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MAY 27 - JUNE 4, 2025



TUESDAY, MAY 27 (IN FLIGHT MEAL)

Today we'll embark on our journey with an overnight flight to **Zurich, Switzerland**.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28 (DINNER)

Welcome to Switzerland! Upon arrival in the morning, we set off for eastern Switzerland and the lovely town of **St. Gallen**. We will take a **city tour** of this compact metropolis with its charming, traffic-free old town. Colorfully-painted oriel windows are a famous town attraction. St. Gallen's most celebrated landmark is its **Baroque cathedral** and **Abbey Library**, which houses over 140,000 documents – some hand-written more than 1,000 years ago. The entire Abbey precinct was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1983. Later this afternoon we will arrive in beautiful **Lucerne** and check into the **Hotel Astoria** for three nights. Enjoy a delicious welcome dinner at the hotel.



THURSDAY, MAY 29 (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

A **walking tour** of Lucerne, including the Old Town with its quaint streets and squares, busy market places and decorated houses, Chapel Bridge, Jesuit Church and the Lion Monument, will be the perfect way to begin our day. We'll have time for some shopping and lunch before we take a trip to the top of **Mt. Pilatus**. Our journey begins with a **scenic boat ride on Lake Lucerne** to **Alpnachstad**, where we'll board a **cogwheel train** for the ride to the summit. With a gradient of 48%, it's the world's steepest train! Enjoy picture-perfect panoramas of the surrounding mountains and lakes before descending by **aerial cable-car** to **Kriens** where we'll board the public bus for the return trip to town. This evening we're in for a special treat as we enjoy a **traditional Swiss meal** complete with cheese fondue followed by a lively and entertaining **Folklore Show** at **Restaurant Stadtkeller**.



FRIDAY, MAY 30 (BREAKFAST)

This morning we will enjoy a breathtaking journey southward through the **Swiss Alps**. We'll make a stop at the **Chocolate Factory** in **Caslano** before continuing on to **Lugano**, a picturesque city near the Swiss/Italian border with its parks, flowers, and a Mediterranean flair that has been strongly influenced by its Italian neighbors. Its distinctive mixture of Italian ambience (Italian is Lugano's predominant language) and Swiss style will enchant you. We will have time to explore the traffic-free historic city center with its magnificent architecture while basking in the sunny climate for which Lugano is so well known. This afternoon relax and enjoy an 80-minute **cruise** on gorgeous **Lake Lugano** with its crystal blue water surrounded by dramatic mountain vistas. The rest of the evening is free for you to enjoy the town.

SATURDAY, MAY 31 (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

This morning we make our way over the Bruenig Pass into Central Switzerland. Our first stop is the quaint town of **Brienz**, where we will visit the **Open Air Museum Ballenberg**. The museum features more than one hundred centuries-old buildings from all over Switzerland, 250 farmyard animals, traditional gardens and fields, demonstrations of local crafts, and many special events to create a vivid impression of rural life in days gone by. We'll make a photo stop in lovely **Interlaken**, located between the lakes of Thun and Brienz at the foot of three imposing mountains - Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Take in the scenery as we continue on to Switzerland's capital city of **Bern**. Enjoy a **guided tour** of this unique, medieval city with its many fountains, sandstone facades, narrow streets and notable towers. Not many cities have managed to retain their historic features quite as successfully as Bern, which has been designated a UNESCO Cultural World Heritage Site. We then travel westward through the Gruyère region, transitioning from German-speaking to French-speaking Switzerland, to **Lausanne** where we will check into the **Hotel Mirabeau** for three nights. Settle in and begin to explore this charming town nestled on the shores of Lake Geneva, surrounded by vineyards and set against the breathtaking backdrop of the snow-covered Alps. Dinner is included at the hotel this evening.





SUNDAY, JUNE 1 (BREAKFAST, LUNCH)

This morning we'll take a **mountain train** from **Taesch** to the picturesque town of **Zermatt**, located at the foot of the Matterhorn at an altitude of 5,315 feet above sea-level in the southwest of Switzerland. This idyllic village is nestled amongst fabulous scenery of mountains and glaciers. From Zermatt we will take an **Alpine train** to **Gornergrat** (10,272 ft.) to have **lunch** while enjoying a broad view of thirty-eight Alpine peaks that stand over 12,000 feet - including the **Matterhorn** - the most photographed mountain in the world. The mountain train will take us back to Taesch before returning to Lausanne, where you'll have a free evening to enjoy the town's dining and shopping opportunities.

MONDAY, JUNE 2 (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

We begin our day by heading to **Geneva** for a **guided city tour**. Known as the "capital of peace," Geneva is the European seat of the UN and headquarters of the International Red Cross. Embedded between Alpine peaks and the hilly terrain of the Jura Mountains, this French-speaking city has a pleasing cosmopolitan flair. Tour highlights will include the UN, World Council of Churches, and the Reformation monument. Later today we'll transfer to **Montreux**, a pleasant resort town on the shores of Lake Geneva, where we'll have a **guided tour**. Surrounded by vineyards against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps, Montreux is well-known for its abundance of Mediterranean plants due to the mild climate. We'll enjoy dinner at a local Montreux restaurant before heading back to our hotel in Lausanne.



TUESDAY, JUNE 3 (BREAKFAST, DINNER)

Our first destination today is **Chillon Castle**. One of the most famous castles in Switzerland, this impressive edifice is located on a rocky island near the shore of Lake Geneva and features fortified walls and towers. It houses the prison in which Bonivard was held in chains for four years and which provided Lord Byron with the inspiration for his famous poem "The Prisoners of Chillon." The day continues with two Swiss culinary treats. We'll visit the **Gruyeres Cheese Factory** to watch cheese makers at work and to sample authentic Gruyeres. There will also be time to have lunch and shop for cheese along with other specialties and gifts from the region. Then it is on to the **Chocolate Factory Cailler** in Broc. Imagine a place where all your senses can be immersed in the wonderful world of chocolate that comes from the best cocoa, freshest milk, and other high quality ingredients! Our next destination is Switzerland's largest city, **Zurich** - the "metropolis of experiences" - where we check into the **Hotel Mercure** for one night. Located on Lake Zurich with a splendid view of the snowcapped Alps on the horizon, Zürich offers a unique mixture of attractions. If time allows, we'll do a short guided walking tour of the city. A farewell dinner is included at a local restaurant this evening.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4 (BREAKFAST)

After breakfast we'll transfer to the Zurich airport for our flight home with treasured memories of our scenic Swiss holiday!

TOUR COST* (PER PERSON): DOUBLE: \$6,599 SINGLE: \$7,579

**These prices are based on the value of the Swiss Franc as of May, 2024. Tour participants will be notified prior to final payment of any change in the tour price due to fluctuation in the exchange rate.*



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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Passengers must carry a **passport** that is valid for at least six months past the return date of the trip (through December 5, 2025). In addition, all U.S. travelers entering a Schengen country in Europe (Switzerland) must apply online for an **ETIAS Visa Waiver** prior to departure and pay the application fee, which is expected to be around 7 Euros per person. Details on how to apply for the ETIAS Visa Waiver will be communicated at final payment time.

OPTIONAL TRAVEL PROTECTION: An **Optional Travel Protection Plan** is available for **\$475** per person in double occupancy and **\$546** per in single occupancy.

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