

# 10 Day Classic Switzerland

August to October 2024

From \$3699\* Air & Land

\*Air & Land call for exact rates and dates from your departure point



**DAY 1, Thursday - Depart for Switzerland** Depart for Switzerland



**DAY 2, Friday - Arrive in Zurich**

Arrive in Zurich, Switzerland's financial center and home to many of the world's leading banks; transfer to your hotel. The balance of the day is at leisure to rest and relax. Your tour will begin with an orientation meeting with your Tour Manager at approximately 6 PM on the day of arrival, followed by a Welcome Dinner. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in Zurich no later than 4 PM or earlier, if possible

**Overnight:** Zurich

**Meals:** Dinner



### **DAY 3, Saturday - Morning Tour of Zurich, Berne, Travel to Geneva**

Begin this morning with a panoramic drive through the Old Town of Zurich. View Fraumunster Church, St Peter's church, with Europe's largest clock, historic Limmatquai, famous Bahnhofstrasse, and National Museum. The tour concludes with a scenic drive along Lake Zurich. Afterward, travel to Berne, the capital of Switzerland, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a stroll through the old town and marvel at the late Gothic Cathedral, the Muenster, with its stunning portal and its depiction of the Last Judgment. Witness the hourly parade of painted figures at the Clock Tower (Zytglogge) and visit the Bear Park, the symbol of the city. Free time for lunch on your own. Continue to cosmopolitan Geneva. Upon arrival in late afternoon check into your hotel. Balance of the day is at leisure

**Overnight:** Geneva

**Meals:** Breakfast



### **DAY 4, Sunday - Geneva City Tour**

During your morning orientation tour of Geneva, view the Jet d'Eau, Floral Clock and Reformation Monument. Spend the balance of the day at leisure to explore this dynamic city, strung along the shores of Europe's largest Alpine lake. Perhaps take a walk along the lively streets in the old town, stroll the mile-long promenade around the lake or just unwind in one of Geneva's many parks and admire the beautiful scenery. Afterward, there is an opportunity to join the *optional* Lake Geneva Cruise & Yvoire tour. Relax aboard an elegant cruise on beautiful Lake Geneva, passing by rolling hillsides. Cross over to the French side of the lake and visit the medieval village of Yvoire. Well known for its fortified center and majestic flower displays during the summer season

**Optional:** Lake Geneva Cruise & Yvoire (AM)

**Overnight:** Geneva

**Meals:** Breakfast



### **DAY 5, Monday - Tour of Chillon Castle**

Drive along the shores of Lake Geneva past the towns of Lausanne and Montreux and through the beautiful vineyard region to the landmark castle of Chillon. Originally built in the 9th century to protect one of the main roads to the Great St. Bernard pass to Italy, its rich history, and distinctive appearance has served as an inspiration to such literary greats as Lord Byron and Victor Hugo. Explore the turrets, corridors, and vaulted dungeons on a guided tour. Then continue your journey as you travel through the majestic Alps. Leave the coach behind in Tasch and journey the final stretch by van, right into the heart of the world-renowned mountain resort of Zermatt

**Overnight:** Zermatt

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



### **DAY 6, Tuesday - Full Day in Zermatt**

Enjoy a full day at leisure in this traffic free, quaint Swiss village. Its location, at the foot of the Matterhorn and in the middle of an enormous hiking and ski region, makes Zermatt one of the world's most attractive alpine year-round destinations. Take a leisurely stroll through the traffic-free village and explore the bountiful gift shops and fashionable boutiques. Or take one of the many alpine cars, gondolas or cog railways to further admire the stunning views of glaciers and summits. Don't forget to visit the English church, built in 1877 and its cemetery, with the graves of many mountaineers who have lost their lives on these majestic mountains

**Overnight:** Zermatt

**Meals:** Breakfast





### **DAY 7, Wednesday - Glacier Express to St. Moritz**

This morning, board one of the grandest and most scenic train rides in Europe, the Glacier Express. From Zermatt, the full day leisurely train ride to St Moritz, will transport you past magnificent mountain scenery, waterfalls and rivers, where with each turn, tunnel or bridge a new breathtaking picture is presented. Arrive in world-famous alpine resort town of St Moritz, host of two Winter Olympics and one of the most exclusive ski destinations in the world. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight

**Overnight:** St. Moritz

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



### **DAY 8, Thursday - Morning at Leisure in St. Moritz, Liechtenstein, Travel to Lucerne**

Morning is at leisure to explore glitzy St Moritz on your own. Take a stroll on Via Serlas with its string of famous designer boutiques or, linger in one of the many sidewalk cafes and enjoy the spectacular alpine setting. Perhaps, join the *optional* Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride. Depart from Pontresina a resort town, located at the entrance to the Val Bernina just 4 miles from St Moritz for a ride through the Val Roseg. Marvel at the views of the impressive Bernina massif and the nearby glaciers. In the late morning, travel to Lucerne. En route stop in Liechtenstein, the tiny storybook Principality and the sixth-smallest country in the world that lies in the heart of the Alps, sandwiched between Switzerland and Austria. Its capital city Vaduz is a proud remnant of feudal Europe, still governed by one of the oldest noble families. Arrive in Lucerne, where the remainder of the day is at leisure to further explore this festive city on your own. Tonight, perhaps join the *optional* Swiss Folklore Dinner, which offers traditional customs of good food, homemade beer, music and fun

