

Swiss National Day Tour

10 Day Land Tour

07/27/2023 - 08/05/2023

Join Bountiful Travel and Jonathan Larsen on a small group tour of Switzerland that will allow you to visit the LDS temple and church services. A small group of 16 people will offer flexibility, more time for true sight-seeing, and more contact with the tour guide. With a small group and utilizing only two hotels, we will save precious vacation time and see more sites. We will also use the Swiss Rail System instead of a charter bus, creating a unique experience of riding the Swiss rails during the tour.

Headliners:



Jonathan Larsen

Itinerary:

Day 1: Depart Home

July 27, 2023 (Thursday)

Depart from the United States

Day 2: Zurich, Switzerland

July 28, 2023 (Friday)

Upon your arrival into Switzerland we will be there at the airport to ensure you find your way to the hotel. After checking into our hotel in Zurich we will have a brief orientation and then hop on a train headed for the city center. You will see the beautiful city of Zurich which is the largest city in Switzerland. We will start this day with a ferry ride down the River Limmat, the ferry will glide down the river that winds through the city and out onto Lake Zurich. After our ferry ride we walk from the lake into the city where we will see 3 major cathedrals; Grossmunster, Fraumunster, and St.Peters. We will

head up to the top of Lindenhof hill where we can take in the views of the city. The quaint back streets of Zurich will offer us a glimpse into the local life of Zurich. We will end our day with a dinner together and the stroll down the famous Bahnhofstrasse. We will do our best to stay awake and beat the ever present, jet lag!

Day 3: St.Gallen Switzerland, Konstanz, Germany

July 29, 2023 (Saturday)

After our morning breakfast we will hop on a train headed for Eastern Switzerland and Konstanz, Germany. Our first stop will be the beautiful Unesco World Heritage city of St.Gallen. Here we will stroll through the amazing city center rich with history. We will visit the famous Abbey Library of Saint Gallus with a treasure of books dating back to the 8th century. After our visit to St.Gallen we will head to the historical city of Konstanz, Germany. This lakeside city gives us a chance to cross the border for the day and take in some real German culture. Konstanz is rich in historic significance for Europe and boasts one of the largest Old Towns considering the size of the city. We will visit several Cathedrals and view the beautiful art that is found throughout the city. After our full day in Germany we will head back to Zurich for dinner.

Day 4: Bern, Switzerland

July 30, 2023 (Sunday)

Today we will say "goodbye" to the big city of Zurich and head into the Alps of the Berner Oberlands. Our first stop will be Bern, Switzerland. On this day we will head to the Capital of Switzerland, the city of Bern. We will be busy on this day taking in all the sights of the Capital. From the Parliament building, Kindlifresser Fountain, Switzerland's largest Cathedral, Zytglock, the Aare river, and the Bear viewing area. For those who would once again like a little adventure we can join the locals and jump into the Aare river that runs directly through the city center. We will board the train and head to the city of Thun. This medieval city nestled between the Alps and Lake Thun will surely take your breathe away! With its covered wooden bridges, flower lined windows, and castle you will be swept back into time. For many who have taken this tour Thun has quickly become a favorite. After visiting Thun we will head back to the hotel for a tasty Swiss dinner.

Day 5: Lauterbrunnen and Stechelberg Villages

July 31, 2023 (Monday)

Today we will hop on board the BOB train headed toward the village of Lauterbrunnen in the famous UNESCO World Heritage site of Lauterbrunnen Valley. We will then take a Cable Car ride to the cliff side village of Murren. We will stroll through this village without cars perched atop the Alps to the next

Cable Car ride. This will take us down to the village of Gimmelwald! For those who are willing and daring enough can join me on a hike from the top of Murren to the next station of Gimmelwald. Here we will visit a small cheese factory and sample some local Swiss made Alp Cheese. We will enjoy the views of the Alps and the beloved Jungfrau Joch. Our final cable car ride will take us from Gimmelwald down the cliff side to the valley floor into the village of Stechelberg. We will slowly take our time back and enjoy the surrounding scenery. After a tasty dinner together the evening will be left to your own leisure.

