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Magical Journeys of Switzerland

From £1,549 per person // 6 days



Experience three of Europe's most thrilling and impressive train journeys as you take the Glacier Express, Bernina Express and Jungfrau Mountain Railway in stunning Switzerland.

The Essentials

- Take the train to Switzerland with a night in Strasbourg en route
- Glacier Express: The World's Slowest Express Train!
- Bernina Express: Cross the famous Landwasser Viaduct on your way for lunch in Italy
- Jungfrauoch: Europe's highest station

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 5 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

PLEASE NOTE: The Glacier Express does not run between mid-October and early December. Between these dates, you can still make the journey of the Glacier Express using public trains.

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Strasbourg

Catch a morning Eurostar from London St Pancras to Paris and make the easy connection to the Gare de l'Est for your onward journey to Strasbourg. Speed through the eastern corner of France and, on arrival in Strasbourg, check in for an overnight stay at the BW Hotel des Vosges (or similar), within easy walking distance of the main station. There's plenty of time to settle in at your hotel before heading out to explore this fascinating city, with its half-timbered Old Town and Gothic cathedral surrounded by cobbled streets full of shops and cafés.



Day 2 - Strasbourg To Chur

Check out of your hotel after breakfast this morning and return to the station to board a regional service bound for the Swiss border at Basel. Here, change onto a Swiss train which will take you all the way to the pretty Alpine town of Chur (pictured). You'll arrive in the late afternoon and check in at the ABC Swiss Quality Hotel (or similar) for a 2-night stay. Chur is Switzerland's oldest town and easily explored on foot. There are plenty of options for eating out here in the car-free old town, along with tempting boutiques and a 13th century cathedral.



Day 3 - Bernina Express Day Trip From Chur

Enjoy the first of your iconic rail journeys as you board the Bernina Express towards Tirano. A truly magical four-hour journey through snow-topped mountains and glaciers, the train climbs to more than 7,392 feet and crosses an impressive 196 bridges before descending into Italy. Have a quick lunch and wander about in Tirano, then board the train back to Chur for an evening at leisure in the town's historic centre.



Day 4 - Chur To Grindelwald With The Glacier Express

Board the world-famous Glacier Express – the world's slowest express train – from Chur to Brig and take in some of Switzerland's most dramatic scenery. Pass through stunning valleys and gorges, cross an extraordinary 291 bridges, and hold your breath over the Oberalp Pass, a 6,670 foot high mountain pass connecting the cantons of Graubünden and Uri. Once arrived in Brig, take a train to Spiez over the impressive Lötschberg Pass, followed by a train to Grindelwald where you will spend the next two days. Check in at the Sunstar Grindelwald Hotel (or similar) for a 2-night stay.



Day 5 - Day Trip On The Jungfrau Mountain Railway

Take the century-old cogwheel Jungfrau Mountain Railway up to Jungfraujoch, the highest station in Europe, perched on a mountain top at 11,322 feet. We recommend catching the ultra-modern Eiger Express cableway from Grindelwald Terminal station up to the Eiger Glacier and then returning by cogwheel railway. Gaze out across snow-capped peaks and the huge Aletsch glacier before returning down the mountain for your final night in Grindelwald. Why not extend your stay and experience some of the other delights of the Bernese Oberland? You can take a cable car up to First on the high slopes of the Schwarzhorn directly from the centre of Grindelwald for breathtaking mountain views or head over to the stunning Lauterbrunnen Valley for a day trip on the Schilthorn. Please ask us for details.



Day 6 - Grindelwald To London

Head back to Grindelwald's main station this morning and board a Swiss domestic service via Interlaken to Basel on the border with Germany and France. From here, a high-speed TGV Lyria will whisk you back to Paris, where you can catch the Eurostar back to London.

Pricing

From £1,549 per person

Low season (October – April) **from £1,549pp**

High season (May – September) **from £1,649pp**

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. 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.

Package with Single Occupancy from £1,749