



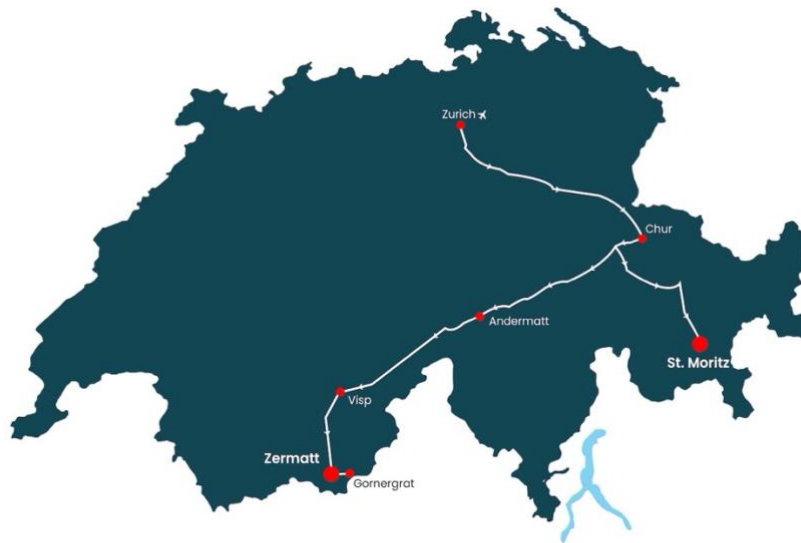
Grand Train Tour Of Switzerland

5 days; Itinerary for 2024

Dates: Flexible departure dates

Price: from \$3,670

Private Semi-Guided Tour



Day 1 – Zurich to St. Moritz

One of our ECHO Rails Guides will pick you up right after customs at the Zurich Airport (alternate pick-up location might be available).

Your guide will give you all the information and details you need for your journey and escort you to the train station at the Zurich Airport. You will board the train and enjoy a 3 ½ hour relaxed train ride to the world famous resort town St. Moritz.

Day 2 – St. Moritz Day Hike – Muottas Muragl

Your local ECHO Rails Guide will pick you up at your hotel at 9 am. Today, you will enjoy a relatively flat and leisurely hike boasting panoramic views of the surrounding Bernina Alps, St. Moritz, Engadin Valley, and the lakes. Hike along the sunny side of the Alps and discover why the Engadin Valley has attracted generations of hikers and nature lovers.

Along the way, your local guide will explain the Rumantsch culture in Graubünden, artistic St. Moritz “Graffiti” architecture, and the town’s history as the world’s first winter tourism resort, as well as its current status as one of the world’s most beloved mountain resorts.

Day 3 – Glacier Express from St. Moritz to Zermatt

Get ready for an unforgettable experience as you embark on a journey on the world-renowned Glacier Express today. This slow express train is a masterpiece of engineering, taking you on a scenic ride through the heart of the Alps for approximately eight hours. During the ride, you’ll pass through 91 tunnels and cross 291 bridges.

With newly installed amenities such as power outlets and free Wi-Fi, each seat is designed for your comfort and convenience. Moreover, the train features a newly built information system that allows you to track your location on the map, along with an audio guide, to learn about the incredible sights you’ll see along the way.

As you travel West up through the Rhine Gorge, you’ll have the opportunity to see the Albula tunnel, Landwasser Viaduct, and Switzerland’s Grand Canyon. The train will ascend 1000m / 3000 ft from Disentis to Oberalp, where you can enjoy a delicious meal in one of the few dining cars still serving hot food.

In the evening, you will arrive in Zermatt, where you can relax and unwind in the spa area of your hotel. You’ll also have some time to explore the car-free, picturesque town of Zermatt. Be sure to go out and enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant – we’ll provide some suggestions.

Day 4 – Zermatt & the Matterhorn

Your private ECHO Rails Guide will pick you up at your hotel at 9 am. Today, you will experience breathtaking views of the Matterhorn and the Alps in an excursion that combines a cogwheel train ride with an easy-to-moderate day hike of your choice.

You'll ride Europe's second-highest railway and the highest open-air railway on the continent, the Gornergrat cogwheel train, climbing up to 10,134 feet (3089 meters) and offering incredible views of the Matterhorn along the way.

You walk up to the 360-degree platform area, providing a panoramic view of 29 alpine peaks higher than 13,123 feet (4000 meters), including the world-famous Matterhorn. Depending on the season and your preference, your guide will lead you on a 1-2 hour guided hike along sign-posted trails of an alpine nature reserve featuring awe-inspiring views of the Matterhorn mirrored in pristine alpine lakes.

Along the way, you'll learn about the origins of Zermatt and the people of the canton of Valais (French) or Wallis (German). In the evening, your guide will bid you farewell after giving you all the information you need to travel back to Zurich the next day.

Day 5 – Departure

After breakfast you depart to your own destination.

Our guide will provide all the information so you safely get to your final destination.

We bid you a farewell and wish you safe travels.