunnen Valley, the most famous being the Staubbach Falls. Plunging almost 300 metres from an overhanging rock face, they are one of the highest free-falling waterfalls in Europe! In 1779, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe visited the valley, and was inspired by the roaring waters to write his well-known poem 'Spirit Song over the Waters'

Another natural phenomenon is the Trümmelbach Falls in the 'Black Monk' mountain, hidden behind mighty rock faces. Up to 20,000 litres of water per second cascade over the ten glacier falls from a total height of about 200 metres.



Mürren in winter

SCENIC SWISS TOUR

8 Days - 7 Nights - Escorted Coach Tour



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- Accommodation in First-Class hotels*, in room with private facilities
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- Services of a multilingual tour director
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- Service charges and taxes

*Geneva-Carouge:
Hotel Ramada Encore - 3 Star +

Day 1 | Zurich – Lucerne – Mt. Titlis – Interlaken

Depart Zurich for a short drive to the city of Lucerne to visit the Lion Monument and walk over the 14th century wooden bridge. Time at leisure for shopping and sightseeing. At noon proceed to the mountain resort of Engelberg. A cable-car ride to the summit of Mount Titlis brings you up into the high alpine region with its glaciers and eternal ice. Enjoy a magnificent ride in the world's innovative revolving 'ROTAIR' gondola. In the afternoon, cross Brunig Pass to the Bernese Oberland and reach Brienz village to see woodcarvers at work. Continue to the holiday resort of Interlaken at the foot of Jungfrau mountain. Overnight at a first-class hotel.

Day 2 | Interlaken – Bern – Gruyères – Geneva

Depart Interlaken in the morning and drive along the beautiful Lake Thun to the Swiss capital - Bern. The city is set on a steep-sided curve of the River Aare and backed by the majestic Alps. A city tour of the Old Town includes the Clock Tower, Kramgasse, and the 15th century Cathedral of St. Vincent. Drive south to the scenic dairy farmlands of Gruyères. A beautiful hilltop town, preserved against time, which could be the magical setting for fairytales with its impressive, medieval Castle. An informative visit to a milk products factory is a further highlight of the day. Continue to the Vaud Riviera and reach Geneva, the most cosmopolitan city of Switzerland. Overnight at superior tourist-class hotel. (B)

Day 3 | Geneva – Montreux – Zermatt

Commence the day with a city-tour of Geneva the European seat of the United Nations. Late morning depart Geneva and drive to Lausanne and Montreux. Pass by Chillon Castle, the 13th century fortress made famous by Lord Byron's poem and proceed through the Valais, the valley of the river Rhone. At Täsch board a train that takes you to Zermatt, at the foot of the Matterhorn. Dinner & overnight at a first-class hotel. (B,D)

Day 4 | Zermatt – Nufenen Pass – Lugano

Morning at leisure in Zermatt. Take an optional cogwheel train up to Gornergrat for a view of the surrounding peaks. After noon board the train to Täsch where your bus is waiting to take you over the breathtaking Nufenen Pass into the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland, Lugano. Overnight at a first-class hotel. (B)

Day 5 | Lugano – Lake Como – Maloja Pass – St. Moritz

Depart Lugano and drive along the scenic road to Gandria where you cross the border into Italy. Travel along the shores of Lake Como via Menaggio to Chiavenna in the Bregaglia Valley. Re-enter Switzerland at Castasegna and start the ascent along the 13 hairpin bends over the Maloja Pass. Pass by Lake Sils and Silvaplana to reach St. Moritz. Overnight at a first-class hotel in St. Moritz. (B,D)

Day 6 | St. Moritz – Vaduz – Zurich

Depart St. Moritz in the morning and cross the Fluela Pass to reach Davos. In the capital of Principality of Liechtenstein, Vaduz, there will be time for lunch and sightseeing. Liechtenstein is the fourth smallest country in Europe, after the Vatican City, Monaco and San Marino. Vaduz is believed to have been founded in the thirteenth century by the Count of Werdenberg. Return to Zurich in the afternoon, passing through the Toggenburg region. Overnight at a first-class hotel. (B)

Day 7 | Rapperswil – Boatride on Lake Zurich

At 10 a.m. your bus will collect you for a tour of the interesting sights of Zurich and its surroundings. Start with a city-tour of Zurich. Drive along the Höhenstrasse, with its spectacular views into the Alps, before arriving in Rapperswil. The main sights of Rapperswil are its roses, the castle, the reconstructed wooden bridge to Hurden with its bridge chapel, a Capuchin monastery, and the deer park on the Lindenhof. Return to Zurich unescorted by boat. at approx. 4 pm - return to your hotel. Dinner on-your-own. Overnight at a first-class hotel. (B)

Day 8 | Tour ends
Your tour concludes after breakfast at your hotel. (B)



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