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SWITZERLAND ... Land of Enchantment

Visiting Switzerland is like visiting 3 countries in one. Traveling in the northern region we find that German is the primary language and Austrian-German cuisine is predominant. When we visit Lugano in the southeastern part of Switzerland, Italian is the language of choice and wonderful Italian restaurants abound. And while in the southwestern region of the country we are near the border of France, as evidenced by the people's language and the city's restaurants. It's a remarkable tour for its diversity and beauty as well as its people's hospitality.



Departure date: June 7, 2018

1st Day: We board our plane for the flight to Geneva.

2nd Day: Upon arriving in Switzerland, we are met at the airport by our escort and transfer to Lausanne, where we have accommodations for the next 3 evenings. A delicious Welcome Dinner is included tonight. (Dinner)

3rd Day: We drive to Geneva, which sparkles as one of Europe's most beautiful cities. Geneva's most famous monument, the Jet d'Eau, is the world's tallest water fountain and serves as a constant landmark as we explore this marvelous city.



The city exhibits the strong influence of neighboring France, with its language, signs and culture. A visit to Geneva is not complete without seeing the ancient Old Town – whose oldest square was once a Roman forum, the Floral Clock, Market Street, waterfront parks and its ritzy shopping and banking districts, as well as its many international cafes and restaurants. After a day of discovery, we return to Lausanne. (Breakfast)



4th Day: We travel to the capital of Switzerland, Berne. With its stately limestone buildings, historical towers and numerous elaborate fountains, Berne is one of the most impressive examples of medieval town architecture in Europe. We



will see the unique Bear Park, the winding Aare River, 19th century Parliament Buildings, Cathedral of Berne, Einstein House, Rose Garden, Prison Tower and Town Hall. Particularly appealing is the ornate Astronomical Clock which was built in 1530. Its puppets pop out of little doorways on the tower hourly to perform little skits. We return to Lausanne where we are treated to another fine dinner. (B,D)

5th Day: Fairytale-like scenery abounds as we take a ride on the famous “Chocolate Train.” It takes us into a region of meadows, brilliant mountain peaks and countryside dotted with quaint farmhouses - replete with grazing sheep and cows that will make you feel as if Heidi herself will appear at any moment. Highlights include a visit to the Cailler-Nestle factory - pioneers of Milk Chocolate - and get to taste some of the freshly made chocolate, as well as a stop in the charming town of Gruyeres, to learn how cheese is made. Time is allowed for lunch on your own in one of Gruyeres’ wonderful restaurants – fondue anyone? Then it’s on to Lucerne for the next 3 evenings. A delicious dinner is prepared for us tonight. (B,D)

6th Day: Today’s destination, Lugano, is stunning and the drive there takes us through some of the Swiss Alps’ most breathtaking scenery. Shimmering lakes surrounded by majestic mountains, charming Swiss villages,



rolling flower fields and gorgeous vistas highlight our drive. Once in Lugano you will immediately detect its distinct Mediterranean flair.

Street names, restaurants, signs and the language spoken all denote the city’s Italian influence. You’ll enjoy spending time in the traffic free historic town center and at enchanting Lake Lugano, set against a backdrop of gorgeous mountains and surrounded by parks and a flower laden promenade. A delicious luncheon in one of Lugano’s finer restaurants is prepared for us in this delightful setting. (B,L)

7th Day: A day that you will remember forever begins with a most scenic cruise to Mt. Pilatus on the calm waters of Lake Lucerne. We then board the world’s steepest cog railway and travel to the top of Mt. Pilatus. From the top it seems as if we can see all of Switzerland. We will enjoy an authentic Swiss luncheon from this glorious mountaintop setting. Following lunch we glide silently down from the top of the mountain by cable car and gondola, offering us more views of unmatched beauty. Back in Lucerne we will see the Chapel Bridge – the covered 14th century wooden bridge, the Water Tower and the Lion’s Memorial, and get a good feel for the German influence on the city’s culture and architecture. (B,L)



8th Day: We transfer to Zurich to board our plane for the return flight home. June 14, 2018 (B)

Special Event for members of the Country Travel Tours trip to Switzerland.

