



## Itinerary

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### Switzerland: Hidden Trails & Majestic Peaks

Oct 5, 2019 - Oct 13, 2019

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#### Day 1: Neuchatel, Switzerland - Tour Begins



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.

Willkommen! Bienvenue! Board a Swiss Rail train to Neuchâtel, where Gothic landmarks and sandstone grandeur beckon you to discover the abounding history of this medieval waterfront city. Join your fellow travellers for a toast. Retire this evening in your lakefront room with incredible views of Lake Neuchâtel.

#### Hotel

Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac  
Neuchâtel

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#### Day 2: Neuchatel - Cormondrèche - Neuchatel



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 Cormondrèche. 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  
Neuchâtel

#### Culinary

Breakfast

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#### Day 3: Neuchatel



Enjoy a day of leisure in Neuchâtel. You may use your Swiss Travel Pass to explore the surrounding areas or gain admission to museums. Or, just relax and stroll this charming place. Perhaps you will choose to join your guide for 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. This evening we gather to unwind over dinner at a local brasserie and sample local favourites such as boeuf tartare and fromage.

#### Hotel

Best Western Premier Hotel Beaulac  
Neuchâtel

#### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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#### Day 4: Neuchatel - Bern - Zermatt



From Neuchatel we 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

Unique Hotel Post  
Zermatt

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

### Weather

High 11°  
Low 2°  
Rain 2"

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## Day 5: 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

Unique Hotel Post  
Zermatt

### Culinary

Breakfast

### Weather

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## Day 6: 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 paying 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.

### Hotel

Astra Hotel Vevey  
Vevey

### Culinary

Breakfast

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## Day 7: 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 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. Next, it's your choice! Return to Vevey via rail and enjoy the rest of your day at leisure -OR- continue your exploration through the miles of Lavaux vineyards to Saint-Saphorin, a medieval village dating back to Roman times, located on the banks of Lake Geneva.

### Hotel

Astra Hotel Vevey  
Vevey

### Culinary

Breakfast & Lunch

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## Day 8: Vevey



Enjoy a full day at leisure. Check out everything Vevey has to offer. Don't forget to take advantage of your Swiss Travel Pass to explore any one of the city's museums, among them the Swiss Camera Museum, Charlie Chaplin Museum, or the Nestle Foundation's Nest. Or use your Pass to board a ferry to discover Montreux and Chillon. Join us this evening for a farewell dinner at one of Vevey's best local restaurants.

### Hotel

Astra Hotel Vevey  
Vevey

### Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

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## Day 9: Vevey - Tour Ends



Your tour comes to a close today.

