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## INTRODUCTION

In addition to our extensive range of rail and touring holidays, we are delighted to present to you the first in a selection of new holiday itineraries, aimed at taking your guests to some new, undiscovered destinations and trying out some different excursions in the process. Furthermore, these itineraries enable guests to discover a lot about the cultures and traditions within specific regions, whilst also offering the opportunity to sample a real variety of accommodation, including mountaintop hotels and hostels. As new itineraries are added to this selection, we will be sharing updated issues of this brochure with you.

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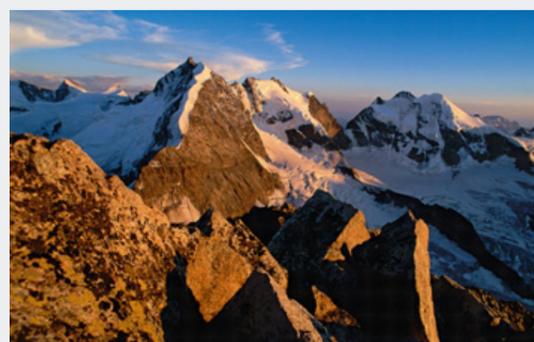
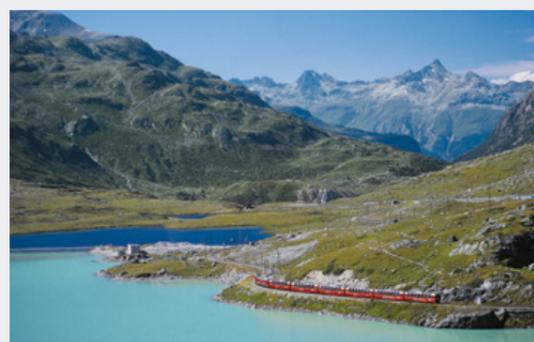
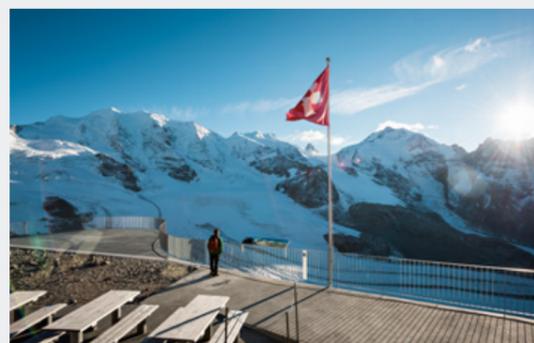
from CHF 557,- | 4 days / 3 nights



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE ENGADIN

Corvatsch – Diavolezza – Bernina Express

St. Moritz evokes all possible superlatives when it comes to Winter sports, but the town and surrounding region are just as spectacular during the summer. This 4-day package is a perfect way to experience some of the most dramatic scenery in the region, whilst also enjoying one of the most dramatic railway journeys in the world.



## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Arrival Pontresina

Afternoon arrival in Pontresina, checking-in to the 3-star Hotel Schweizerhof for 3 nights enjoying a Welcome Drink on arrival. If time permits, take time to explore this picturesque Engadin village, with travel on local public transport also included. Dinner this evening is at the hotel.

### Day 2 Corvatsch

This morning, take the bus from the railway station at Pontresina, alighting at Surlej, and take the cableway to Corvatsch. Positioned on the eastern side of the region's highest peak, Piz Bernina, the mighty Corvatsch offers truly sensational views across the surrounding mountains and lakes. Lunch is included at the summit. Spend as much time as you wish at the summit before returning to Pontresina at your leisure.

### Day 3 Diavolezza and the Bernina Express

After breakfast, take the regional train to Bernina Diavolezza before changing to the cableway. The cableway takes you to the summit of Diavolezza at almost 3000m above sea level. Enjoy a coffee at the Berghaus or perhaps take advantage of our 2for1 jacuzzi offer, for an alpine experience you will never forget. Afterwards, return to the valley station to catch the regional train service over the border into Italy and Tirano. Lunch is included in Tirano at the Ristorante Al Portici. After lunch, return to Pontresina on the Bernina Express (2for1 1st Class upgrade available) and enjoy arguably the most spectacular railway journey in Europe.

### Day 4 Explore the Engadin

Your morning is free to explore other parts of the region. Connecting travel arrangements to and from St. Moritz can be tailored to suit your exact needs. Please contact STC to discuss the various options available.

## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Diavolezza excursion
- ✓ Corvatsch excursion
- ✓ Bernina Express
- ✓ Tirano
- ✓ Pontresina and St. Moritz

## INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 1 x Local Transportation ticket including Corvatsch and Diavolezza excursions
- ✓ 3 x Night stay in Pontresina including breakfast and city tax
- ✓ 1 x Bernina Express return ticket and seat reservation
- ✓ 1 x Lunch in Tirano
- ✓ 1 x Lunch at Corvatsch
- ✓ Free shuttle bus between hotel and station in Pontresina
- ✓ 1 x Dinner and Welcome drink on first night
- ✓ 1 x Swiss Coupon Pass

## GOOD TO KNOW

Upgrade to 1st Class CHF 67,-

## PRICE AND SEASON

Season: all year round

Price p. p. in CHF	SGL	DBL	TRP
high season	582,-	582,-	582,-
low season	557,-	557,-	557,-

## THE HIDDEN GEM

from CHF 1013,- | 5 days / 4 nights

## THE UNDISCOVERED OBERLAND

### Kandersteg

Based in Kandersteg, this 5-day package allows you to discover some of the more unknown, yet most beautiful, parts of the Bernese Oberland. The tranquil village of Kandersteg provides the perfect base from which to explore this part of the region, with a full-day excursion by train across the border to Italy also included.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrival Switzerland

Afternoon arrival in Kandersteg by train, with check-in arranged at the Belle Époque Hotel Victoria from 14:00. Upon arrival, enjoy a complimentary welcome drink before your private village tour with a local guide. Enjoy some time at leisure afterwards before returning to your hotel for dinner, which is included.

