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With its unspoiled scenery, majestic peaks, fascinating old towns, sparkling lakes, rich history, and cities with a cosmopolitan flair, Switzerland is the perfect vacation offering something for everyone. On this Switzerland tour, you'll experience some of its most beautiful scenery and interesting cities with overnights in Zurich, St. Moritz, Lugano, Zermatt or Täsch, the Lausanne area, and Lucerne. Switzerland is famous for its stunning sceneries. Enjoy a panoramic drive through the high Alps to the tiny Principality of Liechtenstein. Witness quaint villages, finely carved chalets, green pastures, beautiful forests, magnificent mountain peaks, and rolling, green hills on your way to St. Moritz, one of the world's most famous winter resorts. Switch mode of transportation in Täsch, where you'll board a mountain train to car-free Zermatt, a picturesque cluster of rustic chalets beneath the famous Matterhorn. If you desire to see lakes, you'll enjoy Lake Maggiore, Italy's second-largest lake; stunning Lake Geneva; Lake Lugano, the popular region enjoying a subtropical climate; Interlaken, situated between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz; and Lake Lucerne, situated in the shadows of the snow-capped Alps. One of the many highlights of this Switzerland tour is the journey aboard the Bernina Express train from St Moritz to Tirano, Italy. Riding on the highest railway across the Alps, witness glistening glaciers, stunning mountain streams, and alpine scenery, and travel through tunnels and over bridges that are engineering masterpieces! Enjoy a visit to a local cheese factory in Gruyères, a picturesque medieval town unaffected by the passage of time. Spend time in Switzerland's capital, Berne, and storybook Lucerne. From stunning scenery and vibrant cities to special experiences, this Switzerland tour is sure to delight. So, grab your camera and get ready for an amazing vacation!

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Tour Highlights

Notes:

High altitudes may be challenging for some guests. St. Moritz elevation is 5,978 ft (1,822 m).

This tour includes rail travel. Uneven terrain and stairs in some train stations may pose challenges for guests with physical limitations or reliant on mobility devices such as wheelchairs.



World Heritage Sites are designated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for having cultural, historical, scientific or other form of significance. The sites are judged to contain cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity.

The following UNESCO World Heritage Sites can be seen or visited on this vacation:

- Old City of Berne
- Rhaetian Railway in the Albula / Bernina Landscapes
- Lavaux, Vineyard Terraces

Meals

Buffet breakfasts daily; 4 dinners

Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND Check into your hotel in Zurich and start exploring with the assistance of your CosmosGO app. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and travel companions.

🍴 Dinner

ZURICH-CITY-CENTER.jpg

Day 2

ZURICH–APPENZELL–LIECHTENSTEIN–ST. MORITZ A sensational drive today takes you through some of Switzerland’s most renowned cantons. Stop in Appenzell to see the Old Town with its 16th-century Town Hall. Continue to the minute Principality of Liechtenstein for a visit of its tiny capital, Vaduz. Pass through scenic “Heidiland” and into the Rhine Valley before ascending mighty Julier Pass. Soon, you’ll be in the heart of

Switzerland's largest canton, the Grisons, where you'll marvel at some of the world's best alpine views. Spend the next two nights in glamorous St. Moritz, host of two Winter Olympic Games (1928 and 1948) and the premier winter retreat of European royalty, celebrities, and the international jet set.

Today's Distance: 177 mi/ 285 km

 Breakfast  Dinner

LIECHTENSTEIN-VADUZ-CASTLE.jpg

Day 3

AT LEISURE IN ST. MORITZ Enjoy a day exploring this scenic Engadin valley resort. Renowned for its stunning forest, lake, and mountain setting and an average of 322 days of sunshine per year, St. Moritz is comprised of two villages separated by a mile of lake shore—St. Moritz Dorf and St. Moritz Bad. Extending up the slope from the lake, terraced Dorf is a tapestry of grand hotels, upscale boutiques, and traditional Engadin architecture, characterized by arched wooden doors, small deep-set windows, and artistically etched facades. The nearby town of Bad is known for its ice rink in winter, mineral and mud baths, and lakeside promenade.

 Breakfast

ST-MORITZ.jpg

Day 4

ST. MORITZ–BERNINA EXPRESS TRAIN TO TIRANO, ITALY–LUGANO, SWITZERLAND Experience one of Europe's most spectacular train rides, the Bernina Express. Board the train in St. Moritz, and travel across the lofty Bernina Pass via the Swiss Poschiavo area to Tirano in the Italian Valtellina. Here, rejoin your coach and journey to the shores of sparkling Lake Lugano.

