



SWITZERLAND

STUNNING SWITZERLAND - 5 STAR (TOUR CODE: 13002)

STARTS AND ENDS

Lucerne to
Zermatt

TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Apr 24 - 09 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

Embark on a great rail journey exploring Lucerne, St Gallen, Chur and Zermatt. Travel aboard the Voralpen Express and the Glacier Express.

Highlights

- Explore Switzerland's oldest city and one of the most authentic, **Chur**. The city was first established in the 13th century and with its exceptional location, takes history to a whole new level.
- **Mount Rigi**, known as the "Queen of the Mountains". One of the most popular alpine excursions in Switzerland. The summit offers breath-taking 360-degree views over 13 lakes. A short cruise on Lake Lucerne will connect at Vitznau where the cogwheel train climbs to the summit.
- Take the world-famous **Glacier Express** to Zermatt. Enjoy some of the spectacular scenery Switzerland has to offer. Along the deep Rhone valley, the Glacier Express travels through an incredibly fascinating part of the Alps.
- Take the **Voralpen Express** and journey to Eastern Switzerland and to St. Gallen, whose Abbey district is a UNESCO world heritage site. The train traverses the 99 metre high Sitter Viaduct and the rolling landscapes of the "Toggenburg".

Start your journey in the lovely city of Lucerne. See the iconic Chapel Bridge, one of the oldest wooden footbridges in Europe, and enjoy a relaxing stroll along the sparkling Lake Lucerne. Join an exciting trip to Mount Rigi, known as the "Queen of the Mountains". The **Voralpen Express** will then take you to St. Gallen, with a medieval charm, a compact metropolis set between Lake Constance and Appenzellerland. Discover its traffic-free old town, the monastery district and the Abbey Library, a UNESCO world heritage site.

Continue onto Chur, the pretty alpine town which have many relaxing views of mountains, streams and forests. Then take the **Glacier Express** to the car-free village of Zermatt which offers a rich variety of mountain romance 365 days a year. From the icy blue winter, to fresh turquoise in spring, to glistening summer and the glowing palette of autumn - Zermatt remains exceptional no matter the season.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Lucerne in a 5* Hotel
- 1 night in St.Gallen in a 5* Hotel
- 1 night in Chur in a 5* Hotel
- 2 nights in Zermatt in a 5* Hotel
- 8 Day Swiss Travel Pass in 1st class
- Daily Breakfast
- Glacier Express from Chur to Zermatt with seat reservation
- Voralpen Express from Lucerne to St.Gallen
- Self-guided excursion to Mount Rigi
- 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 3
- One "Freedom of Choice" tour on day 6

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**

Lucerne

Independent travel to Lucerne.

Known as the gateway to central Switzerland, Lucerne is situated on the famous lake with its namesake and is embedded within an impressive mountainous panorama. Thanks to its attractions, its souvenirs and watch shops, the beautiful lakeside setting and the nearby mountains Lucerne remains one of the most popular places to visit in Switzerland.

Highlights of the city include the fully restored Chapel Bridge – one of Europe's oldest wooden bridges and landmark of Lucerne.

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



CHAPEL BRIDGE, LUCERNE

Day **2** Lucerne Mount Rigi Lucerne

Breakfast at the hotel.

Self-guided excursion to Mount Rigi, known as the "Queen of the Mountains". One of the most popular alpine excursions in Switzerland. The summit offers breath-taking 360-degree views over 13 lakes. A short **cruise on Lake Lucerne** will connect at Vitznau where you will board the **cogwheel train** that climbs to the summit. Return via cogwheel on the other side to Arth Goldau and onwards to Lucerne.

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

Breakfast



MOUNT RIGI OVERLOOKING LAKE LUCERNE

Day **3** Lucerne St. Gallen

Breakfast at the hotel.

Board the **Voralpen Express** and journey to Eastern Switzerland and to St. Gallen, whose Abbey district is a UNESCO world heritage site. The train traverses the 99 metre high Sitter Viaduct and the rolling landscapes of the "Toggenburg".

In the early afternoon, enjoy one of your pre-selected Freedom of Choice option.

Overnight stay in **St. Gallen** in a **5-Star Hotel**.

Breakfast

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Appenzeller Dairy Show :**

Visit a **traditional Appenzell cheese dairy**. Independent travel by bus to the heart of the unspoiled hilly landscape of the pre-Alps, where the famous Appenzeller cheese is made: in the demonstration area of the dairy show, you will find out why Appenzeller cheese is the most full-flavoured cheese.

OR

- **St Gallen City Walking Tour:**

Discover the historic old town of **St. Gallen** on a **guided walking** tour to learn about the city and its great history.



Day 4 St. Gallen Chur

Breakfast at the hotel.

Independent travel by train to the capital of Graubunden and the oldest town in Switzerland. **Chur** has a history dating back 5,000 years. The historic Old Town is very much worth visiting and is completely car-free. Enjoy the cultural and culinary amenities of this Alpine town!

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

Breakfast



Day **5**

Chur Zermatt

Breakfast at the hotel.

Take the world-famous **Glacier Express** to Zermatt. Enjoy some of the spectacular scenery Switzerland has to offer. Along the deep Rhône Valley, the Glacier Express travels through an incredibly fascinating part of the Alps.

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

Breakfast



Day **6**

Zermatt

Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy one of your pre-selected Freedom of Choice options.

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

Breakfast

Freedom of Choice Options

- **Gornergrat Self-guided Excursion:**

Self-guided Excursion. **Gornergrat**, one of the most famous and truly spectacular experiences combining a cogwheel train ride from Zermatt to an altitude of 3089m. An iconic view of the **Matterhorn** awaits, along with 29 other 4,000m peaks. There are several stops on the way which are starting points for various hiking and walking trails.

OR

- **Matterhorn Glacier Paradise self-guided excursion:**

Visit the **Matterhorn Glacier Paradise**. One of the highest vantage points in Europe at 3,883m - right next to the Matterhorn. A series of gondolas and cable cars are taken to the summit where breathtaking views await. The Glacier Palace is a highlight where a mystical world of ice and snow showcase impressive sculptures made of ice.



Day 7

Zermatt

Breakfast at your hotel.

Today your journey ends. Independent travel back to your ending point in Switzerland.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French, Swiss - German, Italian, Romansh

LOCAL CURRENCY

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- **Please be advised that the seat reservation for the Glacier Express is non-refundable once confirmed. An additional deposit will be necessary to secure this service, and our team will reach out to you with further information.**
- 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. Itinerary bookable in reverse.
- Blackout dates may apply.
- Covers unlimited travel by train, bus and boat from days 1 - 7

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