

Warther Tours

Presents:

Swiss Rails & Italian Lakes Tour



June 18th – 29th, 2024



Join us for a twelve-day journey through Switzerland and the Italian Lake district! Switzerland is known for its natural beauty, Swiss chalets, and the most beautiful mountains in the world. The cities are just as beautiful as the countryside and Old Town Berne is a UNESCO World Heritage site, Lugano is a popular lake-side getaway, and Zermatt is the perfect spot at the foothills of the famous Matterhorn.

Highlights:

**Mount Pilatus Adventure with Dinner
Tours of Zermatt, Bern, Lugano & Lucerne
Private boat from Lugano to San Roca
Risotto cooking class with lunch
Bernina Express Train (First Class)
Glacier Express Train (First Class)
Gornergrat Train
Tour Jungfrauoch Ice Palace with lunch
Private English-Speaking Swiss Guide
Twenty Meals**

Hotel Accommodations:

**Ameron Hotel Flora - Lucerne (2 Nights)
Hotel Christiania - Zermatt (2 Nights)
Hotel de la Paix – Lugano (1 Nights)
Hotel Monopol – St. Moritz (2 Night) Hotel
Sunstar – Grindelwald (2 Nights) Hotel
Glockenhof – Zurich (1 Night)**

Price includes:

Fully Escorted Tour
Small Group Tour
Twenty Meals
Luggage Handling
Tour Gratuities (Driver, included meals and guides)

\$6695 PP DBL (Plus Air)

\$1300 Single Supplement

Optional Travel Protection Available

For Registration contact:

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Day One – Tuesday, June 18, 2024

Depart for our overseas flight to Zurich. While on board the overnight flight, we will have both dinner and breakfast included before touching down in Switzerland. **(Dinner on plane)**

Day Two – Wednesday, June 19, 2024 - Ameron Hotel Flora - Lucerne

Upon your morning arrival in Zurich, we will transfer to the Luzern Hotel Flora near the historic district of Lucerne. This afternoon is your time to rest and explore after your long journey. See the Chapel Bridge with its gabled paintings of old battles and the adjacent quaint quarters with little streets. Take a leisurely walk through a maze of small streets, bridges, promenades, and plazas dominated by countless historical towers, fountains, and frescoed buildings. **(Breakfast on Plane)**



Day Three – Thursday, June 20, 2024 - Ameron Hotel Flora - Lucerne

Today, enjoy some morning leisure time before our private Swiss guide takes us to Kriens, where a cable car will sweep us over pine forests and mountain meadows to Mount Pilatus. Upon arrival at the top, a breathtaking 7000 feet in height, stroll around to enjoy the dramatic panoramic views over the Swiss Alps and Lucerne. Next, we will descend on board the world's steepest cogwheel train to Alpnachstad and board a private boat to Baumgarten for dinner. Be sure to take in the spectacular views of Mt. Pilatus from the dock as the sun sets this evening. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**



Day Four – Friday, June 21, 2024 - Hotel Christiania – Zermatt



This morning travel to Zermatt, a small town located in the Swiss Alps near the Italian border. This town is renowned for its unique charm and natural beauty. Presided over by the mighty Matterhorn, Zermatt is car-free, which enhances the town's peaceful and pristine atmosphere, making it an ideal destination for relaxation and enjoyment. This resort town is nestled amidst breathtaking landscapes, surrounded by towering mountains, glaciers and alpine lakes. **(Breakfast & Dinner)**

Day Five – Saturday, June 22, 2024 - Hotel Christiania – Zermatt

Start the day with a walking tour of Zermatt followed by a ride on the highest open-air railway in Europe. We won't be disappointed on our way to Gornergrat which offers breathtaking panoramic views of some of the highest and most iconic peaks in the Swiss Alps, including the Matterhorn, Monte Rosa, and several other snow-capped mountains. The unobstructed vistas from Gornergrat are truly awe-inspiring and attract visitors from around the world. **(Breakfast)**



Day Six – Sunday, June 23, 2024 - Hotel de la Paix – Lugano

Lugano is located on the northern shore of the glacial lake with the same name and is surrounded by mountains offering splendid viewpoints. A stroll through the characteristic traffic-free old town with its many shopping arcades, cobble-stoned streets and many piazzas will immerse you into this romantic Latin world. Another highlight today will be a charming cruise on Lake Lugano, where you will stop on the opposite shore to enjoy a drink on a terrace with a wonderful view of the city. Finally, we will have the opportunity to enjoy a private Risotto cooking class with the help of the chef! Enjoy the risotto served with a typical dish of meat, vegetables, and a good glass of wine! **(Breakfast and Risotto Making)**



Day Seven – Monday, June 24, 2024 – Hotel Monopol – St Moritz

Board the famous Bernina Express and enjoy one of the most scenic train routes in Europe, which travels across the Alpine passes to reach Saint Moritz, Switzerland. Enjoy first-class seats as we travel through forests of chestnut trees and around the famous circular viaduct in Bruscio before reaching Lake Poschiavo. St. Moritz, the world-famous resort, is blessed with a "champagne climate." The sun shines here 322 days a year, guaranteeing an ideal vacation climate. St. Moritz stands for cosmopolitan flair, elegance and style and the mention of its very name lifts spirits. **(Breakfast)**



Day Eight – Tuesday, June 25, 2024 – Hotel Monopol – St Moritz

Ride the Funicular up to “Muottas Murgl” and enjoy the most spectacular view in the Engadine region, also known as the “Roof of Europe.” We will be overwhelmed by this unique and memorable relaxation area. **(Breakfast)**



Day Nine – Wednesday, June 26, 2024 – Hotel Sunstar – Grindelwald

Take the famous Swiss mountain train, the “Glacier Express,” from St. Moritz to Andermatt, a panorama trip through the alpine heartland of Switzerland. Our first-class seats on this five-hour journey traverse over numerous bridges, and through many tunnels, crossing the impressive Oberalp Pass. Our last stop today is Interlaken, best known for being a pedestrian paradise of shops and sidewalk cafes, interrupted only by inviting gardens. **(Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)**



Day Ten – Thursday, 27, 2024 - Hotel Sunstar – Grindelwald

Just when we think the scenery can't get any better, it does! Our private guide today escorts the group on an excursion to the very heart of the Bernese Alps (the mighty “Eiger”, "Mönch" and "Jungfrau,” which form an imposing nucleus of the Alpine Region). At Jungfraujoch, the highest railway station in Europe, we can visit the Ice Palace and the Sphinx Terraces - reached by lift affording breathtaking views of the Aletsch Glacier, the largest river of ice in Europe. Lunch will be included on Jungfraujoch before descending to the mountaineering village of Grindelwald. **(Breakfast & Lunch)**



Day Eleven – Friday, June 28, 2024 - Hotel Glockenhof– Zurich

On this last full day in Switzerland, enjoy a guided tour of Bern, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a guided walking tour, we will explore the Old Town and then continue with a visit to the western city gate and enjoy a private tour of the famous medieval Clock Tower. Built in the early 13th century, it has served the city as a guard tower, prison, clock tower and is Bern's most recognizable symbol and the oldest monument. Finally, we head back to Zurich, the largest city in Switzerland where we may want to pick up that last souvenir in Old Town before our farewell dinner and travels home tomorrow. **(Breakfast and Farewell Dinner)**



Day Twelve – Saturday, June 29, 2024 - Home

This morning we will say “Aufwiedersehen” to beautiful Switzerland and return home with treasured memories of another Life Experience with Warther Tours. **(Breakfast & Lunch on Plane)**