

# Alpine Lakes and Scenic Trains

featuring cruises on Lake Como & Lake Maggiore and scenic trains in Switzerland & Italy

## Highlights...

Lucerne • GoldenPass Train • Zermatt • Choice of Walking Tour or Matterhorn Museum in Zermatt • Glacier Express Train • St. Moritz • Bernina Pass Train • Ferry Ride on Lake Como • Como • Lago Maggiore • Lake Maggiore Cruise • Farm Visit with Wine and Cheese Pairing • Island Dinner

**10 Days • 12 Meals: 8 Breakfasts • 4 Dinners**

### COLLETTE EXPERIENCES

- ★ Cruise Lake Como on a traditional open-air commuter ferry.
- ★ Stroll the lakeside boulevards of Lucerne, St. Moritz and Como.
- ★ Journey through the Bernina Pass on one of the world's most scenic railways.

### MUST-SEE INCLUSIONS

- ★ Enjoy stunning Alpine views on the GoldenPass panoramic train.
- ★ Soak up the mountain air with two nights in the Alpine village of Zermatt.
- ★ Explore the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake," Lucerne.

### CULINARY INCLUSIONS

- ★ Savor a wine and cheese pairing at an Italian family farm.
- ★ Relish a traditional dinner on the Isola dei Pescatori in Italy's Lago Maggiore.

#### Day 1: Overnight Flight

Breathtaking Alpine vistas paint the canvas of your trip of a lifetime through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views while aboard railways and lake cruises, and enjoy cultural experiences in charming villages in the heart of Europe. Your journey begins with an overnight flight.

#### Day 2: Lucerne, Switzerland - Tour Begins

Arrive in Lucerne and take some free time to explore this lakeside town on your own. Tonight, **join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the city.** *Today dinner will be included.*

#### Day 3: Lucerne

Today, explore the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." Enjoy an Altstadt (Old Town) walking tour that follows the ancient pathways of the city. Over 800 years of history lives on with such treasures as the covered Chapel Bridge (1333); the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison; the watchtower and treasury; the Renaissance-style Town Hall; the Baroque Jesuit Church; and the Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate the heroic soldiers who were protecting King Louis XVI in 1792. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 4: Lucerne - GoldenPass Train - Montreux - Zermatt

This morning, **travel to Gstaad where you climb aboard the GoldenPass panoramic train to enjoy breathtaking Alpine views** along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, have free time in this legendary town on the shores of Lake Geneva. Then, continue on to the pedestrian village of Zermatt. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 5: Zermatt

Today you have all of Zermatt at your fingertips. You choose the way you spend your day! You may decide to explore on foot during a guided walking tour of charming Zermatt. Or, perhaps you'll choose to discover Zermatt independently and learn more about the triumph and tragedy of the first ascent of the Matterhorn with included admission to the Matterhorn Museum. The remainder of your day is at leisure. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 6: Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz

**Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express**, the most charming express train in the world. Enjoy

the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. Arrive in St. Moritz for your 2-night stay. Tonight, enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 7: St. Moritz - Bernina Pass Train - St. Moritz

**Embark on a journey through the Bernina Pass while traveling along one of the most scenic railway lines in the world** en route to Tirano, Italy. Enjoy striking views of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your adventure, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Upon your return to St. Moritz you can relax at your hotel or perhaps make use of your included St. Moritz lift pass to take the cable car to the top of Mt. Diavolezza where you can enjoy stunning views of Piz Bernina. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 8: St. Moritz - Lake Como, Italy - Lago Maggiore

Today you **make your way back to Italy with a drive to Lake Como**. A ferry ride across the waters of Lake Como introduces you to its stunning beauty. Drive along the picturesque shores to the town of Como. You will have free time to explore this famous resort before continuing to Lago Maggiore, a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters against the backdrop of the Alps. *Today breakfast will be included.*

#### Day 9: Lago Maggiore

Today we make our way to an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Stop at a family farm where you will learn about the artisan cheeses they produce. Then, sample their delicious creations and learn how to pair them with the region's local wines. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon. Your evening begins with a cocktail party in a wine shop before boarding your lake boat for a cruise to Isola dei Pescatori, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands, for your traditional farewell dinner. *Today breakfast and dinner will be included.*

#### Day 10: Lago Maggiore - Tour Ends

Your thrilling Alpine journey ends today in Lago Maggiore. *Today breakfast will be included.*

## Experience It!

## GoldenPass Panoramic Train

This legendary train ride, one of Switzerland's many scenic rides, connects central Switzerland and Lake Geneva. Departing from Gstaad, the train makes an exhilarating ascent through vineyards and country estates, traveling toward the shimmering lake. This journey takes you past the red timber chalets with their flower-bedecked windows to Montreux. It's just as you always imagined Switzerland. Towering peaks and majestic fir trees reach toward a limitless sky. Immerse yourself in all the breathtaking magnificence from the comfort of your seat onboard the train.

### YOUR ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Ameron Flora, Lucerne or Hotel Waldstaetterhof, Lucerne
Days 4, 5	Hotel Alex, Zermatt or Hotel Pollux, Zermatt
Days 6, 7	Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz
Days 8, 9	Zacchera Hotels, Lago Maggiore

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

### Please Note:

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at prescheduled times.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple rooms are not available.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Please note lift pass in St. Moritz is included for all guests; however, lifts are open subject to seasonal variability and may close due to weather.

Air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and transfer to Lucerne, and depart from Lago Maggiore, Italy and transfer to Milan airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports.

Due to tour scheduling, flights on Day 2 should arrive into Zurich prior to 4:00 p.m.

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

### IMPORTANT RESERVATION INFORMATION

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

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**\*Airfare:** For your convenience, we offer airfare for purchase with all vacation packages. If you purchase an air inclusive program, your airfare will be quoted inclusive of all fuel, taxes and fees. Your rates are subject to change until paid in full. Seats are limited and may not be available on every flight or departure date.

**Checked Baggage Charges:** Some airlines may impose additional charges if you choose to check any baggage. Please contact your airline or refer to its website for detailed information regarding your airline's checked baggage policies.

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