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Grand Train Tour of Switzerland

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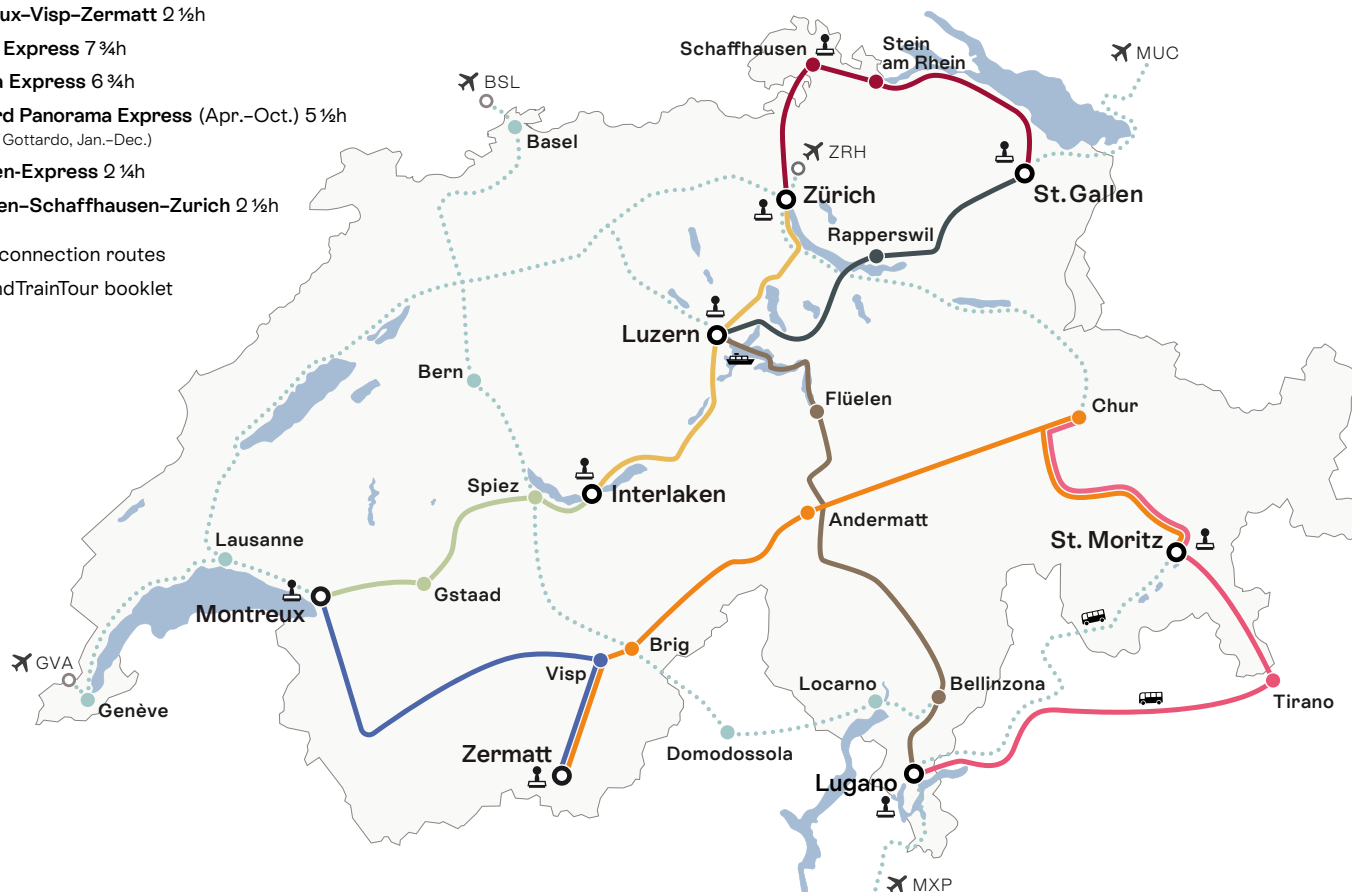
Grand
Train Tour



All the highlights on a single route

The Grand Train Tour of Switzerland merges all the panoramic journeys into one breathtaking route. All year round, this 1,280-kilometre train ride takes you from the prettiest Swiss towns to Alpine villages, through UNESCO World Heritage sites, and past world-famous sights.

- Zurich–Lucerne–Interlaken (Luzern–Interlaken Express) 2 ¼h
- GoldenPass Express 3 ¼h
- Montreux–Visp–Zermatt 2 ½h
- Glacier Express 7 ¾h
- Bernina Express 6 ¾h
- Gotthard Panorama Express (Apr.–Oct.) 5 ½h
(or Treno Gottardo, Jan.–Dec.)
- Voralpen-Express 2 ¼h
- St. Gallen–Schaffhausen–Zurich 2 ½h
- Scenic connection routes
-  myGrandTrainTour booklet



Good to know

1,280 kilometres

8 stages

5 UNESCO World Heritage sites

11 large lakes

4 national languages



More information about the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland:

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Stages

More information at:

→ [switzerland.com/
grandtraintour](https://switzerland.com/grandtraintour)



Zurich–Lucerne–Interlaken Lucerne–Interlaken Express

2¼h | The journey from Switzerland's urban centre to Lucerne is dominated by sparkling lakes and gently rolling hills. Nature lovers will be thrilled by the journey in the Lucerne–Interlaken Express in particular – thanks to the mountain panorama and countless waterfalls.



Interlaken–Montreux GoldenPass Express

3¼h | The GoldenPass Express takes you past magnificent castles and grazing cows. This comfortable panoramic train runs directly from Interlaken to Mediterranean-style Montreux, crossing the French-German linguistic border.



Montreux–Visp–Zermatt Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn

2¼h | Valley after valley: this journey takes you through the Rhone Valley and then the Matter Valley – Switzerland's deepest. The Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn climbs some 900 metres in altitude on its journey from Visp to Zermatt and the famous Matterhorn.



Zermatt–St. Moritz Glacier Express

7¼h | The Glacier Express takes you through the Alps, connecting glitzy Zermatt with the equally glamorous St. Moritz. Ceiling-high panoramic windows offer unobstructed views of imposing mountainscapes, deep gorges and picturesque valleys – scenic splendour at its finest.