#### Day 2 Sunnbüel

Kandersteg is renowned for being the starting point for many alpine hiking adventures, being positioned amongst some of the most beautiful features of the Alps. Today's excursion takes you by cable car to Sunnbüel from where there is a multitude of hikes to choose from, all offering amazing views of the surrounding peaks. En route back to Kandersteg, dinner is included at the historic "Ruedihus", which offers a truly unforgettable and unique dining experience.

#### Day 3 Italy

Today's excursion takes you over the border by train into Italy. Domodossola is a picturesque market town at the focal point of seven surrounding villages and has a beautifully preserved medieval town centre, graced with ornate Italian architecture dating back to the 14th century and home to the UNESCO Sacro Monte di Domodossola. The whole day is free for you to enjoy this elegant Italian town before returning to Switzerland by train and enjoying dinner at the hotel.

#### Day 4 Oeschinensee

After breakfast, take the short walk to the nearby cable car station and take the short ride to Oeschinen. At the summit, enjoy a ride on the toboggan before transferring to the Berghotel Oeschinensee, with arguably one of the finest vantage points in the whole of Switzerland. Enjoy an afternoon exploring the shores of the lake, before enjoying an overnight stay at this unique hotel.

#### Day 5 Morning at leisure and departure

After breakfast, the final day is yours to enjoy more spectacular scenery and lunch in the truly spectacular Oeschinensee area. After lunch, head back to Kandersteg and onwards to departure point.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Historic Kandersteg with private tour
- ✓ Unique dining experience at the Ruedihus
- ✓ Day trip to Italy
- ✓ Oeschinensee
- ✓ Overnight in mountain hotel

### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 1 x Rail ticket 2nd class: border/airport – Kandersteg – (itinerary as described) – Kandersteg – border/airport
- ✓ 4 x Night stay with Half-Board and city tax with Welcome Drink
- ✓ 3 x Night stay..... AND 1 x Optional night stay at the Berghotel Oeschinensee including breakfast and city tax
- ✓ 1 x Private village tour of Kandersteg
- ✓ 1 x Return trip to Sunnbüel
- ✓ 1 x Return trip to Oeschinen
- ✓ 1 x Dinner at Ruedihus
- ✓ 1 x Day-return rail ticket to Domodossola
- ✓ 1 x Swiss Coupon Pass

### GOOD TO KNOW

Flexible itinerary – days 1 to 3 can be done in any order

### PRICE AND SEASON

Season: 18.05.2019 to 10.10.2019

Price p. p. in CHF	SGL	DBL
Season Room		
4-star hotel	1013,-	1249,-

## THE ACTIVE SPA BREAK

from CHF 1194,- | 5 days / 4 nights

## ADELBODEN HIKING AND E-BIKING

### Adelboden

Based in Adelboden, this 5-day package allows you to discover this part of the Bernese Oberland on foot and with an eBike. Hiking and biking opportunities around Adelboden are plentiful, with nearby Kandersteg and Lenk also in reach. The delightful Parkhotel Bellevue and Spa is your base for four nights, with its elegant spa offering the perfect place to relax and recover after a full day of alpine activity.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrival Switzerland

Afternoon arrival in Adelboden by train and PostAuto, with check-in arranged at the hotel from 14:00. Upon arrival, enjoy a complimentary welcome drink. Included in this package is full spa access throughout your stay, so why not take full advantage of the hotel's superb spa facilities. Dinner at the hotel tonight is included.

#### Day 2 Guided hiking or eBiking

In order to ensure that you make the most of your time amongst the vast hiking and cycling area around Adelboden, today is spent either hiking or cycling with your own, private local guide. Not only will your guide be able to highlight some of the significant features and history of this beautiful area, but they will also be able to help you tailor your own hiking and biking itinerary for the remainder of your holiday. Dinner at the hotel tonight is included.

#### Day 3 Hiking and/or eBiking

Take full advantage of the advice offered to you by your guide the previous day and head out for a full day in the mountains. Why not spend the morning hiking and then the afternoon eBiking? After a full day of activity and adrenaline, relax in the hotel spa. Dinner at the hotel tonight is included.

#### Day 4 Hiking and/or eBiking

Another day on the mountains awaits with either your walking boots or your eBike. Perhaps retire to the hotel earlier today and reward yourself with a spa treatment. Dinner at the hotel tonight is included.

#### Day 5 Morning at leisure and departure

After breakfast, the final day is yours to enjoy more spectacular scenery and lunch in the truly spectacular Adelboden area. Afternoon departure.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Unlimited eBiking and hiking for all days
- ✓ Unlimited use of mountain lifts and cableways
- ✓ Unlimited Spa access
- ✓ One private fully guided day with local guide

### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 1 x Rail and PostAuto ticket 2nd class: border/airport – Adelboden – (itinerary as described) – Adelboden – border/airport
- ✓ 4 x Night stay with 5/course Half-Board and city tax and Welcome Drink
- ✓ 1 x 1-day Private hiking or biking guide
- ✓ 1 x "Wanderpass" for access to all mountain cableways
- ✓ 1 x 1-day eBike rental
- ✓ 1 x CHF 50,- voucher towards spa treatments
- ✓ Full hotel spa access for duration of stay
- ✓ 1 x Swiss Coupon Pass

### GOOD TO KNOW

Flexible itinerary – days 2 to 4 can be done in any order

### PRICE AND SEASON

Season: all year round

Price p. p. in CHF	SGL	DBL
4-star hotel	1241,-	1194,-

## GASTRONOMY

from CHF 925,- | 3 days / 2 nights

### TICINO GASTRONOMY EXPLORER

Lugano

Ticino is the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland and famous for its mild and Mediterranean climate, perfect for relaxing summer holidays with sunshine and blue sky. Lugano is full of Mediterranean flair and southern joie de vivre and our 3-day gastronomy package is a perfect way to experience some of the culinary delights of this fascinating part of the country.

