

Please note that all of the itineraries listed in our web site are actual private tour itineraries we have prepared for clients over the past 12-18 months. By the very nature of what we do, each private tour itinerary is custom, exclusive and unique unto itself. Our over-riding goal is to create lifelong memories that you and your family will forever carry deep within your hearts.

Overview

Similar to Japan, we consider Switzerland to be one of the meticulously clean and punctual countries in the world. The Swiss values of honesty and hard work is balanced by an emphasis on clean air and an active lifestyle. It is no coincidence that Switzerland is home to many wellness/health spas, as embodied in the mantra “vita borne” or “life from source”/“the source of life”. In addition to the country’s array of 5-star hotels and wellness centers, there are also numerous world-class hiking opportunities. Chocolate lovers have found their home here, as the Swiss are the world’s largest chocolate consumers, per capita.

SWITZERLAND

Temperature Range:

Highs: Mid 60's

Lows: Low 40's

Area:

25,652 sq. km

15,940 million sq. miles

Population:

8.4 million

Language:

French, Italian, Dutch

Currency:

Swiss Franc

Day 1

Fly to Switzerland

Through our sister company, premium air provider TRAVNET, we may assisted with your international airfare, as well as with mileage points conversion.

Day 2

Arrive Zurich

Upon arrival at the Zurich Airport, you will be met by your private driver and transferred to the Hotel Baur au Lac with the remainder of the day free to spend at your leisure.

Hotel Baur au Lac

The historic 5-star Hotel Baur au Lac sits on the shore of Lake Zurich, set within its own expansive park, yet within walking distance of Zurich’s high-end shopping district. With spectacular views of the Alps and the lake, Baur is a picturesque hotel with high-touch service and luxurious amenities such as 24/hour room service, free Wi-Fi, and a rooftop fitness center. The 119 rooms and suites are decorated in different styles ranging from Art Deco, French Louis XIV, to English Regency, combined with standard modern touches including marble baths and heated floors. Dining options include the Restaurant Pavilion, serving a contemporary take on classic dishes; River Gauche with delicious meat and fish dishes; and Le Hall, a perfect place for afternoon tea.

Meals: --

Accommodations: Hotel Baur au Lac

Day 3

Zurich Half-Day Walking Tour + Drive to St. Moritz

Your half-day walking tour begins with the Old Town and continues up Lindenhof hill with sweeping views of the city below. Atop the hill sits the historical site of a Roman castle believed to be from the 2nd Century and later rebuilt as the residence of Louis the German in the 9th Century until it became completely dilapidated. You will next visit Peterskirche, or St. Peter’s Church, dating back to 8th or 9th Century and sitting on the site of a temple once dedicated to the Roman god, Jupiter. In the afternoon you will be driven to the Kempinski Grand Hotel in St. Moritz.

Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains St. Moritz

Easily accessible by road or rail, the 5-star Kempinski Grand Hotel is located in the Upper Engadine, a high alpine valley region in the eastern Swiss Alps (5,978 ft. in altitude). The 184 rooms and suites, in addition to 27 luxury residences, are all tastefully designed and feature beautiful views of the surrounding mountains and flat screen TVs. Kempinski's The Spa has four different saunas, a steam bath, a laconium (low humidity steam room), indoor pool, Kneipp baths, a gym, sun terrace, and a separate spa for ladies. Kempinski additionally includes a tennis and squash center, a cigar lounge and library, casino, shopping center, sport shop, and Alpine ski school. With four restaurants, Restaurant Les Saisons, Restaurant Enoteca, Ca d'Oro, and Lobby Bar, there is no shortage of dining options.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains St. Moritz

Day 4

Kempinski Hotel Free Day

Enjoy the amenities of the Kempinski Grand Hotel and the many spa options!

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains St. Moritz

Day 5

Glacier Express Train St. Moritz/Zermatt

Following breakfast, you will be transferred to the St. Moritz Train Station to board the Glacier Express train to Zermatt. Beginning in the 1930's, the Glacier Express passes through 291 bridges and 91 tunnels with the highest point of the route being the Oberalp Pass. A ride on the Glacier Express Train includes 7.5 hours of gorgeous panoramic views from St. Moritz/Davos to Zermatt, through the three cantons of Valais, Uri, and Graubünden. Once you arrive in Zermatt, you will be transferred to the Grand Hotel Zermatterhof.

Grand Hotel Zermatterhof

Ideally located in the center of town, next to the Matterhorn Museum, the spectacular views (5,276 ft. in altitude) are reason alone to stay at the 5-star, 77-room Grand Hotel Zermatterhof. Conceived in 1879, the Zermatterhof has an old Swiss ambience coupled with a high-touch, wellness aesthetic. The hotel's Alpine Spa program offers a comprehensive menu of spa treatments, including a huge pool (with waterfall) and an ice grotto. Amenities include three high-quality restaurants and all the luxury amenities you've come to expect from a relatively small, luxury property. The horse and carriage ride from the train station is a fun, nice introduction to the town of Zermatt.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Grand Hotel Zermatterhof

Day 6

Zermatt Private Touring

Following breakfast at the Grand Hotel, your Zermatt touring will begin by traveling up to Gornergrat, via the highest open-air rail system in Europe, where you will be met by an unparalleled view of the Matterhorn,

Monte Rosa, and Gorner Glacier. The remainder of the afternoon will be free for you to enjoy the amenities of the Grand Hotel Zermatterhof and explore Zermatt on your own.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Grand Hotel Zermatterhof

Day 7

5-Lakes Hike

Embark on half-day hike, Considered one of the best hikes in the Zermatt Mountains, 5-Seenweg takes you passed five incredible lakes, with the Matterhorn reflected in three. Each lake is special in its own way: Leisee is a popular swimming spot, Grunsee looks out across a rugged landscape, Grindjisee is home to rare flowers, Stellisee is a photographer's dream, and Moosjisee has a beautiful blue, milky hue. Following your hike, you will have the remainder of the day free to relax at the Alpine Spa.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Grand Hotel Zermatterhof

Day 8

Drive Zermatt/Lausanne

As you are privately driven from Zermatt to Lausanne, you will have the option of stopping at Chateau de Chillon, an island castle located on Lake Geneva, Castle Chillon was the inspiration behind Lord Byron's 1816 poem, *The Prisoner of Chillon*. It is also the castle animated in the Disney film, *The Little Mermaid*.

Beau-Rivage Palace

Opened in 1861, we feel a stay at the 5-star Beau-Rivage Palace is reason alone to stay in Lausanne! Made up of two buildings connected via La Ronde, the hotel was renovated in 2012 by the renowned designer, Pierre-Yves Rochon. Situated on the shore of Lake Geneva and only 10 minutes from the city center, Beau-Rivage has a four hectare garden – the perfect spot to relax after a long day of exploring the area. Each of the 168 rooms and suites offer sweeping views of the city, garden, or Lake Geneva. There are 10 different dining options including a sushi restaurant and an Italian one. Of special note is Cinq Mondes, a 15,000 sq. ft. spa featuring indoor/ outdoor heated pools, a Jacuzzi, "tropical rain walk", gym, salon, separate male and female hammams (Turkish-style baths), saunas, and two outdoor tennis courts.

Meals: Breakfast

Accommodations: Beau-Rivage Palace

Day 9

Drive Lausanne/Geneve + Fly Geneva/Home