

# SIGNATURE EXPERIENCES



Left-to-right: View from Mt. Rigi (C) RigiPlus Aura; Harder Kulm, Interlaken, (C) Interlaken Tourism

## BEYOND THE ALPS

8 Days / 7 Nights - A Signature Swiss Journey of Craft, Chocolate & Timeless Traditions



### INCLUSIONS



- Private transfer from Zurich airport or Zurich Main Station
- 1st Class rail travel throughout Switzerland
- 7 nights' accommodation in carefully selected 4-star hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast
- One 3-course dinner with wine in Lucerne
- Mt Rigi excursion (Day 2)
- Door-to-door luggage service (Day 3 & Day 5)
- Scenic cruise on Lake Brienz (Brienz to Interlaken, April–October)
- Harder Kulm excursion (Day 3)
- Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe excursion (Day 4)
- GoldenPass panoramic train seat reservation (Interlaken to Montbovon, Day 5)
- Entrance to Château de Chillon (Day 6)
- Service charges, VAT & documentation

Please note: Some hotels may charge additional city taxes, these are to be paid locally.

#### Special note:

Package price does not include seat reservations other than those specified.

All Signature Experiences are tailored on application. Pricing is provided upon request.

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We will arrange door-to-door & same-day delivery of your baggage

(Costs & Conditions apply)



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## DISCOVER

Switzerland through its landscapes, artisans, and enduring traditions. This thoughtfully curated journey goes beyond the expected, blending iconic alpine scenery with authentic, hands-on cultural experiences, from chocolate to woodcraft to the timeless art of watchmaking.



Jungfrauoch (C) Jungfrau Tourism

### Day 1 – Welcome to Zurich | Chocolate & Old Town Charm

Arrive in Zurich, Switzerland's vibrant gateway, where old-world charm meets contemporary elegance.

This afternoon, begin your journey with a visit to the Lindt Home of Chocolate—a delight for all the senses. Discover the story of Swiss chocolate through immersive exhibits before enjoying tastings and time to browse the beautifully curated boutique.

Later, enjoy time at leisure to explore Zurich's enchanting Old Town (Altstadt), with its cobbled streets, boutique shops, and lakeside atmosphere.

Overnight: Zurich

### Day 2 – Lucerne & Mt Rigi | The Queen of the Mountains

This morning, travel by rail to Lucerne, one of Switzerland's most picturesque towns.

Your day begins with an excursion to Mt Rigi, known as the "Queen of the Mountains." Begin with a scenic boat cruise across Lake Lucerne to Vitznau, followed by a historic cogwheel railway ascent to the summit. Take in panoramic views of the Swiss Alps and shimmering lakes before descending via Rigi Kaltbad and Weggis.

Return to Lucerne for time at leisure—perhaps a stroll across the iconic Chapel Bridge or along the lake promenade.

This evening, enjoy a dinner reservation at the Hotel Wilden Mann, known for its traditional Swiss cuisine and warm hospitality.

Overnight: Lucerne

### Day 3 – Lakes & Craft Traditions | Journey to Interlaken

Today combines scenic travel with authentic Swiss craftsmanship.

Your luggage will be transferred directly to Interlaken, allowing you to travel comfortably with just a day bag. Travel by rail to the lakeside village of Brienz, renowned for its wood carving heritage where you will have the opportunity to explore this long-standing Alpine tradition.

Depending on the day, you may see artisans at work or browse local workshops showcasing handcrafted pieces created using techniques passed down through generations. You will also have time to browse specialty chocolate shops.

Continue your journey with a scenic cruise on Lake Brienz, arriving in Interlaken. The Lake Brienz cruise operates from April to October. During winter months (November to March), this journey is completed by scenic rail. In the late afternoon, ascend to Harder Kulm, where breathtaking views over Lakes Thun and Brienz introduce the Bernese Oberland.

Overnight: Interlaken



Interlaken (C) Interlaken Tourism

### Day 4 – The Jungfrau Region | Switzerland at its Most Spectacular

Today you will experience one of Switzerland's most iconic alpine journeys with an excursion to the legendary Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe, the highest railway station in Europe at 3,454 metres.

