

Wonders of Winter in First Class

From £1,699 per person // 8 days



Make the most of your winter holiday with a scenic journey through the Alps. Travel from Cologne, via Munich to Salzburg, by panorama coach to Chur, across Switzerland to Zermatt with the Glacier Express and then back to London via Strasbourg.

The Essentials

- Alpine route to Salzburg
- Austria to Switzerland via the TransAlpin route
- Across Switzerland with the famous Glacier Express from Chur to Zermatt
- Out via Cologne, back via Strasbourg

What's included

- First 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 your hotels
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1- London To Cologne

Leave London St Pancras late this morning and take the Eurostar to Brussels Midi. In Eurostar Plus class you will be served a light brunch during your journey. In Brussels, connect onto a German ICE service to Cologne, arriving in the late afternoon. On arrival, check in at the conveniently located Mondial am Dom MGallery (or similar), for an overnight stay. Dominated by its famous twin-spired cathedral, Cologne is a pretty Rhineland city which features up to eight different Christmas markets during the festive season.

Day 2 - Cologne To Salzburg

Enjoy an early breakfast at your hotel and then return to the train station for a service to Salzburg via Munich. Cross the Austrian border at Freilassing and arrive into Salzburg later in the afternoon. On arrival, check in for a 2-night stay at Hotel am Mirabellplatz (or similar). ?



Day 3 - Salzburg

Spend a full day exploring the sights of Salzburg. This musical city has long been associated with W A Mozart, who was born here. More recently, Sound of Music fans have flocked here to visit the locations associated with the famous film about the Von Trapp family. Elsewhere, you can enjoy a wander around the pretty Old Town and fairytale Hohensalzburg castle or head out to some of the city's other grand palaces such as Hellbrunn and Schloss Leopoldskron.



Day 4 - Salzburg To Chur

After a leisurely start today, return to the station for your onward journey into Switzerland. Catch a regional train to Schwarzach St Veit and then connect onto the TransAlpin service, where you'll be seated in a panoramic coach so you can watch the stunning Alpine scenery unfold as you wind your way towards the Swiss border. A short Swiss domestic train journey takes you from Sargans to Chur, where you have an overnight stop at the ABC Swiss Quality Hotel (or similar).



Day 5 - Chur To Zermatt Via The Glacier Express

If you haven't done so already, there may be time for a quick wander around the centre of Switzerland's oldest city before you board the famous Glacier Express for a spectacular journey across the country to Zermatt. Lunch is served at your seat (payable locally) as you head over bridges and viaducts, past glacial rivers and lakes and climb up to 6,670 feet above sea level. On arrival in Zermatt, check in at the Garni Testa Grigia Hotel (or similar), where you will have a 2-night stay.



Day 6 - Zermatt

Zermatt is a ski resort in the Swiss canton of Valais, surrounded by mountain peaks, with only one train line running in and out – and no cars allowed. Watch out for the ubiquitous quiet electric buggies as you make your way around town. TMR recommends taking a day trip on the famous Gornergrat Bahn, which carries passengers up to the second highest train station in Europe at the top of the Gornergrat mountain, 10, 135 feet above sea level. From here, you have breathtaking views of Zermatt and the distinctive peak of the Matterhorn.



Day 7 - Zermatt To Strasbourg

Leave Zermatt today and head north, via Visp and the border city of Basel to Strasbourg. Here, check in for an overnight stay at the Maison Rouge Hotel (or similar). After settling into your hotel, head into town for a look around. Don't miss the pretty Petite France district with its canals and half-timbered houses or a slice of the local tarte flambée (also known as Flammkuchen), washed down with some local Alsace wine.



Day 8 - Strasbourg To London

Enjoy a full morning at leisure in Strasbourg, with time for lunch before you need to head back to the station and catch a high-speed TGV service back to Lille or Paris. An easily connection in either city will see you onto the Eurostar, bound for London.

Pricing

From £1,699 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 First 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.