



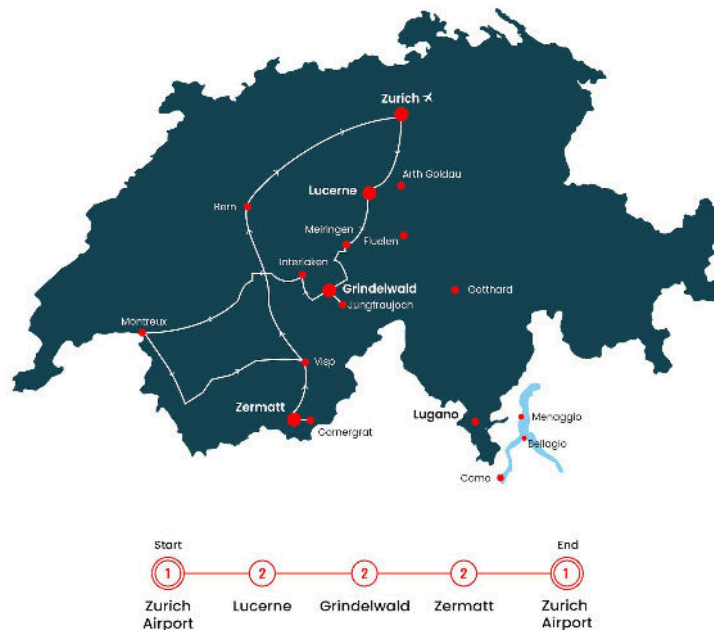
Grand Train Tour Of Switzerland

9 days; Itinerary for 2025

Dates: Fixed departure dates

Price: from \$5,955

Max number of participants: 16



Day 1 – Arriving in Zurich

Welcome to Switzerland!

Today is your arrival day. You must be very tired from the flight, but don't worry, you will spend the night in Zurich.

The Hotel is close to the Airport so it's really easy to reach, the guide won't be there, however we will send all the details you need in order to have the smoothest travel experience.

At the hotel you'll have the time to check-in and slowly accommodate yourself, so you'll be ready for the upcoming adventure!

Day 2 – Lucerne & Mt. Rigi

Today, your adventure begins with a warm welcome from your Guide at 9:30 am at the Hotel. There will be an itinerary briefing and a Q&A session, providing a perfect opportunity to meet your fellow travellers and clarify any questions you might have about the journey ahead.

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After the briefing, we'll embark on an unforgettable journey to Mount Rigi. Our adventure starts with a ride on a historic 140-year-old cogwheel train, taking us up to Rigi Kulm. At the summit, you'll be treated to breathtaking 360-degree views of the majestic Alps, glistening glaciers, lush green meadows adorned with grazing cows, and the serene expanse of Lake Lucerne.

Following our exhilarating time at the peak, we will embark on yet another scenic cogwheel train ride down to the charming town of Vitznau. From there, we'll board a boat and set sail on a serene cruise across the picturesque waters, making our way back to the enchanting city of Lucerne.

In the late afternoon we'll take a leisurely stroll around the old town learning more about the history of Lucerne and its most important sights. We will stop at the historic Chapel Bridge, Lion Monument, St. Leodegar's Church, and other sites of interest.

Today evening, we'll dine at one of Lucerne's fine restaurants in the city center.

Day 3 – Mt. Pilatus & Cheese Farm Visit

Today we are going to visit another famous mountain, Pilatus, where we will board the world's steepest cogwheel train (48% gradient). On the summit we will have about 1 hour to enjoy all the activities: admire a stunning panorama on the Alps, the Lake Lucerne, do a short hike, watch a documentary movie about Mt. Pilatus or simply enjoy a cup of coffee.

To descend the summit we will take a gondola down to Kriens where we will hop on the train and then bus to Seelisberg.

There we will visit "Aschwanden", a local cheese farm run by the fourth generation of the Aschwanden family. Here you will hear first-hand how the farm cooperates with local farmers, learn about the process of cheesemaking and sample an original "Bergkase", mountain cheese.

