



SWITZERLAND

AUTHENTIC SWITZERLAND - 4 STAR (TOUR CODE: 12995)

STARTS AND ENDS

Zurich to
Lugano

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Sep 23 - 20 Oct 24

EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Rail Packages

Travel across Switzerland from North to South and discover different regions, cultures and food on this classic self-guided tour.

Highlights

- Guided Walking Tour of **Lucerne**, the capital of the canton of Lucerne and largest town in central Switzerland. Lucerne is surrounded by beautiful scenery.
- Jump aboard the **Gotthard Panorama Express** by boat cruise and panoramic train through the heart of Switzerland, all the way to Lugano.
- **Lugano** is nicknamed the *Monte Carlo of Switzerland* because of all the rich and famous who visit. The city borders Italy with an Italian speaking majority. We've included a 2h risotto workshop at Grotto Osteria degli Amici here.
- Horse drawn carriage ride on **Mount Rigi**, the Queen of the Mountains. Enjoy the magnificent views across Lake Lucerne. Spend 2 nights on Mt Rigi!

Head off for an exciting journey across Switzerland to discover fantastic lakes and mountain sceneries. Explore Zurich through its medieval alleys, squares and arcades. A quick train journey takes you from Zurich to Lucerne, where you will be enchanted by the beautiful lakeside setting and iconic Chapel Bridge. Continue to Mt. Rigi, the "Queen of the Mountains". It's a great location for hiking or merely soaking up the views. Travel on the Gotthard Panorama Express to Lugano, a town full of Mediterranean flair, with parks and flowers, villas and sacred buildings.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 1 night in Zurich - 4* Hotel
- 2 nights in Vitznau (for Mt Rigi) - 4* Hotel
- 1 night in Lucerne - 4* Hotel
- 2 nights in Lugano - 4* Hotel
- 6 Day Swiss Travel Pass in 2nd class
- Point to Point ticket in 2nd class from Zurich Airport to Zurich Main Station on day 1
- Upgrade to 1st Class on Gotthard Panorama Express with seat reservation
- Daily Breakfast
- Lucerne Guided Walking Tour
- 2h Risotto workshop at Grotto Osteria degli Amici (subject to change)
- Horse-drawn carriage ride on Mt. Rigi
- Sunset or Dinner cruise on Lake Lucerne
- Ticino Ticket for free local transport
- Lucerne Guest Card

Freedom of Choice Days

Freedom of Choice



Our Freedom of Choice program offers flexibility, by allowing you to choose from different options on pre-selected days.

Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 4

Expand the itinerary below for more details.

Please note, if more than one room is selected during the booking process, our team will contact you afterwards to discuss options.

ITINERARY

Day **1** Zurich

Arrival in Zurich and check in to your hotel. Time at leisure.

Overnight stay in **Zurich** in a **4-Star Hotel**.



Day 2 Zurich Lucerne

Breakfast at your hotel.

Independent train journey to Lucerne, enjoy a **guided walking tour through Lucerne** (2.5 hours).

Depending on your arrival time in Lucerne, you will either enjoy a **lunch cruise** or a **dinner cruise** on Lake Lucerne.
(Dinner cruise only available from mid-May)

Overnight stay in **Lucerne** in a **4-Star Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day 3 Lucerne Vitznau

Breakfast at your hotel.

From Lucerne Pier take the boat to Vitznau which lies in an idyllic bay of Lake Lucerne at the foot of the Rigi. This holiday resort in central Switzerland is a popular starting point for numerous excursions around the lake, primarily and naturally, up the famous regional mountain.

Overnight stay in **Vitznau** in a **4-Star Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **4**

Mount Rigi

Breakfast at your hotel.

Take the cogwheel train to the top of Rigi Kulm which offers magnificent views over Central Switzerland. Walk down to Rigi Kaltbad (or take the cogwheel train) for a **horse-drawn carriage ride** in the surroundings of Mount Rigi. Afterwards, it is time to enjoy your pre-selected Freedom of Choice tour from the options below.

Overnight stay in **Vitznau** in a **4-Star Hotel**.

Breakfast

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Cheese Workshop:**

Cheese workshop at an authentic **alpine dairy farm** where you will learn about the alpine life style and the difference between Alpine and mountain cheese.

OR

- **Entry to Mineral Bath & Spa Rigi Kaltbad:**

Entry to the **Mineral Bath & Spa Rigi Kaltbad** for the day including bathing towel hire. Various pools, steam room and sauna as well as a connect outdoor pool with spectacular views across Lake Lucerne await.



MOUNT RIGI OVERLOOKING LAKE LUCERNE

Day **5**

Vitznau Lucerne Lugano

Breakfast at hotel.

Return to Lucerne independently by bus or train via Kussnacht am Rigi, your journey continues with the **Gotthard Panorama Express** by boat cruise and panoramic train all the way to Lugano.

Overnight stay in **Lugano** in a **4-Star Hotel**.

Breakfast



GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

Day **6**

Lugano

Breakfast at hotel.

Time in the morning to explore the historic town centre of Lugano. In the late afternoon you will enjoy a **boat cruise** followed by a typical **Risotto workshop**. The 2 hour workshop at Grotto Osteria degli Amici (subject to change) includes

aperitif, Brasato and vegetables, dessert as well as wine, water and coffee.

Overnight stay in **Lugano** in a **4-Star Hotel**.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **7**

Lugano

Individual return journey from Lugano to your next destination or back to Zurich.

Breakfast

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

Upgrade to 1st Class Rail

Upgrade your journey to 1st Class Rail



Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French, Swiss - German, Italian, Romansh

LOCAL CURRENCY

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- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation (except for the hotel on Mount Rigi which will be 3* Superior). This itinerary is bookable in reverse.
- Swiss Travel Pass in 2nd class covers unlimited travel by train, bus and boat from days 2 - 7
- **Gotthard Panorama Express does not run on Mondays.**

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package