

7 Days/6 Nights

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Swiss Classics: Zurich, Grindelwald & Lucerne

Take a winter romp through the magical land of mountains, clocks, on-time trains, chocolate, and cheese. You'll visit 3 unique Swiss cities, beginning with culturally rich Zurich, before stopping in postcard-perfect Grindelwald at the foot of the Bernese Alps, and ending in fairytale Lucerne with its beautiful facades and medieval buildings.

ACCOMMODATIONS

•2 Nights Zurich

•2 Nights Grindelwald

•2 Nights Lucerne

INCLUSIONS

- Shared Zurich & Surroundings Tour
- Fondue Dinner
- 72-Hour ZurichCARD

- Self-Guided Mt. Schilthorn Excursion
- Private Lucerne Walking Tour
- Entrance to ChocoWelt Chocolate Factory + Make Your Own Chocolate Bar

- 1st-Class Swiss Flexi Pass
- Daily Breakfast



ARRIVE IN ZURICH:

After checking into your centrally located hotel, explore this charming city by take advantage of the Zurich Card.* It's the ideal ticket for culture lovers and urban explorers who would like to transform their short stay into a journey of discovery at a minimum of cost.

* *The Zurich Card offers the following benefits over a period of 72 hours:*

- *Unlimited 2nd class travel on all forms of public transportation in the city of Zurich and surrounding region*
- *Free or reduced admission to the majority of Zurich`s museums*
- *10 to 20% discount in various local stores*
- *Culinary surprise in selected restaurants*
- *Many more discounts on a variety of cultural and leisure activities*

(Accommodations, Zurich)



ZURICH:

After breakfast, your morning is at your leisure. At 1pm, you'll meet your guide at the designated departure point for a shared Zurich & Surroundings Tour. Discover why Zurich is frequently awarded "city with best quality of life" and learn about Switzerland's business and cultural center while listening to your multilingual guide pointing out the highlights of this unique town. Heading out to the beautiful surrounding area, you cross Lake Zurich by ferry and ride a cable car to Felsenegg with stunning views of the town, the lake and the snow-capped Alps. In the evening, you'll enjoy a typical fondue dinner at a local restaurant.

(Breakfast, Dinner & Accommodations, Zurich)

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ZURICH TO GRINDELWALD:

Using your Swiss Flexi Pass, you'll board the train at Zurich Main Rail station in 1st



Class for your 2.5-hour ride to Grindelwald. After checking into your hotel, the remainder of the day is at your leisure. This picture-postcard village, nestled in Switzerland's Bernese Alps, is a popular gateway for the Jungfrau Region, with skiing in winter and hiking in summer.

(Breakfast, Zurich; Accommodations, Grindelwald)



GRINDELWALD:

After breakfast, get ready for your Self-Guided Mt. Schilthorn Excursion. The Schilthorn can be easily reached by a cable car from Murren. After a short trip by aerial cableway, you reach the summit of the Schilthorn at 9,744 feet above sea level. Marvel at the most spectacular panorama in the Alps: Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau - this is the Swiss skyline. In 1969, the Schilthorn was featured in the James Bond movie "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" and was called Piz Gloria for that occasion. Today, that's still a name being used for the Schilthorn. There is an interactive exhibition "Bond World 007" at the Schilthorn, showing movie scenes and information about how the film was shot. The trip to the Schilthorn by cable car is an attraction too, as there are deep ravines being crossed and the view is amazing all the way up. Be sure to explore the mid station Birg as well. Here's what to expect there: A viewing terrace that partly hangs over a precipice (the Skyline Walk), plus The Thrill Walk; you'll be able to explore places only mountaineers can go if it wasn't for this steel path pinned to the vertical rocks. A nice rest stop is the 360° Restaurant Piz Gloria; perfect before and after your mountain experience. The restaurant with table service rotates around its own axis in 45 minutes, gliding past more than 200 mountain peaks. This evening, relax in one of Grindelwald's charming restaurants for dinner and reminisce about today's experience.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Grindelwald)



GRINDELWALD TO LUCERNE:

With your Swiss Flexi Pass, board your train in Grindelwald for your trip to Lucerne via Interlaken. The 3.5-hour trip passes through stunning scenery hugging Lake Brienz. This year, Condé Nast Traveler readers voted Lucerne their second-favorite city in Europe, just behind Florence in the annual Readers' Choice Awards. Lucerne is neatly divided into the Old Town (Altstadt) and New Town (Neustadt), the former being the most atmospheric quarter and easy to navigate on foot. After settling into your hotel, you'll take a self-guided tour of the ChocoWelt Chocolate Factory. At the end of the tour, your voucher will provide you with the opportunity to create your own personalized chocolate bar (7 ounces)! You determine the ingredients, choosing from fruits, nuts, salty, sweet, dark or light, etc. And if you have not sampled enough chocolate, their cafe is a cozy place to have a hot chocolate.

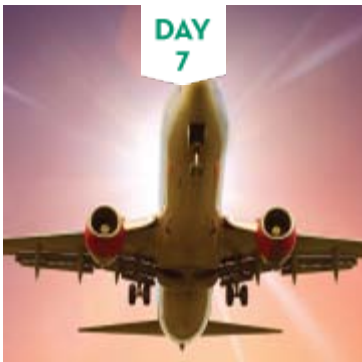
(Breakfast, Grindelwald, Accommodations, Lucerne)



LUCERNE:

After breakfast, meet your guide for a Private Lucerne Walking Tour. You'll pass through the covered, medieval Chapel Bridge that forms the centerpiece of Lucerne's townscape and is considered to be one of the oldest, covered wooden bridges in Europe. A further landmark of the town is the Museggmauer, a wall which, with the exception of only one of its towers, has been preserved in its original, well-fortified state. Notice the historic houses decorated with frescoes that line the picturesque town squares as they do in the Weinmarkt Square in the car-free old town. On the south bank is the 17th-century Baroque style Jesuit Church of Saint Francis Xavier, defined by its dull-green twin onion domes and grand marble stucco interiors. It's regarded as Switzerland's first sacred Baroque building and the twin towers of the Hofkirche form an integral part of the surroundings. The figure of a dying lion which was hewn from the face of rock in remembrance of the heroic death of Swiss guards killed during an attack on the Tuileries in 1792 is one of the best-known monuments in Switzerland. And with its 120-yard-long Bourbaki panorama, Lucerne possesses one of the world's few maintained, mammoth circular paintings. The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Tonight, try one of the restaurants specializing in fondue to end your memorable stay.

(Breakfast & Accommodations, Lucerne)



DEPARTURE:

After breakfast, use your Swiss Flexi Pass to Zurich or onward to another Avanti destination in Switzerland.

(Breakfast, Lucerne)
