

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS



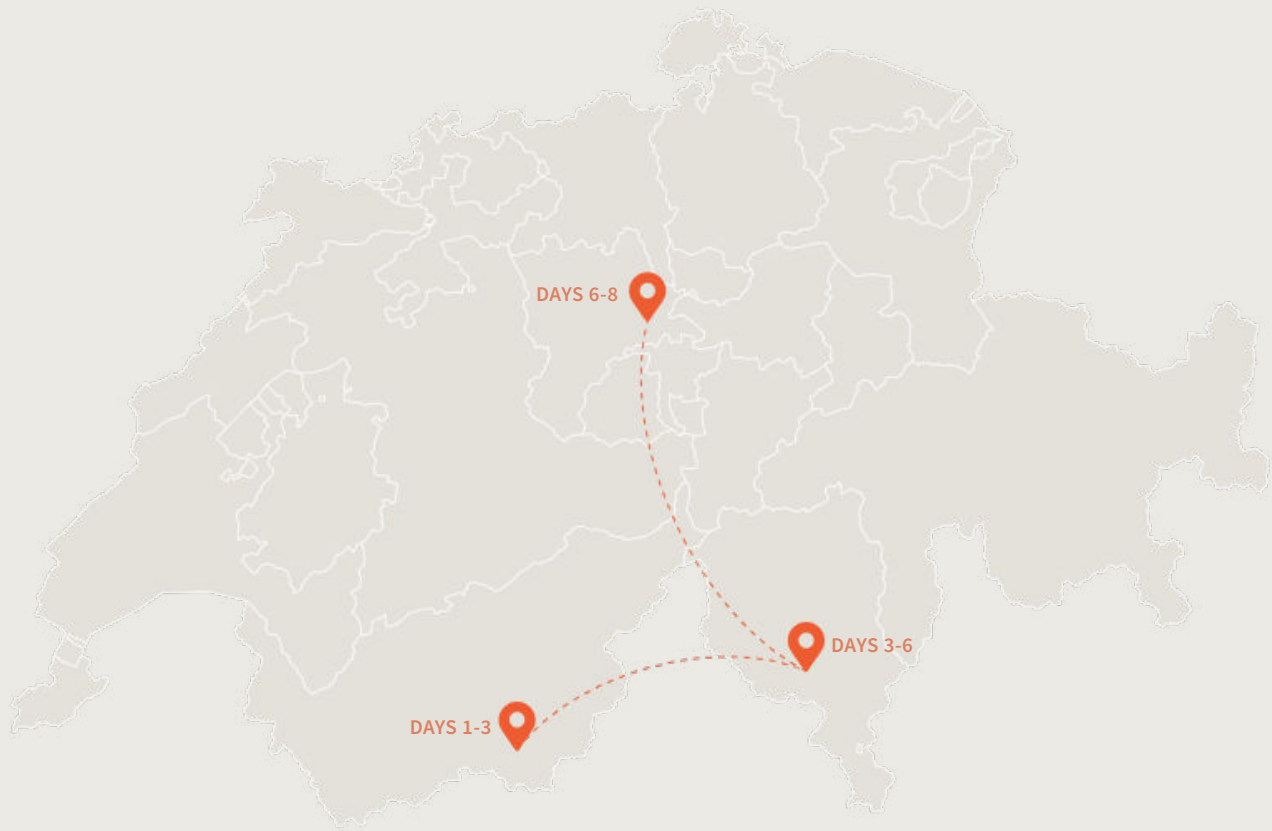
Is the view from
the Swiss Alps as
delicious as their
chocolate?

