



May to October

8 days / 7 nights

from CHF 1'190.–

Mont Blanc Express

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## Mont Blanc Express, Goldenpass Panoramic Train and the best of Lucerne

Geneva – Montreux – Mont Blanc – Interlaken – Lucerne – Appenzell

### Itinerary

#### Day 1 Geneva – Montreux

Arrival in Geneva. Welcome by our tour guide. Short non-stop orientation tour of Geneva, the city which is magnificently situated on the largest of the Alpine lakes, within sight of the majestic peak of the Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain. With its humanitarian tradition and cosmopolitan flair, the European seat of the UNO and headquarters of the Red Cross the city is known as the «capital of peace». We proceed along the vineyards of the Lake Geneva region to Montreux/Region. Welcome Drink, dinner and overnight.

#### Day 2 Montreux

Just outside Montreux, built on a rocky islet stands one of Switzerland's most impressive buildings: "Chillon Castle". On our visit slip back into the mysterious world of medieval nobility and learn about the castle's famous prisoner, Bonivard. Drive along the lake via Vevey to Lausanne. Visit to the dominating Romanesque Cathedral and view the castle of Ouchy. Return to Montreux through the vineyards of the Lake Geneva region, a UNESCO World Heritage. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

#### Day 3 Chamonix

After breakfast you travel to Martigny where you board the Mont Blanc Express for a breath-

taking ride on this railway, past thundering waters and over deep valleys towards Chamonix/France. Enjoy spectacular views of the impressive Glaciers of the Mont Blanc massive. In the alpine centre of Chamonix you will have ample free time to browse around or take an optional ride on one of the cable cars or another railway ride to the Montenvers station with the possibility to visit the gallery of the



### Price:

Per person in a double room from **CHF 1'190.– / approx. € 1'135.–** without coach service

with coach service **CHF 1'645.– / approx. € 1'565.–**

Single supplement from **CHF 275.– / approx. € 260.–**

### Services included:

7 x overnight/ buffet breakfast in 3\*/4\* hotels

6 x half board in the hotels

Audioguide/Entrances Chillon Castle

Rail transportation Martigny–Chamonix, 2nd class

Rail transportation Montreux–Interlaken–Lucerne, 2nd class

Guided walking tour Lucerne

1-hour cruise on Lake Lucerne

Excursion to Appenzell & Einsiedeln Monastery

1 Swiss dinner with folkloric show





Mer-de-Glace (ice grotto into the glacier). We continue driving down to the southern shores of Lake Geneva and return to Montreux via the spa towns of Thonon and Evian, the latter also known for its casino. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

#### *Day 4 Interlaken – Lucerne*

This morning you will leave Montreux and board the Goldenpass Panoramic Train. While you are enjoying the view of the magnificent landscape of Lake Geneva region you are heading to the world famous resorts of Châteaux d'Oex and Gstaad before reaching Zweisimmen. From here you continue the trip towards Interlaken – point of departure of numerous excursions in the Jungfrau region. After some free time the train passes along the shorelines of five lakes, in which are reflected the legendary peaks of the Bernese Alps. The Brünig Pass, rising as the last rampart before Lucerne, is crossed by

using locomotives equipped with the rack railway system. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Lucerne/Region.

#### *Day 5 Lucerne*

Morning 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. Board a boat for a scenic 1-hour cruise on Lake Lucerne for spectacular views of the lake and surrounding mountains. Remainder of the day at leisure. Optional: Tonight you will enjoy a typical Swiss dinner and show at the Restaurant Stadtkeller, located in the old Town. Overnight.

#### *Day 6 excursion Appenzell & Einsiedeln Monastery*

After breakfast we head off by coach to Appenzell. The smart alleyways with their numerous small shops in the car-free eastern sector invite passers-by to stroll

and enjoy leisurely shopping outings. Houses adorned with many murals are a characteristic of the region. The Appenzell Museum in the town hall exhibits a cross-section of local history and culture. After some free time we continue via Schwägalp, short visit of the local cheese maker, to Einsiedeln with its 1,000 year old monastery and Switzerland's most important centre of pilgrimage. Time at leisure. Return to Lucerne via Brunnen and the lakeside villages and resorts for dinner and overnight.

#### *Day 7 Lucerne*

The entire day is at leisure. Your tour manager is at hand to suggest optional activities for this free day. Dinner and overnight.

#### *Day 8 Zurich Airport*

After breakfast we motor to Zurich airport for your homebound flight.

#### **Extras:**

Tour guide throughout the Tour CHF 350.– / approx. € 335.– per day including his/her board and lodging and expenses



Chillon Castle



Lion Monument Lucerne