



SWITZERLAND

GRAND TOUR OF SWITZERLAND EXPLORER: HISTORY AND HERITAGE - SMALL GROUP TOUR

 (TOUR CODE: 14207)

STARTS AND ENDS

in Zurich

TRAVEL PERIODS

21 Jul 25 & 25 Aug 25

EXPERIENCE

Escorted
Rail

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Discover Switzerland's hidden gems on an 8-day adventure through breathtaking landscapes, charming villages, and iconic railways. From vibrant Zurich to the scenic Furka and Brünig Steam Railways, this tour unveils the country's diverse regional allure.

Highlights

- Experience luxury in one-of-a-kind **Luxury Mercedes Benz Sprinter**. Relish ultimate comfort and style in a spacious setting, accommodating a **maximum group size of up to 12 passengers!**
- Experience the **Appenzell Show Dairy** with an audio guide
- Immerse yourself in a **private guided city tour of Chur**
- Experience **vintage rail travel through stunning Swiss Alps** like Furka Steam Railway, combining nostalgic charm with breathtaking landscapes and historic railway engineering

Embark on a 8-day Grand Tour of Switzerland Explorer - History and Heritage. From Zurich, you'll explore the picturesque Appenzeller region before heading to Chur, Switzerland's oldest city. You'll then experience the Graubünden region on the historic Rhaetian Railway. Next, the tour continues to the Furka Steam Railway, showcasing stunning Alpine vistas, before arriving in Brig.

Afterward, you'll travel to Lucerne, with a visit to the Brienzer Rothorn Railway. The final leg includes a nostalgic ride on the Brünig Steam Railway from Interlaken before concluding in Zurich.



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

INCLUSIONS

- 7-nights accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Luxury Mercedes Benz Sprinter Transportation with a Driver
- Rail ticket in 1st class for rail travel per itinerary
- Seat Reservation on Rhaetian Railway Nostalgic Train in 2nd Class (Filisur - Davos)
- Seat Reservation on Furka Steam Railway in 1st Class (Realp - Oberwald)
- Seat Reservation on Brünig Steam Railway in 2nd Class (Interlaken - Giswil - Interlaken)
- Sunset Cruise on Historical Paddle Steamer on Lake Lucerne in 1st Class
- Excursion to Brienz Rothorn (self-guided)
- Guided city tour of Chur (private guided)
- Tour of Stockalper Castle in Brig (private guided)
- Visit to Langwasser Viaduct
- Entry tickets to Appenzell Show Dairy with Audio Guide (self-guided)
- Luggage transportation including an allowance of 1 x large luggage and 1 x hand luggage per person
- 50% discount on additional rail tickets (local transport) and some mountain excursions

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Zurich

Arrival in Zurich and enjoy your first day at leisure in Switzerland's biggest city.

Overnight in **Zurich** in a 4* hotel.



Day 2 Zurich Appenzeller Chur

Today you will make your way to the historical town of Appenzell.

There you get to taste one of the most famous things in Switzerland, Swiss Cheese. You get to experience how the famous Swiss cheese is made and you also get to taste it at the **Appenzeller Show Dairy**.

After a stop in the town of Appenzell you will make your way to Chur for your accommodation.

Overnight in **Chur** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 4 Chur Graubünden Historic Rhaetian Railway Chur

Breakfast at the hotel.

Today begins with a city tour around what is Switzerland's oldest town, learning about its history and the history of the canton of **Graubünden**. After an early lunch (not included), your driver will take you to see the infamous Landwasser

Viaduct on the UNESCO world heritage Albula line, and witness its true scale from below.

Following this, you'll board the **historic Rhaetian Railway** from **Filisur to Davos**, comprising carriages predominantly from the 1920s hauled by a historic electric locomotive. Once in **Davos**, a renowned mountain resort, you'll have time to explore before your driver takes you back to Chur, completing your day with a comfortable ride through more scenic vistas.

Overnight in **Chur** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 4

Chur Furka Steam Railway Brig

Breakfast at the hotel.

Embark on a spectacular journey aboard the historic **Furka Steam Railway**, traveling from Realp to Oberwald through some of Switzerland's most breathtaking landscapes. This nostalgic ride offers stunning views of the Rhone Glacier and the majestic Furka Pass, with the train climbing from 1,366 meters in Oberwald to the highest station at 2,160 meters. The route, once known as the "Glacier Express," traverses awe-inspiring gorges and glaciers, creating an unforgettable experience. Additionally, the scenic Furka Pass featured in the 1964 James Bond film "Goldfinger," adding a touch of cinematic history to this remarkable adventure.

There is also ample time at the stations to get up close and personal with the steam locomotive, and to have an early lunch (not included). At Oberwald, rejoin your minibus and proceed onwards to Brig.

