



## Fascinating Switzerland - 7 Days (#17518)

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### Overview

Zermatt, located at the foot of the magical Matterhorn.

Chocolate and cheese factories: enchanting nature and tasty experiences.

Get to know the beautiful Ticino, the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland.

### Trip Highlights

Zurich-Montreux-Zermatt-Lugano-Zurich

## Detailed Itinerary

**Day 01**

**Day 01: Zurich - Gruyeres - Montreux**



Travel from Zurich to Montreux. On the way stop to visit a local cheese maker in Gruyeres where you learn more about the cheese production. Then visit the Cailler Chocolate Factory with a chocolate tasting. Arrival in Montreux, which is a lovely city located on the shores of Lake Geneva.

**Day 02****Day 02: Montreux - Lausanne - Montreux**

In the morning take the railway up to Rochers-de-Naye (2.000 m). A singular panoramic view awaits: over the Swiss and French Alps from Eiger to Mont-Blanc and further to Lake Geneva. Later continue to visit the wonderful Chillon Castle whose photos are present in almost each of Switzerland's calendars. Next go to Lausanne. Lausanne is a picturesque city located on the shores of Lake Geneva surrounded by vineyards. Panoramic city tour and return to Montreux.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 03****Day 03: Montreux - Zermatt**

Travel to Zermatt. On our way we pass through the wine area of Sion. Then continue through the valley of the Rodano River to Täsch. Here you board a train to Zermatt, which is located at the foot of the impressive Mount Cervin.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 04****Day 04: Zermatt**

Free day to take an optional tour to the "Matterhorn Glacier Paradise", board the cable car (not included) to the top of the 3.883 meter "little" Matterhorn to enjoy a breath-taking view of Mount Cervin which is located just on the opposite side. A visit to the highest ice palace of the world is going to make this tour an extraordinary experience.

**Meal:** Breakfast

**Day 05****Day 05: Zermatt - Lugano**

After breakfast return to Täsch by train. Today the route takes you over the Nufenenpass to later arrive in Lugano, which is located in Ticino, the Italian speaking part of Switzerland. On a walking city tour you can discover this beautiful city and its historic centre. Relax at the Mediterranean squares or take a stroll along the boardwalk on the shores of Lake Lugano.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 06

#### Day 06: Lugano - Verzasca Valley - Ascona - Lugano

Tour to the impressive Verzasca Valley, located in the mountains above Lugano. It highlights the dam of Verzasca and the picturesque bridge of “Ponte de Salti” that crosses the magical jade green waters of the river. Continue to Ascona. Stroll through the narrow streets with its old houses, boutiques, restaurants and art galleries. In the afternoon return to Lugano.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 07

#### Day 07: Lugano - Bellinzona - Giornico - Zurich

After breakfast travel to Bellinzona, the Ticino’s capital. This historic city is well known for its impressive medieval castles that are part of the UNESCO World Heritage. Visit the castle Castel Grande one of the biggest ones you can find in Bellinzona. The castle stands on a rocky promontory in a strategic position that allowed control over the Ticino valley and thus over the transit routes through the Alpine passes. Continue to Giornico which was one of the most important villages regarding stopover for pilgrims and travellers on the historic Gotthard Trail. The tour ends in Zurich.

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- . Accommodation and daily breakfast in all hotels.
- . Transportation by car or minivan during the entire tour.
- . English speaking driver-guide during the entire tour.
- . Visits and excursions as mentioned.
- . Train ticket cog-railway Montreux - Rochers-de Naye - Montreux.
- . Admission to Chillon Castle and to Castel Grande castle (Bellinzona).
- . Visit to a local cheese maker in Gruyeres and the Chocolate factory.
- . Train ticket Täsch-Zermatt-Täsch in 2nd class.



### Exclusions

International airfares

Optional activities

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

### Note

Hotel stay at 4 Star or similar.

Departure dates: daily.

Single travelers on request!

Prices subject to availability.

Min. 2 persons

Self Drive (without guide) Option available on request. (Terms and conditions will vary).

### Program Touring / Guide

Private touring

### Periodic Departure



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