

Travelrite International invites you to join us on the 2026

THE RAILWAYS OF + SWITZERLAND

Visiting Zürich, Montreux, Lake Geneva,
Gruyères, Bern, Lucerne, Interlaken, Zermatt,
Chur, St Moritz, Lugano, Locarno

3 – 18 September 2026



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Accommodation, sightseeing tours and entry fees, train journeys,
luggage transfers, an expert tour leader, local guides



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This small alpine nation packs a punch with its efficient modern and heritage railways, picturesque mountainous landscapes, pristine glacial lakes and charming old towns. Beginning in Zürich, we journey by train to Montreux on Lake Geneva, travel on Belle Époque Pullman 1915 vintage railcars to tour the cheese loving Gruyères and the Swiss chocolate factory in Broc, before travelling on the GoldenPass heritage train to wander the capital, Bern with its picture-postcard old town. Travel to Lucerne to see their famous Chapel Bridge and to ride on the cogwheel railways to Mt Pilatus and Mt Rigi and enjoy a paddlesteamer boat ride and a railway depot tour. Travel over soaring mountains and lakes to Interlaken, then take a scenic train ride on the Jungfrau Railway to the Top of Europe, wander the stunning Lauterbrunnen Valley and take a steam train on the Rothorn Railway. Head south to see the famous Matterhorn in Zermatt, travel on the Furka steam railway, ride the Glacier Express and the magnificent Bernina Express to Tirano in Italy. Explore the glitzy St Moritz, the Swiss-Italian lake towns of Lugano and Locarno and ride the Centovalli Railway, for yet more spectacular scenery. Finish with a train ride through the Gotthard Tunnel back to the Zürich Airport for your flight home. To make life easier, as you ride the rails with your expert Australian tour leader, you will have your large luggage transported by private courier throughout the tour. So, join us on this unforgettable rail tour and tick off every iconic sight and experience Switzerland has to offer.



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Ride the famous Gornergrat rack railway in Zermatt to see the iconic Matterhorn
- Travel through majestic landscapes on the world's most famous train, the Glacier Express
- Hop aboard heritage steam trains on the Rothorn Railway and Furka Mountain Railway
- Wander the storybook medieval village of Gruyères and sample Swiss chocolate in Broc
- Ride the longest rack railway in Europe to its highest station, the Jungfrau
- Marvel at the magnificent Château de Chillon in Montreux on Lake Geneva

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 Thursday 3 September 2026 Zürich

Arrive in Zürich and settle into your hotel which is located next to the Zürich train station. Enjoy some free time before meeting at the hotel's reception at 6pm before transferring for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight:* Hotel St. Gotthard, Zürich (D)

DAY 2 Friday 4 September 2026 Zürich

This morning, join our local guide and ride Zürich's iconic trams on a city tour. Start by wandering the Old Town to see the imposing cathedral of Grossmünster, the castle-like National Museum, and the shopping avenue of Bahnhofstrasse.

Later, enjoy beautiful vistas of Lake Zürich, see the Opera House and many Swiss banks, and wander the Zürichberg district to admire glorious mansions. Enjoy free time for lunch and explore. Why not visit the Lindt chocolate factory (FOC with your Swiss Travel Pass), shop for a Swiss Army Knife or even a Cuckoo Clock! Free evening. *Overnight:* Hotel St. Gotthard, Zürich (B)

DAY 3 Saturday 5 September 2026 Montreux – Château de Chillon

After a breakfast, hop on board the world-renowned and super-efficient Swiss rail system for a journey past vineyards on Lake Neuchâtel onward to Montreux on Lake Geneva. Known for its jazz festival, this lakeside resort town has been a magnet for the rich and famous for over 150 years. This afternoon, tour the fairy-tale Château



de Chillon and wander along the lake to see the statue of Freddie Mercury. Later, enjoy a train ride to the Lavaux vineyards to try some of the region's wines and return to Montreux for a cheese fondue for dinner. *Overnight:* Hotel Eden Palace au Lac, Montreux (B,D)

DAY 4 Sunday 6 September 2026 Montreux – Gruyères

This morning, we travel through picturesque rolling hills on the Chocolate Train to sample the country's famous Swiss chocolate! You will travel in the stately Belle Époque Pullman 1915 first-class vintage railcars and wander the cobblestone streets of the 13th-century medieval town of Gruyères. While here, you'll tour the towns château, try some cheese at La Maison du Gruyère and stop by the bar of the surreal HR Giger Museum. Finish at Maison Cailler Chocolate factory in nearby Broc to learn about, and sample some Swiss treats! Return to Montreux by train for a free evening. *Overnight:* Hotel Eden Palace au Lac, Montreux (B)



DAY 5 Monday 7 September 2026

Bern

This morning, we'll travel on a classic early 20th-century GoldenPass Belle Époque train from Montreux to the glitzy Gstaad. The vintage train, with its luxurious first-class railcars offer superb views of traditional farmhouses, colourful wildflower meadows and grazing cows. Keep an eye out for Heidi! Change trains, and travel past the scenic Lake Thun to Bern. Upon arrival, check into your hotel, and stroll through the medieval Old Town to see the Zytglogge clock tower, the Gothic cathedral and the Bern Bear Park. Later, enjoy a group dinner of Berner Rösti, Raclette and Papet Vaudois. *Overnight:* Bern The Bristol, Bern (B,D)