○ ZERMATT, LOCARNO, LUGANO, LUCERNE

Swiss Peaks, Lakes & Chocolate

SMALL-GROUP TOUR: 14 PEOPLE MAX
MAY, AUG, OCT

SILVEROPUS™



Nature & Indulgence in One Perfect Tour of Switzerland

Switzerland unfolds in a seamless journey through its Italian and German regions, blending scenic trains, alpine adventures, and cultural delights. Begin in Zermatt, where the Matterhorn sets a dramatic stage, then ascend Gornergrat for breathtaking views. Experience Ticino's Italian charm—strolling through Locarno, cruising Lake Lugano, and mastering risotto. Travel north aboard the Gotthard Panorama Express, transitioning into Switzerland's German-speaking heart. In Lucerne, embrace lakeside elegance, craft Swiss chocolate, and soak in the alpine ambiance. A farewell dinner celebrates newfound friendships and flavors, closing a journey where every landscape tells a story—one that lingers long after you depart.



Tour Focus:
Switzerland's Scenery & Delicacies

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Journey Overview

This experience is for travelers seeking a balance of must-see spots, hidden gems, local culture, and culinary delights.



Switzerland is a land of unparalleled beauty, where snow-capped peaks meet emerald valleys, and medieval towns coexist with cosmopolitan cities. Its landscapes range from the dramatic Alps to serene lakeside promenades. Whether you're savoring a Swiss fondue, riding the panoramic Glacier Express, or strolling through Lucerne's historic streets, Switzerland offers an exquisite blend of natural and cultural experiences that leave a lasting impression.

Who is guaranteed to love our tours?

- Curious souls seeking real connections
- Small groups of max 14 people
- Travelers craving authenticity over trends
- Explorers looking for adventures later in life
- Vacationers wanting perfect planning without the work



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Journey Itinerary



Tour of Zermatt & Gornergrat Adventure

Day 1: Welcome to Zermatt


You arrive in Zermatt and check into the charming Chalet Hotel Schöneegg. The adventure begins with a warm welcome dinner, where you meet your Tour Director and fellow travelers. The Matterhorn looms in the background as you raise a glass to the journey ahead. Conversations flow easily, excitement builds, and you begin to feel at home in this Swiss alpine paradise. The crisp mountain air and stunning views set the tone for an unforgettable trip. As you settle in, the realization sinks in: you are finally here, ready to explore Switzerland in all its glory.

- **OVERNIGHT:** Chalet Hotel Schöneegg
- **MEALS:** DINNER
-  **EXPERIENCES:** WELCOME DINNER



Day 2: Gornergrat and Zermatt Exploration

After a hearty breakfast, we board the cogwheel train to Gornergrat, climbing high above Zermatt. The views are staggering—29 peaks towering above 4,000 meters, glaciers sprawling in all directions. The Matterhorn stands proudly, its silhouette iconic against the sky. We pause for lunch at Riffelhaus 1853, savoring a meal with a view that belongs on a postcard. Returning to Zermatt, the afternoon is free for you to explore. Stroll through the charming streets, browse quaint shops, or simply breathe in the fresh alpine air. As the sun sets, the magic of the mountains lingers in your mind.


- **OVERNIGHT:** CHALET HOTEL SCHÖNEGG
- **MEALS:** BREAKFAST, LUNCH
-  **EXPERIENCES:** COGWHEEL TRAIN TO GORNERGRAT, ZERMATT TOUR



Scenic Rail Journeys & Cooking in Ticino

Day 3: Scenic Trains and Lake Maggiore


The morning begins with a train ride from Zermatt to Brig. We take a stroll through the old town, marveling at Stockalper Castle's imposing presence. After a delightful lunch, we continue our journey by train to Domodossola, then board the Centovalli scenic train. The landscape shifts—deep gorges, waterfalls, and picturesque villages blur past the windows. We cross into the Italian-speaking region of Switzerland, arriving in Locarno on the shores of Lake Maggiore. It feels like stepping into a different world, where mountains meet Mediterranean charm.

