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11 DAYS • 13 MEALS • ZURICH > GENEVA

SWITZERLAND RAILS AND SAILS

Tour Dates: September 30 - October 9, 2027

This 11-day adventure allows you explore the best of Switzerland by rails and sails. Visit the stunning Rhine Falls, the charming village of Stein am Rhein, and enjoy a chocolate factory experience. Explore St. Gallen and visit Liechtenstein - one of Europe's tiniest countries. Travel by train to Lucerne and Interlaken, with highlights such as a visit to Jungfrauoch, the highest railway station in Europe. Cruise on Lake Brienz, ride on the *Golden Pass* train to Montreux, and visit Château du Chillon. Your journey concludes with a city tour of Lausanne and a cruise on Lake Geneva aboard an historic steamboat.





Experience breathtaking scenery aboard the *Jungfrau Railway*

DAY 1 Depart the USA

Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Zurich, Switzerland.

DAY 2 Zurich, Switzerland – St. Gallen

Upon arrival, you will be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and assisted with the transfer to the hotel in St. Gallen. Flights should arrive by 3pm. This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at the hotel. *Meal: D*

DAY 3 St. Gallen

Depart the hotel for a short journey by coach to Appenzeller Schaukäserei - home to the creation of the famous Appenzeller cheese. During the guided tour, learn how ancient traditions of local farmers and modern manufacturing meld together to produce this full-flavored cheese. The visit wouldn't be complete without sampling some of the final product! Continue to Appenzell - Switzerland's most traditional village. Stroll through the Old Town reminiscent of a fairytale setting. Wander along the scenic streets, delighting in houses adorned with colorful frescoes and vibrant flower boxes and buildings decorated with vintage signs. Return to St. Gallen where an afternoon excursion showcases its charms during a walking tour. A local guide reveals the history of the city while leading you through the cobblestoned lanes, lined with picturesque townhouses. Explore the UNESCO Abbey Complex of St. Gall, which includes the landmark of the city - the

twin-towered cathedral, and one of the oldest and most beautiful libraries in the world. The evening is free to do as you please. *Meal: B*

DAY 4 St. Gallen

While visiting Rhine Falls - the largest and most powerful waterfall in Europe, absorb the natural surrounding beauty as you witness this site from shore. During a short boat ride, get close to the falls, hear the roar of the water rushing over the rocks, feel the mist, and experience the power of the falls. Continue by coach to the nearby village of Stein am Rhein, situated along the banks of the Rhine River, where charming alleyways lined with frescoed half-timbered houses greet you. Stroll through the well-preserved center of the Old Town for a close-up look at the façades of these houses from the Middle Ages and enjoy lunch on your own. Your taste of Switzerland continues (literally!) with a visit to a chocolate factory. Learn how some of the world's best chocolate is made, sample the products, and decorate your own chocolate bar. Return to St. Gallen for an evening at leisure. *Meal: B*

DAY 5 St. Gallen / Liechtenstein / St. Gallen

Today's adventure takes you to Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein. Nestled between Switzerland and Austria, Liechtenstein is one of Europe's tiniest countries. Begin discovering this hidden gem on a walking tour seeing the government quarter with its impressive Parliament building, famous sculptures and the cathedral. Board the Citytrain for a ride to the Court Winery of the Prince of Liechtenstein for a wine tasting. Learn about life behind the walls of Vaduz Castle while viewing the "Princely Moments" film in the old cinema. Enjoy some free time before returning to St. Gallen. *Meal: B*

DAY 6 St. Gallen – Lucerne – Interlaken

This morning begins the 'rails' portion of the trip as you board the *Voralpen Express* to Lucerne. Sit back and relax as the train crosses Sitter Bridge, the highest railway bridge in Europe (325' high) and traverses the scenic Swiss landscape of rugged mountains and glittering lakes. Upon arrival, leisurely sail on Lake Lucerne, where Mt. Rigi, Mt. Pilatus, and Mt. Bürgenstock loom in the distance, adding an impressive backdrop to the historic sites of the city and tranquility of the lake. After free time in town, return to the train station to board the *Interlaken Express*. Journey past turquoise lakes and waterfalls



Visit Rhine Falls, the largest waterfall in Europe



Enjoy a guided tour of Château du Chillon

cascading down the mountains on the way to Interlaken. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for an evening at leisure. **Meal: B**

