

2024 SWITZERLAND HIGHLIGHTS AND MOUNTAIN TOPS TOUR



Escorted by Wendy Fracchia • September 29 - October 7, 2024

Ladies and gentlemen, adventurers and seekers of breathtaking beauty, we invite you to join us on an unforgettable tour of Switzerland, a land that encapsulates nature's grandeur, cultural diversity, and architectural marvels hosted by Wendy Fracchia, Director of Group Travel for Morris Columbus Travel. Prepare to be swept away as we embark on a captivating expedition through some of Switzerland's most iconic destinations. This journey through Switzerland promises to be a sensory feast, a visual spectacle, and an exploration of the heart that the memories you'll collect and the beauty you'll witness will forever remain a part of you.

Date	Daily Schedule
09-29 - Mon	U.S.A. - Transatlantic Flight
09-30 - Tue	Arrive Zurich, Switzerland
10-01 - Wed	Zurich - Rhine Falls - Stein am Rhein
10-02 - Thu	Zurich - Lucerne
10-03 - Fri	Jungfrauoch Glacier
10-04 - Sat	Lucerne - Zermatt - Matterhorn
10-05 - Sun	Zermatt - Glacier Express - St Moritz
10-06 - Mon	St Mortiz - Roseg Glacier - Zurich
10-07 - Tue	Return to USA

Price from \$3,599
per person/double occupancy
8 Days/7 Nights)

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR:

- 1 tour-bus experience for the whole tour, max of 40 in this group!!
- Morris Murdock Tour Director for the whole trip along with local guides
- Licensed, insured, and bonded travel agency with 65 years of experience!! IT MATTERS!

We offer A CASH DISCOUNT of \$100.00 on this tour. It applies for all payments made by check or ACH AFTER the deposit, and only the deposit amount is paid by credit card.

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itinerary!



Your Tour Host:

Wendy Fracchia is the Director of Group Sales and Operations Manager of the escorted travel division of Morris Columbus Travel. Right out of school, she started in the travel industry which has led to over 30 years in travel. She feels very blessed to help people travel the world. Whether it's to fulfill their "bucket list" dreams, build and grow in their faith or just have fun. Travel is her addiction and part of who she is. Her experience includes leading groups in the USA, Africa, Thailand, Australia, and several European River & Mediterranean cruises. She loves to share her tips and experiences with anyone who will listen and prays to live long enough to not only see it ALL but be able to tell the stories of the amazing people and places to her friends and family!

Included:

- Deluxe/Air Conditioned motor coach transportation
- Swiss Rail travel and say on the Glacier Express
- Experienced Tour Host and City Tour Guides throughout
- 7 nights Hotel accommodations in 4 Star deluxe-class European hotels (3 nights in Zurich, 2 nights in Lucerne, 1 night in Zermatt, 1 night in St Moritz)
- Sightseeing and admissions to all sights and tours as outlined on the itinerary
- Breakfast daily and 2 group dinner

Not included:

- Airfare from your home city round trip to Zurich, Switzerland
- Any private sightseeing not included on the itinerary
- Tour gratuities
- Items of a personal nature (e.g. phone calls, room service, internet, etc.)
- Travel insurance (plans start at \$35)
- Meals not included in tour outline

Optional Pricing:

- Single Supplement/Private room \$4699.00

Payment Terms:

- \$500.00 pp deposit at the time of booking
- Final Payment due June 28th, 2024
- This tour is based on a minimum/max of 30 passengers and a max of 40

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Days 1 and 2: Monday and Tuesday, September 29-30, 2024

U.S.A. - Transatlantic Flight - Zurich, Switzerland

Depart your home city on Monday traveling to Zurich! Flying overnight night, you will arrive and a private car with English speaking driver will be waiting for you at the airport and bring you to downtown Zürich to the hotel. After registration, you will have free time to acclimatize, rest from travel, or start exploring the administrative and most touristic Swiss city. Take a walk through the Bahnhofstrasse (Train station Street) and marvel at the magnificent Swiss watches and luxury shops. Along the way, you will also find many bakery and coffee shops. Don't miss the possibility of tasting the famous cakes and pastries of the country, they are delicious. Further on this street, you will get to Zurich Lake where you will be able to see also the Alps. Tonight, we will meet for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant and spend time getting to know each other before we return to our hotel for the overnight. **Meals: Dinner, In-Flight**



