



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 9 April - 14 October 2018



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.

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 & VAT

Please Note: A one-way only seat reservation per person aboard the Glacier Express train is included in this package. Please Note: Some hotels may charge a local tax, to be paid locally

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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Day 3 | Lucerne to Lugano

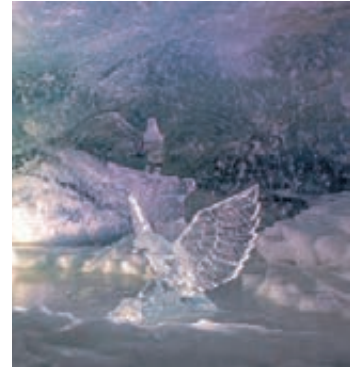
Train journey from Lucerne to Lugano. Experience the new Gotthard Base Tunnel - with its 57 kilometres it is the longest train tunnel in the world. It takes only 20 minutes to travel this fast flat-track route under the Alpine massif in the heart of Europe. Continue from Bellinzona to Lugano. Overnight 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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Matterhorn Glacier Paradise © Zermatt Tourismus

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 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)



Lucerne and Mt Pilatus ©swiss-image.ch



View over St. Moritz