

14 DAY BUCKET LIST RAIL

# TRAINS OF SWITZERLAND

**\$4999**

PER  
PERSON  
TWIN  
SHARE

TYPICALLY **\$7199**

ZURICH • ST MORITZ • ZERMATT • MONTREUX

## THE OFFER

Switzerland is renowned for its awe-inspiring beauty, and the rail lines are by far one of the best ways to discover it. From vibrant Zurich to the snow-capped peaks of St. Moritz, this 14 day rail odyssey will show you there's more to Switzerland than chocolates and cuckoo clocks alone.

The hills will come alive to the sound of music as you travel in comfort aboard the famous Bernina Express, Glacier Express, and Panoramic Express trains, all the while soaking up dramatic views of snowy mountains, cascading waterfalls and picturesque villages. Explore the vibrant city of Zurich, explore the charming alpine hideaway of Chur, feel like a movie star in glamorous St. Moritz, and stay in Montreux on the shores of scenic Lake Geneva. Stroll across the iconic wooden bridge of Lucerne, enjoy a day at leisure in colourful Zermatt, and enjoy free time in beautiful Interlaken - renowned for its rolling meadows, timber houses, and mountains trails. With return flights, 11 nights quality hotel accommodation, and 11 meals, as well as return airport and rail transfers and ultra-convenient hotel luggage transfers, you'd be cuckoo to miss out on this extraordinary bucket list rail journey.

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# THE ITINERARY

### Day 1 Australia - Zurich, Switzerland

Today depart from Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth for Zurich, Switzerland! Fly with Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines or Virgin Australia to name a few (subject to availability).

**Meals included: In-Flight**

### Day 2 Welcome to Zurich

Upon arrival into Zurich, you will be met and transferred to the hotel. Relax for the remainder of the day in this cosmopolitan city, which combines creative urban life with the freedom of nature.

**Overnight: Hotel Montana or similar, Zurich**

**Meals included: None**

### Day 3 Zurich - Chur - St. Moritz

This morning, take the local train to Chur, a pretty alpine city. Here you will have some free time to stroll the picturesque car free town centre, enjoying views of the snow-capped mountains that surround it. For your convenience, your luggage (one bag per person) will be transported directly from hotel to hotel, allowing you to relax and enjoy the days scenic train journeys.

Next you will be transferred to the train station for your journey to St. Moritz - the winter sports capital of Switzerland (approx. 3 hours). St. Moritz was the birthplace of Alpine winter tourism and has twice hosted the Winter Olympics. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for check in and then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. St. Moritz is the number one alpine holiday destination - its name is a registered trademark and stands for style, elegance and class. The city first became famous thanks to its mineral springs, which were discovered 3,000 years ago and established the town as a summer spa resort early on.

**Overnight: Hotel Laudinella or similar, St Moritz**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 4 St Moritz - Bernina Express - Lugano

After breakfast be transferred to the train station to take the Bernina Express from St. Moritz to Tirano (approx. 4 hours). One of the world's most famous trains, the Bernina Express allows travellers uninterrupted panoramic views across mountains, lakes and meadows.

Crossing the Alps in style, the train climbs to an impressive 2,223m to the Bernina Pass and offers breathtaking vistas as you ride over impressive viaducts and past galleries hewn from sheer rock. There are beautiful views of rushing mountain streams, glaciers and even an alpine garden en route to the terminus in Tirano, which lies just over the Italian border. The line is recognised by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

On arrival in Tirano, take the Bernina Express bus from Tirano Station to Lugano Station. This special bus with its large panoramic windows takes you on a journey through scenic countryside and villages. On arrival in Lugano, you will be transferred to the hotel. This welcoming town boasts a historic centre and attractive shops and restaurants to explore.

**Overnight: Hotel Delfino or similar, Lugano**

**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 5 Lugano - Glacier Express - Zermatt

Today be transferred to Lugano Station for another inspiring train journey. Take the local train to Göschenen and then on to Andermatt, where you will board the slowest express train in the world: The Glacier Express to Zermatt (total trip approx. 2 hours). The train winds its way up to over 2,000m at the Oberalp Pass, through an unspoilt landscape of glaciers, ancient forests, rushing mountain streams and valleys, passing through 91 tunnels and across 291 impressive bridges. It will be a truly unforgettable journey.

Arrive in Zermatt and transfer to the hotel. Zermatt, nestled at the foot of the mighty Matterhorn Glacier, is a charming car free town, where you can relax and enjoy the fresh mountain air and awe-inspiring views of the peak.