- **OVERNIGHT:** HOTEL BELVEDERE LOCARNO
- **MEALS:** BREAKFAST, LUNCH
-  **EXPERIENCES:** BRIG TOUR, STOCKALPER CASTLE, CENTOVALLI SCENIC TRAIN JOURNEY




Day 4: Lugano's Flavors and Views

Today, we take the train to Lugano, a city that blends Swiss precision with Italian flair. A local guide leads us through the streets, revealing the city's lakeside beauty and rich history. We set sail on a cruise across Lake Lugano, stopping to sip a drink on a terrace with breathtaking views. Then, a hands-on cooking experience awaits. Under the guidance of a local chef, we prepare authentic Ticinese risotto. Paired with local wine and a delicious main course, the meal is a true taste of the region. The afternoon is yours to explore before we return to Locarno by rail.

- **OVERNIGHT:** HOTEL BELVEDERE LOCARNO
- **MEALS:** BREAKFAST, LUNCH
-  **EXPERIENCES:** LUGANO TOUR, RISOTTO COOKING INSTRUCTION & LUNCH

Day 5: Peaks and Panoramas of San Salvatore

A short train ride takes us to Paradiso, where we board a funicular up San Salvatore, Lugano's home mountain. From the top, the views stretch for miles—Lake Lugano sparkles below, framed by dramatic peaks. We take a scenic hike, soaking in the breathtaking surroundings. Lunch is served at the Vetta Restaurant, where the panoramic veranda provides the perfect backdrop. With full stomachs and happy hearts, we descend by funicular and train back to Locarno. The day's blend of nature, adventure, and relaxation is exactly what makes Switzerland so special.

- **OVERNIGHT:** HOTEL BELVEDERE LOCARNO
- **MEALS:** BREAKFAST, LUNCH
-  **EXPERIENCES:** SAN SALVATORE FUNICULAR WITH SCENIC HIKE & LUNCH






The Gotthard Panorama & Lucerne's Charms


Day 6: Gotthard Panorama Express to Lucerne

We start the day with a train ride to Lugano, where we board the Gotthard Panorama Express. The journey weaves through tunnels, past waterfalls, and alongside pristine lakes. At Flüelen, we switch to a boat and glide across Lake Lucerne. The fjord-like landscape is mesmerizing—steep cliffs, deep blue waters, and snow-capped peaks in the distance. Lunch on board makes the experience even more indulgent. We dock in Lucerne, where the historic Hotel Schweizerhof welcomes us. The day has been one of seamless, breathtaking transitions—from rail to water, from south to central Switzerland, all in effortless elegance.

- **OVERNIGHT:** HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF
- **MEALS:** BREAKFAST, LUNCH
-  **EXPERIENCES:** GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS TRAIN, LAKE CRUISE TO LUCERNE

Day 7: A Sweet Farewell in Lucerne

This morning, we uncover Lucerne's beauty with a guided walking tour. The wooden Chapel Bridge, the Lion Monument, and the charming old town captivate us at every turn. The afternoon takes a delicious turn as we step into a chocolatier's world, sampling Swiss chocolates and crafting our own bars. The scent of cocoa fills the air, making it hard to resist indulging. As evening falls, we gather for a farewell dinner, reminiscing about the week's adventures. Laughter, stories, and clinking glasses mark the end of an unforgettable journey.

- **OVERNIGHT:** HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF
- **MEALS:** BREAKFAST, DINNER
-  **EXPERIENCES:** LUCERNE TOUR, LOCAL CHOCOLATIER TOUR & WORKSHOP