Scenic connecting routes

St. Moritz–Lugano

4h | The Palm Express is an alternative way to travel from the Engadin to Ticino. Unlike the Bernina Express Bus, it also runs in winter. On the route from St. Moritz to Lugano, the yellow postal bus crosses the Maloja Pass and then winds its way through Val Bregaglia to Italy. Glaciers and palm trees on the same journey.



Spiez–Domodossola (IT)–Locarno

4¼h | The RegioExpress Lötschberger and the Vigezzina-Centovalli Railway take you past fabulous views. Marvel at the Kander Viaduct and the view of the Rhone Valley on the Lötschberg mountain route and take in the stunning vistas of deep gorges and rugged mountains in Centovalli.



St. Moritz–Tirano–Lugano Bernina Express

6¼h | By the time the first glaciers sparkle through the train windows after Morteratsch, few if any passengers are still in their seats. One highlight follows another on the journey over the Bernina Pass and down to Tirano. And you can enjoy even more beautiful scenery on the Bernina Express Bus to Lugano.



Lugano–Flüelen–Lucerne Gotthard Panorama Express

5¼h | From April to October, the Gotthard Panorama Express takes you from Mediterranean-style Ticino to Flüelen via the Gotthard panorama route. You then board a boat to cross Lake Lucerne and reach the city of Lucerne. Alternatively, the Treno Gottardo runs directly from Ticino to Lucerne every hour all year round.



Lucerne–St. Gallen Voralpen-Express

2¼h | The Voralpen-Express departs from Lucerne against the backdrop of Lake Lucerne and the prominent Alpine panorama of Central Switzerland. This journey guarantees views of spectacular peaks followed by the lake dam at Rapperswil with a view of the castle and the lake, and finally the Sitter Viaduct – Switzerland's highest railway bridge.



St. Gallen–Schaffhausen–Zurich, Turbo Seelinie

2¼h | The route from St. Gallen to Zurich revolves around one particular element – water. Like Lake Constance and the Rhine, the spectacular Rhine Falls never cease to amaze. Thanks to the semi-circular routing of the railway, you get a perfect view of Europe's largest waterfall right from the train.



Chur–Zurich

1¼h | When you travel directly from Chur back to Zurich, you experience the most beautiful views of the Bündner Herrschaft, the Churfirsten, Lake Walensee and Lake Zurich.



Arrival from Geneva/Basel

Scenic routes take you directly from Basel or Geneva to the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland. Enjoy unique vistas while travelling along the shore of Lake Geneva with a view of the UNESCO-listed terraced vineyards of Lavaux and on the route through the Jura & Three-Lakes region.



Grand Train Tour of Switzerland

travel suggestions

There are many ways to experience and customise the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland. The 11 travel suggestions on the following pages offer inspiring ideas for choosing your route – even if you're travelling for as few as three days. The wide range of routes provides a wealth of options for meeting your individual requirements.

Our tip: alternatives if routes are fully booked

Popular sections of the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland get booked up quickly, especially during the peak season. The following tips will help you choose an attractive experience tailored to your requirements.

→ **Customisation**

You can flexibly adjust the route and the duration of your trip (travel direction, number of days spent at destinations, etc.).

→ **Alternative routes**

Less frequented but equally impressive routes offer ideal alternatives.

→ **Flexible travel times**

Alternative departure times or travel days optimise the use of availabilities.

→ **Travel in the off-peak season**

At quieter travel times, there is more capacity – and often the possibility of unique experiences.

→ **First-class comfort**

More space and first-class service – for an exclusive travel experience.



General information about the travel suggestions

- Departure and arrival points, overnight stays and travel direction are flexible
- Mountain excursions and other excursions of your choice can be included on your route
- The majority of these travel suggestions are available throughout the year
- Tailor-made tickets are available for all these travel suggestions
- Bookable packages are available from Switzerland Travel Centre and Railtour

Original

From 8 days / 7 nights | Fascinating panoramic routes or relaxing cruises – Switzerland by train, bus and boat is always a memorable experience. On the Original Tour, you get to experience the entire Grand Train Tour of Switzerland and take the panoramic trains to see the sights and highlights of Switzerland. Take a seat, lean back and enjoy – whenever and wherever you like.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 8 stages, starting from 8 days / 7 nights

Scenic routes: including Glacier Express, Bernina Express, GoldenPass Express, Gotthard Panorama Express

Top sights: including Jungfrau Region, Matterhorn, Landwasser Viaduct, Rhine Falls

Mountain excursions: including Schilthorn, Gornergrat, Titlis

Tickets:
– Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 8 days
– Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:
→ [Switzerland Travel Centre](#)
→ [Railtour](#)

More information at:



→ [switzerland.com/
originaltour](https://switzerland.com/originaltour)

Classic

From 7 days / 6 nights | Be it the view of the Matterhorn in Zermatt, a trip on board the Glacier Express or a stroll across Chapel Bridge in Lucerne – one classic follows another on this tour. The Classic Tour offers a bit of everything: small picture-perfect towns, breathtaking train journeys and thrilling mountain excursions.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 7 stages, starting from 7 days / 6 nights

Scenic routes: Glacier Express, Gotthard Panorama Express, Lucerne–Interlaken Express

Top sights: including Chapel Bridge, Chillon Castle, Rhine Gorge

Mountain excursions: including Jungfrauoch, Matterhorn glacier paradise, Rigi

Tickets:

- Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 8 days
- Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:

- [Switzerland Travel Centre](#)
- [Railtour](#)

More information at:



→ switzerland.com/classictour

Winter Magic

From 7 days / 6 nights | Frozen lakes, fluffy powder snow and majestic glaciers – all this is guaranteed on the Winter Magic Tour. From Lucerne, the journey takes you via Interlaken to Zermatt – and the world-famous Matterhorn. You then take the Glacier Express and the Bernina Express through the heart of the winter wonderland to St. Moritz, travelling across landscapes that are cut off from all other traffic during the colder months. For the ultimate snow experience.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 5 stages, 2 experience days, starting from 7 days / 6 nights