#### ITINERARY

##### Day 1 Arrival Lugano

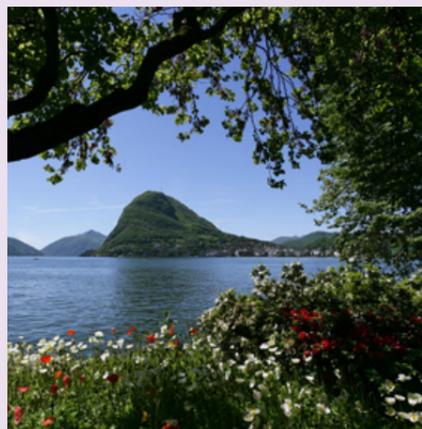
Lunchtime arrival in Lugano, checking-in to a centrally located 3-star hotel for 2 nights. Your included Ticino Ticket allows free public transportation in the entire Canton of Ticino, allowing your ample free time in the afternoon to explore Lugano and the surroundings. Later in the afternoon (15:00) you will meet your local guide in front of the Cultural Centre and enjoy a short 30-minute introduction to the city before crossing Lake Lugano by boat. Upon arrival at the local restaurant, enjoy an aperitif before taking part in our fabulous Risotto Workshop Experience.

##### Day 2 Lugano

Today we take your Ticinese gastronomic experience a step further, with our Lugano food and wine tour. Enjoy a guided tour around the historical city of Lugano, making several stops en route to sample several regional specialties, washed down with a Ticinese Merlot.

##### Day 3 Lugano and surroundings

Your morning is free to explore other parts of the region with your included Ticino Ticket. Connecting travel arrangements to and from Lugano can be tailored to suit your exact needs.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Lugano
- ✓ Ascona
- ✓ Locarno
- ✓ Lugano Food & Wine Tour
- ✓ Cruise & Cook Tour

#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 2 x Night stay in Lugano including breakfast and city tax
- ✓ 1 x Ticino Ticket
- ✓ 1 x Lunch voucher „Pasta e Pesto“
- ✓ 1 x "Cruise and Cook" excursion
- ✓ 1 x Private Guide
- ✓ 1 x Food and Wine Tour of Lugano
- ✓ 1 x Swiss Coupon Pass

#### GOOD TO KNOW

This itinerary can also be tailored for groups

#### PRICE AND SEASON

Season: all year round

Price p. p. in CHF	SGL	DBL	TRP
3-star hotel	1054,-	990,-	925,-
4-star hotel	1071,-	1245,-	992,-

## EMMENTAL AND OBERLAND

from CHF 494,- | 3 days / 2 nights

### KAMBLY & SCHILTHORN SHORTBREAK

Interlaken – Brienz – Luzern – Kambly Experience – Bern – Schilthorn

This 3-day shortbreak allows you to enjoy all the features of our Kambly Round Trip Package but with overnights in Interlaken and a memorable trip to the summit of Schilthorn.

#### ITINERARY

##### Day 1 Arrival Switzerland

Individual transfer to your hotel in Interlaken and check in. At leisure, make your way to the meeting point and, with your included Swiss Coupon Pass (SCP), enjoy the 2for1 offer on the Interlaken sightseeing tour. Overnight in Interlaken.

##### Day 2 Kambly Round Trip

The Kambly Round Trip offers you a magnificent, scenic rail experience combined with the visit of the boutique towns of Luzern and Bern and the home of world's leading premium biscuit brand Kambly. After breakfast, take an early morning cruise across Lake Brienz, to Brienz, before catching the train over the Brunig Pass and onwards to Luzern where you can take advantage of further offers with your SCP. After lunch, take the train to Trubschachen where you discover the origins of Switzerland's best known premium biscuit brand and enjoy moments of delight at the "Kambly Experience." Afterwards, take the train to Bern, where you have get the chance to discover the old town, rated an UNESCO World Heritage Site (see 2for1 Audio Guide tour in your SCP). Back to Interlaken by train. Overnight in Interlaken.

##### Day 3 Schilthorn and Departure

After breakfast, take the train to Lauterbrunnen, connecting with the PostAuto to Stechelberg. From here, take the cableway to Schilthorn and enjoy one of the best views in the Alps, along with "Bond World" and other James Bond-related exhibits. On the way down, experience the "Thrill Walk" and another SCP offer at Birg, before descending to Mürren. Take a stroll to the other end of this idyllic mountain village before returning to Lauterbrunnen via train and cableway. Head back to Interlaken to collect luggage. Individual return journey.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Interlaken, Luzern and Bern
- ✓ Schilthorn
- ✓ Lake Brienz cruise
- ✓ Kambly Experience

#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 2 x Night stay in Interlaken including breakfast and city tax
- ✓ 1 x 3-day Swiss Travel Pass for unlimited travel on the Swiss Travel System
- ✓ 1 x Inclusive boat trip
- ✓ 1 x Swiss Coupon Pass including:
  - 2for1 offer on Interlaken Sightseeing Tour
  - 2for1 offer on lunch on Lake Brienz
  - 2for1 offer upgrade to 1st class on Lake Brienz
  - 2for1 deals across Bern
  - 2for1 deals across Luzern
  - 2for1 offer at Birg
  - 2for1 offer at Kambly Experience
  - 10% discount voucher on all purchases over CHF 50,- at Kambly Factory Shop