Day 8: Departure or Further Exploration

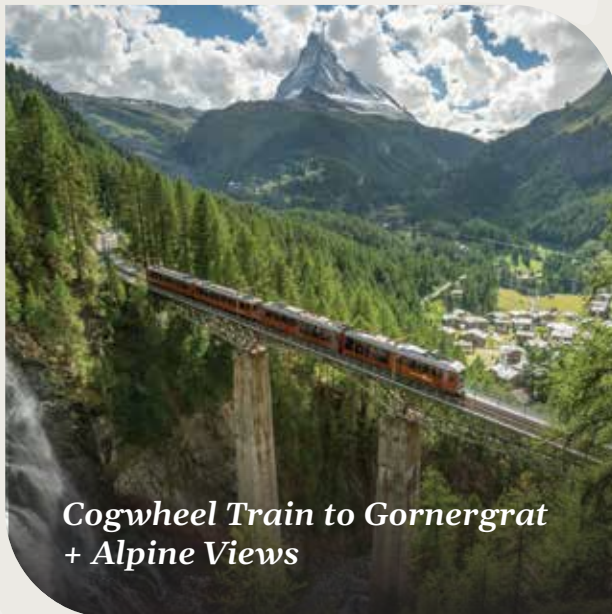
The tour officially ends, but the memories linger. After breakfast, we board a direct train to Zurich airport, reflecting on the breathtaking landscapes, the friendships formed, and the moments that took our breath away. Some continue their journey in Switzerland, others head home, but one thing is certain—this adventure has left a lasting imprint. As you bid farewell to this spectacular country, you know one thing for sure: Switzerland will always be calling you back.

- **MEALS: BREAKFAST**



Discover Our Signature Experiences

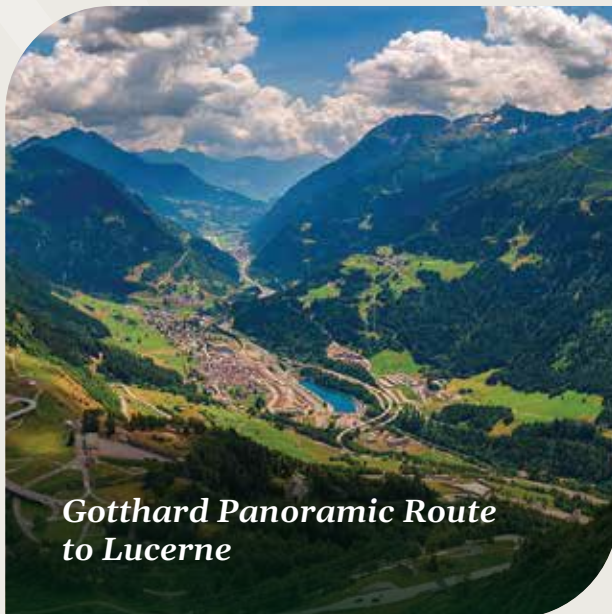
Many of our experiences are not found in tours offered by others. We go for *authentic* while others go for *popular*. Those are gems and gems are our signature. And even what you do find elsewhere becomes *unique* when sprinkled with SilverOpus *twists*.



*Cogwheel Train to Gornergrat
+ Alpine Views*



*Lake Lugano Cruise
+ Risotto Cooking Instruction*



*Gotthard Panoramic Route
to Lucerne*



*Swiss Chocolatier Visit
+ Workshop*

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Stay



A family-run alpine retreat, *Chalet Hotel Schöneegg* offers warm hospitality and breathtaking views of the Matterhorn. Its blend of tradition and modern comfort makes it a perfect Swiss getaway, where you'll feel at home from the moment you arrive.

Enjoy Dreamy & Luxurious Stays



Perched above Locarno, *Hotel Belvedere* offers stunning views of Lake Maggiore, combining Swiss elegance with Mediterranean charm. Whether relaxing in the spa or enjoying the picturesque surroundings, this hotel ensures a memorable stay in Ticino.

A historic five-star gem on Lake Lucerne's shores, **Hotel Schweizerhof** blends luxury, heritage, and Swiss hospitality. With lakefront views and a storied past hosting luminaries like Churchill and Wagner, every stay here is unforgettable.

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Eat



Experience a Taste of Switzerland

Savor authentic, high-quality meals featuring hyper-local, seasonal menus.



The SilverOpus Group Experience: Reimagined for Excellence & Authenticity



Tribal Travel

First and foremost, we build experiences for sophisticated, curious and adventurous travelers ages 50 plus. That is our tribe. We have a solid understanding of what our tribe wants, how they expect to discover the world, so we build adventures around that knowledge.

