

FREE & EASY

# 8 DAYS FLEXI SWITZERLAND

## Overview



**Overnight Stay**

7 nights



**11 Cities**

Zurich, Berne, Fribourg, Nyon, Geneva, Interlaken, Chiasso, Lugano, Lucerne, Einsiedeln, RHINE FALLS

### Exclusions

- International Air-ticket from Singapore
- Travel Insurance

## Itinerary

### DAY 1: ZURICH

Upon arriving at the airport, we will be waiting to transfer you to your hotel. Check the information boards in the hotel reception area for details of the welcome meeting with your guide and fellow travelers.

## DAY 2: ZURICH - BERN - FRIBOURG - NYON - GENEVA

We will set off for the capital of the country, BERN, one of the most beautiful historic cities in Switzerland. We will go to the Garden of Roses whose viewpoint offers unrivaled views of the city. Free time for a walk and lunch. In the afternoon we will get back on the road and head to the French-speaking region of Switzerland, making a stop in FRIBOURG, a beautiful bilingual city. After that we will travel towards Lake Geneva (most commonly known in France as Lac Léman) and make a stop in NYON, a little Roman city. From there we will travel to France by boat. We will arrive in YVOIRE, a beautiful medieval village with fortified gates, a castle, flowery streets and beautiful views over the lake. GENEVA - Arrival at the end of the day. Accommodation (usually our hotel is located in the French area of the town).



**Meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 3: GENEVA - LEYSIN



**Highlights:** CHILLON CASTLE, Cailler chocolate factory

After breakfast we include a city tour in Geneva, a city by Lake Lemman that houses the European headquarters of the International Labor Organization, the Red Cross and numerous other international entities. We will go to the Palais des Nations (headquarters of the United Nations in Europe), the beautiful English Garden with its flower clock and admire the "Jet d'Eau", the highest fountain in Europe.

Through vignards landscapes we go on to CHILLON CASTLE, built in the waters of the lake. Entrance included to this fantastic mediaeval castle. After this, we will continue to the picturesque walled village of GRUYERES, known worldwide for its cheese. Nearby this area there are several of the main chocolate Swiss factories located (NESTLE amongst them), and we visit the Cailler chocolate factory, with a tasting included!

We continue along small roads between bucolic landscapes of mountains and typical wooden villages. Arrival in the evening to LEYSIN, a beautiful holiday town. Dinner included.

Note: sometimes accommodation will be in a nearby alternative city (usually Matigny).



**Meals:** Breakfast

#### DAY 4: LEYSIN - INTERLAKEN - AARESLUCHT - CHIASSO

**★ Highlights:** GLACIER 3000, AARESLUCHT GORGES

Today's stage has beautiful high mountain scenery. Don't forget your winter clothes, we climb to one of the most spectacular spots in Switzerland where you can see ice and snow all year round. We include the cable car ride up to GLACIER 3000, where you can walk on the suspended bridge in the gap between two mountain peaks, enter the Ice Cathedral or "play" in the Fun Park. Stop in INTERLAKEN and time for lunch. Afterwards we travel to the AARESLUCHT GORGES. We then take the Sustenpass, one of the most beautiful roads in Switzerland that runs between glaciers and takes us to Italian-speaking Switzerland. Overnight stay in CHIASSO, a Swiss town on the border with Italy.

Note: Occasionally, due to weather conditions such as rain or strong winds, the cable car to Glacier 3000 may not operate.

Note: The Sustenpass road is normally closed until the end of May and since mid-October. In this case the journey will be made by alternative roads.



**Meals:** Breakfast

#### DAY 5: CHIASSO - LUGANO - LUCERNE

We will visit LUGANO, the cosmopolitan capital of the Italian Switzerland with its beautiful lake. Time to stroll. We continue on the highway, we cross St. Gotthard Pass. We stop in BURGLEN, the tiny village where William Tell was born, we shall see the chapel of the XVI century with paintings illustrating his life. If you want, you can also visit the museum of William Tell. In the neighboring city of ALTDORF we can also find traces of his history. Continue to LUCERNE, free time to explore this beautiful city by the lake that bears its name. We will suggest, optionally, to take the cruise along the Lake of the Four Cantons, considered one of the most beautiful lakes in Switzerland.



**Meals:** Breakfast

**DAY 6: LUCERNE - EINSIEDELN - VADUZ - FELDKIRCH**

We leave Lucerne driving along the Four Cantons Lake towards EINSIEDELN, its immense baroque abbey is the most important pilgrimage center in Switzerland. After that we continue towards the East of Switzerland. MAIENFELD is the village which inspired Heidi's story. In HEIDIDORF we will be visiting Heidi's House (ticket not included. Entry to the facility is free), a picturesque place with beautiful landscapes that we will reach through a pedestrian path. Then we enter into the independent country of Liechtenstein, and its capital city VADUZ with its impressive castle. Time to stroll and have lunch. Subsequently, we go to the neighbor city of FELDKIRCH, in Austria, located next to the borders of Switzerland, Liechtenstein and Germany: charming walled city with a genuine historic city center and a castle. Free time.

**Meals:** Breakfast**DAY 7: FELDKIRCH - SAINT GALLEN - STEIN AM RHEIN - ZURICH****Highlights:** Rhine Waterfalls, Botanic Garden

We start our day heading to ST. GALLEN, whose center is part of the World Heritage List by UNESCO with a wonderful cathedral and its historic center. Afterwards we will continue by Constance Lake, between Germany and Switzerland. We will have time for a walk at Constance's center before visiting MAINAU Island (access by pedestrian bridge) with its stunning botanic garden (entry included). Then, again in Switzerland, we will take a stroll in STEIN AM RHEIN, a typical village on the Rhine River with precious houses with painted walls. We will also visit Rhine Waterfalls (entry included), the waterfalls with the most abundant flow in Europe. Arrival in ZURICH at the end of the day.

**Meals:** Breakfast**DAY 8: ZURICH**

After breakfast, end of our services

**Meals:** Breakfast