Scenic routes: Lucerne–Interlaken Express, Glacier Express, Bernina Express

Top sights: including Chapel Bridge, Rhine Gorge, Landwasser Viaduct

Mountain excursions: including Rigi, Jungfrauojoch, Matterhorn glacier paradise

Tickets:
– Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 8 days
– Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:
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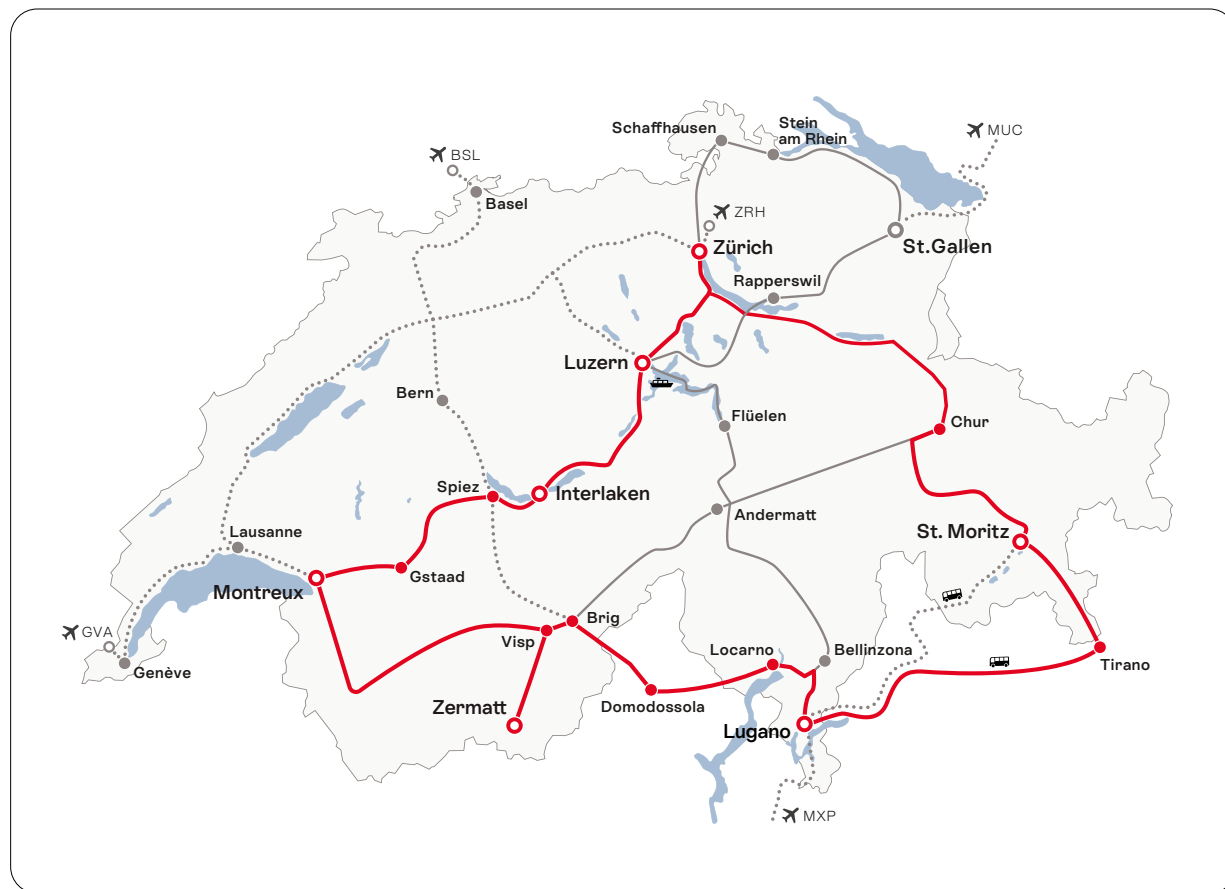
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→ switzerland.com/wintermagic

Lakes & Peaks New

From 6 days / 5 nights | From idyllic shores to the highest peaks – this tour lets you experience the many facets of Switzerland's beauty up close. The panoramic trains pass by glittering lakes, gently rolling hills, and rugged, rocky landscapes, all interspersed with vibrant towns and homely villages that are just waiting to be explored and enjoyed.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 6 stages, starting from 6 days / 5 nights

Scenic routes: Lucerne–Interlaken Express, GoldenPass Express, Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn, Vigezzina-Centovalli Railway, Bernina Express

Top sights: including Jungfrau Region, Chillon Castle, Matterhorn, Brusio spiral viaduct

Mountain excursions: including Brienzer Rothorn, Glacier 3000, Monte Brè

Tickets:

- Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 6 days
- Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:

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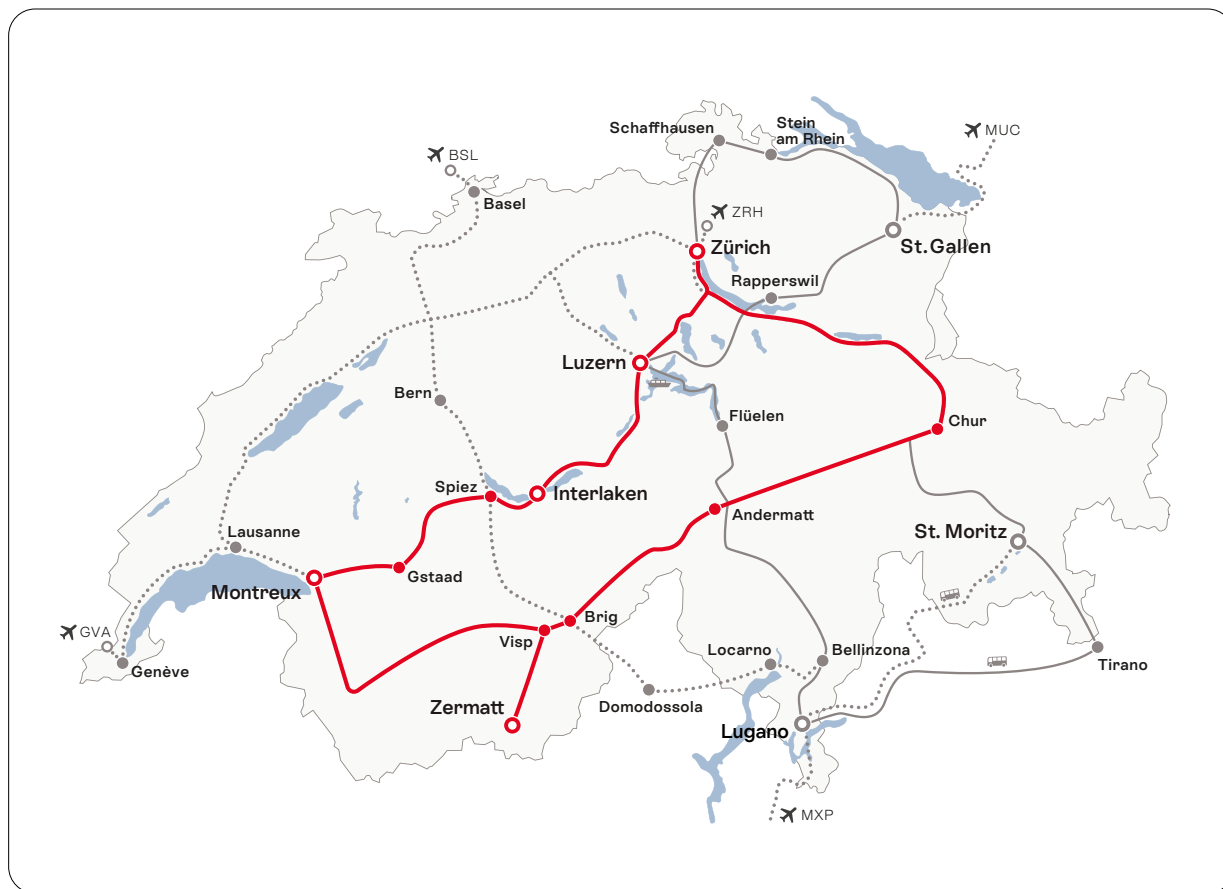
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Top Attractions

