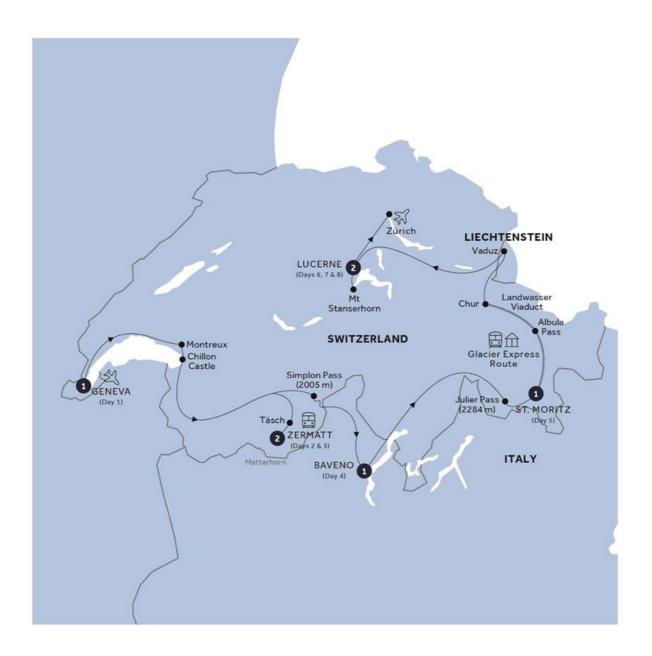
# **INSIGHT VACATIONS**

The Art of Travelling in Style

# **GLORIOUS SWITZERLAND**







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# Day 1 | Geneva, City of Gardens



Prepare yourself for the majesty of Switzerland's snow-capped mountains, glaciers, sparkling lakes, flower-filled meadows and rich, green valleys. Meet your Travel Director and travel companions for a short stroll to your Welcome Dinner. The evening is full of Swiss delight, as you enjoy the cozy decor while being served typical Swiss specialties including cheese fondue. Return to your immaculate boutique hotel, the award-winning Hotel d'Angleterre. Enjoy British charm and the finest Swiss hospitality, with each room individually designed to reflect its elegant style.

Meals: Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Hotel d'Angleterre, Geneva.

Day 2 | Montreux, Chillon and the Matterhorn Village of Zermatt



Start your day with highlights of Geneva, the City of Gardens. See the Jet d'Eau and Floral Clock. Then relax and enjoy the enchanting scenery as we continue to the charming town of Montreux. Situated at the foot of the Alps and boasting beautiful lakeside walks, enjoy free time to explore this pretty town. On the western bay of Lake Geneva, join Maud, head of collections at Chillon Castle, for a special tour of the former home to the Dukes of Savoy, immortalised by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon.' Keep a look out for where the writer is rumoured to have left his mark. Continue through the Rhone Valley, where high summer temperatures support vines and other fruits. The final stage of your journey is by cogwheel train to the traffic-free Alpine resort of Zermatt. During your orientation with your Travel Director, feast your eyes on the distinctive triangular silhouette of the Matterhorn. At night, enjoy a stroll in the fresh mountain air to your chosen restaurant for your Dine-Around Evening.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

**Hotel:** Resort Hotel Alex / Walliserhof Grand-Hotel & Spa

Day 3 | Free Time in Zermatt



Zermatt in the summertime offers many leisure possibilities: try swimming, hiking, or spend a whole day relaxing in the fresh Alpine surroundings. Perhaps take an optional ride on Europe's highest cable car to the snow-capped roof of the world for a magnificent panorama of the highest peaks in Switzerland, Italy and France?

Meals: Breakfast

**Hotel:** Resort Hotel Alex/ Walliserhof Hotel

**Klein Matterhorn Excursion -** A unique electric taxi service will drive us to the foot of Zermatt's highest and most spectacular mountain ride. You'll enjoy stunning views as we ascend to Furi and Trockener Steg, before boarding Europe's highest cable car to 3883m (12,740 ft) to view the magnificent snow-capped top of the world.

Adult: 130.00 CHF

# Day 4 | Elegant Baveno



Descend to Täsch and rejoin the coach. Follow in Napoleon's footsteps as you ascend the Simplon Pass, taking in magnificent views over the Alps from the 2,000-metre summit. Continue along the gentle shores of Lake Maggiore. Perhaps take a delightful boat trip to see the stunning Isola Bella?