DAY 6 Tuesday 8 September 2026

Lucerne

This morning, travel by rail to Lucerne to see it's beautiful lake surrounded by soaring mountains, the 14th-century Kapellbrücke wooden chapel bridge and the old town with its medieval towers. You will also visit the Swiss Museum of Transport for look at the development of transport and mobility on road, rail, water, and air. Later, you'll ride the world's steepest cogwheel railway past alpine forests, green meadows and rock faces to the summit of Mt Pilatus. After some free time, take the Panorama Gondolas on a 'Dragon Ride' down to the valley and return to Lucerne for a free evening. *Overnight:* Hotel Monopol, Lucerne (B)

DAY 7 Wednesday 9 September 2026

Lucerne

Rail enthusiasts are in for a treat today! After breakfast, you'll enjoy a scenic boat ride on Lake Lucerne to Vitznau to ride Europe's first mountain railway, the Mt Rigi Bahn for breathtaking 360-degree panoramic views. Enjoy some free time for lunch at the summit, and enjoy a cogwheel journey downhill to Arth-Goldau. Continue on, and take the train to Erstfeld and tour the old train depot to see the CE 6/8 "crocodile" locomotive and other locos. Return to Lucerne for dinner in the old town. *Overnight:* Hotel Monopol, Lucerne (B,D)

DAY 8 Thursday 10 September 2026

Interlaken – Jungfrauoch Railway

This morning, continue on the panoramic GoldenPass railway passing the shimmering Sarnersee and Lungernsee lakes and over the Brünig Pass before descending to Interlaken. Check into your hotel, and take the train to the dramatic Lauterbrunnen Valley before taking the Wengernalp cogwheel railway, the longest continuous rack railway in the world to Kleine Scheidegg – where you can sometimes see yodelling, St Bernard dogs and alpine horns being played! Take the Jungfrauoch Railway, the highest railway in Europe to the summit and return by train, via the pretty Grindelwald to Interlaken. Free evening. *Overnight:* Hotel du Nord, Interlaken (B)

DAY 9 Friday 11 September 2026

Interlaken

This morning, you'll take the train to the town of Brienz for a nostalgic ride on the historic Rothorn Bahn Steam Railway to enjoy spectacular views of the Bernese Oberland Alps and free time to



explore. Return to Brienz and travel via ferry along the turquoise Lake Brienz back to Interlaken for a free afternoon. Options include wandering the tourist friendly town, taking the train to the pretty town of Mürren to ride the cable car to Schilthorn Mountain to see the revolving Piz Gloria restaurant, where the James Bond's movie 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service' was filmed in 1969. *Overnight:* Hotel du Nord, Interlaken (B)

DAY 10 Saturday 12 September 2026

Zermatt

This morning, we'll travel through the Kaunertal Valley and the 15-kilometre long Lötschberg Tunnel – at an elevation of 1,240m, it's the highest point of a tunnel on the Swiss railway network. On arrival in Brig, you'll transfer by train to Realp for a ride in first-class carriages on the historic Furka steam mountain railway. Harking back to the golden age of steam railways in Switzerland, travel through magnificent mountain landscapes of the Central Alps to Oberwald. Later, travel by train to the enchanting mountain village of Zermatt, which is synonymous with the world-famous Matterhorn. Enjoy dinner on arrival. *Overnight:* Hotel Derby, Zermatt (B,D)

DAY 11 Sunday 13 September 2026

Zermatt – The Matterhorn

After breakfast, you'll travel on the Riffelalp Tramway – the highest tram line in Europe and the Gornergrat Railway, the first electric rack railway built in Switzerland in 1898 to the summit of Gornergrat. Sublime peaks and jaw-dropping landscapes await you as the cogwheel train takes you to the second highest railway station in Europe. Enjoy unparalleled views of the majestic Matterhorn and the Dufourspitze peak, stop at Riffelalp Hotel for lunch and return to the idyllic Zermatt for a free afternoon. *Overnight:* Hotel Derby, Zermatt (B,L)



DAY 12 Monday 14 September 2026

Glacier Express – Chur

This morning, we depart early on the world-famous Glacier Express – the jewel in the crown of Switzerland's train trips and one of the world's great rail journeys. With its views of rugged cliffs, glacial mountain lakes and picture-perfect villages, it is also known as 'slowest express train in the world' as it takes 8 hours to travel 291 kilometres. Slower, the better! Enjoy lunch on board, arrive in Chur and check into your hotel, and wander through the old town to see medieval buildings, vibrant galleries and arty boutiques. Enjoy dinner tonight in an authentic restaurant. *Overnight:* ABC Swiss Quality Hotel, Chur (B,L,D)

