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# Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains

## April - October

featuring a cruise on Lake Maggiore and scenic trains in Switzerland & Italy

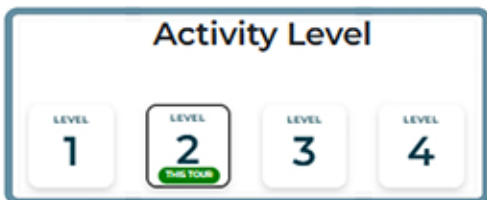
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### Escorted Tour

#### Highlights

- Zurich
- Glacier Express Train
- Zermatt
- Lake Maggiore
- Borromeo Palace
- Choice on Tour: Villa Taranto or Pallanza Art Museum
- Island Dinner
- Bernina Express Train
- St. Moritz
- Lucerne
- Mount Pilatus



#### Your Tour Includes

- 5 Handpicked Accommodations
- 13 Meals

#### Must-See Inclusions:

- Enjoy stunning Alpine views on the Glacier Express train.
- Soak up the mountain air with 2 nights in the Alpine village of Zermatt.
- Explore the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake;" Lucerne.

#### Cultural Experiences:

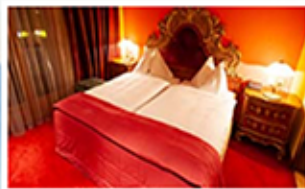
- Cruise through Lago Maggiore and visit one of the beautiful Borromeo Islands.
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of St. Moritz.
- Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.

#### Culinary Inclusions:

- Sit down for dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Lago Maggiore.
- Discover a sweeter side of Zurich on a locally guided history and chocolate tour.
- Sample Italian specialties at a family owned shop.



Hotel Krone Unterstrass  
Nights 1



Hotel Alex  
Nights 2-3



Zacchera Hotels  
Nights 4-6



Hotel Steffani  
Night 7



Hotel Astoria Lucerne  
Nights 8-9

## Pre- Night Tour available



**Day: 1** Overnight Flight-Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views aboard railways and lake cruises while enjoying cultural experiences in charming villages.

**Day: 2** Zurich, Switzerland -Dinner Hotel Krone Unterstrass -Welcome to Switzerland's largest city – Zurich. Enjoy some free time exploring its charming Old Town or one of its many museums on your own. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers over a welcome dinner.

**Day: 3** Zurich - Andermatt – Zermatt- Breakfast & Dinner Hotel Alex -Say “good morning” to Zurich with a walking tour of the city. A local guide will teach you the city’s history and make a few sweet stops along the way. Learn the history behind the chocolate shops and taste some delicacies for yourself. Treat your taste buds to even more flavors of Zurich with free time for lunch on your own. After that, it’s all aboard! You’re off to Andermatt to experience the world-renowned Glacier Express\* train. Natural backdrops of the Swiss Alps, thick forests, gurgling streams, and deep valleys bring this mountain dream to life. Complete your day in the unique, car-less village of Zermatt.

**Day: 4** Zermatt -Breakfast Hotel Alex -Start your morning with a Tour Manager-led Walk to get familiar with the quaint mountain village of Zermatt. With free time for the rest of the day, let your curiosity get the best of you while uncovering history in the Matterhorn Museum. Perhaps your adventurous side will take you on the Gornergrat Railway to experience elevated views of the Matterhorn.

**Day: 5** Zermatt - Lake Maggiore, Italy Breakfast Zacchera Hotels -Take on the day as you depart Zermatt and head towards Italy. Enjoy scenic mountain views on a drive through the Simplon Pass, used for centuries as a main trading route between northern Italy and Switzerland. Learn how Napoleon used the Simplon Pass to cross the Alps into Italy and gain control of Milan and Venice. Continue to a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters set against the backdrop of the Alps, known as Lake Maggiore. Take time this afternoon to stroll the cobbled streets of Stresa. Long favored by European aristocracy because of its blend of elegance, Stresa has inspired artists and writers since the late 1800s. Step inside a local wine shop where the family teaches you all about some of Italy’s local specialties and invites you to try some. As the day draws to a close, settle in for a 3-night stay at your hotel.

**Day: 6** Lake Maggiore -Breakfast & Dinner Zacchera Hotels -The entire day is yours. You might want to soak up the sun along the waterfront, relax in an outdoor café, or head out on the waves by boat. Perhaps you’ll take an optional tour to picture-perfect Lake Orta – a hidden gem surrounded by romantic villages and filled with quaint islands. As the evening approaches, board a private boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori. On the island, toast to your Italian experiences during dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day: 7** Lake Maggiore - Breakfast Zacchera Hotels-Today, explore the twin towns of Verbania and Pallanza where it’s your choice! In Verbania, wander through the enchanted gardens of Villa Taranto. Among the dreamy landscapes and captivating reflections are mysterious flowers from the farthest corners of the world -OR- visit Pallanza and tour the Troubetzkoy statuary collection housed in the town’s museum, Museo del Paesaggio. This afternoon, set sail to Isola Bella – known as the “beautiful island.” With an expert guide beside you, journey into the Borromeo Palace – a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden.

**Day: 8** Lake Maggiore - St. Moritz, Switzerland-Breakfast Hotel Steffani-Experience sweeping coastal views on your drive along the picturesque shores of Lake Como during your full morning bus transfer to Tirano. Enjoy free time and lunch on your own in this charming town before traveling along one of the world’s most scenic railways. Take a journey through the Bernina Express en route to St. Moritz, Switzerland. Witness the striking landscapes of the Italian and Swiss Alps throughout your voyage – including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Make your final stop in St. Moritz and enjoy the evening at leisure to relax or stroll the lakeside boulevard.

**Day: 9** St. Moritz – Lucerne -Breakfast Hotel Astoria Lucerne -Slow and steady wins the race today. Enjoy a leisurely start in St. Moritz before heading to Lucerne, the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake.” Follow the ancient pathways of the city on a walking tour through an Altstadt (Old Town), passing through the covered 14th-century Chapel Bridge. Along the way, see the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison. Pause at the renowned Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate heroic soldiers. The evening is yours to relax or explore.

**Day: 10** Lucerne-Breakfast & Dinner Hotel Astoria Lucerne -Today, enjoy the splendor of pure nature while gliding over a clear landscape in panoramic gondolas and spectacular cable cars. Ascend Pilatus\*\* on a unique excursion along the steepest railway in the world. From the top, soak in the magnificent Alpine views from 7,000 ft. above sea level. Enjoy leisure time at the summit, where you can stroll along the walkway for new vantage points. Venture back down the mountain by panoramic gondola for another bird’s eye view. Gather tonight for a farewell dinner featuring Swiss specialties.

**Day: 11** Lucerne - Tour Ends-Breakfast-Your scenic journey comes to an end today in Lucerne. Post Tour Option available



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