



TAILOR MADE JOURNEY Switzerland & the North Italian Lakes

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- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director and Local Guides
- Boutique Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Private Transfers
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
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- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 Buongiorno Travel On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

DAY 1 ○ ARRIVAL ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

Arrive in Zurich, Switzerland's largest city, and it has a well-deserved reputation for offering the same level of quality of life as other cities around the world. You were transferred and transferred to your hotel, where you met with your guest friends for dinner tonight.

Storchen
Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 ○ ZURICH | BREATHING VIEWS AND STAGE ROUTES

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Zurich this morning, taking in the attractive mix of modern and Old World architecture as you wander through its wide, pedestrian-friendly streets. Zurich is known for its churches, and your walk includes several notable ones, including Fraumünster with its stained glass windows designed by Marc Chagall, and Grossmünster, who was supposedly founded by Charlemagne and would later play an important role in establishing the Reformation in Switzerland. After lunch time in a local beer cellar, gather for a sweet ending with a visit to an independent chocolate maker. Learn about the fascinating history and production of Swiss chocolate at the final producer starting from still raw cocoa beans.

Storchen
Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 ○ LUCERNE | PEAKS OF THE ALPS

This morning, head to Lucerne on the banks of the beautiful lake and wander the streets of this medieval gem. The most famous landmark of the city is the Chapel Bridge, Europe's oldest covered wooden bridge. Its interior is decorated with vivid paintings depicting events in the city's history, most dating back to the 17th century. You will also visit the Spice Bazaar Square and the nearby Old Town Hall, built in 1602. Spend the rest of the day exploring this natural city at your leisure. Tonight, climb the slopes of Stanserhorn by the world's first cable car with an open observation deck at the top. Enjoy dinner surrounded by the incomparable beauty of the Swiss Alps before returning to Lucerne.

Schweizerhof Luzern
Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 ○ BERN | CAPITAL

YOUR JOURNEY



○ ARRIVE/DEPART
ROAD
RAIL
Elevation
Zermatt - 5,275 ft
Cortina - 3,265 ft
Raiskof - 3,265 ft

Head to Bern, which receives bears that can still be seen in Europe's wilderness, and discover its charm on a walking tour. See the city's namesake animal at BärenPark, where bears have been kept since the mid-19th century. You also see the movement of the medieval Zytglogge (clock tower). Stroll through the capital's beautiful old streets before returning to Lucerne. For a singing lesson specifically for Buongiorno Travel, meet a yodel instructor.

Schweizerhof Luzern

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 ○ **INTERLAKEN | PLAY ALFORU**

Cross the Brünig Pass and go to the beautiful mountain village of Habkern and join a Swiss feast: a lesson in the history of the famous Alphorn. In the past, these huge horns were used by shepherds on mountain slopes to communicate with people in the valleys below; today they are played and enjoyed as musical instruments, and your lesson includes the opportunity to play one yourself. Visit beautiful Interlaken, a time to explore and enjoy lunch on your own. This afternoon, explore the Hergiswil Glass Museum & Workshop. Visit the museum, watch the glassblowers in action, and blow your own glass ball to take home. Return to Lucerne for an evening of free time.

Schweizerhof Luzern

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 ○ **ZERMATT | ALL ON THE ICE EXPRESS**

Start your day with a scenic lunch cruise on Lake Lucerne, which will take you through four of Switzerland's 26 cantons (states). The lake consists of several branches extending in different directions, forming a particularly diverse and scenic coastline. After landing, board the famous Glacier Express and settle in your world-class wagon as you pass the majestic landscape, arrive in the mountain town of Zermatt - one of the most popular waypoints for adventurers exploring the Alps and a fascinating place in itself.

Schlosshotel Zermatt

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 ○ **ZERMATT | STRONG MATTERHORN**

This morning, ascend the Gornergrat Railway to an altitude of 10,135 feet for spectacular views of the Alps, Gorner Glacier and Matterhorn. One of the most famous peaks in the world, the Matterhorn has a pyramid-shaped peak with four distinct faces, making it an infinitely fascinating sight. It is also a formidable technical challenge for climbers - the first successful summit in 1865 cost the lives of four climbers. After a natural lunch on the mountain, stop at a local microbrewery in Zermatt to taste a beer brewed from the purest Alpine water.

Schlosshotel Zermatt

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 8 ○ **STRESA, ITALY | SHORES OF LAKE MAGGIORE**

A short train ride takes you out of Zermatt today. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in the spectacular Simplon Pass before arriving in the Italian Lakes District and the beautiful resort town of Stresa, nestled on the shores of Lake Maggiore. Ernest Hemingway set portions of his World War I novel A Farewell to Arms here, although he didn't actually visit in person until 1948. Settle in to your lakeside hotel before a fine dinner.

Hotel La Palma

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 9 ○ **STRESA | PICTURESQUE ISLAND**

Head to Orta San Giulio, a charming medieval town sitting on a shimmering lake. The town occupies a promontory with wide views of the lake and more distant shores and is built for wandering the shady streets. Take a boat to the nearby island of San Giulio to see the Benedictine monastery and church. The legend claims that the island was once invaded by snakes and monsters that terrorized local villages, until Julius, the patron saint of Novara, came with a great storm on his back and exiled them forever. Return to Stresa in the afternoon.

Hotel La Palma

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 10 ○ **STRESA | LUSH, ALP LAKE MAGGIORE**

This morning, relax and enjoy the amenities from your hotel, stroll around the local market in Stresa or simply sit in a cafe and watch the world go by. Then, board a private boat for a tour of Lake Maggiore and its islands, famous for its impressive gardens. Enjoy a special farewell dinner with your fellow guests as the sun sets over the surrounding mountains in beautiful Isola Bella.

Hotel La Palma

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11 ○ **DEPART MILAN**

Transfer this morning to Milan Malpensa Airport for your onward travel.