We will be treated to a private reception at Erlacherhof – the Town Mansion in the Old City of Bern. This magnificent 18th century mansion, with its terraced garden, has been restored to its former glory and is now the official seat of the Mayor of the city of Bern and his administration. Although it is not open to the public, the mayor himself will host a private reception for us on Saturday, June 9th.



Package includes First Class accommodations for 6 evenings, 6 breakfasts, 3 dinners, 2 lunches, gratuities for the included meals, sightseeing, admissions, the cruise on Lake Lucerne, a ride on the cog railway, a scenic ride on the “Chocolate Train,” the services of a professional tour escort, transfers in Switzerland, baggage handling and taxes.

Cost pp, double occupancy \$4,800; Single Supplement \$975

Includes RT Airfare from New Bern

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Switzerland ... Land of Enchantment

It is considered by many travel experts to be the most beautiful country in the world. It is famous for its mountains, crystal clear lakes, clean air, banks, watchmaking, hospitality and chocolate.

Recognized by Switzerland Tourism as a certified "Switzerland Specialist" we have combined outstanding restaurants and excellent hotels with breathtaking panoramic vistas and wonderful tour escorts to have created a travel experience that will provide you with memories to last a lifetime.

Lucerne

Unquestionably one of Europe's most charming cities, Lucerne has the added virtue of stunning lakeside and mountain scenery on its doorstep. It is ideally situated in the historic and scenic heart of what many believe to be the true Switzerland – picturesque mountains, lakes, cowbells, alpine villages and meadows full of edelweiss. Its Old Town, which is located just north of the Reuss River, still has many fine half-timber structures with colorfully painted fronts.



"Excellent, excellent, excellent. Can you tell I loved the trip!?" Brenda Eaton, Travel Director: Hawthorn Bank

Berne

Berne is not only the capital of Switzerland, it is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It was home to Albert Einstein while he was developing his "Theory of Relativity;" it is the cradle of Toblerone chocolate; and it is home to the largest collection of Paul Klee art in the world. A unique feature of the city is the "Lauben," miles of weather protected promenades dating back to the 12th century to accommodate market stalls and traders' businesses.

Geneva

Bienvenue a Geneve! Welcome to Geneva ... and a little taste of France. The French influence is apparent everywhere, from the street signs, to the restaurants to the language spoken on its attractive streets. Serving as one of Switzerland's centers of banking and culture, Geneva is home to the Red Cross Museum and the Palais des Nations – the European Headquarters of the United Nations. Nestled between rolling hills, vineyards and snow-peaked mountains, Geneva has been rated as one of the top 3 cities in the world in terms of quality of life.



Lausanne

Lausanne lies in the middle of one of Switzerland's most popular wine growing regions. It is a town that is built on three hills, surrounded by vineyard-covered slopes, with Lake Geneva at its feet. The upper town features small alleyways with cafes and boutiques, which shape the streetscape in the medieval town centre. The lower town's scenic setting alongside Lake Geneva, known as Ouchy, is a great place to stroll along the waterfront, enjoy its outdoor cafes and parks or just relax and watch the world go by.

Lugano

*"It was a wonderful trip. Irene is a superb guide."
Pat Holden, Travel Director: Peoples Bank*

Lugano offers all the advantages of a world class city, combined with the cache of a small town. Mediterranean-style squares and arcades, as well as numerous parks, abound. Italian is the language of choice as is its appealing cuisine and culture. The two closest mountains – Monte San Salvatore and Monte Bre – provide you with an outstanding panorama of the town, Lake Lugano and the breathtaking alpine scenery. Lugano has been a holiday destination for many Swiss since the end of the 1800's.

