



Itinerary

Switzerland: Hidden Trails & Majestic Peaks

May 15, 2020 - May 24, 2020

Day 1: Overnight Flight



You're on your way to a world wedged between Germany, Austria, France and Italy - the country of four languages that's one of the most heralded destinations in Europe. Your journey through Switzerland will be entirely by train, offering an up close and personal rendezvous with the best the country has to offer from the Alps to the historic villages of the Swiss Riviera. Get ready to experience the culture, history and lifestyle of Switzerland firsthand.

Day 2: Neuchâtel, Switzerland - Tour Begins



Willkommen! Bienvenue! Board a Swiss Rail train to Neuchâtel, where Gothic landmarks and sandstone grandeur beckon you to discover the abundant history of this medieval waterfront city. This evening, gather for a welcome dinner at a local brasserie. Retire to your lakefront room with incredible views of Lake Neuchâtel.

Hotel

Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac
Neuchtel

Culinary

Dinner

Day 3: Neuchâtel - Auvernier - Neuchâtel



Good morning, Neuchâtel à la Belle Époque! Set out on a walking tour and discover the treasures of Neuchâtel's historic quarter with its unique architecture and structures from the Belle Époque period. Next, it's on to the village of Auvernier. Visit a local wine cooperative, where a tour of the cellars demands a tasting of their everlasting vintages and a chance to learn how nature, soil and tradition converge to create a vintage's character and flavour.

Hotel

Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac
Neuchtel

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 4: Neuchâtel



Enjoy a day of leisure in Neuchâtel. You may use your Swiss Travel Pass to explore the surrounding areas or just relax and stroll this charming place. Perhaps you will choose an optional e-biking excursion on Switzerland's Absinthe Trail to Maison de l'Absinthe to learn the history of production and enjoy a private tasting and cooking experience.

Hotel

Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac
Neuchtel

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 5: Neuchâtel - Bern - Zermatt



From Neuchâtel, travel via train to Bern, the Swiss capital city. Enjoy time at leisure to discover Bern's enthralling blend of influences - old and new. Then it's on to the striking resort village of Zermatt nestled against the backdrop of the Matterhorn.

Hotel

Hotel Alex
Zermatt

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 13°
Low 5°
Rain 2"

Day 6: Zermatt



Zermatt's modern holiday amenities steeped in traditional Alpine roots make this pedestrian city a truly peak experience. Today is yours to explore all this village has to offer. Consider using your Swiss Travel Pass to ascend the Gornergrat Railway to take in breathtaking views of the famed Matterhorn.

Hotel

Hotel Alex
Zermatt

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

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Day 7: Zermatt - Vevey



Say goodbye to Zermatt and head to the north shore of Lake Geneva to Vevey, one of the "Pearls of the Swiss Riviera," with awe-inspiring views of the Alpine panorama. While the city's promenades and majestic hotels are classic reminders of the Belle Époque, its modernity is characterized by its art and music festivals, and the ever-present memory of Charlie Chaplin, who spent the last quarter of his life as a resident. Enjoy a walking tour before enjoying the evening at leisure.

Hotel

Astra Hotel Vevey
Vevey

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 8: Vevey - Lavaux - Vevey



A relaxed morning in Vevey precludes your journey to the terraced vineyards of Lavaux. Begin with lunch at a family-owned restaurant before visiting with our friends, Jacques and Aurelia, for a wine tasting nestled amongst the vines. Traipse the Lavaux vineyards (UNESCO) on foot before enjoying another tasting of the region's finest varieties.

Hotel

Astra Hotel Vevey
Vevey

Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

Day 9: Vevey



Today, it's your choice! Enjoy a full day of leisure in Vevey. Take advantage of your Swiss Travel Pass and discover the city's museums, including the Swiss Camera Museum, Charlie Chaplin Museum, and the Nestle Foundation's Nest -OR- discover Montreux and Château de Chillon, then travel back to Vevey on Lake Geneva. Next, pay a visit to Läderach. Switzerland is world-famous for its chocolate, and Läderach chocolate is Swiss perfection. Participate in an immersive tasting workshop that reveals a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the artistry behind the handmade Swiss chocolate. Gather in the evening for a farewell dinner at one of Vevey's best local restaurants.

Hotel

Astra Hotel Vevey
Vevey

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Day 10: Vevey - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today.