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Matterhorn and the Glacier Express

From £1,649 per person // 9 days



Journey to the foot of the Matterhorn in Zermatt, then take the world's slowest express train, the Glacier Express, on its full run through to St Moritz. Return home via the Rhine Valley and a night in Cologne.

The Essentials

- The Matterhorn and the stylish resort Zermatt
- Glacier Express: indulge in the scenery as you travel from Zermatt to St Moritz
- St Moritz: mix with the jetset and see the famous Cresta Run
- Return via the scenic Rhine Gorge in Germany

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

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 8 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast as necessary
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

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

Leave London aboard the Eurostar bound for Paris. On arrival in the French capital, transfer to the Gare de l'Est (a short walk) for your onward service to Strasbourg. Arrive into Strasbourg and make your way to the Hotel Hannong (or similar) for an overnight stay. Strasbourg is an historic city with a stunning Gothic Cathedral and a charming half-beamed old town area threaded with canals.



Day 2 - Strasbourg To Zermatt

After breakfast, travel across the Swiss border to Visp, where you'll connect onto a local train through beautiful Swiss scenery to Zermatt at the foot of the mighty Matterhorn. You will be staying here for 3 nights at the Hotel Pollux (or similar). At 5,275 feet above sea level, Zermatt truly is a mountain destination! You might like to enjoy a walk along one of the clearly marked trails and then reward yourself with a drink and a typical Swiss meal in one of the many bars and restaurants.



Days 3 & 4 - Zermatt

Spend two days enjoying the fantastic scenery around Zermatt and the Valais region. Zermatt is a famous ski resort in the winter months, but there's also plenty to enjoy here in the summer, with some fantastic walking trails to choose from and quirky boutiques, bars and restaurants. Your holiday includes a day trip on the Gornergratbahn, Europe's highest open-air cog railway, which takes you up onto the Gornergrat, at 10,135 feet above sea level, from where you have spectacular views across to the distinctive peak of the Matterhorn.



Day 5 - Glacier Express To St Moritz

Today, take the world famous Glacier Express across Switzerland to St Moritz. Your seven and a half-hour journey takes in 291 bridges and 91 tunnels. You'll also travel up to 6,700 feet above sea level at the Oberalp Pass. Arrive into the ski resort town of St Moritz and check in for a 3-night stay at the San Gian Hotel (or similar).



Days 6 & 7 - St Moritz

You have two days at leisure in St Moritz. St Moritz is one of Switzerland's oldest and most fashionable ski resorts, boasting three-hundred days of sunshine a year. Get out and enjoy the glacier landscape or maybe visit the Segantini Museum, dedicated to the life of the Italian-born painter. You have one extra free day of travel with your rail pass, so you might like to visit the resorts of Davos and Arosa, which are a short train journey away. You could even take a day trip on the world-famous Bernina Express! Please call for details and prices.



Day 8 - St Moritz To Cologne

Take the train through the Graubünden region of Switzerland in the morning and change in regional capital Chur on to a direct service to Cologne Hbf. Watch the passing scenery as you head through Germany and up to the Rhine Valley. There is a restaurant car and bar buffet on board. Spend the night in Cologne at the centrally located Mondial am Dom MGallery (or similar), close to the city's famous twin-spired cathedral.



Day 9 - Cologne To London

After a leisurely breakfast in your hotel, depart Cologne late-morning on the high-speed ICE train to Brussels and then connect onto the Eurostar for your last journey back to London.

Pricing

From £1,649 per person

March – November from £1,649pp

December – February from £1,999 per person

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.