

Switzerland and Austria

13 Days | 4 Countries | 17 Meals | Balanced Activity

One of our most popular trips going to Austria and Switzerland, this incredible duo also delivers a visit to the little Liechtenstein capital. The Alps take center stage on this journey, but you'll also learn about life as a Carinthian nun when you join them for dinner in a former castle.



- Key
- Start
 - End
 - 1 Overnight
 - Sightseeing

Day 1 Welcome to Zürich Your epic journey begins in the sophisticated Swiss city of Zürich. This afternoon join a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience for a social impact guided walking tour and sustainable chocolate tasting. This evening, enjoy a Welcome Dinner in this beautiful lakeside setting. **(D) Hotel: Movenpick Zurich Airport**



MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®
EXPERIENCE



Join a socially-engaged local guide for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience walking tour of Zürich. Learn about history and social solidarity while tasting ethical chocolate. This tour directly supports local and women-led business.

Day 2 Journey to Liechtenstein and Salzburg Embark on a soul-stirring encounter with the valleys and lofty peaks of Liechtenstein, bound for its tiny capital, Vaduz. Continue along the scenic Arlberg route through the Tyrol to your overnight stop in the city of Salzburg. Join a **Local Specialist** for a walking tour past iconic sights, including Mozart former home, the imposing Salzburger Dom Cathedral, Residenz Castle and St. Peter's Abbey. **(B) Hotel: Holiday Inn Salzburg City**

Day 3 Onwards to Vienna Waltz through the scenic Austrian countryside, past Lake Mondsee and the rolling hills and fortresses of the Wachau Valley, then continue to Vienna. Perhaps spend your first evening in the 'City of Music' on an Optional Experience Viennese dinner with traditional entertainment. **(B) Hotel: Acom Vienna/NH Danube City**

Day 4 Discover Artistic Vienna Admire the grand boulevards and beautiful Baroque façades of the Austrian capital on a guided sightseeing tour with a **Local Specialist**. You'll see the State Opera, Hofburg, St. Stephen's Cathedral and Parliament, before spending time exploring this imperial city your way. Enjoy the *Kaffee* culture of the city and tonight consider an Optional Experience dinner and Viennese Concert. **(B)**

Day 5 Off to the Riverside Villach Journey south to Graz, known for its striking architecture and Roman history. Continue to Lipizzaner Stud farm at Piber to gain insights into these athletic stallions bred for the Spanish Riding School. Head to Villach. This evening, connect with locals at a **Be My Guest** experience. **(B, D) Hotel: Palais26**

Day 6 Ascend to Alpine Innsbruck Enjoy spectacular Alpine scenery, journeying over the remarkable Felbertauern Road on your way to the capital of the Tyrol, Innsbruck. Here you will have an opportunity to admire Emperor Maximilian I's Golden Roof, St. James Cathedral and see the Olympic ski jump. You could choose to browse for precious gifts and souvenirs at the Swarovski Crystal Worlds Store. **(B) Hotel: Grauer Bär**

Day 7 Venture to St. Moritz This morning, we cross the Swiss border and travel through the enchanting landscapes of the Engadine Valley. Arriving in the chic winter sports resort of St. Moritz, we have the afternoon on our own to explore the scenic landscape or perhaps take the Bernina line train. **(B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria**

Day 8 Journey to Lake Maggiore and on to Zermatt Drive via the Maloja Pass, past Lake Como, to Lake Maggiore. Explore the lakeside town of Stresa, before seeing the Borromean Islands. Then, head towards the Simplon Pass en route to Zermatt, where you will dine at your hotel. **(B, D) Hotel: Ambassador**

Day 9 Zermatt Your Way Spend a full free day soaking up Zermatt's crisp mountain air. Relax in beautiful surroundings or consider an Optional Experience to the Klein Matterhorn. **(B)**

Day 10 On to Lake Geneva and Montreux We continue through the Rhône Valley, arriving on the tranquil shores of Lake Geneva, where we will view Chillon Castle. We follow the lakeshore to Montreux, set against the pristine backdrop of snow-covered peaks and vineyards. **(B) Hotel: Eurotel**

Day 11 Cross the Brünig Pass to Lucerne Travel via Bern to Interlaken, in the shadow of the Jungfrau. Cross the Brünig Pass to Lucerne, to view the ancient wooden Chapel Bridge and visit the poignant Lion Monument. **(B) Hotel: Grand Europe**

Day 12 Lucerne Your Way Wander through Lucerne's medieval streets, spend the day exploring the city on your own or consider an Optional Experience ascending a nearby mountain for panoramic views. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner. **(B, D)**

Day 13 Journey Home We say a fond farewell to Switzerland and our newfound friends at the end of an unforgettable journey. Find out more about available airport transfers at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

Find your tour

Departure months

Apr - Sep

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Included highlights and *must-sees*

Explore Salzburg and Vienna with a Local Specialist

Discover Liechtenstein, Zürich, Innsbruck and Lucerne

Visit Vaduz, St. Moritz, Stresa, Graz, Lipizzaner Stud farm in Piber and Zermatt

View the Golden Roof and Hofburg Palace in Innsbruck, the Matterhorn and Jungfrau mountains (weather permitting), Chillon Castle, Bern and the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne

Be My Guest Enjoy a homemade dinner at the Monastery of Kloster Wernberg



"I am on top of the world. Matterhorn excursion my most spectacular mountain ride to view the magnificent snow capped top of the world"

- Elizabeth Senoron

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As rated by Past Guests

Included meals: Breakfast **(B)** Lunch **(L)** Dinner **(D)**

Hotels: On occasion, hotels of a similar standard and location may be used.