**Meals:** Breakfast

Hotel: Hotel Simplon, Baveno.

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Lake Maggiore Experience -** A short hop on our private motor launch brings us to the world-renowned hanging gardens of Isola Bella, where white peacocks preen. In the Borromean Palace, our local expert reveals the grottoes and masterpieces lovingly nurtured by this wealthy Italian dynasty. Our island hopping continues to the quaint Fisherman's Island where we are treated to a typically local Italian meal - Buon Appetito!

Adult: 99.00 EUR

## Day 5 | Grison Alps to Chic St. Moritz



Head north back into the high mountain country of the Grisons Alps today. Ascend the San Bernardino and the Julier Passes to arrive in the sparkling Engadine Valley with an invigorating climate characterised by clear skies and its location high in the Alps. On arrival in the cosmopolitan resort of St. Moritz, a brief orientation with your Travel Director will show you the spa quarter and the brilliantly sparkling glacial lake, before there is time to explore further on your own, or perhaps step aboard the Bernina Express to experience one of Europe's most outstanding train journeys?

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Crystal Hotel/Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz.

# **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Bernina - Express Excursion -** Enjoy one of the most exciting train rides in Switzerland as you cross the Bernina Pass to the Alp Grum. Spectacular views of the Alpine peaks, glaciers, waterfalls, green valleys and mountain villages. We then descend to Poschiavo to reboard our touring coach.

Adult: 58.00 CHF

# Day 6 | Scenic Train Ride, Liechtenstein and Lucerne



Start the day with a scenic train ride along part of the route of the Glacier Express, through unforgettable scenes of ice-capped mountains, stone-built villages and lush meadows. At Chur, reboard your coach and travel along the valley of the Upper Rhine to spend some time in Vaduz, the tiny capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, where you explore the area around the castle. Continue to Lucerne alongside the dramatic Walensee and Lake Zürich. On arrival, see the sorrowful sculpture of the wounded lion, commemorating the brave Swiss Guards who died defending King Louis XVI during the French Revolution. Your Travel Director will also show you the Jesuit Church and the Chapel Bridge.

**Meals:** Breakfast

Hotel: Hotel Astoria. Lucerne.

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

**Lake Lucerne Cruise -** A chance to take in the wonderful mountain scenery from a different perspective. Enjoy a leisurely lake cruise, for fine views of the town and it's surroundings. The serene beauty of Lake Lucerne on a summer's day is a joy to behold, made even more enjoyable by the encompassing snow-capped mountains, green pastures and dense forests. **Adult: 45.00 CHF** 

**Secret Switzerland -** Incredibly, Switzerland provides all its citizens protection in case of nuclear disaster or war. Go behind the scenes for a unique tour of one of the world's biggest civilian fallout shelters! Cold War secrets of the Swiss will be revealed by our expert guide. **Adult: 51.00 CHF** 

**Swiss Evening -** There's nothing better than convening with friends around a pot of bubbling fondue with a glass of chilled white wine and having a good yodel! Join us for a tasty Swiss meal in a typical restaurant. While you dine, enjoy a lively folklore show of flag throwing, yodelling, Alpenhorn blowing and other great Swiss entertainment.

Adult: 109.00 CHF

### Day 7 | The Summit of Mount Stanserhorn



Commence the day with a morning stroll along lakeside promenades or shopping for fine watches while enjoying the scenery. Explore Mount Stanserhorn on a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, as an open-top cable car powered by solar panels take you up the summit. Walk along beautiful scenic pathways, keeping an eye out for marmots and other native animals, with the chance to hear a conservation talk by a Swiss ranger, to learn about local wildlife and flora. Celebrate new friends and enjoy a Celebration Dinner at the foot of Mount Stanserhorn with magnificent views over Lake Lucerne at Restaurant Seeblick.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner with Wine

Hotel: Hotel Astoria, Lucerne.

#### **OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:**

Carriages & Countryside - In a typical rural community, meet local farmers for a delightful horse-drawn ride. Clip-clop your way through bright green pasture, where the angular spire of a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white church shoots skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional white skyward and rickety old wooden stores at a traditional whi

the landscape. Call in at a local farm where a wonderful spread of homemade drinks and snacks is served.

Adult: 77.00 CHF

# Day 8 | Leave Lucerne for Zürich

In the morning, your adventures through Switzerland come to an end.

**Meals:** Breakfast

<sup>\*</sup> Children must be accompanied by an adult.