#### GOOD TO KNOW

Package available all year-round. Other Kambly-themed packages available at [Trade.SwitzerlandTravelCentre.ch](http://Trade.SwitzerlandTravelCentre.ch)

#### PRICE AND SEASON

Season: all year round

Price p. p. in CHF	SGL	DBL	TRP
3-star hotel	659,-	585,-	562,-
4-star hotel	791,-	688,-	610,-



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for balcony  
extra CHF 5.00  
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**THE ROYAL EXPERIENCE**

**THE ALPINE WEEKEND**

from CHF 560,- | 3 days / 2 nights



**WENGEN ACTIVE SHORTBREAK**

Wengen – Männlichen

This 3-day shortbreak allows you to experience some of the highlights of Wengen and its surroundings. Perched high above the Lauterbrunnen valley, this traditional alpine village provides the perfect base for hiking and other outdoor pursuits, plus the brand new "Royal Ride" to Männlichen. This shortbreak can be extended and also added onto other itineraries.



**HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Balcony ride on Wengen-Männlichen cableway
- ✓ Royal Walk
- ✓ First Flyer/Mountain Cart/Trottbike
- ✓ Lunch at mountain restaurant
- ✓ Kleine Scheidegg hike with optional Jungfrauoch excursion
- ✓ Forest Hut dinner (groups only)

**INCLUDED SERVICES**

- ✓ 1 x 3-day Jungfrau Travel Pass
- ✓ 2 x Night stay in Wengen with breakfast and dinner
- ✓ 1 x Optional overnight stay at Berghaus Männlichen
- ✓ 1 x Wengen/Männlichen balcony „Royal Ride“ upgrade
- ✓ 1 x Berghaus Männlichen lunch
- ✓ 1 x Flyer/Glider/Trottbike ride
- ✓ 1 x Swiss Coupon Pass

**GOOD TO KNOW**

Flexible itinerary – included activities can be done in any order

**PRICE AND SEASON**

Season: 18.05.2019-20.10.2019

Price p. p. in CHF	SGL	DBL	TRP
3-star hotel	737,-	737,-	560,-
4-star hotel	912,-	915,-	587,-

**ITINERARY**

**Day 1 Arrival Wengen**

Late morning arrival in Wengen by train, with an early check-in arranged at the hotel. Take the brand new cable cars to Männlichen, enjoying the "Royal Ride" on the balcony, for amazing views to the Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau, and down to Grindelwald. Lunch is included at the Berghaus Männlichen. After lunch, head over to First, riding down the mountain on your choice of either the First Flyer, Glider, or Trottbike. Enjoy some time at leisure in Grindelwald, before returning to Wengen. Dinner at the hotel is included.

**Day 2 Kleine Kleine Scheidegg – Jungfrauoch**

Today's hike can be done either uphill or downhill. The leisurely option is to take the train up to Kleine Scheidegg and hike down to the village. The more energetic can hike up to Kleine Scheidegg before walking back down. At Kleine Scheidegg, everyone has the option to take the train to the Jungfrauoch, "Top of Europe", Europe's highest railway station (supplement payable locally).

**Day 3 Schynige Platte and moutaintop hotel**

An additional day in the region allows further time to explore Wengen, or alternatively head down into the Lauterbrunnen valley. There are endless possibilities from here – a trip to the Schynige Platte for lunch, or perhaps a simple stroll through Mürren, another charming Swiss alpine village. We also highly recommend extending your stay with an additional overnight at the Berghaus Männlichen.

**Day 4 Departure**

Departure from Wengen.



**THE ROYAL EXPERIENCE – EIGER, MÖNCH UND JUNGFRAU ZUM GREIFEN NAH**

Eine Fahrt auf dem Freiluftbalkon, eine beschauliche Wanderung zur kronenförmigen Aussichtsplattform und ein majestätischer Blick auf die weltberühmten Berge Eiger, Mönch und Jungfrau.

Das ist «The Royal Experience» – ein unvergessliches Erlebnis für die ganze Familie.

**THE ROYAL EXPERIENCE – EIGER, MÖNCH AND JUNGFRAU CLOSE ENOUGH TO TOUCH**

A ride on the open-air balcony, a leisurely hike to the crown-shaped viewing platform and majestic views of the world-famous Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau peaks.

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## GSTAAD AND SCHILTHORN

from CHF 970,- | 5 days / 4 nights

### GSTAAD & SCHILTHORN HIKING

Gstaad – Mürren – Schilthorn

This 5-day shortbreak allows you to enjoy some of Switzerland's finest hiking trails along with two major highlights of the Bernese Oberland, combining a stay in glamorous Gstaad with a memorable trip to the summit of Schilthorn.

#### ITINERARY

##### Day 1 Arrival Switzerland

Individual transfer to your hotel in Gstaad and check in. Gstaad is world-renowned for its high level of hospitality, whilst also being situated in one of the most beautiful parts of Switzerland. The perfect way of getting to know the area is by taking one of the many scenic rides available with horse and carriage, with the ride to Lauenensee particularly special. These can be booked locally. Dinner this evening is at your leisure.

##### Day 2 Hiking Gstaad

The diverse landscapes in the Destination Gstaad can easily be explored on foot. There are trails to suit every taste, including Alpine tours, multi-day routes, family hikes, theme trails and walks - in fact, the offer is virtually unlimited. With the GSTAAD CARD most of the starting points are easy to reach. On your second day, why not try taking the cable car up to the Wispile from where there are numerous hiking trails. Dinner is included this evening at the hotel.