DAY 7 Interlaken

On today's adventure, experience Jungfraujoch, the highest railway station in Europe at 11,332 feet above sea level. Travel by coach to Lauterbrunnen to board the *Wengernalp Railway*. Climb 6,672 feet during this 40-minute journey through breathtaking scenery to the Kleine Scheidegg station. Ascend the final 4,570 feet aboard the *Jungfrau Railway* cogwheel train in about 35 minutes to reach the 'Top of Europe'. Step outside, breathe the fresh mountain air, and stand in awe of the spectacular sight that awaits. Take a walk through the Ice Cave, watch the 360° cinematic movie detailing the challenges in creating this mountain adventure and enjoy an included lunch. Descend via the *Jungfrau Railway* to Eigergletscher Station for a 20-minute ride on the *Eiger Express* gondola to Grindewald where the coach is waiting to return you to ground level and the hotel. The remainder of the day is free to explore independently. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 8 Interlaken / Brienz

After breakfast, depart for what is sure to be a fantastic cruise on Lake Brienz. Not only is the turquoise color of the water astounding, but the quaint villages of traditional wooden houses dotting the shoreline are picture-perfect. Known for its wood-carving history, this trait is evident throughout the village of Brienz. Home to the creators of the now famous Trauffer hand-crafted Swiss wooden cows, become a part of this tradition. At a workshop where the production occurs, learn about the history, art of carving and painting these cows, create your own, and take your unique masterpiece home as a souvenir! During free time, walk along the Brunnigasse, a street that earned the title of "the most beautiful street in Europe", and home to many 18th-century houses with wood-carved embellishments. Return by coach to the hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. **Meal: B**

DAY 9 Interlaken – Montreux – Lausanne

Saving the best for last, perhaps one of Switzerland's most picturesque train routes is in store as you ride aboard the *Golden Pass* from Interlaken to Montreux, on the shores of Lake Geneva. Panoramic vistas and scenic landscapes of mountains, valleys and vineyards appear as if they are out of a fairytale book. In Montreux, an included lunch awaits before traveling along the coast to Château du Chillon. A guide dressed in period costume will walk you through the medieval castle, complete with ramparts, to discover the mysteries that lie within! Embark on a historic steamboat for a cruise on Lake Geneva, sailing through the terraced UNESCO Lavaux vineyards, with a spectacular backdrop of the Swiss Alps. What a perfect way to end the day and return to Lausanne for the evening at leisure. **Meals: B, L**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- 13 Meals: 9 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Rail journeys aboard the *Voralpen Express*, *Interlaken Express*, *Wengernalp Railway*, *Jungfrau Cogwheel Railway* and *Golden Pass*
- Scenic cruises on Lake Lucerne, Lake Geneva and Lake Brienz
- Boat ride on Rhine Falls, the largest in Europe
- Learn the secrets of Swiss chocolate making at a chocolate factory
- Explore the UNESCO Abbey Complex of St. Gall and visit the beautiful library
- Visit Europe's tiny country of Liechtenstein
- Experience the 'Top of Europe' during the Jungfrau adventure
- Ride the *Eiger Express* gondola during the descent of the Jungfrau
- Carve and create your own wooden cow souvenir
- Visit the island-castle of Château du Chillon

DAY 10 Lausanne

The final day in Switzerland starts with an orientation tour of Lausanne. The guide will reveal secrets of this medieval city, its Gothic cathedral, the picturesque market steps, Place de la Palud and its Town Hall, and the trendy Flon district with its modern architecture. The afternoon is free of planned activities for any last-minute shopping or independent sightseeing. This evening, join your fellow travelers and Tour Manager for a farewell dinner. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 11 Lausanne / Geneva / USA

This morning, transfer from Lausanne to the Geneva airport for your flight home. Flights should depart after 11am. Memories of the beauty of Switzerland and the journeys by rails and sails will be cherished for a lifetime. **Meal: B**

Itinerary subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Days 2 through 5 – Einstein Hotel, St. Gallen, Switzerland

Days 6 through 8 – Metropole Hotel, Interlaken, Switzerland

Days 9 and 10 – Movenpick Hotel, Lausanne, Switzerland

