

Glorious Switzerland

01 - 09 August

9 days from €224 (Lm 96) per day Prices quoted are per person in Euro and may vary without notice. Conditions apply

Tour Pace - A majority of two-night stays, a free day in Zermatt, a scenic train journey, lake cruise, mountain-top cable car and the relatively short driving distances, means you are never on the coach for too long. Consequently, this tour is feature packed, but with an unhurried air.

Hotels - Hotel De La Paix Lugano was stylishly transformed from an 18C villa and now offers excellent modern facilities. The cosy Alpen Resort will make you feel right at home, while the elegant Hotel Monopol is located in the heart of St. Moritz, right in the pedestrian area.

Fellow Passengers - A relatively short tour means that this is very accessible for guests from the northern hemisphere. Suitable for first time visitors to Europe, as well as repeat customers who want to focus on this stunning Alpine region, with its wealth of scenery and diverse culture.

Highlights - The majesty of the snow capped mountains, the glaciers, sparkling lakes, the beauty of the rich green valleys and the flower filled meadows are the true stars of this tour. The cable car ride up the Aiguille du Midi, scenic mountain train and Lake Geneva cruise complete the enjoyment.

Take an excursion in the beautiful 14th century city of Lucerne



Day 1 – Malta - Geneva.

Meet the tour leader at Malta international Airport for our flight to Geneva. Welcome to Switzerland - a land of contrasting scenery, people, language and religion, offering an extraordinary kaleidoscope of interests and wonders, many of which are revealed on this tour! On arrival at Geneva Airport, transfer to hotel. As night falls, join your Tour Director and fellow travellers for a Welcome Drink. **Hotel: Cornavin. (D)**

Day 2 – Lake Geneva Excursion.

Your morning orientation tour of Geneva shows you the Jet D'Eau, Floral Clock and Reformation Monument. Then follow the shores of Lake Geneva to visit Chillon Castle, which sits on a rocky islet on the lake, immortalised by Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. Before returning to your hotel, embark on a highlight cruise on the serene waters of Lake Geneva, the 'king of Europe's lakes'. Ever since Jean-Jacques Rousseau stayed on these shores in the 18C it has been a refuge of the Romantics and an attraction for travellers worldwide. **(BB)**

Day 3 – Geneva – Zermatt.

Today's route takes you into France (remember your passport) for a scenic drive through the picturesque Arve Valley to Chamonix, at the foot of Western Europe's highest peak, Mont-Blanc. Take the excursion by cable-car to the summit of the Aiguille du Midi, where the panoramic views of the French, Swiss and Italian Alps are spectacular! Return to Switzerland by the Forclaz Pass Road, one of the great international routes of the Alps. Descend to Martigny in the southern Swiss canton of Valais, and follow the Rhone valley, whose high summer temperatures support vines and other fruits. The final stage of the journey is by mini-bus and electric taxi to the traffic-free mountain resort of Zermatt. Tonight, enjoy a Highlight Dinner of Swiss cuisine. **Hotel: Alpen Resort. (BB,HD)**

Day 4 – Zermatt At Leisure.

Zermatt in summertime is a Shangri-la of leisure-time possibilities: try swimming or hiking or spend a whole day relaxing in the clean mountain air. 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? **(BB)**

Day 5 – Zermatt – Lugano.

Descend to Tasch and re-join the coach. Drive through Brig and ascend the Simplon Pass, taking in magnificent views over the Alps from the 2,000-metre summit. Cut through northern Italy, stopping on the gentle shores of Lake Maggiore. Back in Switzerland, drive on to Lugano, one of the most popular resorts in Switzerland with a high proportion of sunny days and a spectacular setting among towering mountains beside the clear lake. Browse beneath the arcades of the Via Nassa and stroll beneath the trees in the glorious Municipal Park and along the lakeside promenade. **Hotel: De la Paix. (BB,D)**

Day 6 – Lugano – St Moritz.

Bid farewell to this elegant lakeside resort and head north, passing by the three castles at Bellinzona en route to the Grisons region. See the evocative Misox Castle, and travel via San Bernardino and the town of Tiefencastel. Head east to the ancient Roman Julier Pass and the chic resort of St Moritz, set in the Engadine Valley with the majestic Grisons Alps towering above. **Hotel: Monopol. (BB,D)**

Day 7 – St Moritz – Zurich.