##### Day 3 Golden Pass Line to Mürren

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and take the short walk/transfer to the station, from where the rail journey along the Golden Pass Line will allow you to experience dramatic scenery synonymous with Switzerland from the comfort of your seat in a Panoramic carriage. Changing at Interlaken Ost, the journey continues to Lauterbrunnen and then onwards to Stechelberg, from where you take the cableway to Mürren and check in to your hotel. After check-in, enjoy a drink on the terrace before exploring Mürren on foot. Dinner is included this evening at the hotel.

##### Day 4 Schilthorn and Piz Gloria

Today is all about experiencing the high-alpine world of the Schilthorn. Setting for James Bond's "On Her Majesty's Secret Service", it offers unrivalled views across the Bernese Oberland and beyond. The revolving restaurant at Piz Gloria not only offers a unique setting, it also allows you to relive some of the scenes from the movie itself, which is then further highlight at "Bond World" - the onsite museum completely dedicated to the production of the film. If the weather permits, take a hike down back to the village from Birg to further enjoy the views towards the Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau. Dinner is again included this evening at the hotel.

##### Day 5 Allmendhubel and home

The final morning of the trip offers ample time to enjoy a mid-morning coffee at Allmendhubel, reached by a historic funicular from the centre of the village. Chill out on the terrace and enjoy further breathtaking views before a final hike down back to Mürren. Late check-out from the hotel can be arranged to allow for a further full day in the area and additional overnights at your hotel can also be arranged.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Gstaad
- ✓ Golden Pass Line
- ✓ Mürren
- ✓ Schilthorn and associated activities on the summit
- ✓ Allmendhubel

#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 2 x overnight stay in Gstaad with breakfast
- ✓ 2 x overnight stay in Mürren with breakfast and dinner
- ✓ 1 x GSTAAD CARD
- ✓ All rail tickets / transfers as described
- ✓ 1 x Schilthorn excursion
- ✓ 1 x Allmendhubel excursion

#### GOOD TO KNOW

- ✓ Package can operate in reverse
- ✓ 4\* / 5\* hotel options available
- ✓ First Class rail upgrade available

#### PRICE AND SEASON

Season: Summer only			
Price p. p. in CHF	SGL	DBL	
3-star hotel	970,-	1157,-	

## SKI ADVENTURE

from CHF 1518,- | 5 days / 4 nights  
December to April

### THE SKI SAFARI

Brig – Aletsch Arena – Saas Fee – Zermatt

Based in Brig, this 5-day package allows you to experience some of the best skiing and winter sports resorts the world has to offer, as well as winter scenery to match. In addition to the winter sports options, the package also includes additional activities to enable you to wind down and relax after a full day on the slopes. The itinerary is also flexible, allowing you to switch the days around, subject to the weather conditions.

#### ITINERARY

##### Day 1 Arrival Switzerland

Afternoon arrival in Brig by train, with check-in arranged at the hotel from 14:00. Upon arrival, enjoy a complimentary welcome drink at the hotel. Enjoy some time at leisure in historic Brig, arrange your winter sports equipment hire at a local store, before returning to your hotel. Dinner is included.

##### Day 2 Aletsch Arena

After breakfast, take the train from Brig to Betten, connecting with the cable car to Bettmeralp, from where you can enjoy a full-day of unlimited skiing in the entire Aletsch Arena. The entire day is yours to enjoy before returning to Brig. Dinner at the hotel is included.

##### Day 3 Saas Fee

This morning, take the Postbus from Brig to Saas Fee. Being surrounded by 4000m peaks guarantees a truly memorable day of amazing skiing and stunning views. The entire day is yours to enjoy before returning to Brig at leisure. Dinner at the hotel is included.

##### Day 4 Zermatt

Today is arguably the highlight of the ski safari. After breakfast, take the train to Zermatt, home of the Matterhorn, for an unforgettable day of skiing under the watchful eye of the world's most recognisable mountain. As well as unrivalled scenery, you will also have pleasure of skiing the slopes of one of the world's finest ski resorts. Dinner is included back in Brig.

##### Day 5 Rosswald

The final day starts with a Postbus ride to nearby Rosswald to enjoy more spectacular scenery and lunch from one of the finest vantage points in Canton Wallis. After lunch, head back to Brig and check out. Afternoon departure.



#### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Zermatt and the Matterhorn
- ✓ Saas Fee, surrounded by 4000m peaks
- ✓ The extensive Aletsch Arena with views across the Aletsch Glacier
- ✓ Rosswald
- ✓ Brigerbad thermal baths and spas
- ✓ Inclusive Raclette Party

#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 1 x Rail and PostAuto ticket 2nd class: border/airport – Brig – (itinerary as described) – Brig – border/airport
- ✓ 4 x Night stay with breakfast, dinner and city tax in Brig with Welcome Drink
- ✓ 1 x 1-day Ski Pass Aletsch Arena
- ✓ 1 x 1-day Ski Pass Saas Fee
- ✓ 1 x 1-day Ski Pass Zermatt
- ✓ 1 x 1-day entry to Brigerbad thermal baths and spas
- ✓ 1 x Raclette Party dinner
- ✓ 1 x Swiss Coupon Pass

#### GOOD TO KNOW

Upgrade 1st class rail CHF 181,-

#### PRICE AND SEASON

Season: 08.12.2018-27.04.2019			
Price p. p. in CHF	SGL	DBL	
3-star hotel	1625,-	1518,-	
4-star hotel	1754,-	1613,-	

## EXCELLENCE CLASS

from CHF 2324,- | 5 days / 4 nights

## GLACIER EXPRESS EXCELLENCE CLASS

Zurich/Basel – Zermatt – St. Moritz – Zurich/Basel

An ideal pre- or post-combination tour to explore Switzerland after a European River Cruise. Sit back and enjoy an exclusive experience in the new Excellence Class on the Glacier Express. While relaxing in a comfy lounge chair by the panoramic windows, enjoy the unforgettable journey between the two world-famous mountain villages of St. Moritz and Zermatt. A concierge will be available throughout the journey.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrival in Zurich or Basel

Arrival in Zurich or Basel and 1st class rail to Zermatt. Overnight Grand Hotel Zermatterhof 5\*.