DAY 13 Tuesday 15 September 2026

Chur – Bernina Express – St Moritz

This morning, you will cross the Alps on one of the most spectacular railway journeys in the world – the Bernina Express. En route, you'll pass by glaciers on the journey to the sunny town of Tirano in northern Italy. Roll over the Rhaetian Railways' signature 65-metre-high Landwasser Viaduct and through 55 tunnels and over 196 bridges. En route, you'll see the Morteratsch Glacier, beautiful lakes, the Poschiavo Valley, Alp Grüm village and the Brusio Circular Viaduct. Spend some time in Tirano in Italy and return via local rail, stopping at the famous St Moritz to explore the town before arriving back in Chur in the early evening. *Overnight:* ABC Swiss Quality Hotel, Chur (B)



DAY 14 Wednesday 16 September 2026

Lugano

This morning, we leave early on the Rhätische Bahn, travelling in a panoramic train to the lakeside spa town of Arosa, over the Langwieser Viaduct and via the Grisons Alps. Later, we take the train to the mountain-rimmed lake town of Lugano in the Italian region of Switzerland. With its historic city centre, the Piazza della Riforma with its cafés and bistros, Lugano has plenty of sights to see. Wander the town on arrival, through the spaghetti maze of steep cobblestone streets slipping down to the lake and along the promenade to enjoy dinner in the sunny, Mediterranean esque centre. *Overnight:* Hotel Federale, Lugano (B,D)

DAY 15 Thursday 17 September 2026

Lugano – Locarno – Centovalli Railway

Today, you'll take a train to Bellinzona to see its medieval castles and to Locarno, with its palm trees, glittering lake and Renaissance old town. Wander the town on arrival, before jumping aboard the Centovalli Railway. This three-hour dinky train ride travels along the shores of Lake Maggiore to Domodossala in Italy, clattering across 83 bridges and through 34 tunnels, past hillside vineyards, arched viaducts and tiny hamlets. You'll stop at Camedo for lunch, dining in an old train depot, before returning to Lugano via northern Italy for a farewell dinner of Swiss Italian pizza, pasta and wine! *Overnight:* Hotel Federale, Lugano (B,L,D)

DAY 16 Friday 18 September 2026

Gotthard Tunnel to Zürich Airport / Fly Home

This morning, we take the Gotthard Panorama Express from Lugano via the 15-kilometre-long Gotthard Tunnel, which was built in 1882 and was once the longest tunnel in the world, to Arth Goldau and Zug en route to the Zürich Airport. Enjoy more stunning scenery as you travel on your last train ride in Switzerland. Arrive at the Zürich airport in the late morning for flight departures after 3:00pm. (B)



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Tour Price

Per person twin-share \$10,990
 Single supplement \$2,900

Included in the tour price:

- 15 nights' accommodation in well-located first-class hotels with private facilities, on a twin-share basis. Hotel taxes and service charges included
- 15 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 8 dinners
- First-class Swiss Travel Pass
- Eleven heritage train journeys and experiences
- Air conditional local train journeys
- Large luggage transported by private courier
- Entry to all sightseeing attractions mentioned in the itinerary, except for those marked 'optional' plus locally guided tours
- Tour management by Travelrite
- Local guides throughout

Not included in the price:

- Return international flights
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Insurance. Travel insurance is strongly recommended
- All items of personal nature, such as drinks, room service, laundry and phone calls
- Meals and drinks, unless specified in itinerary. Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, that are 'included' are marked B, L, D in the itinerary



General information and booking conditions

Touring can involve a considerable amount of walking and stair climbing in the places visited and it is important that all tour participants have a level of physical fitness that allows them to take part in this activity without the need of assistance from others.

TOUR OPERATOR: Travelrite International Pty Ltd. A.C.N. 005 817 0781 (Travelrite International) is the tour operator.

TOUR COSTS: The tours costs are based on transport, accommodation costs and entrance costs at 20 February 2025. Travelrite reserves the right to alter the costs if any of these factors change, giving any passenger that has booked the right to withdraw with full refund of monies paid or modify arrangements. No alterations to costings will be made within 60 days of departure.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: A non-refundable deposit of \$900 per passenger is required at the time of booking. Full payment will be required 60 days before departure. A 1.5% administration charge will be added to payment by Visa, Mastercard and America Express.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations within 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of all monies paid. Cancellations outside of 60 days prior to departure will result in the loss of the deposit paid per person. Travel insurance is recommended to cover the costs of cancellation fees due to illness, death in family, etc.

CHANGES TO THE TOUR ITINERARY: Travelrite International reserves the right to make changes to the tour itinerary to it in with operational requirements. Any changes to the itinerary will be replaced with similar arrangements with an equal or greater value.

MINIMUM TOUR NUMBERS: The tour has been costed on the basis of a minimum number of passengers having booked 60 days prior to departure. Travelrite reserves the right to cancel the tour, giving a full refund of all monies paid or offer arrangements to proceed with the tour at a modified cost if the minimum number is not achieved.

REFUNDS: The tour is based on arrangements which do not allow for any refunds in respect to sightseeing, accommodation, meals or other services not utilised after the tour has commenced.

BAGGAGE: All passengers qualify for 1 piece free baggage allowance.

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