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Alpine Rails & Resorts

Day 1: Zurich – Bern

At the Zurich airport board the motor coach and transfer to Bern, Switzerland's capital city. Upon arrival enjoy a guided walking tour that includes a visit to the famous bear pit. The city's name translates into bear and the animal is prominently displayed in Bern's code of arms. Continue to the House of Parliament, the Rose Garden and the Munster Cathedral. Upon check-in at the hotel enjoy dinner and overnight in Bern.

Day 2: Bern – Golden Pass Rail – Montreux - Zermatt

Travel by coach to the shores of Lake Thun, situated at the base of some of Switzerland's most majestic mountains. Continue to the small village of Zweisimmen to board the Golden Pass Panoramic train for the journey to the shores of Lake Geneva. The impressive iron viaduct high above Gstaad, a resort town for the rich and famous, offers a good view of the chalet mountain village. It is immediately evident that the town takes great pride in their wooden buildings here. From Gstaad the train continues to Saanen, before descending to Montreux. Shortly after emerging from a tunnel the fabulous view opens onto Lake Geneva, with a length of over 70km is surrounded by the lofty peaks of Swiss and French Alps. Upon arrival enjoy time for an individual lunch before a guided tour of Chillon Castle, made famous by Lord Byron's poem "The Prisoner of Chillon". In the late afternoon continue by coach to Zermatt for dinner and overnight.



Day 3: Zermatt



This great car-free resort is high in up in the Matter Valley, nestling amongst a stunning scenery of mountains and glaciers and offers visitors a fantastic panorama of thirty-eight 13,000 feet peaks. The dominant mountain is the awe-inspiring Matterhorn which, with its distinctive shape, has become a symbol of Zermatt. Enjoy a full day at leisure to explore some of the town's 'must visits' such as the Gornergrat mountain railway, Rothorn cable car and the Sunnegga Express funicular. Dinner and overnight in Zermatt.

Day 4: Zermatt – Stresa (Lake Maggiore)

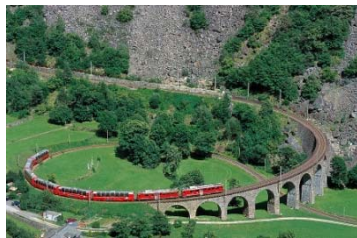
Leave behind the high mountains of the Swiss Alps and travel south to the breathtaking Italian Lake District and the beautiful resort town of Stresa. This afternoon take advantage of your free time to admire the beautiful views of Lago Maggiore and delight in the charms of Stresa. Dinner is family-style at a rustic restaurant overlooking the lake. Overnight in Stresa.



Day 5: Lake Como

After a short coach ride arrive in Como, the historic center of Italy's Lake District. In a private cooking class a professional chef will demonstrate the art of pasta making. Afterwards enjoy the fruits of your labor over lunch and a glass of local wine. In the afternoon take a boat ride on Lake Como to view the baroque villas and beautiful gardens which line the shores of Italy's most famous lake before returning to Stresa for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Stresa – Bernina-Express – St. Moritz



Today's highlight is a journey on the Bernina-Express which connects Italy's Valtelino valley with St. Moritz, one of the world's most exclusive mountain resort. Enjoy some free time for lunch in Tirano, a small town lined rows of chestnut trees which shade the many of outdoor cafes and restaurants. From Tirano the Bernina-Express climbs almost 6000 feet over graceful viaducts, through galleries hewn into the sheer rock, through switch-back tunnels and along mountain streams and glaciers to the top of the Bernina Pass from where it descends into the high alpine valley of the Engadine. Dinner and overnight in St. Moritz.

Day 7: St. Moritz – Glacier-Express - Lucerne

The Glacier-Express, the world's slowest express train, travels what is one of the most beautiful stretches of railway in the world, linking the famous resorts of St. Moritz and Zermatt. Experience the one-of-a-kind mountain landscape of the Swiss Alps on a spectacular train journey. Travel from St. Moritz to Andermatt, the half-way point of the Glacier-Express and a quaint mountain village located at the border between the German and Italian speaking part of Switzerland. After some time at leisure to explore the village travel by motor coach to Lucerne for dinner and overnight.



Day 8: Lucerne



An impressive old town with wonderful shops, lovely flower-decked bars and restaurants - all in a delightful lake setting and surrounded by dramatic mountains. Lucerne is a great place to walk around, visit the preserved city walls protecting the old town along the River Reuss with the famous covered wooden bridge and stroll along the lakeside. The guided walking tour this morning includes a visit to the Lion Monument and all the other major sights of the city. The rest of the day is at leisure for some last minute shopping or to relax and people-watch along the lakeside

promenade. Farewell dinner and overnight in Lucerne.

Day 9: Zurich - USA

Transfer to the Zurich Airport.