

All Aboard for Switzerland and Lake Como!

Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains

June 8 – 18, 2025



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HIGHLIGHTS: Zurich, Glacier Express Train, Zermatt, Lake Maggiore, Borromeo Palace and boat cruise, Bernina Express Train, St. Moritz, Lucerne, and Mount Pilatus

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

- Day 1 Overnight Flight
- Day 2 Novotel Zurich City West, Zurich
- Days 3, 4 Hotel Alex, Zermatt
- Days 5 – 7 Zacchera Hotels, Lake Maggiore
- Day 8 Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz
- Days 9, 10 Radisson Blu Hotel, Lucerne, Lucerne

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Full Itinerary

Day 1: Sunday, June 8, 2025 | Depart U.S on your overnight flight (booked on own).

Day 2: Monday, June 9, 2025 | Zurich, Switzerland - Welcome to Switzerland's largest city - Zurich. Enjoy some time exploring on your own in charming Old Town or one of Zurich's many museums. This evening, enjoy local cuisine at our welcome dinner. *(Dinner)*

Day 3: Tuesday, June 10, 2025 | Zurich - Andermatt – Zermatt - Start the day with a walking tour of the city. A local guide will teach you the city's history and make a few *sweet* stops along the way. Learn the history behind the chocolate shops and taste some delicacies for yourself. Treat your taste buds to even more flavors of Zurich with free time for lunch on your own. After that, it's all aboard! You're off to Andermatt to experience the world-renowned Glacier Express train. Natural backdrops of the Swiss Alps, thick forests, flowing streams, and deep valleys bring you to the unique, car-less village of Zermatt. *(Breakfast and Dinner)*



Day 4: Wednesday, June 11, 2025 | Zermatt - Start your morning with a walking tour to get familiar with the quaint mountain village of Zermatt. With free time for the rest of the day, enjoy this village on your own, maybe uncovering history in the Matterhorn Museum. Or check out the Gornergrat Railway to experience elevated views of the Matterhorn. For those seeking adventure, we will offer a guided, optional hike. *(Breakfast)*

Day 5: Thursday, June 12, 2025 | Zermatt - Lake Maggiore, Italy - Depart Zermatt this morning and head towards Italy. Enjoy scenic mountain views on a drive through the Simplon Pass, used for centuries as a main trading route between northern Italy and Switzerland. Learn how Napoleon used the Simplon Pass to cross the Alps into Italy and gain control of Milan and Venice. Soak in spectacular views traveling through Val di' Ossola and visit a local family-owned cow farm.

Meet the owners and learn about life on the farm, and their family business before enjoying some of their home-made products over lunch. Continue to a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters set against the backdrop of the Alps, known as Lake Maggiore. Take time this afternoon to stroll the cobbled streets of Stresa. Long favored by European aristocracy because of its blend of elegance, Stresa has inspired artists and writers since the late 1800s. As the day draws to a close, settle in for a three-night stay at your hotel. *(Breakfast and Lunch)*

Day 6: Friday, June 13, 2025 | Lake Maggiore - The entire day is yours. You might want to soak up the sun along the waterfront, relax in an outdoor café, or head out on the waves by boat. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour to picture-perfect Lake Orta – a hidden gem surrounded by romantic villages and filled with quaint islands. As the evening approaches, board a private boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori. On the island, toast to your Italian experiences during dinner at a local restaurant. *(Breakfast and Dinner)*



Day 7: Saturday, June 14, 2025 | Lake Maggiore -

Today, explore the twin towns of Verbania and Pallanza where **it's your choice!** In Verbania, wander through the enchanted gardens of Villa Taranto. Among the dreamy landscapes and captivating reflections are mysterious flowers from the farthest corners of the world – **OR** – visit Pallanza and tour the Troubetzkoy statuary collection housed in the town's museum, Museo del Paesaggio.

This afternoon, set sail to *Isola Bella* – known as the “beautiful island.” With an expert guide beside you, journey into the Borromeo Palace – a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. *(Breakfast)*

Day 8: Sunday, June 15, 2025 Lake Maggiore - St.

Moritz, Switzerland Experience sweeping coastal views on your drive along the picturesque shores of Lake Como during your full morning bus transfer to Tirano.

Enjoy free time and lunch in this charming town before traveling on the famous Bernina Express. It is truly one of the world's most beautiful and scenic railways.

As you surpass the tree lines, witness views of rugged, high-alpine landscapes from panoramic windows. Once past the small station of Ospizio Bernina, you'll reach the highest point of the route at over 7,390 feet above sea level. You'll venture towards villages like Poschiavo, where Swiss and Italian cultures blend seamlessly before reaching the posh resort town of St. Moritz, and the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Make your final stop in St. Moritz and enjoy the evening at leisure to relax or stroll the lakeside boulevard. *(Breakfast)*



Day 9: Monday, June 16, 2025 | St. Moritz - Lucerne -Enjoy a leisurely start in St. Moritz before heading to Lucerne, the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake.” Follow the ancient pathways of the city on a walking tour through an *Altstadt* (Old Town), passing through the covered 14th-century Chapel Bridge. Along the way, see the famous water tower that once served as a prison. Pause at the renowned Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate heroic soldiers. The evening is yours to relax or explore. *(Breakfast)*

Day 10: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 | Lucerne - Today, enjoy the splendor of pure nature while gliding over a clear landscape in panoramic gondolas and spectacular cable cars. Ascend Pilatus on a unique excursion along the steepest railway in the world. From the top, soak in the magnificent Alpine views from 7,000 ft. above sea level. Enjoy leisure time at the summit, where you can stroll the walkway for new vantage points. Venture back down the mountain by panoramic gondola for another bird's eye view. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner featuring Swiss specialties. *(Breakfast & Dinner)*

Day 11: Wednesday, June 18, 2025 | Lucerne - Tour Ends - Your scenic journey comes to an end today in Lucerne. *(Breakfast)*

Space is limited – Book today!

\$4599 per person for Double Occupancy

\$5799 for a Solo Traveler

Deposit \$349 per person

Final Payment due March 1, 2025

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PLEASE NOTE:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.