#### Day 2 Zermatt day at leisure

Enjoy a day at leisure in the car free resort of Zermatt which lies at the foot of the Matterhorn. An unforgettable experience is a journey on Europe's highest open-air cog railway that brings passengers to the summit of the Gornergrat. The mountain panorama and the glorious view of the Matterhorn are unforgettable. Overnight Grand Hotel Zermatterhof 5\*.

#### Day 3 Glacier Express to St. Moritz

Today travel in style in the new Excellence Class on the Glacier express. A 5-course lunch and many other amenities are included in the train journey from St. Moritz to Zermatt. Take in the impressive feats of railway engineering while traveling through unique landscapes and across 291 bridges. Overnight Grand Hotel des Bains Kempinski 5\* St. Moritz.

#### Day 4 St. Moritz

Enjoy the modern Alpine lifestyle characterized by top-class restaurants and great shopping in St. Moritz. There are many hiking opportunities in this area – or you could enjoy the scenery from above on a helicopter flight. Overnight Grand Hotel des Bains Kempinski 5\* St. Moritz.

#### Day 5 Individual onward journey

First class return journey to Swiss airport/border. On request, we can arrange a private transfer (surcharge applies) to the airport or your next destination.



### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Excellence Class
- ✓ 5-course menu on the Glacier Express
- ✓ 1st class train journey
- ✓ 5\* hotels in Zermatt and St. Moritz

### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 2 nights in Grand Hotel Zermatterhof 5\*, classic double room with mountain and village view, including breakfast and taxes
- ✓ 2 nights in Grand Hotel des Bains Kempinski St. Moritz 5\*, superior room with mountain view, including breakfast and taxes
- ✓ 1st class rail from the border to Zermatt and from St. Moritz to any Swiss border
- ✓ 1st class rail and seat reservation in the Excellence Class on the Glacier Express (limited availability)
- ✓ Swiss Coupon Pass – 2-for-1 dine & discover deals

### PRICE AND SEASON

Rate: from CHF 2324,- pp. (commissionable)

We can customized the package to your clients requirements.

Availability: June 1 – October 13, 2019

## AYURVEDA EXPERIENCE

from CHF 2265,- | 4 days / 3 nights

## RESET, RECHARGE, RENEW

Ayurveda in Ascona

In a world that is becoming more and more hectic, we need space to restore our energy, mindfulness and tranquility. Thus maintaining our personal health over the long term. Using modern cures and treatments, Ayurveda by Giardino pursues precisely this objective. The therapeutic and non-medical health programme provides guests with a holistic well-being for body and mind – well-being that can be achieved through personalized nutrition, physical activity and mindful relaxation.

### ITINERARY

#### Day 1 Arrival in Ascona

1st class train ride to Locarno from any airport or train station in Switzerland and ongoing journey to Ascona with the free shuttle service from the hotel Giardino Ascona. First consultation and check-up with your Ayurveda therapist. Overnight at the Hotel Giardino Ascona 5\*.

#### Day 2 & 3 Ascona

Consultation, check-up and ayurveda treatments. Participate in a choice of optional yoga sessions, day activities and workshops. Ayurveda breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided throughout the day. Time at leisure to explore Ascona and the landscapes of Ticino with the included Ticino Ticket offering free travel on public transport throughout the region.

#### Day 4 Departure or extension

Closing consultation and Ayurveda recommendation for use at home. Return 1st class rail transfer to airport or border. On request we can arrange extension nights or organize private transfers to the airport or your next destination (surcharge applies).



### HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Ayurveda Treatments
- ✓ Daily Activities & Workshops
- ✓ Yoga & Meditation
- ✓ Healthy Food Experience with full board

### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 3 nights in Hotel Giardino Ascona 5\* Ascona, double room casa rosa, including Ayurvedic full board and taxes
- ✓ 1st class train ticket from the airport/border to Locarno and return
- ✓ Ticino Ticket - free public transport, discounts on cable cars and the Swiss lake navigation companies and main tourist attractions
- ✓ Swiss Coupon Pass – 2-for-1 dine & discover deals
- ✓ 2 Ayurvedic treatments (à 60 minutes)
- ✓ 1 Ayurvedic facial (90 minutes)
- ✓ Ayurvedic Full Board
- ✓ Anamnesis and pulse diagnosis with Ayurvedic diet- and lifestyle consultation
- ✓ Daily Yoga, Pranayama (breath work) and meditation
- ✓ Entrance to the wellness area
- ✓ Daily programs and excursions
- ✓ Various workshops on health topics
- ✓ Closing Consultation

### PRICE AND SEASON

Rate: from CHF 2265,- pp. (commissionable)

You can also book the Hotel/Ayurveda package online in our booking system (note: the train ticket is then not included but can be booked extra via our reservation agents).

Availability: April 19 - October 27, 2019

## LUXURY CIRCLE

from CHF 7462,- | 7 days / 6 nights

# LUXURY JOURNEY THROUGH SWITZERLAND

Zurich – Lucerne – Ascona

Enjoy a delightful tour with handpicked luxury hotels and first class rail journeys to some of Switzerland's most vibrant cities and destinations. Meet local people and discover their way of life, partake in a local farm's tasting menu and get spoilt with luscious food and wine tastings. In each destination a private guided tour will give you a feel of the diverse destinations on route. One particular highlight is the journey on the Gotthard Panorama route where you view the changing scenery from the comfort of your panorama carriage.