Day 3: Wednesday, Oct 1, 2024

Zurich - Rhine Falls - Stein am Rhein

Today we will enjoy our included breakfast at the hotel before we meet our guide who will help us experience all the outstanding things Zurich has to offer in this singular sightseeing tour. Experience the town of this unique city tour with detailed commentaries of a local. Our route leads across the famous Bahnhofstrasse (the shopping street of Zurich) and the Banking Center to the lake with a view of the snowcapped mountains, part of the old town with its magnificent guild houses and the churches St. Peter, Grossmünster, and Fraumünster. After a picture stop at Lake Zürich, we'll pass by the Opera House and experience a ride uphill by cogwheel train to one of the great viewpoints of the city to take in breath-taking vistas of the city, the lake, and the snow-capped Alps before cruising the University quarter with the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH). We will see also the theater and the art museum before reaching the charming Old Town and admire the town hall, Zürich's emblematic churches, and the medieval guild houses. If all that isn't enough, we will then enjoy an entertaining stroll while heading back along the picturesque Limmatquai. We will have a short break for lunch and take a scenic coach journey along the route of the "Grand Tour of Switzerland" northwards. We travel via charming farming villages and beautiful vineyards before we reach the mighty Rhine Falls – Europe's biggest waterfall. We will enjoy spectacular views from the panoramic trail and feel the spindrift of the rumbling waters on an included boat ride taking us close to the falls. We continue to the medieval town of Stein am Rhein and learn about the well-preserved Old Town on a guided stroll. The half-timbered houses and distinctive historic buildings stun visitors with their exceptional frescoes. After



some time at leisure, we'll drive back this evening to Zürich. There will be time to do dinner on your own tonight.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4: Thursday, October 2, 2024

Zurich - Lucerne

Today after breakfast we will check out of our hotel and travel by train to one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland, Luzern. Upon arrival, our bus vehicle will be waiting to take us to our hotel leave our luggage and start exploring this magical city. This afternoon we'll meet our guide and enjoy a walking city tour. We start along the Reuss River and the Luzern Lake where we see the iconic Chapel Bridge (Kapellbrücke), a 204 m (669 ft) long wooden covered bridge originally built in 1333, the oldest covered bridge in Europe. Inside the bridge, we'll see a series of paintings from the 17th century depicting events from Lucerne's history. As we continue downriver, between the Kasernenplatz and the Mühlenplatz, the Spreuer Bridge zigzags across the Reuss. It was constructed in 1408 and features a series of medieval-style 17th-century plague paintings by Kaspar Meglinger titled Dance of Death. The bridge has a small chapel in the middle that was added in 1568. We will enjoy then the twin needle towers of the Church of St. Leodegar, which was named after the city's patron saint, the Bertel Thorvaldsen's famous carving of a dying lion, and the small streets and interesting architecture that is so unique to this town. You can choose to return to the hotel or stay out in the city and find the perfect restaurant on the river banks for dinner, which is on your own. **Meals: Breakfast**