Travel by scenic rail through picturesque mountain villages and dramatic alpine landscapes, ascending via the famous cogwheel railway to the high mountain pass. Along the way, enjoy ever-changing views of snow-covered peaks and rugged cliffs.

At the summit, step into a world of ice and snow. Take in breathtaking views from the Sphinx Observation Terrace, overlooking the vast Aletsch Glacier, and explore the enchanting Ice Palace, where tunnels and sculptures are carved deep within the glacier itself.

This unforgettable experience offers a true sense of the scale and beauty of the Swiss Alps—an inspiring highlight of your journey.

Overnight: Interlaken





Left-to-right: Geneva (C) Liviu Gorincioi - Pexels; Chillon Castle, Montreux (C) Maude Rion, Montreux Riviera



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Golden Pass Panoramic Train  
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Bundeshaus, Bern © Bern Tourismus

### Day 5 – GoldenPass Journey & Gruyères | A Taste of Tradition

Your luggage will again be transferred ahead to Montreux as you travel one of Switzerland's most scenic rail routes. Board the GoldenPass panoramic train, travelling from Interlaken through mountain passes toward the French-speaking region of Switzerland.

En route, stop in the medieval village of Gruyères. Wander cobbled streets, explore artisan boutiques, and enjoy lunch at leisure (by own arrangements), surrounded by centuries-old architecture and sweeping countryside views.

Continue your journey to Montreux, set along the shores of Lake Geneva, framed by vineyard-covered hills.

#### Scenic Rail Journey

Today's journey forms part of the renowned GoldenPass route, one of Switzerland's most beautiful rail experiences. Travel through alpine valleys, mountain villages, and rolling countryside as you make your way toward Lake Geneva. En route, you will disembark at Montbovon and continue a short distance by regional train to the medieval village of Gruyères before later continuing onward by regional train to Montreux. Total travel time with stop: approx. 5–6 hours including exploration.

Overnight: Montreux

### Day 6 – Swiss Riviera & Watchmaking Heritage

Begin your day with a visit to the magnificent Château de Chillon, set on the shores of Lake Geneva. Steeped in history, this iconic lakeside castle invites you to explore its grand halls, medieval chambers, and atmospheric courtyards at your own pace.

Afterwards, travel to nearby Geneva, a city renowned for its elegance and watchmaking heritage (approx. 1 hour by train). Enjoy time at leisure to explore the lakeside promenade or Old Town before your afternoon visit to the:

#### Patek Philippe Museum

In the afternoon, discover one of the world's most important collections of timepieces at the Patek Philippe Museum. Spanning over 500 years of horological history, the museum showcases exquisite watches, intricate craftsmanship, and the evolution of timekeeping in a beautifully curated and accessible setting.

The museum is open:

- Tues to Fri: 2:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- Sat: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm (Closed Mon; Sun hours may vary)
- Entrance fees are payable locally (children under 18 years receive complimentary entry).

Adult entrance approximately CH15. Return to Montreux in the early evening and enjoy a relaxed evening by the lake.

Overnight: Montreux

### Day 7 – Bern | Timeless Elegance

Today, travel to Switzerland's charming capital, Bern. Discover the UNESCO-listed Old Town, where medieval architecture, sandstone arcades, and historic fountains create a uniquely preserved cityscape. Visit the famous Zytglogge Clock Tower, a remarkable example of early Swiss engineering and design.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore shops, galleries, and local markets. Evening at Leisure in Bern offers a variety of relaxed evening experiences:

- Stroll along the Aare River or through the illuminated Old Town
- Enjoy a casual dinner at a traditional Swiss restaurant (by own arrangements)
- Visit the Rose Garden for panoramic sunset views
- Explore local wine bars or cafés tucked within historic arcades

Overnight: Bern

### Day 8 – Departure

After breakfast, rail to Zurich or Swiss Border for your onward journey, taking with you, memories of Switzerland's landscapes, flavours, and timeless traditions.

#### PACKAGED PRICING

Based on twin share or single occupancy with seasonal adjustments and 3, 4 & 5 star hotel options.



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