From 5 days / 4 nights | This tour brings together Switzerland's most famous highlights in one unique and unforgettable journey. From Interlaken to Lucerne, Montreux and Zermatt – it's one world-famous sight and breathtaking landscape after another on this trip. Majestic peaks, glittering lakes and charming cities make every stage a memorable experience.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 5 stages, starting from 5 days / 4 nights

Scenic routes: Lucerne–Interlaken Express, GoldenPass Express, Glacier Express

Top sights: including Chapel Bridge, Chillon Castle, Rhine Gorge

Mountain excursions: including Schilthorn, Titlis, Pilatus

Tickets:
– Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 6 days
– Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:
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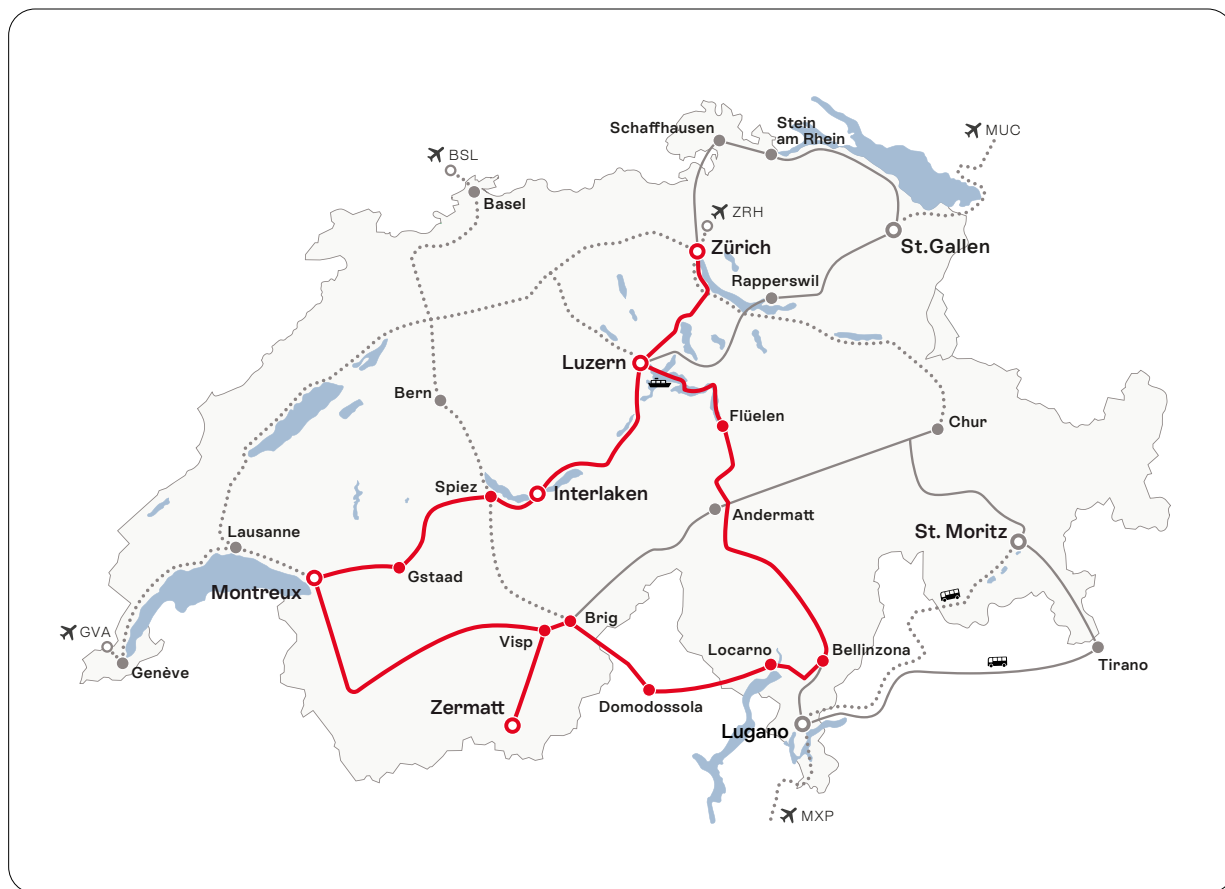


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Alpine Rivieras

New

From 5 days / 4 nights | This five-day tour takes in the multifaceted shores of the Swiss lakes and spectacular Alpine landscapes. The Alpine Rivieras Tour offers the perfect blend of rugged beauty, dreamy villages, vibrant cities and inspirational railway adventures.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 5 stages, starting from 5 days / 4 nights

Scenic routes: Lucerne–Interlaken Express, GoldenPass Express, Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn, Vigezzina-Centovalli Railway, Gotthard Panorama Express

