



Wintertime in Lucerne - The Chapel Bridge



SWITZERLAND

BEST OF WINTER - GRAND TRAIN TOUR OF SWITZERLAND - 5 STAR

(TOUR CODE: 13000)

STARTS AND ENDS

Lucerne to
Chur

TRAVEL PERIODS

12 Dec 23 - 31 March 24

EXPERIENCE

Winter
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Snow-covered mountain peaks and the glittering lake landscape awaits you. Travel in two iconic panoramic trains: Glacier & Bernina Express!

Highlights

- Travel through Switzerland in **two iconic panoramic trains** with **stays in famous winter resorts**.
- Top sights including **Matterhorn, Rhine Gorge** and **Morteratsch Glacier**.
- **Ski up to 3 different mountain regions** including Jungfrau and Zermatt
- Scenic rides on the **Glacier** and **Bernina Express**
- **2x Freedom of Choice Activities**

Switzerland is a winter paradise with many magical moments to be discovered. Be captivated by breathtaking winter scenery and journey through beautiful landscapes where the winter sun shines bright and snowy peaks sparkle like magic.

The magic begins in Lucerne, where you will be enchanted by the beautiful lakeside setting and iconic Chapel Bridge. Continue to Interlaken, the gateway to the renowned Jungfrauoch, Europe's highest railway station. You are literally on top of Europe! After Interlaken, travel to Brig, which lies in the Upper Valais at the foot of the Simplon Pass. Enjoy a day excursion to Zermatt, a renowned ski resort town at the foot of the Matterhorn.

Next the winter magic continues as you journey on the Glacier Express, the slowest express train in the world. This short ride between Brig and Chur is an unforgettable experience surrounded by a breathtaking backdrop of mountain panoramas. Travel across unspoiled landscapes as the route takes you over the Oberalp Pass and through the Rhine Gorge until you reach Chur. Followed by a 'must' in this region and for Switzerland

in general is a journey on one of the panoramic trains Switzerland is so famous for. Board the Bernina Express for a spell-binding journey past mighty glaciers and high-alpine lakes covered in snow before descending through a winter wonderland to the Italian speaking Tirano. On your return to Chur explore the glamorous resort of St.Moritz.



- ✓ 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 Lucerne in a 5* Hotel
- 2 nights in Interlaken in a 5* Hotel
- 2 nights in Brig in a 4* Hotel
- 2 nights in Chur in a 4* Hotel
- 8 day Swiss Travel Pass - 1st class
- Daily Breakfast
- Seat Reservation Glacier Express from Brig to Chur
- Seat Reservation Bernina Express (Chur to Tirano)
- 50% discount on additional local rail tickets
- 50% discount on some mountain excursions
- Local guest cards in Lucerne & Interlaken for free local transport and/or discounts

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.

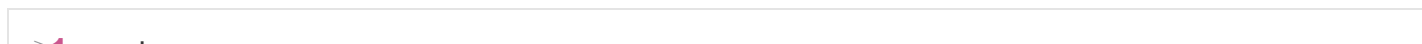
Our per person price includes one tour on each Freedom of Choice day, as follows:

- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 3
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 5

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



Lucerne

Independent arrival in Lucerne. Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is yours to explore Lucerne at your leisure.

Surrounded by famous peaks and set on the majestic lake of the same name, Lucerne is often seen as quintessential Switzerland. The romantic old town is perfect for a late afternoon stroll: don't miss the Chapel Bridge, with paintings in the eaves dating back to the Middle Ages, or the charming shops and restaurants along the lakeside.

Overnight stay in **Lucerne** in a **5-Star Hotel**.



CHAPEL BRIDGE

Lucerne Lucerne-Interlaken Express Interlaken

After breakfast and check out in Lucerne, travel to Interlaken by train. Check in to your hotel.

Interlaken sits in the heart of the Bernese Oberland and the Swiss Alps. It is the gateway to the Jungfrau region with the famous peaks Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Interlaken nestles between the two beautiful lakes of Thun and Brienz at the foot of the Jungfrau massif. There is so much to do in Interlaken and the surrounding area is a holiday region like no other; you may want to consider a mountain excursion to the Jungfrauoch or Schilthorn (not included).

Overnight stay in **Interlaken** in a **5-Star Hotel**.

Breakfast



Day 3

Interlaken

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel.

