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Wengen Walking Holiday

From £2,499 per person // 8 days



Enjoy a glorious week of self-guided walking in the beautiful Bernese Oberland region of Switzerland, in the shadow of the Jungfrau, Mönsh and Eiger peaks. Throughout your holiday, you will benefit from the local knowledge and experience of your hotel hosts who can help with daily walks and day trip ideas.

The Essentials

- Take the train to Wengen and enjoy a week of walking
- Choose walking routes to suit your mood and requirements with the help of the hotel staff
- Enjoy some cheese tasting and schnapps on a traditional farm
- A local contact is also available to offer advice and recommendations

Tailor make your holiday

- Holiday available May to October (subject to snowfall)
- 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
- Swiss Pass to cover all your rail and boat travel within the country whilst you are there
- 7 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- 5 dinners at the hotel (other two nights at leisure)
- Detailed hiking notes and local maps
- Cheese tasting and lunch on a farm
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Wengen

Leave London this morning on a Eurostar service bound for Paris. On arrival, make your way to the Gare de Lyon for a high-speed TGV Lyria service to Basel, just over the Swiss border. From here, efficient Swiss trains will take you to Wengen in the heart of the Bernese Oberland. Check in for your 7-night stay at the Parkhotel Beausite (or similar) and enjoy a welcome aperitif before dinner. All walks in this itinerary are only suggestions, so you're welcome to ask the team at the hotel about different route possibilities or we also have a local contact in Wengen who would be happy to help with advice and recommendations.



Day 2 - Local Hikes To Wengwald, Hublen And Allmend

After breakfast, take a stroll around Wengen to familiarise yourselves with this traditional Swiss alpine village. Follow the signposts to Wengwald and take the trail back up towards Wengen, then head into the forest and enjoy a picnic lunch at Hublen (payable locally – the hotel will also be happy to arrange this for you if you would like), offering sensational views down the Lauterbrunnen valley. After lunch, continue to Allmend and perhaps enjoy a glass of wine before heading back to the village. Dinner this evening is included at the hotel.



Day 3 - Leiterhorn, Burglauenen & Lunch On A Farm

After a leisurely breakfast, enjoy some free time before today's hike. Heading north out of Wengen, climb steadily towards the Leiterhorn before reaching one of the last family-owned farms around Wengen, at Spätenalp. Here the Rubin family will welcome you and explain how the alpine farming techniques of yesteryear are still used today. Have lunch on the farm before a scenic hike down towards Burglauenen. From here, catch the train back through the Lütschental and back up to Wengen. Dinner this evening is at leisure, but the team at the hotel can of course make recommendations and reservations.



Day 4 - Kleine Scheidegg & The Panoramaweg Back To Männlichen

One of the most enjoyed walks in the region for all levels of ability is the Panoramaweg between Kleine Scheidegg and Männlichen and it can be done in either direction, though we would recommend starting from Männlichen as you can then see the three famous peaks of the Jungfrau, Eiger and Mönch ahead of you all the way (as in the image on the left). Depending on your wishes, the start of the walk can be accessed on foot, by train, or by cablecar, with the return journey to the village also done via a number of different options. Dinner this evening is included at the hotel.



Day 5 - Free Day Or Choice Of Optional Excursions

Today is a free day for you to decide on your own itinerary. This part of the Swiss Alps offers unlimited choice of mountain excursions, hikes, and outdoor adventure activities including the Jungfrau Mountain Railway, a cruise on Lakes Thun or Brienz or a trip to the pretty ski town of Grindelwald. Of course, your hotel hosts will be on hand throughout to offer advice and to arrange any necessary timings and reservations.



Day 6 - Schynige Platte To First

Today offers an epic 6-hour hike along one of the most scenic routes in the Jungfrau Region. Take an early morning train down from Wengen and onwards to Wilderswil from where you take the cogwheel railway to Schynige Platte, then embark on your hike towards First via Bachalpsee. A truly incredible hike for everyone. Upon reaching First, take the gondola back down to Grindelwald from where you then catch the train via Kleine Scheidegg back to Wengen. A packed lunch is provided today and dinner this evening is back at the hotel.



Day 7 - Männlichen Genssenweg

Today offers the biggest challenge so far, if you are game! The Genssenweg is the steep climb up the Männlichen face to the summit. Start at the cable car station in the village by stamping your card and wind your way up through the forests to the summit. If you start early enough, you can reach the top before the first cable car and have the place to yourselves. Regardless of how long it takes to reach the top, your official time can be recorded and your place in the history books is secured. After taking in the views from the summit, take the Panoramaweg over to Kleine Scheidegg before heading further down on foot or by train. Reward yourself with a last dinner at the hotel this evening.



Day 8 - Wengen To London

It's time to say goodbye to Wengen and the Bernese Oberland as you make your way back to Basel via Interlaken and then connect with a high-speed TGV Lyria service back to Paris. Here, make your way across to the Gare du Nord for a return journey aboard the Eurostar.

Pricing

From £2,499 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.