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Arrival in Zurich

On arrival private transfer by car to your five star hotel in Zurich where you will stay for the next two nights. Overnight Hotel Storchen 5\*, Zurich.

### Day 2 Explore Zurich an insight into the daily life of a Swiss Farmer

Enjoy a private walking tour through the old town of Zurich. Afterwards your driver will bring you to the Schlattgut Farm in Herrliberg just above Lake Zurich. Experience the 'Back to Nature' scheme and learn about life on a Swiss farm. From humane livestock breeding, to picking strawberries or cutting bouquet of roses there is a variety of things to discover. Overnight Hotel Storchen 5\*, Zurich.

### Day 3 Zurich - Lucerne

Private transfer by car from your hotel in Zurich to the next destination – Lucerne. Discover this popular destination on a private guided tour before relaxing with a lunch cruise on Lake Lucerne. Your hotel for the next two nights is situated high above Lake Lucerne with beautiful views across the lake towards Lucerne. Overnight Bürgenstock Hotel & Alpine Spa 5\*superior, Lake Lucerne.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Private Walking, City and Cruise Tours
- ✓ Local Farm Experience
- ✓ Risotto Workshop at the lake
- ✓ Wine Tastings

### Day 4 Guided sightseeing - Bernese Oberland

Select from the following privately guided tours to the beautiful Bernese Oberland.

- Visit the Lauterbrunnen Valley famous for its waterfalls with stunning view towards the famous mountains trio – Eiger, Mönch & Jungfrau. Highlight is a visit to the world's only glacier waterfalls – Trümmelbach Falls.
- Travel through the moorlands to the Emmental region famous for its cheese and typical Swiss farm houses before going on a private walking tour of the Swiss Capital: Berne – a UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE site.
- Journey to the world famous Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe – to experience snow and ice at the top. Overnight Bürgenstock Hotel & Alpine Spa 5\* superior, Lake Lucerne.

### Day 5 Gotthard Panorama Express (Lucerne to Bellinzona)

Private transfer from Bürgenstock Hotels to Lucerne to board a vintage paddle steamer across Lake Lucerne to Flüelen. Change here to the Gotthard Panorama Express train for your journey along the Gotthard Route towards the Mediterranean part of Switzerland – Ticino. Change at Bellinzona for your onward travel to the picturesque resort of Ascona on the shores of Lago Maggiore. In the evening enjoy a walk through a local vineyard with a wine tasting of the regional wines included. Overnight Hotel Castello del Sole 5\* superior, Ascona.

### Day 6 Lugano

Enjoy a private cruise on Lake Lugano to the Grotto San Rocco. Here you will cook the typical Ticinese Risotto with the help of a Chef accompanied by starters and fine drinks. Overnight Hotel Castello del Sole 5\* superior, Ascona.

### Day 7 Individual onward journey

We can arrange private transfer or 1st class train ticket (surcharge applies) to the airport or your next destination.



## INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ 2 nights Hotel Storchen 5\* Zurich, Classic double room old town view, including breakfast and taxes
- ✓ 2 nights Bürgenstock Hotel & Alpine Spa 5\*superior Lake Lucerne, Executive Panorama Lakeview room, including breakfast and taxes
- ✓ 2 nights Hotel Castello del Sole 5\* superior Ascona, Superior double room park view, including breakfast and taxes
- ✓ Private Transfer in a Mercedes E-Class from Zurich Airport to Hotel Storchen in Zurich
- ✓ 2-hours Private Walking Tour of Zurich
- ✓ 1-hour Farm Tour in Herrliberg including aperitif, transfers included
- ✓ Private Transfer in a Mercedes E-Class from Zurich to Lucerne
- ✓ Full day Private Excursion of choice from Lucerne
- ✓ 2-hours lake cruise in 1st class with 3-course menu & a 2-hours City Tour in Lucerne
- ✓ Private Transfer in a Mercedes E-Class from Hotel Bürgenstock to Lucerne pier
- ✓ 1st class ticket and seat reservation on the paddle steamer from Lucerne to Flüelen
- ✓ 1st class ticket and seat reservation on the train from Flüelen to Bellinzona
- ✓ Private Transfer from Bellinzona to the hotel in Ascona
- ✓ Wine Tasting Magia, 5 different wines
- ✓ Private Boat Cook and Cruise Tour followed by Risotto Workshop – included is the private cruise tour, aperitif, risotto workshop, meal with vegetables, dessert, 4 glasses of wine, water and coffee
- ✓ Swiss Coupon Pass – 2-for-1 dine & discover deals

## PRICE AND SEASON

Rate: from CHF 7462,- pp. (commissionable)

We can customized the package to your clients requirements.

Availability: April 19 - October 20, 2019

## VOLUNTARY TOURISM

from CHF 200,- | 5 days / 4 nights  
Monday to Friday



### THE FRESH AIR OF THE APPENZEL AWAITS

Farm of the Fuchs family, Appenzell

A unique opportunity to support the Fuchs family on their farm in Appenzell Schlatt. There will be a lot to do whilst taking residence at the farm – experience typical family life and get involved in the planning and implementation of their floristry courses, which is one of the special features of the farm.

#### ITINERARY

This will be a holiday to remember with many meaningful moments created along the way. Volunteering your time is all part of the fun which makes this holiday even more special. The farm of the Fuchs family will offer many rewarding activities! Assist with many farming tasks from tending to the cattle and their suckler cows during the hay harvest to being part of their floristry classes. A highlight of this experience will be the beautiful flower arrangements that are made in the flower workshops. Inspired by the wonderful nature surrounding the farm, you will help collect and prepare the natural materials, including many flowers and other greenery that will be used by the participants. Preparing the course room as well as clearing up afterwards and organising the aperitif for guests will also be part of your responsibilities. Nature is the creative example. Get involved in collecting and designing the natural material, help with the preparation and the cleaning of the course room, and the organisation of the aperitifs.

