



TRAVELLING TO NEW PLACES WITH CONFIDENCE

# Switzerland Escape by Train

## 8-Day, 7-Night Journey

Interlaken, Zermatt, Zurich

Visit the top attractions in Switzerland. Enjoy a Zermatt walking tour and ascend to the renowned Matterhorn Glacier Paradise for the best view of the famous Matterhorn. The Matterhorn is one of the most iconic mountains in the world with its distinctive pyramid shape. Take the scenic train up to Jungfraujoch (Top of Europe) which is the highest railway station in Europe at 11,362 ft above sea level. Explore Zurich, the largest city in Switzerland. It is bordered by the scenic Lake Zurich and the Limmat River. Its charming Old Town dates back to medieval times. Chocolate aficionados will love the visit to Lindt Home of Chocolate.



Jungfraujoch - Top of Europe



Gruyères Medieval Town



Zermatt Village with Matterhorn Peak



Munot Castle in Schaffhausen Old Town



Rhein Falls - the biggest waterfall in Europe



Zurich

#### **Inclusions**

- ► Hotel Accommodations
- Daily Breakfast & Selected Meals (See tour plan for details)
- ► English-speaking driver
- ► Private Airport Transfers
- Selected Train Station Transfer (See tour plan for details)
- ► Train Ticket

#### **Exclusions**

- ► International Air Fare
- ▶ Government Tourism Fee
- ► Travel Insurance
- ► Medical Expenses
- ▶ Visa Fee (if applicable)
- ► Gratuities
- ► Personal Expenses

### **Nearby Airport**

Zurich – Zurich Airport (ZRH)

## Itinerary

#### DAY 1: ARRIVE ZURICH - INTERLAKEN

Arrive at **Zurich Airport (ZRH).** Take the train from Zurich airport to **Interlaken.** Then from the Interlaken train station to the nearby hotel on your own (just a short distance away). Interlaken is a beautiful town surrounded by two stunning Alpine lakes with easy access to nearby mountain peaks. [3 Nights in Interlaken. Meals: None]



#### DAY 2: INTERLAKEN PERSONALIZED EXCURSION

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After breakfast, join one of the following options included in this tour.

OPTION 1: SELF-GUIDED JUNGFRAUJOCH TOUR - TOP OF EUROPE FROM INTERLAKEN (6-7 hours @9am)

Ride up to the highest railway station in Europe (11,362 ft above sea level) to reach the **Top of Europe**. Tackle steep mountain climbs by cogwheel railway. Discover natural features including ice caves and the Staubbach waterfall. Gaze from the mountain to Germany's Black Forest.

OPTION 2: GRUYÈRES MEDIEVAL TOWN, CHEESE FACTORY AND MAISON CAILLER TOUR (group, 8 hours @9am)

Admire the breathtaking landscapes of Gruyères.

At the top of the hill, take a deep breath of pure mountain air and listen to the cowbells in the pasturelands.

Taste typical Swiss cheese while watching the cheese making process.

Smell and taste one of the most famous Swiss delicacies in the Maison Cailler chocolate factory and museum.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 3: INTERLAKEN**

Today is free.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 4: INTERLAKEN - ZERMATT**

Take the train from **Interlaken** to **Zermatt**. Hotel to train station transfer on your own (just a short distance away). Zermatt is a famous ski resort at the foot of the Matterhorn. It is also a car-free village, which adds to its charm and tranquility.

[2 Nights in Zermatt. Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 5: ZERMATT PERSONALIZED EXCURSION DAY

After breakfast, join one of the following options included in this tour.

**OPTION 1: Matterhorn Glacier Paradise Excursion** (self-guided, 2-3 hours @10am). Ascend to Europe's highest train station. Travel to Trockener Steg by heated cable car across the Theodul Glacier. See the fabulous views from the famous Matterhorn Glacier Paradise, Europe's highest mountain station at 12,740 ft above sea level.

**OPTION 2: Zermatt Village Walking Tour** (group, 2 hours @3pm/4pm/5pm): Explore the alpine village of Zermatt with its typical chalet style buildings, surrounded by alpine peaks including the Matterhorn. Discover the Old Village (Hinterdorf) with centuries old buildings, from where you will have postcard views to the Matterhorn.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 6: ZERMATT - ZURICH**

Transfer from Zermatt hotel to train station (on your own). Take the train from Zermatt to Zurich. Transfer from Zurich station to hotel is provided.

Zurich boasts wonderful scenery at Lake Zurich and the Limmat River. Its charming Old Town dates back to medieval times. You can stroll along the cobblestone streets and admire the historic buildings and landmarks.

[2 Nights in Zurich. Meals: Breakfast]

#### DAY 7: ZURICH CITY TOUR AND LAKE CRUISE

Today's Zurich group tour includes a Lake Cruise and Lindt Home of Chocolate. Explore the Opera

House, National Museum, and charming Old Town (group, 5 hours @10am).

Tour the noble Zürichberg district with unparalleled views.

Enjoy a 30-minute cruise on Lake Zurich.

Stop at the newly opened Lindt Home of Chocolate where you can marvel at the world's highest freestanding chocolate fountain.

[Meals: Breakfast]

#### **DAY 8: DEPART ZURICH**

After breakfast, transfer to Zurich Airport (ZRH) for your flight home to the USA or Canada.

[Meals: Breakfast]

\*Hotel check-out time is generally around 11 am. If your flight departs in the evening or past midnight, we suggest you consider adding a post-tour hotel night during booking, to be comfortable and well rested before your flight home.

\*Excursion duration and start time are subjected to change without prior notice.







