



Switzerland's Greatest Railway Adventure

February 15th – 24th, 2024



Day 1 ~ February 15 ~ Zurich

Welcome to the largest city in Switzerland ~ Zurich! Upon arrival, our driver will meet us at the airport and transfers us to our remarkable hotel for check-in. The rest of the day is free, so you can relax in your room, have dinner in a local restaurant and start exploring the nearby attractions. There will be a welcome reception and overnight in Zurich. (Boutique Hotel Helmhaus or similar).



Day 2 ~ February 16 ~ Lucerne

In the morning we head to the railway station to take a train to Lucerne. In about 50 minutes we meet our guide at the station of Lucerne. We are invited to take an unforgettable trip with our private guide who shows us the magnificent views of Mount Pilatus and the Lucerne region. The tour starts with a 20-minute bus ride to Kriens. There we will board a cable car that takes us across the famous cableway 'Dragon Ride' passing through lush Alpine meadows, and sparkling mountain streams to the top of Mt. Pilatus, altitude of which is 6,995 ft. For the return journey we again ride the cable car to enjoy the fantastic scenery one more time. As the last part of our magnificent tour, we take a bus from Kriens back to Lucerne. After the tour we will take a train back to Zurich.



Day 3 ~ February 17 ~ Departure to St. Moritz

After breakfast we will check out of our hotel and transfer to the train station. Off we go to St. Moritz to experience the famous White Turf event, another amazing highlight of this tour!

The White Turf is a unique, exclusive, top-class event with exciting horse-racing, gourmet catering, lively music, and inspiring art exhibitions, all taking place in winter sunshine on the frozen lake among the stunningly beautiful, snow-capped mountains of St. Moritz.

We will arrive to St. Moritz station and walk to our hotel and check in. (Hotel Reine Victoria or similar).



Day 4 ~ February 18 ~ St. Moritz

A full day of horse racing events at The White Turf including VIP grandstand seating. A complete program will be provided.



Day 5 ~ February 19 ~ Glacier Express to Zermatt

Following breakfast, we will check out of the hotel. Today we experience a once-in-a-lifetime railway journey to Zermatt on board the iconic Glacier Express that presents you with fantastic views of the picturesque Swiss Alps taking you through lots of tunnels and over several hundred bridges. The so-called 'slowest express train in the world' snakes its way through valleys, mountains and even canyons.



Day 5 ~ February 19 ~ Arrival to Zermatt

Zermatt is famous not only for being a popular ski resort. This lovely village is located in the southern canton of Valais which is home to some of the world's most spectacular mountains, including the Matterhorn. Upon arrival, we will walk to our hotel for check-in and have the rest of the day at leisure. (Alpenhotel Fleurs de Zermatt or similar).



Day 6 ~ February 20 ~ Day trip to Gornergrat

After breakfast we walk to the station and board a cogwheel train equipped with large windows that will allow us to enjoy a journey across the highest open-air railway in Europe. The Gornergrat Bahn is the cog railway which was the first in the world to be fully electrified. Nowadays regenerative braking system of this eco-friendly railway generates electricity on the descent and so saves energy. After about 45 minutes we reach the station for Gornergrat which is considered to be the highest open-air railway station in Europe at an altitude of 10,135 ft. Gornergrat observation platform is accessible all year round and offers one of the finest panoramas in Switzerland. From there we have a glorious view of more than 29 peaks, one of which is the Matterhorn. A truly unforgettable experience you cannot miss! After some free time in Gornergrat we will take the train back to Zermatt. The rest of the day is at leisure.



Day 7 ~ February 21 ~ Train to Montreux

In the morning after breakfast, we will check out of the hotel and walk to the next train station! The traditional resort town of Montreux is located on the shores of Geneva Lake. Upon arrival we walk to our centrally located hotel for check-in. Next, we are on to Chillon Castle, the most recognizable historic monument in Switzerland which dates to medieval ages. We will have a private guided tour around the most spectacular parts of Chillon Castle. Following Chillon we head for Montreux where we will meet our guide and have a private walking tour. Here we will learn about the history and culture of the charming 'Swiss Riviera' strolling along the lakeshore. After the tour we will return to our hotel. (Hotel Eden Palace Au Lac or similar).



Day 8 ~ February 22 ~ Day Trip to Geneva

Following breakfast, we will walk to the train station for a one-hour train ride to Geneva. Upon arrival we will meet our guide and start exploring the highlights of Geneva, the second most populous city of Switzerland and a capital of Romandy, the French-speaking region. Being the European seat of the UN and headquarters of the Red Cross, Geneva is known as the 'Capital of Peace'. We will proceed to the astonishing Old Town and see St. Peter Cathedral, the English Garden with Flower Clock, Le Rousseau and Castle Tour-de-l'ile. Here you will also see the city council building where the first Geneva Convention was signed. Finally, we have a short ride by public transport to view the international district of Geneva and its heart – United Nations Office located in the Palace of Nations. After the tour we will return to Montreux by train.



Day 9 ~ February 23 ~ Train to Zurich

Following breakfast, we will check out of the hotel and catch the train to Zurich. Then we meet our private guide and enjoy a perfectly planned sightseeing tour around the most beautiful landmarks of Zurich. We will experience the unique atmosphere of the Old Town for the following 3 hours, walking through its narrow cozy streets and exploring its breathtaking medieval houses, churches, and town hall. Our final night in Zurich is at leisure.

Day 10 ~ February 24 ~ Departure.

After breakfast we will check out of the hotel and have transportation to the airport ~ this will end our journey together!