

Chapel Bridge, Lucerne



# Swiss Rail Adventure

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

Sept. 3 - 13, 2025

Jungfraubahn

\$100 Early Bird  
discount if booked  
by Nov. 1, 2024



*Brienz town on Lake  
Brienz by Interlaken*



**Day 1: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 • Departure**

Our journey begins as we make our way independently to Geneva, Switzerland. A group departure from Chicago may be arranged if there is enough interest.

**Day 2: Thursday, September 4, 2025 • Geneva**

Arriving Geneva, we make our own way to our group hotel near the Genève-Cornavin main station. The train trip takes approximately 7 minutes, with multiple departures hourly. Early arrivers might stretch our legs with a walk along the lake promenade, taking in the Jet d'eau, the Flower Clock, and the beaches and marinas dotting the shore. We meet up with our guide this evening and enjoy getting to know each other during our welcome group dinner. **(D)**

**Day 3: Friday, September 5, 2025 •**

**Montreux/Chocolate Train**

We start our day with a train ride along the north shore of Lake Geneva (aka Lac Léman) to Montreux. We board the Chocolate Train that takes us to the Cailler-Nestlé factory. The first part of the trip is on nostalgic Belle-Epoque train cars. Sit back and enjoy the scenery with a hot chocolate or coffee while we travel through the valley to Montbovon. Here, we board a bus to Gruyères where we visit one of the eponymous cheese factories and spend a short time in the medieval town. Next we board a coach for the chocolate factory tour and tasting. We return to Geneva in the late afternoon where we have free time and dinner on our own. **(B)**

**Day 4: Saturday, September 6, 2025 •**

**Lausanne/Lake Geneva**

We explore the treasures of Lausanne today. A local guide shows us the medieval city, gothic cathedral, market, and other sites in old town. There are also several world-class art museums, a waterfront promenade and lake cruises and ferries to explore. We can use our rail passes to hop ferries and trains to visit nearby Vevey, Castle Chillon and Nyon. We return to Geneva on our own. **(B)**

**Day 5: Sunday, September 7, 2025 • Interlaken**

We leave Geneva behind as we enjoy alpine views on the Golden Pass scenic train. We see endless vineyards, high mountain passes, green valleys and charming villages as we travel to Interlaken. The resort town is situated on a narrow strip of land between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. The half-timbered buildings surrounded by thickly forested mountains.

*Lucerne*



A local guide acquaints us to the town, then we have free time to explore. We have dinner as a group this evening. **(B, D)**

**Day 6: Monday, September 8, 2025 •**

**Interlaken/Berner Oberland**

We head to the “Top of Europe” today. At over 11,000 feet, the Jungfrau-Jock rail station is the highest in Europe. A series of trains and gondolas take us progressively higher until we are surrounded by snow and ice. The first stop is the breathtaking overlook of the Aletsch Glacier. Continuing to Jungfrau-Jock, we take in the attractions at the top of the mountain. We ride the elevator to the Sphinx Terrace for an even higher view of the glacier, take in the Panorama experience, and Alpine Sensation. We have time for lunch on our own at the top of the mountain. We may stay near the main station or take a hike up to the Mönchs-Jockhütte restaurant. There are tubing, ziplining and skiing opportunities for an additional charge. We visit Mürren, a carless village made famous by James Bond in “On Her Majesty’s Secret Service” with free time to explore the shops and sites of the this afternoon. We have dinner together before returning to Interlocken. **(B, D)**

**Day 7: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 • Interlaken**

We step back in time today with a trip to the Ballenberg open-air museum. Traditional buildings and homes from across Switzerland are on display, often with live demonstrations. The balance of the day is free to explore, perhaps taking in a scenic boat ride on Lake Thun. **(B)**

**Day 8: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 • Lucerne**

We change cities today with a magnificent train ride to Lucerne. We pass by more Alpine views, lakes and waterfalls and cross over the spectacular Brunig Mountain Pass. A local guide introduces us to the area highlights and shows us some of the murals, the Chapel Bridge, fortifications and other delights of the cobbled old town. We have time to explore and have dinner on our own. **(B)**

**Day 9: Thursday, September 11, 2025 • Lucerne**

We start our day with a cruise on Lake Lucerne as we make our way to Apnachstad. We board the steepest cog wheel railway in the world. The route winds through flower fields and past sparkling streams to the top of Mount Pilatus. We have time to admire the 360 degree views from the top of the mountain, then glide down the mountain on the aerial tramway “Dragon’s Ride”. The rest of the day is free to enjoy



*Brunig Mountain Pass*

Lucerne or nearby attractions on our own. A fun excursion is the unlimited tastings at the Kambly Cookie Factory. **(B)**

**Day 10: Friday, September 12, 2025 • Zurich**

We travel to Zurich, the country’s largest city and a major economic city. We tour the Alstad (Old City) with a local guide. Guild houses, churches, historic plazas and more straddle both sides of the Limmer River. Tonight, we gather for dinner to bid farewell to our Alpine Adventure. **(B, D)**

**Day 11: Saturday, September 13, 2025 • Return**

Unfortunately, we must bid “tschüss” to Switzerland. We make our own way to the airport for our return flights home. Zurich Airport is about 10 minutes from the main station, with frequent trains throughout the day. We leave with great memories of stunning mountains, beautiful landscapes and wonderful new friendships. **(B)**

**Note:**

*This tour requires a moderate amount of walking. All passengers must be able to transport their own pack/suitcases up and down train platforms and to hotels which may be up to a half mile from the stations.*

**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**



*Golden pass line train*

**TOUR COST: \$5,699\*** per person  
*Land package only*

\*Price is based on a minimum of 10 paying participants, double occupancy  
**Single supplement = \$1,800**

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Land Transportation** via Swiss Rail 1st Class 8 Day Pass
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per itinerary**
- Services of **Professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as noted below

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- **Estimated Airfare from ORD of \$1250** to Geneva, Switzerland and return from Zurich, related taxes and fees
- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. *(Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)*
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. *(This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.)*

**Payment Schedule:**

**Deposit with registration:** \$500 per person  
**Interim Payment due Feb. 6, 2025:** \$1,500 per person  
**Final payment due 90 days prior (June 6, 2025) to departure.**

Invoices will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

**Currency:**

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

**Refund/Cancellation Policy:**

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$1,000 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling 30 days or less prior to departure will receive no refund.

***Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.***

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