Trip code: SWAU

Best of Switzerland

9 Days | 2 Countries | 12 Meals | Balanced Activity

All the Best of Switzerland with a side visit to Italy. What could be better? Your travels will take you to Lake Geneva for local wine, cheese and delicious desserts in Lavaux, Lord Byron's enchanting Chillon Castle and the pretty town of Brienz for a masterclass in Swiss wood carving.

BASEL TATTOO
Available on selected departures



- Key
- Start
 - End
 - ① Overnight
 - Optional
 - Sightseeing

Day 1 Welcome to Zürich Zürich is your springboard to a spectacular journey through Switzerland. Join a **MAKE TRAVEL MATTER®** Experience for a social impact guided walking tour and sustainable chocolate tasting. This evening, attend a Welcome Dinner to launch your Swiss experience. **(D) Hotel: Hyatt Place Airport**



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Day 2 Journey to Lake Geneva We leave the bright lights of Zürich behind and stop in Bern with its Old Town, admiring its medieval streets, ornate fountains and arcaded walkways. Journeying to Lake Geneva, we arrive in the resort town of Montreux, set against the pristine backdrop of snow-covered peaks and vineyards. After lunch, consider joining an Optional Experience to cruise Lake Geneva, including a visit to the Charlie Chaplin museum in his former estate, Manoir de Ban. **(B) Hotel: Eurotel**

Day 3 Onwards to Chillon Castle and Zermatt This morning, we visit Chillon Castle, immortalized by Lord Byron's 'Prisoner of Chillon'. For nearly four centuries, this water fortress was the residence of the Counts of Savoy and an important stop for traders. Our next stop is the Lavaux region, a charming wine village above Lake Geneva, where we'll **Connect With Locals** over lunch at our **Be My Guest** experience. Continue your journey to the resort town of Zermatt, set against the backdrop of the snow-capped Matterhorn. **(B, L) Hotel: Mirabeau**

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Experience to the Klein Matterhorn for the most spectacular mountain views. **(B)**

Day 5 Venture to the Italian Lake Maggiore Departing Switzerland, we travel to the lakeside town of Baveno on Italy's Lake Maggiore. Spend the rest of the day indulging in the laid-back lakeside atmosphere or consider joining an Optional Experience to Isola Bella, one of the lake's Borromean islands, with its *palazzo* and exquisite gardens. **(B) Hotel: Simplon**

Day 6 Off to Alpine St. Moritz We travel through the scenic Italian countryside to the fortified town of Tirano. Here, we board the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Rhaetian Railway to cross the Bernina Pass and wind our way through scenic landscapes en route to the stylish resort town of St. Moritz. This evening, enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers. **(B, D) Hotel: Reine Victoria**

Day 7 Journey to Lakeside Lucerne Journeying through lush green landscapes, past Lake Zürich, we arrive in lakeside Lucerne. Pay tribute to the brave Swiss Guards, who lost their lives defending King Louis XVI at the Lion Monument, and admire the iconic wooden Chapel Bridge before strolling past the city's colorful façades. Consider joining a cruise on the tranquil lake waters and then ride the world's first double deck 'Cabrio' cable car to the top of Mount Stanserhorn. **(B) Hotel: Grand Europe**

Day 8 Admire Scenic Brienz and Interlaken We travel to Interlaken at the heart of Switzerland, which lies in the shadow of the Jungfrau Mountain. Stopping in the village of Brienz en route, we'll **Dive Into Culture** and gain insights into the centuries-old tradition of wood carving for which this village is so famous. Spend some time on your own and enjoy superb views of the peaks of the Bernese Oberland. This evening, we enjoy a Farewell Dinner with our fellow travelers and Travel Director toasting the highlights of Switzerland we've enjoyed along the way. **(B, D)**

Day 9 Homeward Bound As our journey through Switzerland comes to an end, we bid our newfound friends a fond farewell. Find out more about your free airport transfer at trafalgar.com/freetransfers. **(B)**

Basel Tattoo

Embrace a bit of pomp and circumstance at the world's second largest open-air Tattoo show in Basel. Watch as international military bands, popular musicians, traditional folk dancers and tattoo formations wow spectators during rousing performances that will get your feet tapping. Selected departures will replace the Brienz and Interlaken Excursion on day 8 with a trip to the Basel Tattoo.

Find your tour

Departure months

Mar - Sep

Special Events & Dates

We've included tickets to the magnificent Keukenhof tulip fields on special departures.

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Included highlights and must-sees

Discover Zürich and Lucerne

Visit Bern, Chillon Castle, Montreux, Zermatt, St. Moritz, Interlaken and Brienz

View the Chapel Bridge and Lion Monument in Lucerne, the Jungfrau and Matterhorn mountains (weather permitting), Lake Maggiore and Lake Como

Scenic Train Ride from Tirano to Pontresina

Be My Guest Enjoy flavors of local wine, cheese and bread at a local vineyard overlooking Lake Geneva



"Incredible views, culture, food and wine experiences paired with an incredible group of people from all over the world."

- Ashlinn Reale

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