Top sights: including Chapel Bridge, Jungfrau Region, Chillon Castle, Centovalli

Mountain excursions: including Brienzer Rothorn, Glacier 3000, Monte Brè, Rigi

Tickets:

- Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 6 days
- Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:

- [Switzerland Travel Centre](#)
- [Railtour](#)

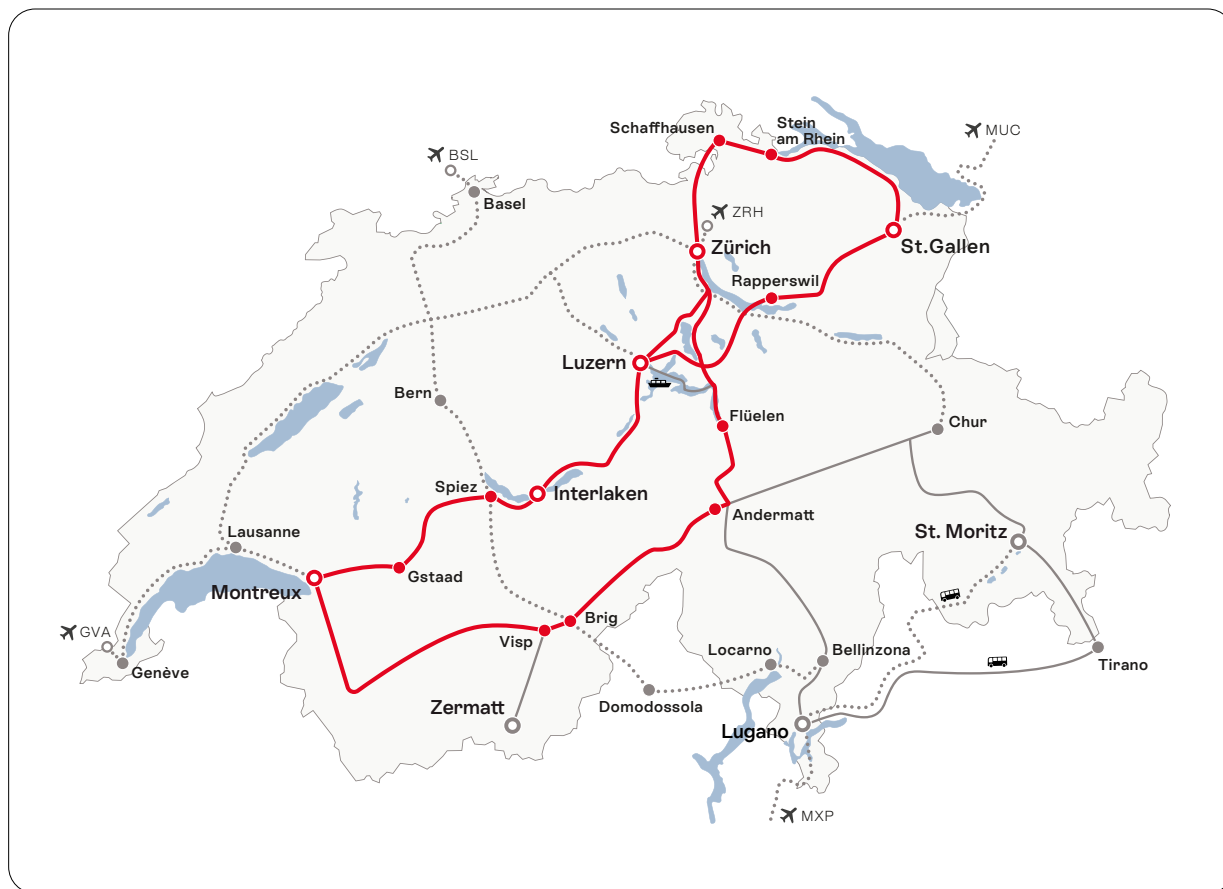
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East West New

From 5 days / 4 nights | From gently rolling green hills to spectacular mountain scenery – this journey takes you through Switzerland's highly contrasting landscapes. Idyllic meadows and picturesque places await you in the east, while the west has a wealth of majestic peaks and captivating panoramic routes in store for you. A route packed with variety, allowing you to experience all of the country's diversity in just a few days.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 5 stages, starting from 5 days / 4 nights

Scenic routes: Lucerne–Interlaken Express, GoldenPass Express

Top sights: including UNESCO Abbey of Saint Gall, Rhine Falls, terraced vineyards of Lavaux, Chillon Castle

Mountain excursions: including Säntis, Pilatus, Jungfrauojoch, Glacier 3000

Tickets:

- Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 6 days
- Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:

- [Switzerland Travel Centre](#)
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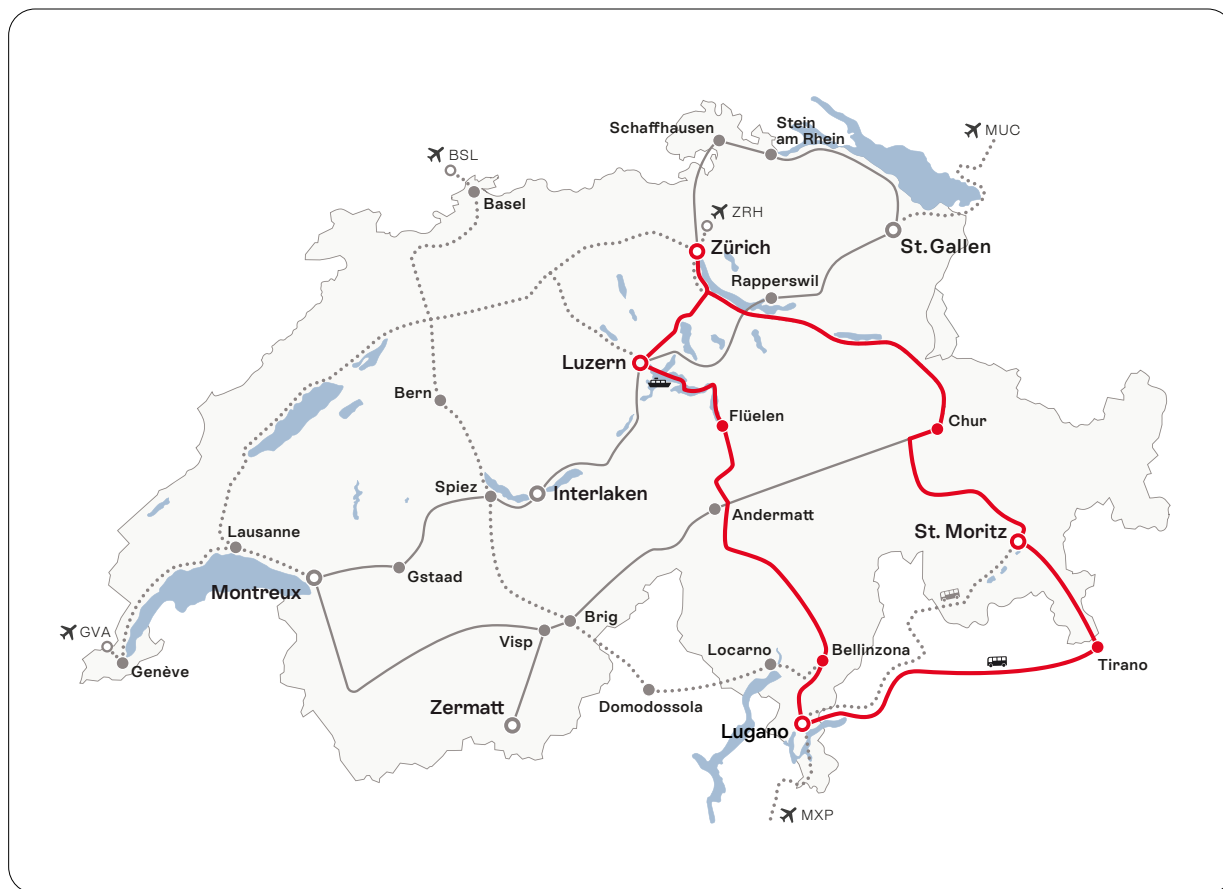
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Glaciers & Palm Trees

From 4 days / 3 nights | This tour delivers on its promises. Starting from moderate climates, the train climbs to over 2,000 metres above sea level. At first, the view through the ceiling-high windows alternates between imposing glaciers and magnificent mountain lakes. Shortly afterwards, the train winds its way down towards Italy, where you can continue on to Lugano by bus – immersing yourself in a little dolce vita before heading to Lucerne via the historic Gotthard Line.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 4 stages, starting from 4 days / 3 nights

Scenic routes: including Bernina Express, Gotthard Panorama Express

Top sights: including Chapel Bridge, Landwasser and Brusio viaducts, three castles of Bellinzona

Mountain excursions: including Diavolezza, Monte Brè, Stanserhorn

Tickets:

- Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 4 days
- Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:

- [Switzerland Travel Centre](#)
- [Railtour](#)

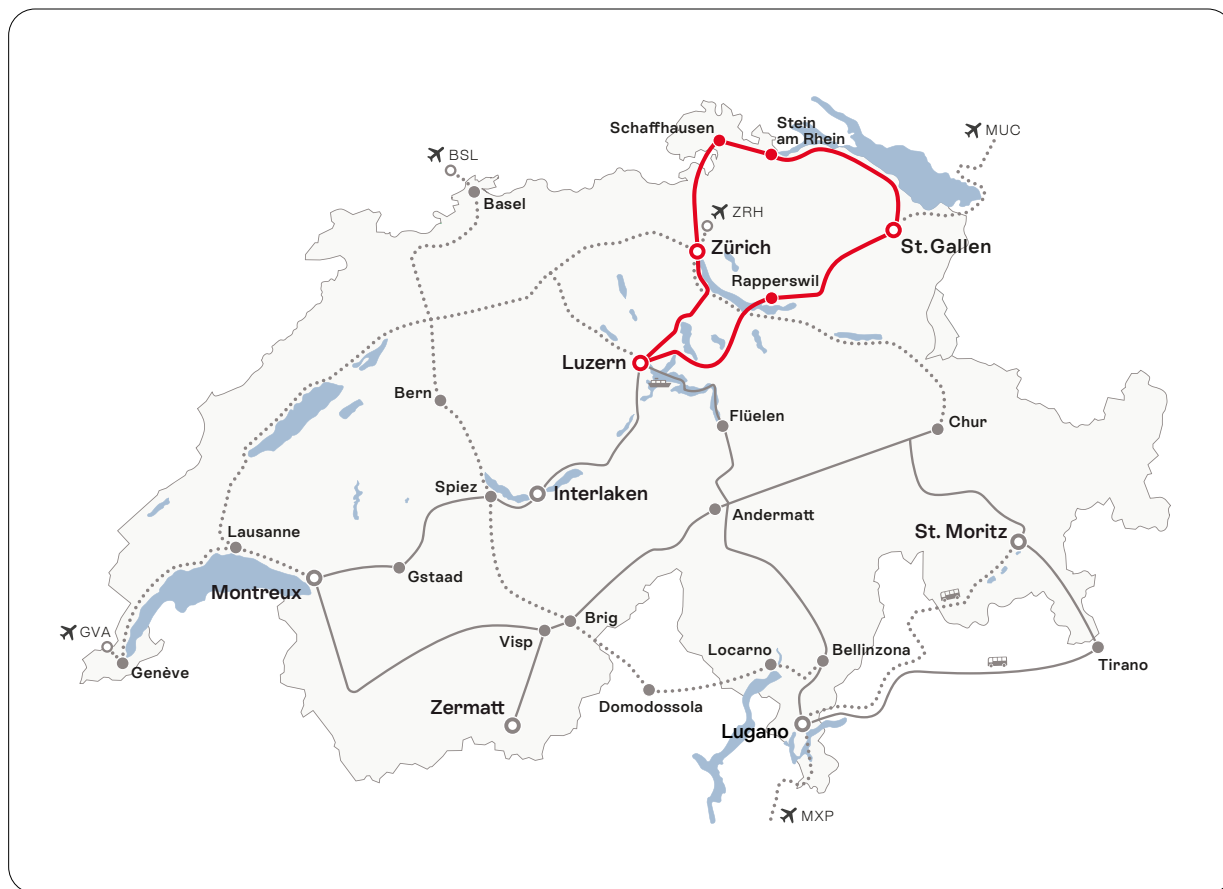
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Stunning Waters