Today enjoy one of your pre-selected Freedom of Choice activity.

Overnight stay in **Interlaken** in a **5-Star Hotel**.

Breakfast

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Self-guided excursion to the Jungfraujoch :**

The journey to the 'Top of Europe' at 3,454 meters - Europe's highest altitude railway station - is a highlight of every visit to Switzerland. The Jungfrau Railways is an engineering masterpiece. The last section has been built inside the mountain itself, and the view through the panorama windows at the Eigerwand and Eismeer stations in the middle of the North Wall is a thrilling experience. The platform of the observatory is located right above the Aletsch Glacier. The Alpine Sensation, a subway inside the rock marks the centenary of the Jungfrau Railway and connects the Ice Paradise with the Sphinx Hall.

Return to Interlaken by train. This excursion is self-guided.

OR

- **Ski Day Grindelwald:**

Full day ski excursion ahead.

Take a complimentary ski bus from Interlaken to **Grindelwald**. Collect your ski equipment rental in Grindelwald and head to the slopes. The pass covers the extensive Jungfrau Ski Region taking in resorts of Grindelwald, Wengen and Murren - over 206km of available piste. Return ski equipment.

Take the bus from Grindelwald back to Interlaken.



Day **8**

Chur

After breakfast at the hotel your Winter Magic journey ends in Chur. Independent travel back to your ending point in Switzerland.

Breakfast

Day **4**

Interlaken Brig

After breakfast at the hotel, travel to Brig by train.

The lovely old town is dotted with stately homes and cozy inns. The lively main street is great for shopping and the Stockalper Palace is one of the most important baroque palaces in Switzerland.

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

Breakfast



Day **5**

Brig Zermatt Brig

After breakfast at the hotel, a full day of self guided excursion to Zermatt awaits. Surrounded by amazing scenery with the iconic Matterhorn as a backdrop - Zermatt has it all.

Enjoy your pre-selected tour from our Freedom of Choice options below.

Transfer by train back to Brig (via Visp).

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

Breakfast

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Full Day Skiing in Zermatt:**

Full Day Skiing at the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise including lift pass, skis and boot rental.

On arrival head to the equipment rental store to collect the ski equipment. Surrounded by amazing scenery with the iconic Matterhorn as a backdrop - Zermatt has it all. The world-class area offers fantastic high altitude skiing until late spring for all levels.

Transfer by train to Brig via Visp.

OR

- **Gornergrat:**

Self-guided excursion to the **Gornergrat** Gourmet Ticket - indulge in gastronomic treats with the best views of the Matterhorn along the way.

Transfer by train back to Brig via Visp.



MATTERHORN CABLE CAR

Day **6**

Brig Glacier Express Chur

After breakfast at the hotel, discover the many highlights along the **Glacier Express** route. The trip between Brig and Chur is unforgettable. Surrounded by a fantastic mountain panorama, the journey leads eastwards into the Upper Rhone valley which reaches 1366m at Oberwald, passing Andermatt onwards to the Oberlap Pass before winding its way upwards to 2034m (the highest point of the journey).

The journey continues on a decent along the Rhine valley to Chur at 595m (the lowest point of the route). The landscape looks very dramatic in the Rhine gorge between Ilanz and Reichenau. The journey ends in Chur, the capital of the canton of Graubunden and the largest town along the route.

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

Breakfast



GLACIER EXPRESS WINTER JOURNEY

Day **7**

Chur Bernina Express Tirano Chur

After breakfast at the hotel, board the **Bernina Express** for a journey along magical winter scenery. Experience the one-of-a-kind mountain landscape of the Swiss Alps on this spectacular train journey across viaducts and bridges and through tunnels and ancient gorges. From the icy peaks of the Canton of Graubunden and the Morteratsch Glacier (where the ascent up the Bernina Pass begins) to Lago Bianco which at this time of year is covered in snow. Soon after, reach the highest point of 2253m at Ospizio Bernina. The dramatic descent down via Alp Grum offers magnificent views of the Palu Glacier. Finishing in the Italian border town of Tirano.

Option to return directly by regional train to Chur or stop in St Moritz for a few hours before continuing back to Chur.

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

Breakfast



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.

Swiss Coupon Pass provides 2for1 discounts. It is not included in the package for Single travellers.

Blackout period: 22DEC - 28DEC 2022

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