

Swiss Alps by Rail & Cable Car

Day 1 Enjoy pick up from your door and overnight non-stop flight from Atlanta to Zurich.

Day 2 After a morning landing in Zurich, we transfer 50 minutes to Lucerne. Because of its central location right 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 leisurely cruise on crystal-clear Lake Lucerne to Alpnachstad, ascend by the steepest rack railway in the world to Pilatus Kulm, 7000ft high. On top you have time to walk up to the vista point and admire the breath taking panorama over the Swiss Alps and Lucerne then descending by cable car to Fraenkmuentegg, change to smaller cable cars and sweep over pine forests and mountain meadows to the village of Kriens. We will finish the day with a cruise on Lake Lucerne then time for our first rail journey! We will board Swiss Rail for a 3 hour first class journey through the Alps to car-free Appenzell.

Overnight: Hotel Säntis, Appenzell

Day 4 Today’s train will pass through beautiful mountain scenery to Pontresina, just 4 miles from St. Moritz. We will spend 2 nights at the spectacular five star Grand Hotel Kronenhof from where we will enjoy the contrast of pine and larch mountainside forests at 6100’ on the south flank of the Swiss Alps, amidst the lake landscape of the Engadine, the roof of Europe.

Overnight: Grand Hotel Kronenhof



Day 5 From Pontresina we will board a horse buggy for a 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: Grand Hotel Kronenhof

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 journey from St. Moritz to Zermatt follows the Rhine and Rhone valleys for 169 miles with 291 bridges and 91 tunnels!

Overnight: Hotel Schweizerhof, 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 13K 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 Schweizerhof, 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 stroll through the Old Town along the Lake and enjoy a leisurely late afternoon and early 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.

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