

## TRIP START DATES

2023	2024
APR   09, 16, 23, 30	APR   07, 14, 21, 28, 30
MAY   02, 07, 09, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30	MAY   05, 07, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28
JUN   04, 06, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27	JUN   02, 04, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30
JUL   02, 04, 09, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30	JUL   02, 07, 09, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30
AUG   01, 06, 08, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29	AUG   04, 06, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27
SEP   03, 05, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24	SEP   01, 03, 08, 10, 15, 17, 22

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### ∧ COUNTRY ROADS

ACTIVITY LEVEL: BALANCED

14 DAYS

2 COUNTRIES

18 MEALS

25 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW ★★★★★

### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Lake Geneva: Visit a winery. Enjoy a tasting, and learn how the family is preserving the estate for future generations.

### INSIGHT EXPERIENCE

Lake Geneva: Visit Chillon Castle with the Head of Collections to discover the artefacts, treasures and history of the chateau.

### INSIGHT CHOICE

Stanserhorn: Choose to embark on a walk along beautiful scenic pathways for a chance to see native animals. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER Experience and hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger.

### AUTHENTIC DINING

Welcome Dinner in Lucerne • Dine-Around options in Zermatt • Celebration Dinner in Zürich.

### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel on the Glacier Express • Cruise on Lake Geneva • Ride the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway to Zermatt.

Visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving Centre in Brienz.

See Zürich • Lucerne's Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge • Travel in St. Moritz with your included pass • Lauterbrunnen • Staubbach Falls • the glacier village of Grindelwald.

# COUNTRY ROADS OF SWITZERLAND

"One food I really love introducing my guests to is cheese or meat fondue. It's not only a great meal, but it's an experience of its own and always lots of fun. Especially when I see all our guests bonding and having a good time discovering the way we enjoy it over here."  
– Daniele, Travel Director



@DENIS\_FITZGERALD\_ PHOTOGRAPHY SHARING ONE OF MANY #INSIGHTMOMENTS FROM LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND



MOUNT STANSERHORN,

A #MAKETRAVELMATTER EXPERIENCE



@IMSTILLAKIDATHEART, GLACIER EXPRESS



**DAY 1 WELCOME TO LUCERNE**

Welcome to Switzerland. On arrival at Zürich airport, transfers leave for your hotel in Lucerne at 09:30 and 13:30.

Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00, followed by a pleasant Welcome Dinner with wine at a local restaurant. (DW)

Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

**DAY 2 ASCEND THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN**

Board a funicular railway and open-top cable car for a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn.

Explore Mount Stanserhorn with Insight Choice.

Choose to join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Experience and listen to a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Alternatively, walk through the marmot park and along the Rock- Gipfelweg trail leading to the summit. At the highest point you can enjoy a breathtaking panorama.

Return to the 14th century city of Lucerne to see its storybook wooden bridges, baroque church and sorrowful Lion Monument.

Enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure. (B)

**DAY 3 BERN, GRUYÈRES AND MONTREUX**

In Bern, your Local Expert, a local English teacher, shows you the Cathedral of St. Vincent, Federal Palace and floral displays. Gather at the clock tower to watch the mechanical procession of painted figures before viewing the Ogre Fountain.

Continue to the fortified town of Gruyères, where there is time at leisure.

From Montreux, travel along the shores of Lake Geneva to visit a winery. Admire the stunning panorama overlooking the lake and savour a tasting of tantalising, local wines.

Delight in a delicious Farm-to-Table light dinner, made from locally sourced produce, and learn how the family is preserving the estate for future generations on this MAKE TRAVEL MATTER Experience. (B) (DW)

Grand Hôtel Suisse-Majestic, Montreux.

**DAY 4 LAKE GENEVA AND THE SWISS COUNTRYSIDE**

On the western bay of Lake Geneva, visit Chillon Castle, for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalized by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' (B)

**DAY 5 GENEVA AND SCENIC LAKE CRUISE**

Relaxed Start. Follow the shores of the lake to the international city of Geneva, seeing the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock.

Next, relax in first-class comfort on the waters of Lake Geneva during a highlight cruise.

This evening, enjoy time at leisure on the promenade of your lakeside resort. (B)

**DAY 6 MARTIGNY, SION AND ZERMATT**

Relaxed Start. Journey to Martigny to view the Roman Amphitheater and continue to the town of Sion to see the cathedral and Old Town Hall.

Complete your journey via cogwheel train to the traffic-free mountain resort of Zermatt.