Day 5: Friday, October 3, 2024

Jungfrauoch Glacier

Today we will have a thrilling and unforgettable full-day excursion to Jungfrauoch – Top of Europe! Listed by UNESCO as “World Heritage Site of the Swiss Alps” it is home to Europe’s highest train station (3500 m) and many other attractions! We'll have a scenic coach journey through splendid countryside that takes us to the Bernese Oberland. After a break in Interlaken, a picturesque village nestled idyllically between Lakes Brienz and Thun, we'll meet your guide and board the cogwheel train in Grindelwald for a spectacular ride via Kleine Scheidegg up to Jungfrauoch. We'll see the stunning views of the world-famous triple peaks of Eiger, Mönch, and Jungfrau as they accompany us along the way and as the imposing Eiger North Face seems to be within one's grasp. Once on the top, we'll be immersed in the fascinating high alpine wonderland of eternal ice, snow, and rock. We'll experience the adventure tour “Alpine Sensation” marking the 100-year anniversary of the Jungfrau Railway and visit the Sphinx Observation Terrace and Plateau with the most breath-taking panoramic views of snow-capped peaks, the neighboring countries, and Europe's longest glacier, the Aletsch Glacier. We won't forget to stroll through the tunnels of the Ice Palace located in the heart of the glacier – a once-in-a-lifetime experience not to be missed! Up here are restaurants available for lunch and refreshments. When it's time, our descent passes the car-free holiday destination town of Wengen and takes us to Lauterbrunnen, where the coach awaits us for our return trip to Lucerne. Dinner is on our own as we overnight our last night Lucerne. **Meals: Breakfast**



Day 6: Saturday, October 4, 2024

Lucerne - Zermatt - Matterhorn

After breakfast, we'll take the train from Lucerne to Zermatt. The train covers this beautiful zone in around 3 hours. After we arrive you'll have a little free time for lunch and then we'll have a half-day excursion to the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise! The highest sightseeing point in Europe which is accessible only by cableway. The Matterhorn Express gondola will bring us to Furi where we change to the large cableway which takes us via the Trockener Steg to the Klein Matterhorn. Finally, up here we take a lift to get to the highest sightseeing platform offering a panoramic view of the Alps including the 38 4,000-meter peaks (13,120+ ft) surrounding Zermatt. At the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise, we'll visit the Glacier Palace - 15 meters under the glacier's surface. Sparkling ice crystals and glittering ice sculptures enchant visitors to the glacier palace. A lift carries guests 15 meters below the surface of the glacier to a fairy-tale palace deep under the perennial snow. An ice tunnel leads through the glacier to sites such as a glacier crevasse and an ice toboggan run. Cozy furs adorn ice benches; ice sculptures evoke the world of the ice fairy tales. Ice sculptors regularly create new artworks. After this visit, we'll come back to Zermatt with free time for shopping and for an included typical Swiss cheese-fondue restaurant before you come back to the hotel. Overnight Zermatt.



Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 7: Sunday, October 5, 2024

Zermatt - Glacier Express - St Moritz

After breakfast, we'll embark on a tour HIGHLIGHT, the Glacier Express Train, and enjoy an amazing ride along the Swiss glacier chain. The journey in what has been dubbed the world's slowest express train takes its travelers across the Alps within roughly eight hours, passing through 91 tunnels and over 291 bridges. The Glacier Express offers a journey for the senses – starting from the Matterhorn. On its relaxing drive from sophisticated Zermatt to equally dazzling St. Moritz, the Glacier Express delights travelers with scenic attractions and technical state-of-the-art achievements. There are for sure quicker ways of getting there – but none provides more pleasure than our time on the Glacier Express. Be sure to check out the observation carriages that open up vistas of unique landscapes – for example, the 400-metre-deep Rhine Gorge between Ilanz and Reichenau. Another highlight is the 2033-metre-high Oberalp Pass. All in a spectacular setting of rugged cliff faces crystal-clear mountain lakes and unspoiled villages. Mentioning all the fascinating sights would take us forever. Upon arrival in St. Moritz, we'll check in with time for you to enjoy dinner on your own. **Meals: Breakfast,**

Day 8: Monday, October 6, 2024

St Moritz - Roseg Glacier - Zurich

Today after breakfast we'll depart to the Roseg Valley and enjoy a beautiful ride by horse and carriage to the base of the majestic glacier with time for photos before returning to St. Moritz to enjoy the town before returning to the capital city of Zurich for our final night in Switzerland. Along the way we'll have a final stop at the Lintz factory to load up on this favorite treat to ensure you have enough chocolate to bring some home. **Meals: Breakfast, Dinner**

Day 9: Tuesday, October 7, 2024

Return to USA

Today will have a group transfer back to the airport at our set time for the flight home, with memories to last a lifetime.

Meals: Breakfast

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