Group Size & Tour Directors

Each of our departures is restricted to a maximum of 14 travelers, which guarantees a meaningful and intimate experience for all. Why such small groups? Because they are perfect for camaraderie to flourish. Laugh, exchange ideas, discover, talk, learn. Together. You are among friends. Old and new.

Leading each departure you will always find someone who does two things very well: 1) they are masters at sharing their knowledge and passion for the destination. Great story tellers. 2) They have the gift of taking care of people, ensuring that they feel comfortable, happy and safe. Caring leaders.

We are fully aware that at the heart of every outstanding travel experience is a great Tour Director, so we invest heavily in the people we hire to lead our programs. Our tribe deserves them!



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Local Tour Guides

In every village, town and city visited in our programs live a few unique guys and gals who really, really, really love that town. They love it so much that they could talk about it all day long. They are entertaining, warm and immensely proud of the culture, history, food and people they represent.

Those are the guys and gals we pick for our local tours and excursions. Excellent people. Beautiful people whose words and passion become souvenirs that our travelers carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Itinerary Design

There are a few cornerstones present in every program we design. Nothing is by accident.

Balance is paramount. A strong itinerary covers some of the destinations famous attractions, but, most importantly, it must give you the opportunity to be with the locals. Walk the streets and see the houses, understand how people live there. Reflect. The final touch in the recipe is some open time, so you can roam around a bit and find your own favorite corners. Favorite memories, after all, are personal.



Hotels, Activities, Transportation & Meals

Hotels are more than just places to stay—they're key to your journey. Each property is chosen to ensure you feel like a guest of honor through ambiance, comfort, and exceptional service.

Authenticity matters. All our group programs include daily breakfast and several meals, letting you savor fresh, local dishes prepared with traditional care.

We balance luxury vehicles with local transport—trains, boats, and flights—to optimize comfort and sightseeing time. You'll spend your days exploring, not stuck in transit. Sustainability is at the heart of our choices, respecting each destination we visit.

To fully immerse yourself, every experience engages your senses. Each day unfolds differently, tailored to your fitness level, ensuring participation and personalization throughout your journey.

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Absolute, 24/7 Support

Airplanes are the safest way to travel because of their redundant safety systems. We shamelessly copied that idea in what we do (why not?). If you need anything while traveling, your Tour Director is right there to assist you. Moreover, we have a network of suppliers at each destination, ready to work for you. And over here, in the USA, we have a team of highly-qualified professionals at your disposal before, during and after your travels. No question goes unanswered and no request is ignored. We do what it takes to give you absolute support.



The Final Quality Test

Before any new program is made available to our tribe, it must be approved by the founder and owner of SilverOpus: a tough-to-please engineer with sky-high expectations. Our tour designers, all of the highest caliber, know that they will be faced with one question: “would you take your spouse / family / friends on this adventure?” If the answer is not a ground-shaking “yes!!”, then the program returns to the drawing board, immediately.



Program Essentials

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

TOUR DETAILS:



Tour starts: Zermatt, Switzerland - Chalet Hotel Schöneegg lobby - 5:00 PM

Tour ends: Lucerne, Switzerland - Hotel Schweizerhof lobby - after breakfast

Trip length: 8 Days / 7 Nights

Trip overview: Zermatt (2 nights), Locarno (3 nights), Lucerne (2 nights)

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- 7 nights at  handpicked luxury accommodations
- 14 authentic dining experiences (7 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 2 dinners)
- Guidance of an expert Tour Director throughout the entire journey
-  signature experiences and locally guided activities as noted in the daily itinerary
- First class rail transportation connecting your locations in Switzerland including Centovalli scenic train journey from Domodossola to Locarno and Gotthard Panorama Express train journey from Lugano to Flüelen
- Gotthard Panorama Express boat cruise from Flüelen to Lucerne
- Luggage transfers from Zermatt to Locarno and Locarno to Lucerne
- 24/7 support while traveling
- Personalized, comprehensive services before, during and after your journey

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Departures & Prices

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