This evening, take your pick from a selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around Evening. Perhaps you will delight in the typical Swiss dining experience of fondue? (B) (DW)

Resort Hotel Alex, Zermatt.

**DAY 7 ZERMATT AT LEISURE**

Relaxed Start. Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking or relaxing in your alpine surroundings. Perhaps take a trip to the Klein Matterhorn to view the magnificent snow-capped top of the world. (B)

**DAY 8 THE ITALIAN LAKE DISTRICT TO BAVENO**

Descend to Täsch for a scenic drive to Brig, where you'll commence your ascent of the Simplon Pass. The afternoon is at your leisure. Perhaps join an experience to the stunning Isola Bella? (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

**DAY 9 THE GLAMOUR AND GLITZ OF ST. MORITZ**

Journey along the shores of Lake Maggiore, heading north to the three fortifications at Bellinzona. Meet your Local Expert for a fascinating insight into this UNESCO World Heritage Site. Continue through the Grisons Region, following the Rhine River to the glamorous resort of St. Moritz. (B)

Crystal Hotel/Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

**DAY 10 LEISURE TIME IN ST. MORITZ**

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a day at leisure to mingle with the jet-setters in this elegant resort or perhaps take an exciting train journey over the Bernina pass. To help you make the most of your day, your Travel Director will provide you with a mountain railways pass, offering free travel on all cable cars, funiculars and chairlifts (when available) in Engadine St. Moritz. (B)

**DAY 11 THE GLACIER EXPRESS**

Step aboard the Glacier Express to experience one of the world's great railway journeys. Cross the Landwasser Viaduct and head down through the Oberalp Valley, rejoining the coach at Andermatt. Drive through the Schöllenen Gorge, along the Grindelwald Valley and follow the Lütschine River to Lauterbrunnen.

See the Staubbach Falls plunge 300 metres from the plateau above. (B) (DW)

Romantik Hotel Schweizerhof Grindelwald.

**DAY 12 GRINDELWALD AT LEISURE**

Relaxed Start. Enjoy a day at your leisure to explore Grindelwald further. Perhaps take a cogwheel train ride to the summit of the Jungfrau mountain? (B)

**DAY 13 RURAL SWITZERLAND TO ZÜRICH**

Journey to Brienz to visit the Jobin Swiss Woodcarving Centre.

On return to Zürich, see the Bahnhofstrasse, Grossmünster, River Limmat and Frauenmünster.

Join your travel companions at a local restaurant. Your Celebration Dinner is accompanied with wine - raise your glass to toast to your adventures. (B) (DW)

Renaissance Zurich Tower Hotel.

**DAY 14 DEPART ZÜRICH**

Your Swiss adventures come to an end this morning, with a transfer to Zürich airport arriving at 08:00. (B)

**KEY**

✈ Join/Leave Options

UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

● Place Visited

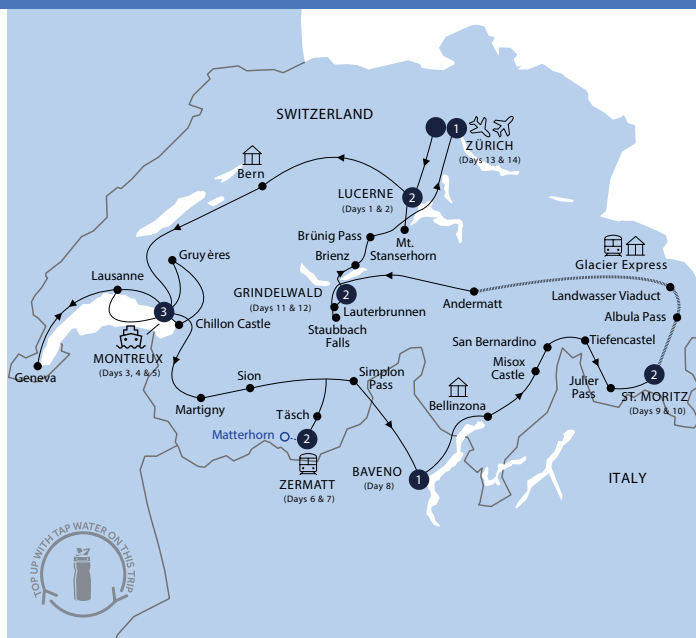
○ Optional Place Visited

Train

Cruise

**CHOOSE YOUR GROUP SIZE**

This trip operates both classic and small group departures. You can also book your own private group with as few as 12 travellers.



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