**Optional:** Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride in the Val Roseg (AM)

**Optional:** Swiss Folklore Dinner (PM)

**Overnight:** Lucerne

**Meals:** Breakfast



### **DAY 9, Friday - Lucerne City Tour**

A day to explore the heart of central Switzerland. Begin this morning with an orientation drive through Lucerne starting at the inspiring Lion Monument. One of the best-known monuments in the country, the Lion of Lucerne was created in remembrance of the heroic death of Swiss guards killed in 1792 during the French Revolution. View the 14th century medieval Chapel Bridge, one of the oldest covered wooden bridges in Europe forming the centerpiece of Lucerne's townscape. Remainder of the day is at leisure. Shop for chocolate, watches and the famous Swiss and German cuckoo clocks, sip coffee at an outdoor café or perhaps join the exciting *optional* tour to Mount Pilatus. Ascend the world's steepest cogwheel railway which winds up through lush meadows and sparkling mountain streams to the summit of Mt. Pilatus at nearly 7,000 feet. After admiring the splendid panorama, descend by aerial cableway and return to the hotel. Tonight, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at your hotel with your newfound friends

**Optional:** Mount Pilatus Tour (AM)

**Overnight:** Lucerne

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner



### **DAY 10, Saturday - Depart Switzerland**

Transfer to the airport in Zurich for your departure flight

**Meals:** Breakfast

Escorted Package Includes

- Round trip flights New York-Zurich, Zurich-New York  
Other departure cities available. Click on date of departure for selection and prices
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 8 nights accommodations
  - 1 night Zurich
  - 2 nights Geneva
  - 2 nights Zermatt
  - 1 night St. Moritz
  - 2 nights Lucerne
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- Glacier Express Train Zermatt-St. Moritz
- 12 meals: 8 breakfasts, 4 dinners with wine
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Services of English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring

### **Special Features**

- View Fraumunster Church, a Zurich landmark with its Chagall windows
- During your Geneva tour, view the Jet d'Eau, Flower Clock and Reformation Monument
- Visit Chillon Castle built in the 9th century to control the main road to the Great St. Bernard pass
- See the tiny storybook Principality of Liechtenstein nestled between Switzerland and Austria
- View the impressive Lion Monument, commemorating the massacre of the Swiss Guards during the French Revolution in 1792
- Admire the 14th century medieval Chapel Bridge, forming the centerpiece of Lucerne's townscape

†Transfers are available for purchase for land only or on alternative flight dates

### **Is This Trip Right for You?**

This comprehensive, fast-paced trip covers a fair amount of ground each day. For every touring day, expect three to four hours walking where you will encounter uneven surfaces, stairs, steps significant slopes, as well as considerable time standing. Many historical cities have specific driving regulations, with set drop off and pick up points, that result in extra walking to and from the sights. Some hotels in Lucerne, Zermatt, and St. Moritz are built in the traditional local style and have no air-conditioning. During heat waves, these hotels can become uncomfortable, even at higher elevations. Please be aware that Switzerland is an expensive destination. This is a Classic program.

## Featured Hotels

### Sheraton Zurich Hotel, Zurich



This superior first class hotel is centrally located in the vibrant district Zurich West, and is easily accessible from the train station. It is the perfect starting point to explore the young and vibrant city.

### Fairmont Grand Hotel Geneva, Geneva



This deluxe hotel features stunning views of Lake Geneva and the Jet d'Eau fountain.



### Hotel Alex, Zermatt



This first class hotel is comfortably nestled in the center of Zermatt.

### Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz



This first class hotel is set in the heart of St. Moritz.

### Grand Europe Hotel, Lucerne



This first class hotel is situated in a prestigious location just a 5 minute drive from the city center.



**Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.**

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Book Online or call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

### Lake Geneva Cruise & Yvoire

Relax and watch the magnificent landscapes glide by aboard an elegant cruise on beautiful Lake of Geneva. Passing by rolling hillsides and climbing vineyards, cross over to the French shore of the lake and visit the medieval village of Yvoire. Well known for its medieval buildings and majestic flower displays during the summer season, Yvoire is a setting right out of a romantic period novel. Since it can only be visited on foot -- the only people that can drive in the medieval village are residents -- you will be able to freely stroll through the narrow streets lined with picturesque houses and watch the marina life from one of its port-side cafés. Details to be advised locally.

Approximate tour duration is 6.5 hours.

Day #4	01 Apr 2022 - 31 Mar 2024	\$88.
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### Swiss Folklore Dinner

Treat yourself to an unforgettable experience within the unique Stadtkeller atmosphere! The restaurant is a historical place dating back to 12th century. Taste local food and homemade beer served in a stein, all while experiencing traditional Swiss customs such as cowbells, national costumes, flag throwing and yodeling. An ideal way to enjoy warm and festive Swiss hospitality.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Day #8	01 Apr 2022 - 31 Mar 2024	\$94.
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### Horse-Drawn Carriage Ride in the Val Roseg

Depart St. Moritz for the nearby resort town of Pontresina, located at the entrance to the Bernina mountain range. Board a horse-drawn carriage for a relaxing ride through the idyllic valley of the Val Roseg highlighted by the impressive Bernina massif and the nearby glaciers.

Approximate tour duration is 3 hours.

Day #8	01 Jan 2022 - 31 Mar 2024	\$60.
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### Mount Pilatus Tour

Ascend the world's steepest cogwheel railway which winds up through lush meadows carpeted with Alpine flowers, past sparkling mountain streams and fascinating rock faces to Mt. Pilatus. After admiring splendid views of the Bernese Oberland and the snowcapped Swiss peaks from the summit at nearly 7000 feet, descend by aerial cableway and return to Lucerne.

Approximate tour duration is 4 hours.

\*From November to May and in the event of adverse weather, the cogwheel will be replaced by the aerial cable car.

Day #9	01 Jan 2023 - 31 Dec 2023	\$104.
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Approximate tour duration is 6.5 hours.

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