#### TRIP START DATES

2023 2024

APR | 09, 16, 23, 30 APR | 07, 14, 21, 28

MAY | 07, 14, 21, 28 MAY | 05, 12, 19, 26

JUN | 04, 11, 18, 25 JUN | 02, 09, 16, 23, 30

JUL | 02, 09, 16, 23, 30 JUL | 07, 14, 21, 28

AUG | 06, 13, 20, 27 AUG | 04, 11, 18, 25

SEP | 03, 10, 17, 24 SEP | 01, 08, 15, 22

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ACTIVITY LEVEL: LEISURELY

8 DAYS
3 COUNTRIES
11 MEALS
13 INCLUDED EXPERIENCES

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GUEST REVIEW \*\*\*\*

#### MAKE TRAVEL MATTER

Stanserhorn: Embark on a spectacular journey to the summit of Mount Stanserhorn. Meet a Swiss ranger to learn about the local wildlife and flora over a conservation talk.

#### **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 Geneva • Dine-Around options in Zermatt • Celebration Dinner in Lucerne.

#### TOP RATED HIGHLIGHTS

Travel on the Matterhorn Gotthard Railway to Zermatt • Travel along part of the route of the Glacier Express.

See Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock in Geneva • Lake Geneva and the Alps from Montreux • Matterhorn from Zermatt • Lake Maggiore • Baveno's cobbled streets • St. Moritz • Vaduz Castle • Lion Monument and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne.

# GLORIOUS SWITZERLAND

"Guests always tell me they loved meeting the head of collections at Chillon Castle on Lake Geneva. They impart history in a fun way, so that you feel like you are reliving it all!"

- Martin, Travel Director









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#### DAY 1 GENEVA, CITY OF GARDENS

Prepare yourself for the majesty of Switzerland's snow-capped mountains, glaciers, sparkling lakes, flower-filled meadows and rich, green valleys. Transfers from Geneva airport to your hotel depart at 11:00, 13:00 and 16:00.

Meet your Travel Director and travel companions at 18:00, for a short stroll to your Welcome Dinner. The evening is full of Swiss delight, as you enjoy the cosy decor while being served typical Swiss specialties including cheese fondue.

Return to your immaculate boutique hotel, the award-winning Hotel d'Angleterre. Enjoy British charm and the finest Swiss hospitality, with each room individually designed to reflect its elegant style. (DW)

Hotel d'Angleterre, Geneva.

### DAY 2 MONTREUX, CHILLON AND THE MATTERHORN VILLAGE OF ZERMATT

Start your day with highlights of Geneva, the City of Gardens. See the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Then relax and enjoy the enchanting scenery as we continue to the charming town of Montreux. Situated at the foot of the Alps and boasting beautiful lakeside walks, enjoy free time to explore this pretty town.

On the western bay of Lake Geneva, join Maud, head of collections at Chillon Castle, for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalized by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' Keep a look out for where the writer is rumoured to have left his mark.

Continue through the Rhone Valley, where high summer temperatures support vines and other fruits. The final stage of your journey is by cogwheel train to the traffic-free Alpine resort of Zermatt

During your orientation with your Travel Director, feast your eyes on the distinctive triangular silhouette of the Matterhorn.

At night, enjoy a stroll in the fresh mountain air to your chosen restaurant for your Dine-Around Evening. (B) (DW)

Resort Hotel Alex, Zermatt.

#### DAY 3 FREE TIME IN ZERMATT

Relaxed Start. Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking, or spend a whole day relaxing in the fresh Alpine surroundings. Perhaps take an optional ride on Europe's highest cable car to the snow-capped roof of the world for a magnificent panorama of the highest peaks in Switzerland, Italy and France? (B)

#### DAY 4 ELEGANT BAVENO

Relaxed Start. Descend to Täsch and rejoin the coach. Follow in Napoleon's footsteps as you ascend the Simplon Pass, taking in magnificent views over the Alps from the 2,000-metre summit. Continue along the gentle shores of Lake Maggiore. Perhaps take a delightful boat trip to see the stunning Isola Bella? (B)

Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

# DAY 5 GRISON ALPS TO CHIC ST. MORITZ Head north back into the high mountain country of

the Grisons Alps today. Ascend the San Bernadino and the Julier Passes to arrive in the sparkling Engadine Valley with an invigorating climate characterized by clear skies and its location high in the Alps.

On arrival in the cosmopolitan resort of St. Moritz, a brief orientation with your Travel Director will show you the spa quarter and the brilliantly sparkling glacial lake, before there is time to explore further on your own, or perhaps step aboard the Bernina Express to experience one of Europe's most outstanding train journeys. (B) (DW)

Crystal Hotel/Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

# DAY 6 SCENIC TRAIN RIDE, LIECHTENSTEIN AND LUCERNE

Start the day with a scenic train ride along part of the route of the Glacier Express, through unforgettable scenes of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. At Chur, reboard your coach and travel along the valley of the Upper Rhine to spend some time in Vaduz, the tiny capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, where you explore the area around the castle.

Continue to Lucerne alongside the dramatic Walensee and Lake Zürich. On arrival, see the sorrowful sculpture of the wounded lion, commemorating the brave Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Your Travel Director will also show you the Jesuit Church and the Chapel Bridge. (B) Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

# DAY 7 THE SUMMIT OF MOUNT STANSERHORN

Relaxed Start. Begin the day at your leisure. Perhaps take a stroll along the lake or shop for fine watches?

Then, embark on a scenic journey by funicular railway and open-top cable car 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 Stanserhorn marmot park and along the Rock-Gipfelweg trail leading to the summit.

With new friends, enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn, with magnificent views over Lake Lucerne at Restaurant Seeblick. (B) (DW)

#### DAY 8 LEAVE LUCERNE FOR ZÜRICH

In the morning, your departure transfer will arrive at Zürich airport at 08:00. (B)

#### KEY

₹ Join/Leave Options

☐ UNESCO Heritage Site

1 Central Hotels + Nights

Place Visited

Train

# LUCERNE (Days 6, 7 & 8) Mt Stanserhorn Montreux Chillon Castle Simplon Pass (2005 m) Täsch ZERMÄTT (Days 1, 2 & 3) Matterhorn SWITZERLAND Glacier Express Route Julier Rass (2284 m) ST. MORIZ (Day 1) Tisch Ti

# TOP RATED HIGHLIGHT Marvel at the view from the top of Mount Stanserhorn. (Photo by @Darren\_s\_glazer , Day 7, Stanserhorn)



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## 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.