Depending on the schedule, we will get to see "Rütli" where, as the legend has it, Switzerland was founded in 1291. Here you will be able to enjoy the magnificent Swiss Alps scenery as seen across Lake Lucerne. From there we will take a steamer for a 2-hour cruise back to Lucerne.

Day 4 - Chocolate workshop and Trümmelbach Falls

Today we're taking the train to Interlaken where we'll stop for an immersive chocolate workshop with a professional chocolatier. Here you will learn all about the Swiss impact on the chocolate industry, the art of chocolate making and how to attest the quality of chocolate. At the end you will create your own unique chocolate bar you can bring home.

After the workshop we will have a nice one hour and a half lunch break, where you will be free to explore any restaurants of your choice.

We will then board a train to Lauterbrunnen. Here we will transfer to a postal bus en route to the mesmerizing Trümmelbach Falls. This natural wonder consists of ten glacier-fed waterfalls concealed within the mountain, accessible via a tunnel-funicular complex built in 1913. These falls cascade with the force of up to 20,000 liters (5283 gallons) of glacier meltwater per second, crashing over 20,000 tons (over 40 mln pounds) of boulders, creating a continuous spectacle that resonates with the sheer magnificence of nature.

From there we will continue our journey with one last connection to Grindelwald in the Jungfrau region, where we will arrive in the late afternoon.

Day 5 - Jungfraujoch

Today our journey begins with an ascent from Grindelwald Terminal to Eiger Glacier with an ultra-modern panoramic Eiger Express gondola. Here

we will be able to admire Eiger Glacier covering the hills of the famous “Ork” mountain.

We will board the famous Jungfraubahn, an electric cogwheel railway opened in 1912 connecting Kleine Scheidegg and Jungfrauoch, the highest railway station in Europe.

Jungfrauoch, a mountain pass nestled between the Mönch and Jungfrau mountains, offers unparalleled views of Europe’s largest glacier, the Aletsch Glacier. The Jungfrauoch station offers an endless list of activities: from visiting ice palace, to climbing up the Sphinx tower, and learning about the origin of the Jungfrau Railway.

In the early afternoon, we descend from Jungfrau to Kleine Scheidegg and we will get back to Grindelwald where you can enjoy the rest of the day.

Day 6 - GoldenPass Line to Zermatt

Today we will experience the lush of one of the world’s most picturesque Swiss railways, the Goldenpass Line. After arriving in Interlaken, we will change trains to the Goldenpass Line connecting Interlaken with Montreux, the capital of the Swiss Riviera.

Our destination is the renowned charming Zermatt, where we’ll arrive in the late afternoon.

Day 7 - Gornergrat Railway & Matterhorn

Experience breathtaking views of Mt. Matterhorn and the Alps in an excursion that combines a cogwheel train ride with an optional easy to moderate day hike.

Gornergrat Cogwheel Railway is a 125-years-old narrow gauge line that’s Europe’s second-highest railway and the highest open-air railway on the continent. It climbs up to 10,134 feet (3089 meters) and offers incredible views of the Matterhorn along the way.

At the top of Gornergrat we will have a selection of activities to do. Our group will 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. Those who wish to do so, can embark on an immersive experience at Zoom the Matterhorn. Here, thanks to VR, you can experience what it's like to glide above the Matterhorn.

From there, those who wish to do so, will go for a 1,5h hike from Rotenboden to Riffelberg. The path leads along sign-posted trail of an alpine nature reserve, featuring awe-inspiring views of the Matterhorn mirrored in pristine alpine lakes.

After lunch, you can explore Zermatt on your own, go shopping or relax.

Our guides will be happy to take you on a 1-hour-long guided tour of Zermatt: learn more about how people lived here more than 200 years ago and visit Zermatt's "Old Village".

Day 8 – Zürich

Today we say adieu to Zermatt. In the morning you will start your journey to Zürich, while the Guide will be waiting for you at the main station.

Once in Zürich we'll have dinner at a local restaurant in the heart of town, the Zeughauskeller. There is also time for your Guide to provide a walk-through in the old parts of the city. Towards evening we head to the Zürich main station and take the train to our Zürich airport hotel and check you in.

Day 9 – Departure day

Today is departure day.

We wish you a safe onward journey to your next destination.