

Best of Switzerland

9 Days

2 Countries

12 Meals

From \$2850 Per person, double share

All the Best of Switzerland with a side visit to Italy. What could be better? Your travels will take you to Lake Geneva for local wine, cheese and delicious desserts in Lavaux, Lord Byron's enchanting Chillon Castle and the pretty town of Brienz for a masterclass in Swiss wood carving.

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Your Must-See Highlights

- **Discover** Zürich and Lucerne
- **Visit** Bern, Chillon Castle, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Interlaken and Brienz
- **View** the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne, the Jungfrau and Matterhorn mountains (weather permitting), Lake Maggiore and Lake Como
- **Scenic Train Ride** from Tirano to Pontresina

● Start ● End ● Overnight ● Sightseeing

Swiss cow

Your vacation

Day

1 Welcome to Zürich Welcome to the sophisticated Swiss city of Zürich - a flawless blend of fascinating heritage and modern spirit. Meet your Travel Director and fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and orientation in this beautiful lakeside setting. **(WR) Hotel: Hyatt Place Airport**

2 Journey to Lake Geneva We leave the bright lights of Zürich behind and stop in Bern with its Old Town, admiring its medieval streets, ornate fountains and arcaded walkways. Journeying to Lake Geneva, we arrive in the resort town of Montreux, set against the pristine backdrop of snow-covered peaks and vineyards. After lunch, consider joining an Optional Experience to cruise Lake Geneva, including a visit to the Charlie Chaplin museum in his former estate, Manoir de Ban. **(B) Hotel: Eurotel**

3 Onwards to Chillon Castle and Zermatt This morning, we visit Chillon Castle, immortalized by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. For nearly four centuries, this water fortress was the residence of the Counts of Savoy and an important stop for traders. Our next stop is Bourg en Lavaux, a charming wine village above Lake Geneva, where we'll *Connect With Locals* over lunch at our *Be My Guest* experience. Continue your journey to the resort town of Zermatt, set against the backdrop of the snow-capped Matterhorn. **(B, BMG, 🍷) Hotel: Mirabeau/Alpen Resort**



Wine tasting with views of Lake Geneva and the Alps. Enjoy local vintages and cheeses with a Swiss family on their family wine farm. Learn more at trafalgar.com.

4 Zermatt Your Way Spend the day soaking up the crisp mountain air and panoramic alpine vistas. You have a full day on your own to explore the town, or simply relax in beautiful surrounds. Consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views or explore the heritage of what was once a remote mountain village. **(B)**

5 Venture to the Italian Lake Maggiore Departing Switzerland, we travel to the lakeside town of Baveno on Italy's Lake Maggiore. Spend the rest of the day indulging in the laid-back lakeside atmosphere or consider joining an Optional Experience to Isola Bella, one of the lake's Borromean islands, with its *palazzo* and exquisite gardens. **(B) Hotel: Simplon**

6 Off to Alpine St. Moritz We travel through the scenic Italian countryside to the fortified town of Tirano. Here, we will board the famous Bernina Express train and wind our way through scenic landscapes en route to the stylish resort town of St. Moritz. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers. **(B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria**

7 Journey to Lakeside Lucerne Journeying through lush green landscapes, past Lake Zürich, we arrive in lakeside Lucerne. Pay tribute to the brave Swiss Guards, who lost their lives defending King Louis XVI at the Lion Monument, and cross the iconic wooden Chapel Bridge before strolling past the city's colorful façades. Consider joining a cruise on the tranquil lake waters and then ride the world's first double deck 'Cabrio' cable car to the top of Mount Stanserhorn. **(B) Hotel: Grand Europe**

8 Admire Scenic Brienz and Interlaken We travel to Interlaken at the heart of Switzerland, which lies in the shadow of the Jungfrau Mountain. Stopping in the village of Brienz en route, we'll *Dive Into Culture* and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of wood carving for which this village is so famous. Spend some time on your own and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. This evening, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our fellow travelers and Travel Director toasting the highlights of Switzerland we've enjoyed along the way. **(B, FD, 🍷)**

9 Homeward Bound As our journey through the Best of Switzerland comes to an end, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

Basel Tattoo

Embrace a bit of pomp and circumstance at the world's second largest open-air Tattoo show in Basel. Watch as international military bands, popular musicians, traditional folk dancers and tattoo formations wow spectators during rousing performances that will get your feet tapping.

Selected departures will replace the Brienz and Interlaken Excursion on day 8, with a trip to the Basel Tattoo.



Your 2022 Vacation Planner

Start Zürich	End Zürich	Start Zürich	End Zürich
Sat 02 Apr	Sun 10 Apr	Sat 02 Jul	Sun 10 Jul
Sat 09 Apr	Sun 17 Apr	● Sat 09 Jul	Sun 17 Jul
Sat 16 Apr	Sun 24 Apr	● Sat 16 Jul	Sun 24 Jul
Sat 23 Apr	Sun 01 May	Sat 23 Jul	Sun 31 Jul
Sat 30 Apr	Sun 08 May	Sat 30 Jul	Sun 07 Aug
Sat 07 May	Sun 15 May	Sat 06 Aug	Sun 14 Aug
Sat 14 May	Sun 22 May	Sat 13 Aug	Sun 21 Aug
Sat 21 May	Sun 29 May	Sat 20 Aug	Sun 28 Aug
Sat 28 May	Sun 05 Jun	Sat 27 Aug	Sun 04 Sep
Sat 04 Jun	Sun 12 Jun	Sat 03 Sep	Sun 11 Sep
Sat 11 Jun	Sun 19 Jun	Sat 10 Sep	Sun 18 Sep
Sat 18 Jun	Sun 26 Jun	Sat 17 Sep	Sun 25 Sep
Sat 25 Jun	Sun 03 Jul	Sat 24 Sep	Sun 02 Oct

● **Basel Tattoo:** We've included Tattoo tickets during these dates. See Basel Tattoo panel for further details.

Travel to Europe often requires an overnight flight. Please arrange flights to arrive on or before Day 1.

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