Day 6: Swiss National Day Celebration

August 1, 2023 (Tuesday)

Today is the Swiss National Day and you will see parades, yodelers, alp horns, cows, goats, fireworks, and everything Swiss. It will truly be a day to remember!! We will begin the day by riding up the Harder Kulm to give us towering views of the Berner Oberland Alps and Interlaken below. We will then make our way into the city of Interlaken to prepare for the parade. Here there will be delicious street foods along with festivities celebrating the Swiss National Day! In the evening we will enjoy a wonderful dinner after which will be a cultural evening along with fireworks!

Day 7: Village of Zermatt & Matterhorn

August 2, 2023 (Wednesday)

Village of Zermatt & Matterhorn. We are off to one of the most famous Swiss Alps known world wide, Matterhorn is our place of destination. We will leave early in the morning on a train heading through the beautiful mountain pass south towards Italy. We will arrive in the village of Zermatt, set at the foot of the mighty Matterhorn. We will board the famous cogwheel Gornergrat train that will take us slowly up the mountain side and offers unparalleled views of the Matterhorn. From the top viewing deck we enjoy lunch and try to take in the beautiful surrounding scenery. We will again board the Gornergrat Cogwheel train and head back down into the village of Zermatt. Along the way down will be an option for hiking for those who would like a little added adventure! Once back in the village we will walk through Zermatt and learn more about this old farming village and its rich history of becoming one of the world's most sought after vacation resorts. We will enjoy a tasty Swiss dinner that night and marvel over what we saw this day!

If the weather is not cooperating and Matterhorn is peaking out from the clouds we will replace our day trip to Zermatt with the famous train ride up the Schynige Platte.

Day 8: Village of Brienz

August 3, 2023 (Thursday)

Today we will head the village of Brienz on the lake. Here we visit the outdoor museum of Ballenberg and learn more about the Swiss and their culture. After lunch we will head to Grindelwald, Switzerland. Here we will stroll through this quaint Alpine village offering views of the Eiger and two large glaciers. You can decide to finish up any souvenir shopping you may have or for a little more adventure you can either go down an Alpine Slide, ride a trotti bike, or take a Zip line down a mountain side. We will explore this beautiful valley and all that it has to offer. After a fun day spent together we will head back to the hotel for a scrumptious dinner!

Day 9: Luzern, Switzerland

August 4, 2023 (Friday)

Today we say goodbye to the Berner Oberlands as we make our way back to Zurich via the city of Luzern, Switzerland. Considered one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland, Luzern is certain to take your breath away. This charming Swiss city is found in the heart of Switzerland. We will take the famous Golden Pass Train from Interlaken to Luzern, this two hour train ride will be sure to take your breath away. After arriving in Luzern we will stroll down the Chapel Bridge, visit the Lions monument, enter several Cathedral, and lastly take in the beauty of Lake Luzern. We will end our day with a dinner and prepare ourselves for our last full day together in Switzerland.

Day 10: Arrive Home

August 5, 2023 (Saturday)

Say our goodbye to Switzerland as we catch a morning Shuttle bus to the airport. Thanks for the memories and Auf Wiedersehen!!

Information:

Space is limited so BOOK NOW!

INCLUDED

All accommodations in both Zurich and Jungfrau Region

All transportation once in Switzerland including an 1st Class 8 Day Swiss Rail Pass

All breakfast and dinners

All Museum Entrance Fee

All train tickets on private trains including Gornergrat Matterhorn train & cable car rides

Tour Guide services 24/7

NOT INCLUDED

Beverages (sodas) with meals

Laundry

Phone calls

Room service

Gratuities

Pricing:

Price

- Call for pricing

Check Your Invoice Names: Please check to see that your names are spelled correctly. Your first and last names must appear as they appear on your passport for International travel and Driver's License for domestic tours.

PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED and should be valid 6 months after the end of the tour.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Due to the nature of this tour you must be able to climb stairs and walk unassisted at a moderate pace.

Please note that minor changes to the itinerary may occur due to local conditions and to better accommodate our group.