

8 Day Affordable Switzerland



November 1-8, 2019 - \$2,144 pp dbl. occ.

Escorted Package Includes

- Flights St. Louis-Zurich, Milan-St. Louis
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 6 nights First Class accommodations
 - 1 night Zurich
 - 3 nights Lucerne
 - 2 nights Lugano
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 9 meals: 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

Special Features

- View the baroque St Peter's church, with Europe's largest clock in Zurich
- Visit to the Lion Monument, commemorating the massacre of the Swiss Guards during the French Revolution in 1792
- Admire the 14th century medieval Chapel Bridge, forming the centerpiece of Lucerne's townscape
- Experience Lugano, with its Swiss-Mediterranean mix of cultures and distinctive culinary scene
- Take a boat cruise on Lake Lugano and marvel at the surrounding alpine scenery

DAY 1, Friday - Depart for Switzerland

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DAY 2, Saturday - Arrive in Zurich

Arrive in Zurich, Switzerland's financial center and home to many of the world's leading banks; transfer to your

hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure to rest and relax. Tonight, enjoy a Welcome Drink and attend an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 6 pm, followed by a Welcome Dinner at the hotel. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in Zurich no later

than 4 pm or earlier, if possible

Overnight: Zurich

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Sunday - Morning Tour of Zurich, Einsiedeln, Travel to Lucerne

Begin this morning with a walking tour through the Old Town of Zurich. Stroll along the famous shopping Bahnhofstrasse street, view the baroque St Peter's church, with Europe's largest clock on its tower, and admire the gorgeous views from Lindenhof hill. The tour concludes with a scenic drive along Lake Zurich. Afterward, journey to Einsiedeln, located in the heart of Central Switzerland. The baroque Einsiedeln Abbey, has been one of the most important places of pilgrimage in Europe since the Middle Ages. Free time for lunch on your own. Later, continue to beautiful Lucerne, with its pristine lakeside setting and gorgeous mountainous panorama. Upon arrival in late afternoon, check into your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure

Overnight: Lucerne

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Monday - Lucerne City Tour

A day to explore the heart of central Switzerland. Begin this morning with an orientation drive through Lucerne starting at the inspiring Lion Monument. One of the best-known monuments in the country, the Lion of Lucerne was created in remembrance of the heroic death of Swiss guards killed in 1792 during the French Revolution. View the 14th century medieval Chapel Bridge, one of the oldest covered wooden bridges in Europe forming the centerpiece of Lucerne's townscape. Remainder of the day is at leisure. Shop for chocolate,

watches and the famous Swiss and German cuckoo clocks, sip coffee at a café, or perhaps join the exciting *optional* tour to Mount Pilatus. Ascend to the peak of Mount Pilatus via aerial cableway, and enjoy the jaw dropping views out of the panoramic windows, especially designed to give the feeling of flying. Once at the top, take a short hike or, relax on the panorama terrace. After admiring the splendid scenery at nearly 7,000 feet, descend by aerial cableway and return to the hotel. Tonight, gather together for dinner at the hotel

Optional: Mount Pilatus Tour (AM)

Overnight: Lucerne

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5, Tuesday - Full Day in Lucerne

Today is at leisure for individual explorations, or join the *optional* tour to Berne, the capital of Switzerland. The medieval air of this city with its many fountains, sandstone facades, narrow streets and historic towers is unique. Stroll along the beautifully preserved cobblestone streets of the Old Town and visit the Zytglogge, a landmark medieval clock tower built in the early 13th century. View the house where Albert Einstein lived and wrote the Theory of Relativity. Admire the House of Parliament, boasting stunning views of the majestic Bernese Alps. Free time for lunch on your own. Return to Lucerne later in the afternoon

Optional: Full Day Berne

Overnight: Lucerne

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Wednesday - Gotthard Pass en Route to Lugano, Cruise on Lake Lugano

This morning, depart Lucerne and travel south to Lugano, a city located in

the Italian-speaking Ticino region. En route, travel through the Gotthard Road Tunnel. A masterpiece of engineering, the almost 10.5 mile long road tunnel connects the snowy Alps with the beautiful palm trees of the Italian region. Early afternoon arrival in Lugano, set on the shores of glacial Lake Lugano. After lunch on your own, take a boat cruise on Lake Lugano and marvel at the surrounding alpine scenery. Spend the rest of the day at leisure

Overnight: Lugano

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7, Thursday - Full Day in Lugano

A day to explore Lugano on your own. Perhaps, stroll along Lake Lugano's charming tree-shaded promenade with spectacular panoramic views, or observe and sample chocolate being made at the Alprose Chocolate Museum. On your last night in Switzerland, bid goodbye to your Tour Manager and newfound friends at the Farewell Dinner

Overnight: Lugano

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Friday - Depart Switzerland

Transfer to the airport in Milan for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast



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