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Lake Como via the Bernina Express

From £1,149 per person // 8 days



Travel out to one of Italy's most sought-after holiday regions, majestic Lake Como. Take the train via Paris to Chur in Switzerland, then make your entrance in style via the Bernina Express and boat.

The Essentials

- Take the train to Chur in Switzerland via Paris
- Travel via the beautiful Bernina Express and ferry boat to Como
- Four days in Como town, with plenty of time to explore the towns and villages along the lake
- Return via the Gotthard Pass, staying overnight in Freiburg on the edge of the Black Forest

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 7 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Chur

Your holiday begins with a mid-morning Eurostar from London across to Paris. After a straightforward transfer of stations to Gare de Lyon, you board a sleek TGV Lyria service down to Basel. At Basel, you transfer onto a high-quality Swiss domestic InterCity, which transfers you seamlessly across northern Switzerland to the city of Chur, your base for the night. Check in at the ABC Swiss Quality Hotel Chur (or similar), located right outside the station.



Day 2 - Bernina Express And Lake Como

This morning you head back to Chur station, where your Bernina Express train awaits. Travel south via St Moritz into Italy – look out for the famous Landwasser Viaduct as you twist and turn through the canton of Graubunden. Eventually, you cross into Italy and the train terminates in the small town of Tirano. At Tirano, join a local Italian train which runs southwest towards Lake Como. Alighting at Colico, you connect here with a boat, which travels down the length of Lake Como. Check in for a 5 night stay in at the Barchetta Excelsior Hotel (or similar).



Days 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Lake Como

You have four full days to explore the marvels of Lake Como. Within easy walking distance of the hotel, you will find the pier where you can board boats to a range of destinations up and down the lake. Head to Cernobbio and its famous millionaires' villas, or maybe to the lower-key resorts of Moltrasio or Faggeto Lario for an authentic Lake Como experience. The highlights of the lake are undoubtedly the pretty towns Menaggio and Bellagio, midway up the lake.



Day 7 - Como To Freiburg Via The Gotthard Pass

Leave Lake Como this morning and board a smart Swiss EuroCity train north. Watch as you pass through the Italian-speaking canton of Ticino, alongside Lake Lugano and then climb up to the top of the Gotthard Pass, before descending into the German-speaking part of the country. Making an easy platform change at Zurich, you board a top-quality German ICE train, which crosses the mighty Rhine at Basel and delivers you into the heart of Freiburg im Breisgau, where you check in for an overnight stay at the Novotel Konzerthaus (or similar).



Day 8 - Freiburg To London

After a leisurely start, leave Freiburg this morning and catch a train to Mannheim, where you make an easy platform change and zoom up to Paris by high-speed TGV. Once you're in Paris, you can connect easily with the Eurostar back to London, arriving midway through the evening at St Pancras International station.

Pricing

From £1,149 per person

Low season (November-March) from £1,149pp

April, July & August from £1,499pp

High season (May, June, September & October) from £1,799pp

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a

peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.