

# Swiss Alps by Rail & Cable Car

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**Day 1** Enjoy pick up from your door and overnight nonstop flight from Atlanta to Zurich.

**Day 2** After a morning landing in Zurich, we transfer 50 minutes to Lucerne. Because of its central location on Lake Lucerne, surrounded by grand mountains like Mount Titlis at almost 10,000 feet in altitude and the equally impressive Mount Pilatus, Lucerne is considered to be the “Switzerland in Switzerland.” We will stretch our legs with a 2-hour guided tour then some leisure time to enjoy the maze of small streets, bridges, promenades and plazas dominated by historical towers, fountains and frescoed buildings.

Overnight: Hotel Wilden Mann, Lucerne

**Day 3** Today we will enjoy an excursion with a private guide to Mount Pilatus for a mountaintop picnic. After a drive through Lucerne and Kriens by motor coach ascend to Fränküntegg by gondolas, which sweep you over pine forests and mountain meadows then change to aerial cable car to Pilatus Kulm, 7000 feet above sea level. On top you have time to walk up to the vista point and admire the breathing panorama over the Swiss Alps and Lucerne before descending by the steepest cogwheel railway in the world to Alpnachstad. After a leisurely cruise on crystal-clear Lake Lucerne you arrive back in Lucerne.

Overnight: Hotel Wilden Mann, Lucerne

**Day 4** Time for our first rail journey! We will board Swiss Rail for a first class journey through the Alps to picturesque St. Moritz. We will spend 2 nights at the spectacular Hotel Schweizerhof from where we will enjoy the contrast of pine and larch mountainside forests at an altitude of almost 6000 feet on the south flank of the Swiss Alps, amidst the lake landscape of the Engadine, the roof of Europe. Overnight: Hotel Schweizerhof, St. Mortitz.



**Day 5** Enjoy a brief drive to the beautiful Pontresina resort where we will board a horse buggy for a stunning ride to the “end of the world.” Soak in the beauty of this landscape, then enjoy quality fare at “Roseg-Inn” and an optional 2-mile walk to the glacier Roseg.

Overnight: Hotel Schweizerhof, St. Moritz

**Day 6** Today is another extraordinary train journey - the 8-hour Glacier Express from St. Moritz to Zermatt. The world-famous, slowest express train on its magnificent journey over the roof of Europe takes you from the Bernina Mountains to the Matterhorn. The magnificent journey from St. Moritz to Zermatt follows the Rhine and Rhone valleys for 169 miles with 291 bridges and 91 tunnels!

Overnight: Hotel Sonne, Zermatt

**Day 7** Today, experience the peak adventure of the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise. At an airy 12,740 feet, you will find Europe’s highest aerial cableway and summit station. Take the summit to the viewing platform with its 360° panoramic view that includes 38 peaks towering over 13,000 feet along with 14 glaciers in the French, Italian and Swiss Alps. See if you can make out Mont Blanc - Europe’s highest mountain - and, further in the distance, the Jungfrau in all her radiant beauty. A visit to the world’s highest glacier palace will make the excursion an experience you won’t forget.

Overnight: Hotel Sonne, Zermatt

## Day 8

Today we travel from Zermatt to Zurich by first class train. Zurich is the commercial, intellectual and industrial center of Switzerland. We shall enjoy a 2-hour guided stroll through the Old Town along the lake and enjoy a leisurely late afternoon and then a wonderful farewell dinner.

Overnight: Hotel Glockenhof, Zurich

## Day 9

Today we board a private coach to the airport and flights home and car service to your door.