Today's Distance by coach: 112 mi/ 180 km

 Breakfast

BERNINA-EXPRESS.jpg

Day 5

LUGANO–LAKE MAGGIORE, ITALY–ZERMATT AREA, SWITZERLAND Discover the highlights of charming, subtropical Lugano before traveling to Lake Maggiore, Italy's second-largest lake. Cruise into the 17th century on an optional boat trip to visit the

gorgeous garden island of Isola Bella with its splendid palazzo (palace). Return to Switzerland via picturesque Simplon Pass to your overnight destination, a resort surrounded by Switzerland's highest mountains—including the celebrated Matterhorn. Today's Distance: 168 mi/ 270 km

 Breakfast  Dinner

LUGANO.jpg

Day 6

ZERMATT AREA–LAUSANNE AREA Time to stroll through car-free Zermatt, connected to Täsch with an alpine train. Maybe take a break to sample the local fare, like raclette (melted Swiss cheese), fondue, or hand-made chocolate. Perhaps shop for an authentic Swiss watch or Swiss Army knife, or experience the Gornergrat Bahn, the open-air cog railway taking you as high as 10,132 ft for the best views of the Matterhorn and a breath of cool, clean air. Then, rejoin the coach in Täsch and continue your journey through the vineyards and apricot groves of the lower Rhône Valley to crescent-shaped Lake Geneva, one of Europe's largest lakes.

Today's Distance: 112 mi/ 180 km

 Breakfast  Dinner

ZERMATT.jpg

Day 7

LAUSANNE AREA Spend a day at leisure exploring Lausanne and its surroundings. Or spread your wings to explore cosmopolitan Geneva, the city of UNO and the Red Cross, the jet d'eau (water jet), watchmaking, chocolate, the CERN, elegant shops, and resident swans gliding just off the lakeside promenades.

 Breakfast

LAUSANNE.jpg

Day 8

LAUSANNE AREA–GRUYÈRES–BERNE–INTERLAKEN–LUCERNE The first stop today is in picturesque Gruyères to visit a local cheese factory. Then, on to Berne, Switzerland's charming 12th-century capital. The Old Town is a showcase of medieval architecture, arcaded shops, artistic fountains, and the landmark Zytglogge (clock tower), an ornate animated astronomical clock built in 1530. Travel on, skirting the shores of Lake Thun, and

stop in the renowned resort of Interlaken for a visit before crossing Brünig Pass to Lucerne.
Today's Distance: 155 mi/ 250 km

 Breakfast

BERNE.jpg

Day 9

LUCERNE–ZURICH Discover the wonders of Lucerne, a city straight out of a storybook. Situated on Lake Lucerne beneath the snow-capped Alps, Lucerne highlights include cobblestone streets lined with frescoed homes, the world-famous Chapel bridge, and the poignant Lion monument. Get carried away on an optional funicular ride, and aboard the world's first double-decker, open-top aerial cable car to the summit of Stanserhorn. Return to Zurich for an overnight.

Today's Distance: 62 mi/ 100 km

 Breakfast

LUCERNE-BRIDGE.jpg

Day 10

ZURICH Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning.

 Breakfast

ZURICH-OLD-TOWN.jpg

Tour Director

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MARCO NOCI

Escorting tours for more than 15 years

" Switzerland-where better to take a break than in this naturally stunning and peaceful country? On a tour of this remarkable place, I won't just show you the Switzerland that you will find in the guidebooks (chocolate, fondue, and clocks that go "cuckoo"), I will share

with you the genuine "Swiss" experience. There's more to this unique country than meets the eye!"



FIORENZA VABLE

" Incredible skiing on the Swiss Alps and delicious chocolate are not the only reasons for visiting Switzerland. The train rides through the beauty of lakes, mountains, villages, and valleys; tasting wine in the cellars of a historical castle where time seems to have stopped in the Lavaux area by Lake Geneva; getting up in the morning to admire the Matterhorn turning pink and gold during sunrise; meeting locals while enjoying a festival. These are the other reasons to come and visit what I call the "Real Switzerland.""



Accommodation

ST.MORITZ

HOTEL BAEREN

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

LUGANO

IBIS LUGANO

Hotel as shown or similar

Tourist Class

Free Wifi

ZERMATT

ALPINE HOTEL PERREN

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

LAUSANNE AREA

IBIS LAUSANNE CRISSIER

Hotel as shown or similar

First-Class

Free Wifi

LUCERNE

IBIS STYLES LUZERNE CITY

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

ZURICH

ZÜRI BY FASSBIND

Hotel as shown or similar

Superior Tourist-Class

Free Wifi

Optional Excursions

Contact your Travel Consultant for more information.

Price Ranges

\$ (\$50 USD and under)

\$\$ (\$51 - \$100 USD)

\$\$\$ (\$101 - \$150 USD)

\$\$\$\$ (Over \$150)

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