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**Overnight: Hotel Jagerhof or similar, Zermatt**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 6 Zermatt Free Day

Today is a free day in beautiful Zermatt, giving you time to explore the town and its surroundings at leisure. Or alternatively you can take an optional full day excursion to the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise Station (not included).

Optional Activity: Full Day Tour to Matterhorn Glacier Paradise Station - \$140 per person

Take the cable car to Europe's highest aerial cableway and Summit Station at 3883m. Enjoy the panoramic views over the largest glaciers of the Alps and 38 impressive mountain giants of the Swiss, French and Italian Alps. Enjoy free time at leisure to explore the mountain and town.

**Overnight: Hotel Jagerhof or similar, Zermatt**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 7 Zermatt - Montreux

This morning, take the local train from Zermatt to Visp and from there the InterRegional mainline train to Montreux (total trip approx. 2.5 hours). Montreux is located on Lake Geneva and protected by high mountain peaks. It's famous for its mild climate and subtropical vegetation. After checking in, enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

The town's promenade is lined with flowers, sculptures, Mediterranean trees and grand Belle Époque buildings. Offshore is a medieval island castle, Château de Chillon, this fairytale castle is built on a rock standing off the shore of Lake Geneva and offers visitors a true experience of medieval splendour (entrance not included).

**Overnight: Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic or similar, Montreux**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 8 Montreux - Panoramic Express (Golden Pass Line) - Interlaken

Today journey on the Panoramic Express, part of the famous Golden Pass Line. This spectacular train route travels via Gstaad – a favoured holiday spot of many celebrities – to Zweisimmen. From Zweisimmen, travel on by local train to Interlaken via Spiez (total trip approx. 2.5 hours). As the name suggests, this typical Swiss town is located in between two lakes and offers the best in outdoor sports activities, from rafting to hiking, skiing to paragliding. Upon arrival check in at the hotel and then enjoy the rest of the day at leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel City Oberland or similar, Interlaken**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 9 Interlaken Free Day

Today enjoy a free day at leisure in Interlaken. Explore the village and its stunning mountain surroundings, or perhaps take an optional trip by cable car and mountain railway to the Jungfrauoch, also known as the "Top of Europe" (not included).

Optional Activity: Cable Car and Mountain Railway to the Jungfrauoch - \$105 per person

The summit offers the best views over the Eiger and the Mönch from the Sphinx Terrace. The historic railways of the Jungfrau Mountains are an absolute joy. The network of narrow-gauge railways, cogwheel trains, aerial cable cars and funiculars offer the chance to discover idyllic villages and stunning mountain scenery. You will have plenty of time to explore the fantastic glacial Ice Palace and have lunch at your leisure.

**Overnight: Hotel City Oberland or similar, Interlaken**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 10 Interlaken - Lucerne

After breakfast take the local train from Interlaken to the beautiful city of Lucerne (approx. 2 hours), nestled amongst lakes and soaring peaks in the heart of central Switzerland. The rest of the day is at leisure to explore. You could take a romantic walk through the city centre, admire the medieval Chapel



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Bridge with its gable paintings, or enjoy a delicious lunch (not included) at one of the many traditional restaurants.

**Overnight: Hotel Drei Konige or similar, Lucerne**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 11 Lucerne Free Day

Today is a free day in Lucerne, allowing you time to further explore the historic city and its picture-postcard setting. Alternatively take the opportunity to join an optional full day excursion to Mt Rigi and the special cogwheel train ride up to the summit (not included).

Optional Activity: Full Day Tour to Mt Rigi - \$70 per person

On arrival at the top of the mountain, enjoy time at leisure in Rigi Kulm, taking in the panoramic views across the Alps, thirteen different lakes and the entire Swiss Mittelland through to Germany and France.

**Overnight: Hotel Drei Konige or similar, Lucerne**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 12 Lucerne - Zurich

Today take a local train to Zurich (approx. 1 hour), arriving in the bustling metropolis in time for a leisurely lunch (not included) at one of the city's many excellent restaurants. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure. This evening why not head to one of the many fondue restaurants in town for dinner (not included). Cheese, meat or chocolate - Fondue is the national dish of Switzerland and should not be missed!

**Overnight: Hotel Montana or similar, Zurich**  
**Meals included: Breakfast**

### Day 13 Zurich, Switzerland - Australia

After breakfast and check out you will take a train to Zurich Airport for your return flight back to Australia. For your convenience, your luggage will be transported directly from the hotel to Zurich Airport. Please note: if your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception

the night before.

**Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight**

**Day 14 Arrive in Australia**



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# TOUR INCLUSIONS

## HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the cities and landscapes of Switzerland by rail
- Journey through the awe-inspiring Swiss Alps
- Visit the luxury alpine resort town of St. Moritz
- Witness the spectacular scenery from the famous Bernina Express Train
- Discover Lugano a lake view spectacular town
- Travel on the Glacier Express, the slowest express train in the world
- Witness breathtaking mountains to tranquil lakes
- Enjoy a free day at leisure in beautiful Zermatt
- Visit the charming car-free city centre of Chur
- Stay in Montreux on the shores of Lake Geneva
- Travel the Golden Pass Line aboard the Panoramic Express Train
- Discover the typical Swiss town of Interlaken at leisure
- Relax in the picture-perfect city of Lucerne
- Enjoy free time in the cosmopolitan city of Zurich

## FLIGHTS

- Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/MEL/BNE/ADL/PER

## ACCOMMODATION

- 11 nights quality hotel accommodation

## DINING

- Enjoy 11 meals including daily breakfast

## TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour assistant
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- Parking and toll fees

## TRANSPORT

- Transportation by A/C vehicles
- Travel in 2nd Class rail cabins in Switzerland

## TRANSFERS

- Return airport and rail transfers



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## BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

**Please note:** all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

## OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 27th September 2019.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

### Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$890 applies.

### Departure Dates (2019)

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

### Surcharges

**Please note:** dates/months with a \* incur a flight high season surcharge of \$300 per person.

## Departure Cities

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Adelaide or Perth

## FLIGHTS

### Full Service Airline(s) Used

Etihad Airways, Emirates, British Airways, Singapore Airlines, Cathay Pacific, Virgin Atlantic, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines, Scandinavian Airlines, Qatar Airways, Air France, KLM, Finnair, Virgin Australia, Thai Airways, Korean Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Oman Air, Garuda Indonesia, Vietnam Airlines, Air China, China Airlines, Malindo Airlines plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

**Please note:** One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

### Arrive early in Zurich, Switzerland

\$200 per person, subject to availability

#### Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

### Stay behind in Zurich, Switzerland

\$200 per person, subject to availability

#### Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

### Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$450 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$700 one way

Locations:

\* Doha

Includes:

2 Nights in 4 star accommodation

Daily breakfast

Return airport transfers

#### Please note:

- Only one stopover is permitted, it can be either an inbound or an outbound stopover.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

### Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy: Starting from \$2499 per person
- Business Class: Buy now for \$6499 per person

#### Please note:

- \*Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration.
- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.
- If Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Doha stopovers are offered, Premium Economy upgrades will not be available

## ACCOMMODATION

### Accommodation Used

3-4 Star (self-rated)

- Zurich: Hotel Montana or similar
- St Moritz: Hotel Laudinella, or similar
- Lugano: Hotel Delfino or similar
- Zermatt: Hotel Jagerhof or similar
- Montreux: Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic, or similar
- Interlaken: Hotel City Oberland or similar

Lucerne: Hotel Dreu Konige or similar

**Please note:** Accommodation/rooms



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offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

## Extra Nights (Pre/Post Tour)

- Zurich, Switzerland: \$510 per room including breakfast.

**Please note:** extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

## Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

## Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for Children/infants 8 years old and over.

**Please note:** Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

## Triple Share

Not available.

## Bedding Configuration

Double or twin bedding (subject to availability).

## Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

## GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 15, maximum group size 45 per vehicle.

## Optional Tours / Activities

- Day 6: Full Day Tour to Matterhorn Glacier Paradise Station - \$140 per person
- Day 9: Cable Car and Mountain Railway to the Jungfrauoch - \$105 per person
- Day 11: Full Day Tour to Mt Rigi - \$70 per person

**Please note:**

- prices are based on per person, are

subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions.

- The optional tours listed above must be purchased on checkout or over the phone prior to submitting your passenger information form (subject to availability)
- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

## EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (Not required for Europe if travelling on an Australian passport for stays up to 90 days)
- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

**Please note:** A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

## OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

#### Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer

information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

**Please note:** Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

## CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

### Switzerland:

From July to August the daytime temperature range is 18 to 28°C.

In September, temperatures begin to drop as summer begins to fade away. The average temperature for Zurich in September is 15°C. The highest temperature for the month is 20°C.

## FLIGHTS

### Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

### Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

## COACH TOUR

### Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions



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and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

## Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. For your convenience, your luggage (one bag per person) will be transported directly from hotel to hotel, allowing you to relax and enjoy the scenic train journeys.

## OTHER

### Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

**Please note:** a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

### Gratuities / Tipping:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour and are optional and at the customer's discretion.

### Sightseeing:

**Please note:** In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary will be adjusted to ensure you do not miss out on the experience.

### Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance

with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

## VISAS

A tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian passport.

**Please note:** Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

## INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

## SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

• Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

• Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

### Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

• If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.



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