

# Gotthard Panorama & Lago Maggiore Express

Zurich – Lucerne – Gotthard Panorama Express – Lugano – CentovalliRailway

# **Itinerary**

# Day 1 Zurich – Lucerne

Arrival at Zurich Airport. Welcome by our tour guide. Short non-stop orientation tour of Zurich, Switzerland's largest city and its commercial capital. Enjoy the sights of old and modern Zurich. Transfer to your hotel in Central Switzerland. Dinner and overnight.

#### Day 2 Lucerne

Transfer by coach to Lucerne. Enjoy a City tour on foot including the Old Town with its quaint streets and squares, walk across the wooden Chapel Bridge with its unique historical paintings and see the Lion Monument. After some free time transfer in the early afternoon to Einsiedeln with its 1'000 year old monastery and Switzerland's most important centre of pilgrimage.

# Price:

Per person in a double room from CHF 790.— / approx. € 755.— without coach service

with coach service CHF 990.-/approx. € 945.-

Single supplement from CHF 210.-/approx. € 200.-

Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

# Day 3 Gotthard Panorama Express

Exploring the Gotthard Panorama Express means not only a combination of boat and train but also of two of the most attractive regions in the country - Central Switzerland and Ticino. On your journey you experience one of the most varied perspectives of Switzerland. You start in Lucerne and with a nostalgic paddle steamer you cruise on Lake Lucerne to Fluelen. You will see sleepy bays, picturesque villages and historic landmarks. In Flüelen you board air-conditioned, 2nd-class cars of the Swiss Federal Railways and drive through the Gotthard tunnel until you'll arrive in Ticino. You cross breathtaking cantilevered bridges and pass charming

villages on your way to Bellinzona. From here, the next leg is to Lugano – a town of parks, flowers, villas, sacred buildings and a Mediterranean flair. Transfers to your hotel. Dinner and overnight.

# Day 4 Lugano

After breakfast enjoy a short sightseeing tour by foot of this city. Rest of the day at leisure. Lugano lies in a bay on the northern side of Lake Lugano, surrounded by numerous mountains offering splendid View points. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 5 Centovalli Railway

After breakfast we proceed with our Italian Coach to nearby Locarno, located on the Northern tip of Lago Maggiore. Some free time before we board the Centovalli Railway. For an hour and a half you will cross a wild and romantic region through the Centovalli/Valle Vigezzo (one hundred valleys): meadows alternate with daring bridges, streams of the purest water, vineyards, and chestnut forests with villages clinging to mountain slopes. Upon arrival at Domodossola (Italy) we change to the Italian State railway and continue to today's destination, Stresa. From here we will visit the flower Islands "Boromäische Inseln". Coach transfer back to Lugano. Dinner and overnight in your hotel.

#### Day 6

Departure to the airport.



#### Extras:

Tourguide throughout the Tour CHF 350.– / approx. € 335.– per day Including board and lodging expenses

#### Services included:

5 x overnight/half board in 3\* and 4\* hotels

Steamship & Rail transportation Lucerne-Lugano, 2nd class

Rail transportation Locarno– Domodossola–Stresa, 2nd class

Guided walking tour of Lucerne and Lugano