Start the day with a scenic train ride along part of the route of the Glacier Express, across the Grisons Mountains and through unforgettable scenes of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. At Chur, re-board your coach and drive along the valley of the Upper Rhine to the Principality of Liechtenstein to spend a while in the tiny capital, Vaduz. Then cross back into Switzerland where a beautiful drive takes you alongside the dramatic Walensee and Lake Zurich to the commercial heart of the country, Zurich. **Hotel: Moevenpick Airport. (BB)**

Day 8 – Lucerne Excursion. Today's excursion is to the beautiful 14th century city of Lucerne with its covered wooden bridges, painted gables, medieval walls and watch towers, Lion monument and baroque church. Stroll along the lakeside promenades or shop for fine watches, cuckoo clocks or delicious chocolate. **(BB,D)**

Day 9 – Zurich – Malta. Transfer to airport for our flight to Malta. **(BB)**

A train ride along the route of the Glacier Express, one of the world's most scenic journeys!

A spectacular cruise on the waters of Lake Geneva, Europe's largest body of fresh water

Guided visit of Chillon Castle set on an islet in Lake Geneva

Take an excursion by cable car to the mountain summit for spectacular views over the Alps

Enjoy a Highlight Dinner of typical Swiss cuisine

Stop at Lake Maggiore to view these gentle shores

The map shows a route starting in Zurich, Switzerland, heading to Lucerne, then to Vaduz in Liechtenstein, and Chur in Switzerland. From Chur, the route goes through the Grisons Alps, crossing the Landwasser Viaduct and Abula Pass to St. Moritz. From St. Moritz, it goes to Lugano in Italy, then to Lake Maggiore. From Lugano, it goes to Bellinzona, Misox Castle, and San Bernadino. From San Bernadino, it goes to the Julier Pass (2284m), Tiefencastel, and the Simplon Pass (2008m). From the Simplon Pass, it goes to Täsch, Zermatt, Col de la Forclaz (1528m), Martigny, and the Arve Valley. From the Arve Valley, it goes to Chamonix, France, and then to Lake Geneva, where it visits Chillon Castle and Geneva. The route also includes a Local Orientation Tour in Geneva and another in Lugano.

Legend:

- ★ CENTRAL HOTELS & NIGHTS
- ★ SCENIC HOTELS & NIGHTS
- Gateway hotel & nights

Enjoy Your Included Tour Features

Premium Highlights

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Visit Chillon Castle, immortalised by the poet, Byron, and beautifully situated on Lake Geneva

Embark on a highlight cruise on the serene waters of Lake Geneva

Excursion by cable-car to the summit of the Aiguille du Midi, for breathtaking panoramic views

Travel along the route of the Glacier Express for a scenic ride through the heart of the Swiss Alps

Additional Excursions & Sights

See Geneva's Jet d'Eau, Floral Clock and Reformation Monument

Visit France's mountaineering capital of Chamonix

See the majestic peak of the Matterhorn from traffic-free Zermatt (weather permitting)

Experience beautiful Lake Maggiore in the Italian Lake District

Visit the elegant lakeside resort of Lugano

See Bellinzona's three castles • See the castle ruins in Misox

Visit Vaduz, the tiny capital of Liechtenstein and see the castle

See the dramatic scenery of Walensee and Lake Zurich

See the emotive Lion Monument, Jesuit Church and Chapel Bridge in Lucerne

Scenic Drives – Arve Valley, Italian Lake District, Forclaz, Simplon, San Bernadino and Julier Passes

First Class Services

Escorted by a professional Tour Director

Luxury air-conditioned with onboard toilet

Hotels include all service charges, taxes and portorage

Airline Taxes, Fuel Surcharge and Service Charge

Traveller document wallet, map book journal and information pack

Airport arrival and departure transfers

More Included Meals

Highlight Dinner of typical Swiss cuisine in Zermatt (HD)

8 Buffet Breakfasts (BB) and 4 three-course table d'hôte Dinners, or Buffets, plus tea or coffee (D)

Triple	€ 2019	Lm 867
Twin	€ 2069	Lm 888
Single	€ 2319	Lm 996
Child 5- 11	€ 1839	Lm 798
Youth 12-17	€ 1899	Lm 815



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