Join the Fun Tours presents... Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains

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For more information contact Stefan Sheilds Odyssey Travel (386) 235-3443 stefansjointhefun@yahoo.com VIRTUOSO MEMBER Climb aboard legendary Alpine railways and set out on a journey across the captivating Alpine landscapes of Switzerland and Italy. Ride 3 legendary train routes – the Golden Pass Panoramic Train, the Glacier Express, and the Bernina Pass Train. Explore Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Relax in some of Europe's most stunning and exclusive resort villages, including Zermatt, St Moritz and Lake Maggiore, Italy. Spend time at a family-owned farm where you sample their handmade cheeses paired with local wine. Cruise across one of the world's most scenic lakes – Lago Maggiore. Across 2 countries, pass by towering mountain landscapes and discover quaint villages.

Highlights And Inclusions

Your Tour Includes

- 4 Handpicked Accommodations
- 11 Meals
- 2 Choice on Tour Options

Must-See Inclusions:

- Enjoy stunning Alpine views on the GoldenPass panoramic 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 Borromean Islands.
- Stroll the lakeside boulevards of St. Moritz.
- · Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.

Culinary Inclusions:

- Enjoy a three-course lunch aboard the Glacier Express train.
- Savor a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- · Sit down for dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Lago Maggiore.

Highlights

- Lucerne
- GoldenPass Train
- Zermatt
- Choice on Tour
- Glacier Express Train
- St. Moritz
- Bernina Pass Train
- Lake Maggiore
- Farm Visit with Wine and Cheese Pairing

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- Lago Maggiore Cruise
- Island Dinner





Hotel Astoria Lucerne

Nights 1-2



Hotel Alex Nights 3-4



Hotel Steffani Night 5



Zacchera Hotels Nights 6-7

Arrive Earlier

Pre Night: Hotel Astoria Lucerne From \$240 per night

Stay Longer

Post Night: Zacchera Hotels From \$130 per night



Your Tour at a Glance

Stay	9 Days
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Meals Ÿ4	11 Meals 7 Breakfasts 1 Lunches 3 Dinners
Activity	2
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Activity Level



Activity Level 2

You like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can partake in a two-hour leisurely walking tour, covering up to two miles (with included breaks). You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. There may be 1 to 2 days on this tour when walking tours can cover 3 to 4 miles over uneven terrain. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet.



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Overnight Flight Breathtaking Alpine vistas await as you travel through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views while aboard railways and lake cruises and enjoy cultural experiences in charming villages in the heart of Europe.

Day 2: Lucerne, Switzerland - Tour Begins



Arrive in Lucerne and enjoy some free time to explore this lakeside town on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the city.

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Hotel Astoria Lucerne	Breakfast	Excursions	2 What's This?

Explore 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.

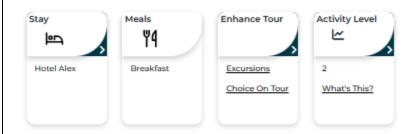
Day 4: Lucerne – Golden Pass Train - Montreux – Zermatt



Travel to Gstaad and climb aboard the Golden Pass panoramic train, taking in breathtaking Alpine views along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time in this resort town, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva. End your day in the carless village of Zermatt.

Day 5: Zermatt

Day 7: Lucarpa



Choose how you discover Zermatt because it's your choice! Explore on foot during a guided walking tour -OR- experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum; learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure.

Day 6: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz



Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow-gauge Glacier Express. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. While onboard, relax and enjoy a 3-course lunch. Arrive in St. Moritz and enjoy the evening at leisure to relax or stroll the lakeside boulevard.

Day 7: St. Moritz - Bernina Pass Train - Lake Maggiore, Italy



Traveling along one of the world's most scenic railways, journey through the Bernina Pass en route to Tirano, Italy. Take in the striking landscapes of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your voyage, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Experience sweeping coastal views on your drive along the picturesque shores of Lake Como. Continue to Lake Maggiore, a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters set against the backdrop of the Alps and settle in for a 2-night stay.





Travel to Oira, an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Visit a family farm to see a different side to Alpine life. Learn about the artisan cheeses that they produce before sampling their creations, paired with the region's local wines. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here an expert guide you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. As the day draws to a close, board a private boat for a cruise to Isola Dei Pescatori, one of the stunning Borromean Islands. On the island, toast to the end of your Alpine adventure and savor a traditional farewell dinner.

Day 9: Lago Maggiore - Tour Ends



Your scenic journey ends today in Lago Maggiore.

Travel Tips

Electricity

When traveling to another country, you may need an adaptor and/or electric converter to plug your electrical devices and appliances into the local power grid. An adaptor changes the plug so it fits into the outlet. A converter changes the voltage coming out of the outlet. To determine what you need, first verify if the plugs on your devices fit the outlet of your destination. In Europe, the plug type is C, which has two round pins. If your plugs do not match this description, you will need an adaptor. Next, verify the voltage of each device you intend to bring. You can find this information on the cord, plug, or on the device itself. Many devices are dual-voltage. For those, you do not need a converter. If your device is not dual-voltage and it differs from the voltage of your destination, you will need a voltage converter. In Europe, the voltage is 220v-230v. If necessary, make sure to get a converter that converts to this voltage. If you plan to bring a sleep apnea machine, please remember to bring an extension cord along with the adaptor and voltage converter.

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Time Zone

Switzerland and Italy are both 6 hours ahead of Eastern Standard Time and Eastern Daylight Time.

Enhance Your Trip

Day 5

Included

Today in Zermatt, you have the choice between two activities. First you may choose to join a local guide on a walking tour featuring the best-known landmarks of this charming city. In the summer months, you may also extend your tour with a short hike to visit the famous Ricola Herb Garden. Your other option is to visit the Zermatt Matterhorn Museum, dedicated to telling the story of 19th century Zermatt and the first ascent of the Matterhorn, and explore at your own pace. Follow the expedition as they conquer the final Alpine peak, only to anguish in tragedy when four of the seven climbers perished on the descent.



Attraction-Zermatt Matterhorn Museum



Attraction-Zermatt Walking Tour



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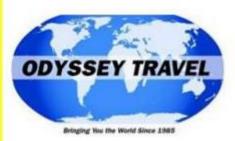
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