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OVERVIEW

Explore the beauties of Switzerland, set in the alpine sceneries of idyllic mountains, turquoise blue lakes, glaciers, and picturesque lakesides, and enjoy the nature at its finest at some of the most beautiful lakes of Italy.

DAY

1

Zurich

Arrival to Zurich airport. Meet and greet with your private guide/driver and check-in to the hotel. Free time to explore one of the Switzerland's most beautiful cities. Overnight in Zurich.

DAY

2

Zurich – Berne

We start the day with a sightseeing tour of the main attractions of Zurich. Walk down the Bahnhofstrasse, one of the world's most sophisticated shopping streets, visit St Peter's Church with its world's largest clock face, Zurich Opera House, and the charming Old Town. We will also visit Lake Zurich where you can go on a boat cruise, bathe, do some sports activities like windsurfing or water skiing or enjoy in one of the many restaurants around the lake which offer the best regional and seasonal specialties. In the evening drive to Berne for an overnight.

DAY

3

Berne – Geneva

In the morning we will go on a tour of the Swiss capital. The Old City of Berne covers buildings dating from a variety of periods, include 15th-century arcades and 16th-century fountains and is today part of UNESCO World Heritage. Admire the Parliament Building, the Käfigturm (Prison Tower) and the famous Zytglogge (Clock Tower) – the oldest gate to the city of Bern from the 13th century. In the afternoon we continue towards Geneva for an overnight.

DAY

4

Geneva – Stresa

After breakfast we will go on a walking tour of Geneva to see some of its main attractions like Flower Clock, Geneva Fountain (Jet d'Eau), a water feature that propels water to a height of 140 meters and the Old Town. Continue to Lake Geneva, widely considered Europe's most beautiful lake up to Montreux to visit of the romantic Chateau de Chillon. In the afternoon we continue towards Italy to Stresa for an overnight.

DAY

5

Stresa – Borromean Islands – Stresa

From the beautiful Stresa town we visit Lake Maggiore and Borromean Islands. The three islands lie in a wide gulf surrounded by mountains and take their name from the aristocratic Borromean family. Explore the stunning palace and its gardens on Isola Bella, fascinating simplicity on Isola dei Pescatori and exotic atmosphere of the lush Isola Madre. Overnight in Stresa.

DAY

6

Stresa – Lake Como, Bellagio

We continue to another amazing lake, Lake Como, a popular resort since the days of the Roman Empire. It is known for its natural beauty, elegant old villas and the scenic towns surrounding the lake. One of them is Bellagio, charming old town with century-old buildings, stone lanes, and picturesque cobbled stairways. Overnight in Bellagio.

DAY

7

Lake Como – Lugano – Locarno

In the morning we return to Switzerland, to Lugano. Its beauty and gorgeous setting make it a popular holiday resort. Wander through the lakeside parks and promenade, explore Lugano's old town or take a boat ride to discover the diversity of the region. In the evening we drive to Locarno for an overnight.

DAY

8

Locarno – Interlaken

First, we explore Locarno, located on the northern shore of Lago Maggiore. The heart of the city is the Piazza Grande, well-known for its annual film festival. The most notable sight in Locarno is the pilgrimage church of Madonna del Sasso from where you can enjoy an extraordinary view of the city, the lake, and the mountains. The tour then takes us to Interlaken, another resort town with amazing views of the mountains such as Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Overnight in Interlaken.

DAY

9

Interlaken – Jungfrauoch – Lucerne

Day trip from Interlaken to Jungfrauoch. In the morning we board a cogwheel train up the Jungfrauoch pass, admire the beautiful panoramas of Swiss countryside and arrive at Europe's highest railway station, known as the 'Top of Europe'. From the top we can enjoy magnificent panoramas of snow-capped Alpine and visit Europe's largest glacier and Ice Palace, a cave located within a glacier. In the afternoon, journey back to Interlaken and head to Lucerne for overnight.

DAY

10

Lucerne – Zurich

Time to enjoy Lucerne, set at the lakeside with an impressive mountainous panorama and known for its well-preserved medieval core and elegant historic buildings. The centrepiece of the town is, for sure, Chapel Bridge, one of the oldest, covered wooden bridges in Europe. In the evening we continue to Zurich for an overnight.

DAY

11

Zurich departure

Transfer to the Zurich airport and end of services.

HIGHLIGHTS

*Shopping on Bahnhofstrasse in Zurich
Lake Geneva, Europe's most beautiful lake
The 'Top of Europe': Jungfrauoch
Lake Maggiore and Borromean Islands
Lake Como and its scenic towns*

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Accommodation in double room (king size bed) with breakfast in selected hotels
- Service of private guide/driver
- Rent of a private car/van for the time of the tour with all expenses (fuel, parking's, insurance...)
- Local guides for city tours in Zurich, Berne, Geneva, Lugano, Lucerne
- All entrance fees on the tour
- Return ticket for the cogwheel train to Jungfrauoch
- Boat to Borromeo islands on Lake Maggiore
- 2 hrs boat ride on Lake Como
- Organisation of the programme
- VAT

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Airfares
- Meals and drinks not described in the program
- Personal expenses of any kind (phone calls, laundry, minibar, room service...)
- Travel & cancelation insurance
- Tips

Date: on request (all year)