



GSTAAD

SWITZERLAND



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## SWITZERLAND BEST

**DAYS 9**

**FROM RM 7778**

**DEPARTURE DATES**

**Every two weeks on Mondays from April to November**

**EXPECTED HOTELS**

See the hotels provided for this trip in the final part of the brochure and on the website's "My Trip" page.



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### 01 MON. Zurich.-

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Arrival. Transfer to the hotel.

**Welcome to Europe!!!** On arrival at the airport we shall be waiting to transfer you to the hotel. You can enjoy free time until your tour starts, information about the meeting place and start time can be found on the information boards in the hotel reception area.

### 02 TUE. Zurich- Berne- Greiburg- Nyon- Yvoire- Geneva.-

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Berne. Boat to cross Lemman lake. Dinner included.

We leave for **BERNE**, the capital of the country and one of the most beautiful historic cities in Switzerland. We go to the Garden of Roses for review of the city from its viewpoint. Free time for a stroll and lunch. In the afternoon we leave for French-speaking Switzerland, stopping in **FREIBURG**, a beautiful bilingual city. After this we go on to Lake Lemman, where we stop in **NYON**, a little Roman city on the shores of the lake. From here we take a **boat to cross Lake Lemman** to France. Arrival in **YVOIRE**, a beautiful mediaeval village on the shores of the lake with its fortified gates, its castle and its streets full of flowers. **GENEVA** - Arrival at the end of the day. Normally our hotel is located in the French area of the metropolis. **Dinner included.**

### 03 WED. Geneva- Chillon castle- Gruyere- Gstaad.-

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Geneva, Vineyards Landscapes, entrance to Chillon Castle, Visit to Cailler chocolate factory.

After breakfast, we include a **panoramic tour with a local guide in Geneva**, a city by Lake Lemman that houses the European headquarters of the International Labour Organisation, of the Red Cross and of numerous other international bodies. After this, we will go on to **CHILLON CASTLE**, built in the waters of the lake. **Entrance included to this fantastic mediaeval castle.** We go on to the picturesque walled village of **GRUYERE**, known worldwide for its cheese. Very nearby there are some of the main chocolate manufacturers in Switzerland (NESTLE amongst them), we will **visit the Cailler chocolate factory**, tasting included! Continuation along little roads

amidst bucolic mountain countryside and through very picturesque wooden villages. Arrival in **GSTAAD** a pretty little village with its wooden houses.

### 04 THU. Leysin- Glacier 3000- Interlaken- Aareslucht- Chiasso.-

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Mountain scenery, cable car in Glacier 3000 and walk along a path in the Alps. Entrance to Aareschlucht gorge.

Today's stage has beautiful high mountain scenery. Don't forget your winter clothes, we climb to one of the most spectacular spots in Switzerland where you can see ice and snow all year round. We include the **cable car ride up to GLACIER 3000** where you can walk on the suspended bridge in the gap between two mountain peaks, enter the Ice Cathedral or "play" in the Fun Park. Stop in **INTERLAKEN** and time for lunch. Afterwards we travel to the **AARESLUCHT GORGES**. We then take the Sutenpass, one of the most beautiful roads in Switzerland that runs between glaciers and takes us to Italian-speaking Switzerland. Overnight stay in **CHIASO**, a Swiss town on the border with Italy.

*Note: Occasionally, due to weather conditions such as rain or strong winds, the cable car to Glacier 3000 may not operate.*

*Note: The Sustenpass road is normally closed until the end of May and mid-October. In this case the journey will be made by alternative roads.*

### 05 FRI. Chiasso - Lugano - Burglen - Altdorf - Lucerne.-

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Beautiful landscapes with mountains and lakes. Knowing Lugano and Lucerne. Visit the village that was made famous through William Tell.

We will know **LUGANO** the cosmopolitan capital of the Italian Switzerland with its beautiful lake. Time to stroll. We continue on the highway, we crossed St. Gotthard Pass. We stop in **BURGLEN**, the tiny village where William Tell was born, we shall see the chapel of the XVI century with paintings illustrating his life. If you want, you can also visit the museum of William Tell. In the neighbouring city of **ALTDORF** we can also find traces of his history. Continue to **LUCERNE**, free time to explore this beautiful city by the lake that bears its name.

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**06 SAT. Lucerne - Einsiedeln- Heididorf - Vaduz - Feldkirch.-**

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Baroque Abbey. Heidi's Village. Journey through beautiful landscapes.

We leave Lucerne driving along the Four Cantons Lake towards **EINSIEDELN**, its immense baroque abbey is the most important pilgrimage center in Switzerland. After that we continue towards the East of Switzerland. **MAIENFELD** is the village which inspired Heidi's story. In **HEIDIDORF** we will be visiting Heidi's House (ticket not included. Entry to the facility is free), a picturesque place with beautiful landscapes that we will reach through a pedestrian path. Then we enter into the independent country of Liechtenstein, and its capital city **VADUZ** with its impressive castle. Time to stroll and have lunch. Subsequently, we go to the neighbor city of **FELDKIRCH**, in Austria, located next to the borders of Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany: charming walled city with a genuine historic city center and a castle. Free time.

**07 SUN. Feldkirch - St. Gallen - Constance - Stein am Rhein - Rhine Waterfalls - Zurich.-**

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS:** Constanza Lake. Botanic Gardens. Rhein Waterfalls. Fantastic scenery.

We start our day heading to **ST. GALLEN**, whose centre is part of the World Heritage List by UNESCO with a wonderful cathedral and its historic centre. Afterwards we will continue by **Constance Lake**, between Germany and

Switzerland. We will have time for a walk at Constance's centre before visiting **MAINAU** Island (access by pedestrian bridge) with its stunning botanic garden (**entry included**). Then, again in Switzerland, we will take a stroll in **STEIN AM RHEIN**, a typical village on the Rhine River with precious houses with painted walls. We will also visit **Rhine Waterfalls (entry included)**, the waterfalls with the most abundant flow in Europe. Arrival in **ZURICH** at the end of the day.

**08 MON. Zurich- Rapperswill- Zurich.-**

**TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT:** Zurich. Cruise on the Lake Zurich. Train.

With our guide, we will make a tour of **ZURICH**, the most populated city of Switzerland, and the country's financial and cultural capital. The city of the banks has twice been declared the city with the best quality of life in the world. After this, we will include a **cruise** of almost two hours on **Lake Zürich**. The boat makes brief stops to allow us to see the villages on the way. We get off in **RAPPERSWILL**, a picturesque little village overlooked by its mediaeval castle. We go back to Zurich **by train** and appreciate the efficiency and punctuality of the Swiss railways.

*Note: Depending on the number of travellers, on this stage, the transfers to the centre and from the station may be made on public transport.*

**09 TUE. Zurich.-**

After breakfast, end of our services.

**THE PRICE INCLUDES**

- **General Services:** Travel by bus with English speaking guide, basic travel insurance and breakfast buffet.
- **Includes arrival transfer**
- **Boat:** Lemman lake, Zurich Lake.
- **City tour in:** Geneva.
- **Ticket admission:** Chillon castle, Cailler chocolate factory , Aareslucht gorges, otanic garden in Mainau, Rhine Waterfalls.
- **Funicular:** cable car to Glacier 3000.
- **1 Lunch or Dinner Included in:** Leysin.
- **Train:** Rapperswill- Zurich.



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