#### Arrival and departure

Take the train from your place of residence to Appenzell. In Appenzell, Sonja Fuchs will be waiting for you at the train station and she will take you to the farm. You can also organize your own journey with your own vehicle. After an exciting and inspiring week you will start your journey home on Friday afternoon with many great memories to treasure forever.

#### Volunteer work and activities

The tasks on the Appenzell farm are varied and partly dependent on the weather. In the mornings you will help with the animals in the stable, support the family with the harvest in the garden and in the fields. You will also assist with general household and kitchen tasks.

The preparation of the floristry courses is also part of the assignment, including planting, harvesting and utilisation of the flowers to purchasing, preparation of information documents and general upkeep of the workshop premises. If you are interested, you may participate and be part of the workshop.

#### Leisure activity

The farm is located directly on the hiking trail "Pfeff ond Lisch", which not only offers breathtaking views over the whole Appenzell area but also offers a sensory journey through nature. Many more hiking trails can be explored from here. The village of Appenzell with its beautiful village centre offers a lot of culture and tradition, which invites you to linger and stay awhile. You will definitely find suitable activities in Appenzell which will combine nature and culture in an impressive way. The Fuchs family will be happy to help you with your planning.



#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ Organisation of travel and stay on the farm of the Fuchs family
- ✓ 4 overnights in a single room with the Fuchs family
- ✓ Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the farm
- ✓ Arrival & return journey by train from your place of residence to Appenzell Schlatt
- ✓ Support during work assignments by the Fuchs family
- ✓ Swiss Coupon Pass with 100 exclusive 2 for 1 offers throughout Switzerland worth CHF 49,-

#### GOOD TO KNOW

The offer includes full board and lodging. In return, you support your hosts with the daily work in their household, on the farm and with the floristic courses.

#### PRICE AND SEASON

Rate: from CHF 200,- pp.\*

\*Package price (booking fee, arrival and return journey (2nd class with Half-Fare travel card), overnight stay, placement of work assignments, etc.) in a single room with the Fuchs family.

Exclusive Leisure activity on day off.  
Additional nights on request.  
Monday to Friday.

Availability: May 6, 2019 - May 1, 2020

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## VOLUNTARY TOURISM

from CHF 200,- | 5 days / 4 nights  
Monday to Friday



### EXPERIENCE TICINO'S RUSTIC CHARM

Voluntary tourism Campo Cortoi, Mergoscia

Support the Sterchi Buschle family as they work at their holiday camp in the village of Mergoscia. Located in the remote Verzasca valley, they can only be reached on foot.

#### ITINERARY

Would you like an opportunity to get involved in your holiday and looking for a suitable offer? Well, the Campo Cortoi could be just the thing for you! On this holiday you will experience hands-on volunteering. Surrounded by fantastic views of Lake Maggiore you will carry out a variety of tasks which will give you a unique insight into life on the alp. The Campo Cortoi has five refurbished stone houses (locally known as Rustico) with a capacity to accommodate up to 30 guests and is suitable for school classes, clubs or private holidays.

Awaiting you in the village of Mergoscia is a wonderful, natural experience. During your stay, cooking is done on wood stoves with the energy for electricity and hot water generated exclusively by solar panels. You will support Stefanie and Mario on four out of the five days helping out with various jobs and activities such as getting supplies from the valley with the aid of the donkeys. On your free day you have leisure time to explore the village, its panoramic paths and the impressive Vogorno Lake which is nearby.

#### Arrival and departure

Take the train to Locarno in Ticino. There you change to the bus and go to the terminus in Mergoscia. Continue on foot along the hiking trail in the direction of Monti di Cortoi to Campo Cortoi which is marked with official hiking signs. The walking time is about 40 minutes. Access to the site is only by foot, with all material transported in backpacks. Alternatively, you can organise your own journey to Mergoscia with your own vehicle. After an exciting and inspiring week you will start your journey home on Friday afternoon.

#### Volunteer work and activities

During four days you will perform a voluntary work assignment. In return for your valuable support, you will be offered board and lodging. In Campo Cortoi there are many different tasks to be done every day. You will be able to support the two farm owners in the maintenance of the grounds, cutting wood, cooking, and spending time with their son Ramiro, as well as in the organisation of class camps. If necessary, you can also go shopping in the valley, where you and the donkeys can buy supplies for the holiday village. During your stay you will also have the opportunity, depending on the workload, to "get a taste" of the organic vineyard in Mergoscia.

#### Leisure activity

The typical mountain village of Mergoscia is situated on a sunny southern slope and is the ideal starting point for numerous hikes. The tourist centres of Locarno and Tenero are just a few kilometres away. You can therefore enjoy your free day in many ways.



#### INCLUDED SERVICES

- ✓ Organisation of travel and stay at Campo Cortoi
- ✓ 4 overnight stays in a double room in one of the rustic stone houses
- ✓ Breakfast, lunch and dinner at the farm
- ✓ Arrival & return journey by train to Mergoscia
- ✓ Supervision & coordination of the work and activities by the couple
- ✓ Swiss Coupon Pass with 100 exclusive 2 for 1 offers throughout Switzerland worth CHF 49,-

#### GOOD TO KNOW

The offer includes board and lodging. In return, you will support your hosts with all the work they do at Campo Cortoi.

#### PRICE AND SEASON

Rate: from CHF 200,- pp.\*

\*Package price (booking fee, arrival and return journey (2nd class with Half-Fare travel card), overnight stay, placement of work assignments, etc.) in a twin room.

Exclusive Leisure activity on day off.  
Additional nights on request.  
Monday to Friday.

Availability: May 6 - November 15, 2019

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