Upon arrival in **Brig** there is time for a tour of the **Stockalper Castle**, named after its builder, a rich entrepreneur who had a monopoly on road traffic in Switzerland in the 17th century.

Overnight in **Brig** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 5 Brig Lucerne

Breakfast at the hotel.

This morning, your driver will transport you to Lucerne.

You have the afternoon here at leisure to enjoy this beautiful lakeside city before enjoying a 2.5 hour sunset cruise aboard a **historical paddle steamer**. Dinner is also available on board in the ship's restaurant (not included).

Overnight in **Lucerne** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 6 Lucerne Brienzer Rothorn Railway Interlaken

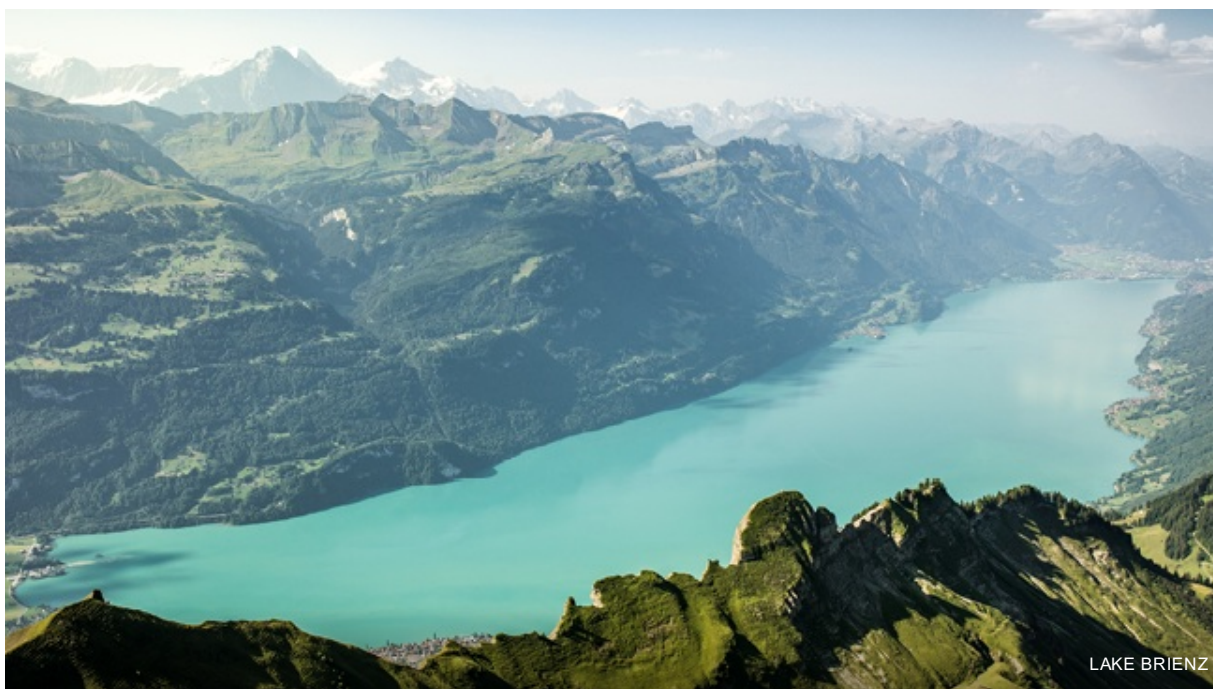
Breakfast at the hotel.

Your driver will take you back towards Interlaken for the first of two days in the Bernese Oberland. At the lakeside resort of Brienz, join the scenic **Brienzer Rothorn Railway** for the trip to the 2200 metre high summit. This railway is unique in having a steam operation on a near daily basis.

You have time at the summit to have lunch on your own before returning to Brienz, rejoining your driver and transferring to Interlaken, your base for the next two days.

Overnight in **Interlaken** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 7

Interlaken Brünig Steam Railway Interlaken

Today you have an all day excursion aboard the historic **Brünig Steam Railway**, running along the tracks of the modern day Zentralbahn to Giswil. Enjoy travelling behind two different steam locomotives, including over the steep gradients of the Brünig Pass.

A bar car is available on the train and refreshments are provided during the turnaround in Giswil.

Overnight stay in **Interlaken** in a 4* hotel.

Breakfast



Day 8

Interlaken

After breakfast, individual extension or transfer to Zurich Airport (extra cost).

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.
- Guaranteed departures with maximum of 12 passengers. Please note a minimum of 4 passengers per tour is required to operate the Mercedes Benz Sprinter.
- Private transfer in Zurich and drop off on the last day in Zurich available on request.
- **Luggage transportation** is provided with the limit of 1 large suitcase and 1 smaller hand luggage that can be placed under your seat.

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