From 3 days / 2 nights | On this tour, you'll discover one particular precious element – water – in all its guises. From small to large, from deep blue to turquoise, from straight to winding – marvel at each body of water from the train, including Europe's largest waterfall, the Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen, of course. You can add a relaxing (river) boat cruise to this unique route if you like.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 3 stages, starting from 3 days / 2 nights

Scenic routes:
Voralpen Express, Turbo Seelinie

Top sights: including Chapel Bridge, UNESCO Abbey of Saint Gall, Rhine Falls

Mountain excursions: including Rigi, Pilatus, Säntis

Tickets:

- Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 3 days
- Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:

- [Switzerland Travel Centre](#)
- [Raitour](#)

More information at:



→ switzerland.com/stunningwaters

Hidden Treasures

From 3 days / 2 nights | This route bridges cultures. From the urban centre of Zurich, the Hidden Treasures Tour takes you on the picturesque, lesser-known Lötschberg Line down to “Bella Italia”. The journey continues in comfort on the Vigezzina-Centovalli Railway from Domodossola through the Centovalli – the “100 valleys” – and then along the historic Gotthard Line back to the German-speaking part of Switzerland.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 3 stages, starting from 3 days / 2 nights

Scenic routes: Lucerne–Interlaken Express, BLS Lötschberger, Vigezzina-Centovalli Railway

Top sights: including Chapel Bridge, Jungfrau Region, three castles of Bellinzona

Mountain excursions: including Rigi, Jungfraujoeh, Monte Brè

Tickets:

- Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 3 days
- Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:

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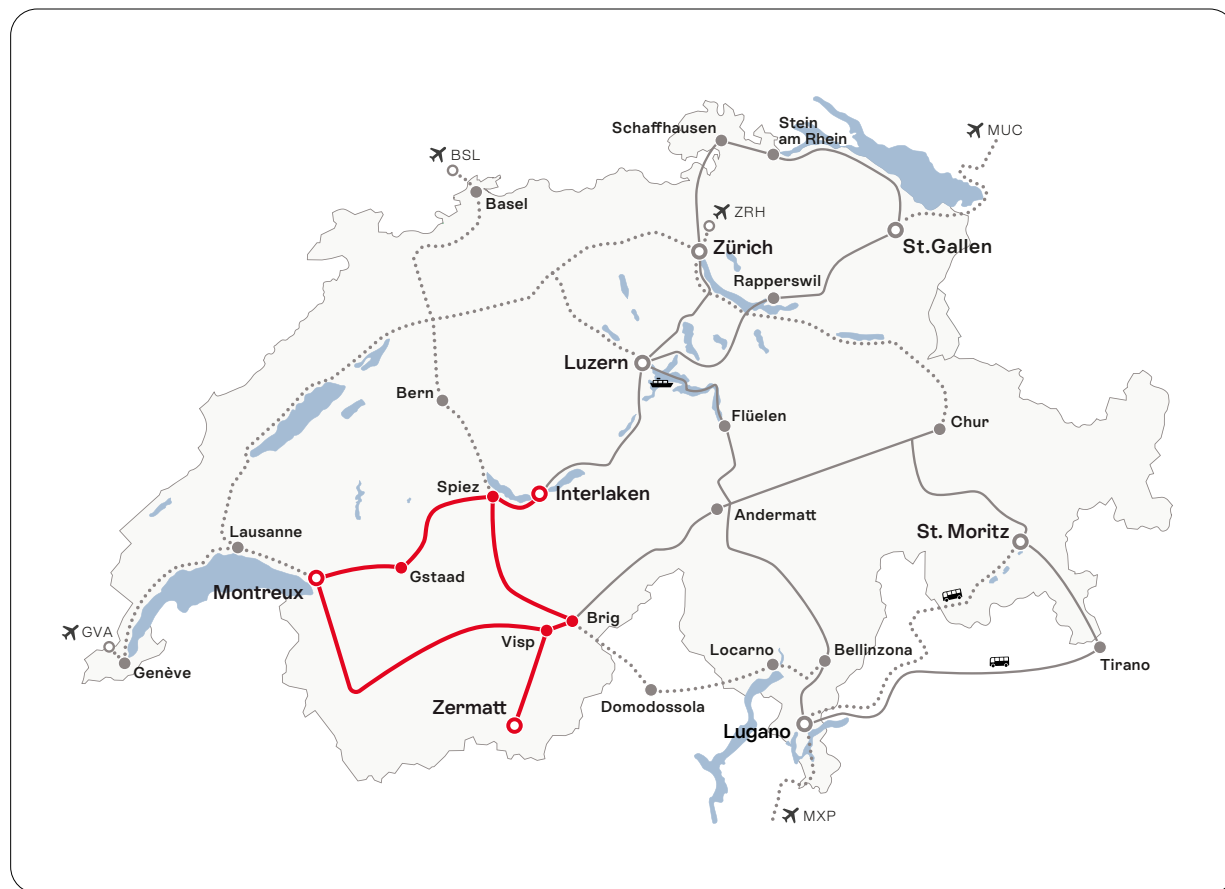
More information at:



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Vineyards & Valleys New

From 3 days / 2 nights | On the Vineyards & Valleys Tour, you get to discover Switzerland's breathtaking landscapes, wine regions and spectacular railway routes. This three-day round trip takes you through valleys to spectacular mountain backdrops, passing by crystal-clear lakes, picture-perfect villages and sun-drenched vineyards.



This tour includes

Duration of trip: 3 stages, starting from 3 days / 2 nights

Scenic routes: GoldenPass Express, Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn, BLS Lötschberger

Top sights: including Jungfrau Region, Chillon Castle, Stockalper Castle, St. Beatus Caves

Mountain excursions: including Grindelwald First, Glacier 3000, Matterhorn glacier paradise, Niesen

Tickets:

- Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) 3 days
- Tailor-made ticket available for packages

Packages:

- [Switzerland Travel Centre](#)
- [Railtour](#)

More information at:



→ switzerland.com/vineyardsvalleys

Travel suggestions at a glance

	Number of days	Season	Lucerne–Interlaken Express	GoldenPass Express	Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn	Glacier Express ¹	Bernina Express	Gotthard Panorama Express ²	Treno Gottardo	Voralpen-Express	Vigezzina-Centovalli Railway	Thurbo Seelinie	BLS Lötschberger
Original	8	All year	●	●	●	●	●	●	(●) ²	●		●	
Classic	7	All year	●	●	●	●	●	●	(●) ²				
Winter Magic	7	Winter	●		●	●	●						
Lakes & Peaks	New6	All year	●	●	●		●				●		
Top Attractions	5	All year	●	●	●	●							
Alpine Rivas	New5	All year	●	●	●			●			●		
East West	New5	All year	●	●	●				●	●		●	
Glaciers & Palm Trees	4	All year					●	●	(●) ²				
Stunning Waters	3	All year								●		●	
Hidden Treasures	3	All year	●						(●) ²		●		●
Vineyards & Valleys	New3	All year		●	●								●

¹ Not in operation from 12 October to 5 December 2025
² In operation from 18 April to 19 October 2025 (Tuesday to Sunday), alternative: Treno Gottardo (also runs this route and can be used if the Gotthard Panorama Express is not running)

An attractive souvenir to take home with you

Your personal stamp booklet accompanies you on the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland. You can collect nine unique stamps in your stamp booklet during the journey and then take it home as a souvenir. The booklet also has enough space for you to personalise it with your own notes and memories.

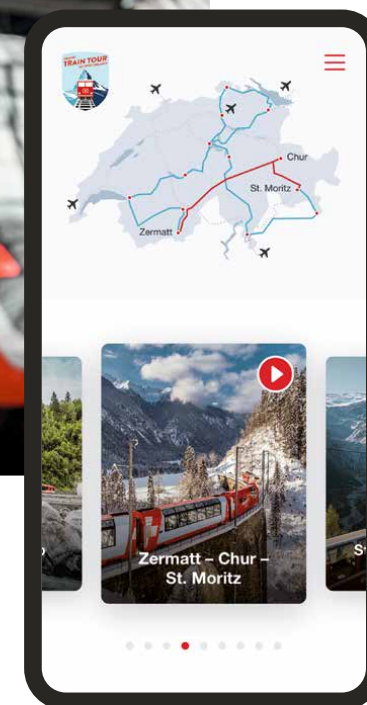
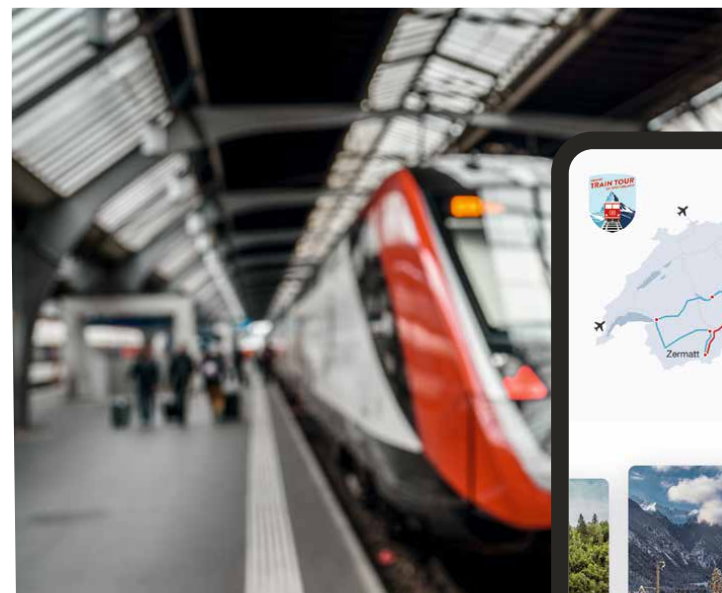
Places where you can collect stamps:
Zurich, Lucerne, Interlaken, Montreux,
Zermatt, St. Moritz, Lugano, St. Gallen,
Schaffhausen



More information at:



→ [switzerland.com/
mygttbooklet](https://switzerland.com/mygttbooklet)



Digital tour guide

The Grand Train Tour app, your personal tour guide, gives you valuable information about all the sights along your route. Push notifications alert you to upcoming sights and landmarks.

This app includes a digital version of the stamp booklet, so you can also collect your stamps using the app. There are coupons to inspire you to go on unparalleled excursions and, in some cases, gifts to be picked up.



More information at:



→ [switzerland.com/
trainourapp](https://switzerland.com/trainourapp)

Travel planning made easy



Reservations and surcharges

A seat reservation and/or surcharge is required to travel on some trains, buses and boats, including the Glacier Express, Bernina Express, Gotthard Panorama Express and Palm Express. Seat reservations are recommended for the Lucerne–Interlaken Express and the GoldenPass trains. Further information can be found on the website of the respective transport company. Package prices already include the surcharges.

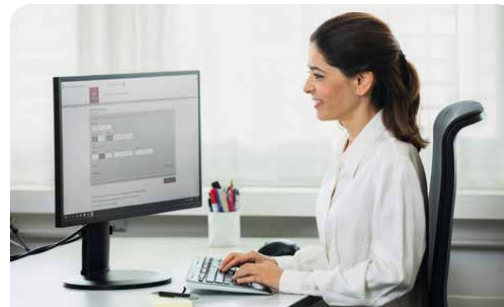
Timetables

General timetable information for all routes can be found at → sbb.ch. Additionally, links to specific timetables for the premium panoramic trains are available at → travelswitzerland.com/grandtraintour.



Swiss Travel Pass

The Swiss Travel Pass is the key to the Swiss public transport network. With a single ticket, you get to explore all of Switzerland by train, bus and boat for 3, 4, 6, 8 or 15 days. All sections of the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland are included, as is public transport in 90 towns and cities. On top of all this, there is free admission to over 500 museums throughout the country and discounts of up to 50% on mountain excursions.



Booking and packages

All travel suggestions for the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland can be booked as packages at → switzerland.com/grandtraintour. Furthermore, tailor-made tickets for all travel suggestions are available for system partners. Tour operators and agents without system access can book the packages at Railtour Suisse and Switzerland Travel Center (STC) on special B2B terms. Contacts for direct enquiries at → railtour.ch/en/services and → switzerlandtravelcentre.com/travel-trade



Virtual touring experience

Immerse yourself in this breathtaking round trip like never before with our immersive VR/360-degree videos of the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland. The videos can be watched with VR glasses as well as on your mobile phone or tablet. They are also ideal for training and advisory purposes.



Logos and maps

The logos and maps used in this brochure are available at → travelswitzerland.com/grandtraintour. They can be downloaded and used in connection with the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland.