

ALKI TOURS PRESENTS

Backroads of Switzerland



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STARTING AT:
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payment is due 90 days prior to
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August 19th-26th, 2019/ 10 Days

Here's How Your Exotic Holiday will Unfold...

Day One & Two: Seattle to Zurich, Switzerland

Your exotic trip begins as we depart Sea Tac Airport on our International flight to Switzerland. Upon arrival in Zurich, board our coach and travel through the rolling Swiss landscape past sparkling lakes up into the massive Swiss Alps. The scenery is increasingly spectacular as you arrive in Lauterbrunnen, with its towering cliffs. Transfer by cog-rail to the enchanting village of Wengen, your home for 6 nights.

Meals: In-flight meals, Dinner

Day Three: Interlaken/ Lake Cruise

Enjoy a day trip to Interlaken (the land between the lakes) with its mile-long shopping district filled with woolens, lace, and watches. Enjoy the alpine view from the Schynegge Platte. This afternoon, sail on a lake steamer across Lake Brienz. In Brienz, visit the Jobin Wood Carving School or take a ride on the Rothorn steam



train for a bird's-eye view of the lakes and mountains. Later, board a Swiss Rail train back to Lauterbrunnen, then cog rail up to Wengen.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day Four: Grindelwald/ The Eiger

Free morning or optional rail up to the Jungfrauoch Mountain at **11,133 feet** (optional at approx. \$85 pp due to high altitude). This afternoon, we will all go via cog railway to Grindelwald for shopping. Continue on to "First Summit" via Europe's longest cable car (**altitude 7,600'**).



Its Included:

- At home pick up in the greater Seattle area
- Roundtrip airfare from Seattle to Zurich, Switzerland
- Airport transfers
- 9-Day First Class Escorted Vacation
- 15 MEALS: All 8 Breakfasts (B), 7 Dinners (D) + In Flight Meals (IFM)
- 7 nights in alpine Wengen & 1 night in Zurich
- Berner Oberland Pass: a travel card good for cog railroad, bus, cable car, gondola, train & ferry throughout the region
- Day trips to Interlaken, Lauterbrunnen Valley, Grindelwald & Schynige Platte, Merrigan with Reichenbach Falls
- Lake Brienz cruise / Trummelbach Falls
- Gimmelwald & Murren by tram & rail
- Sightseeing in both Bern and Lucerne
- Deluxe Motorcoach with Restroom
- AFC Tour Manager Chris McCool
- Baggage Handling, RT Airport Transfers

VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED

CANCELLATION POLICY

More than 90 days prior to departure:

Full Refund

89-60 Days prior to departure:

75% Refund

59-41 Days prior to departure:

50% Refund

40-31 Days prior to departure:

25% Refund

30 Days prior to departure:

No Refund

There can be no refund for any unused portion of the tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Information regarding a variety of travel insurance policies are available upon request. We recommend that sufficient insurance be purchased to cover the possibility of lost or damaged baggage, accidents or illness.

Then, return to Wengen via the Männlichenbahn cable car.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day Five: Schwarzwald / Aare Gorge

Ride the Cable Car & gondola over to Grindelwald to board a PTT bus for an excursion over the Grosse Scheidegg to Schwarzwaldalp. Stop and walk thru the amazing 600' deep Aare River Gorge or take the bus to Merrigan and visit the Sherlock Holmes Museum. Then, ride the Swiss Rail along Lake Brienz and back to Interlaken & Wengen.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day Six: Lauterbrunnen Valley

Today, board the cog-rail for an excursion to the glacier carved Lauterbrunnen Valley. Board a PTT bus for Trummelbach Falls and enjoy lunch at the lovely cafe. Continue to Stechelberg to take the cable car to Murren. Enjoy free time or take the cable car up to the Schilthorn, a revolving restaurant at the "top of the world."

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day Seven: Free Time / Matterhorn Optional

Enjoy free time in Wengen to shop, hike, or explore with your Travel Pass. OR, join our optional day trip to the Matterhorn.

Travel by train over, under, and through the Alps to the ski resort of Zermatt.

Free time here or if the weather is good, ride the optional train up Gornergrat Mtn.

(altitude 10,300') for an exceptional 360° view. Return after a long but very rewarding day .

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner



Day Eight: Rothorn Train / Free Time

Enjoy a trip down to the historic Rothorn steam train for a ride up the mountain for a spectacular view of the lakes (or similar excursion). For the July departure, this will be Swiss National "Confederation" Day, the 728th birthday of Switzerland. Enjoy local street parties, parades, food stalls, folk music & dancing, alpine horn blowing, fireworks & bonfir

Meals: Breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Day Nine: Coach to Zurich

Descend on the now familiar cog-rail train. Board your private motorcoach and motor to Lucerne. See the Lion's Monument and Chapel Bridge. Continue to Zurich for the night and your Farewell Dinner.

Meals: Breakfast

Day Ten: Zurich to Seattle

In the morning gather your bid farewell to Zurich as we board our international flight back to Seattle. Welcome home!.

Meals: Breakfast



Switzerland Fun Facts

What is the weather like in Switzerland?

Spring, summer and autumn are all very fair in Switzerland despite snow on its highest peaks year-round. June and July are when the alpine wildflowers bloom; they are also the peak season for tourists. Take a sweater no matter when you travel, and an umbrella.

What is required for entry into Switzerland?

U.S. and Canadian citizens need a valid passport.

Are there any health precautions I should take?

There are no health requirements to enter Switzerland.

CDC Website link: <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/westeurp.htm>

WHO website link: <http://www.who.int/countries/en/#198>

What is the currency?

Switzerland uses the Swiss franc, but in tourist regions the euro is often accepted as well. The rate of the franc seems to follow that of the euro very closely. ATMs are abundant; most accept major bank cards and credit cards, and they dispense Swiss francs at the going rate of exchange.

Tipping: A 15% service charge is included in the price of all services and on your hotel bill. Round up taxi and restaurant bills if the service has been good.

What items should I shop for in Switzerland?

When shopping in Switzerland, look for watches, crystal, embroidered items, clocks, pottery, Swiss army knives, lace, cowbells, antiques, cutlery, ski clothing and equipment, shoes, chocolate, cheese, and liquors.

What are the voltage requirements in Switzerland?

Voltage: 230 V; Plug J. You will need a voltage converter, and plug adapter in order to use U.S. appliances. We recommend getting a universal adapter and converter kit.