

GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS

5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS



DAILY DEPARTURE EXCEPT ON SATURDAYS, FROM APRIL 16TH TO OCTOBER 23RD, 2021

A great experience of history comes alive: The journey leads from Lugano along the historic Gotthard panoramic route to Lucerne. Welcome to the original Switzerland! Starting at Lugano, the journey takes travelers from the Mediterranean south right through the heart of Switzerland – and the Gotthard tunnel built in 1882 – over the Alps towards the north. En route, the church of Wassen can be seen from three different angles. Thanks to the bold railway layout with its many loop tunnels it has become world-famous. On a steamboat, passengers seamlessly continue via Flüelen across Lake Lucerne. Many locations steeped in history such as the Rütliwiese, the Schillerstein and Tell Chapel greet guests with their original Swiss charms. In the evening, Lucerne harbor, located right next to the famous Chapel Bridge welcomes the travelers.

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DAY 1 LUGANO

Arrive in Switzerland; onward rail transfer to Lugano. This charming city lies in the bay of a beautiful lake surrounded by mountains. The town piazzas, and blooming flowers in the lakeside Belvedere Gardens invite you to relax and unwind.

Accommodation: Lugano for 2 nights

DAY 2 LUGANO

Breakfast at the hotel. Lugano, the largest town in the holiday region of Ticino, is a town of parks and flowers, villas and sacred buildings. Why not take the boat across the lake to the picturesque fishing village of Gandria and have lunch at one of the beautiful rustic grottos? Explore the winding, cobbled streets before returning by boat to Lugano (optional \$). (B)

DAY 3 GOTTHARD PANORAMA EXPRESS *(DOES NOT OPERATE ON MONDAYS)*

Breakfast at the hotel. Then travel along the old Gotthard Route from the Mediterranean south to the traditional heart of Switzerland, finishing with a lake cruise across Lake Lucerne. From Lugano by train via Bellinzona and on through the 15 km long “old” Gotthard tunnel and then down to Flüelen. End your journey with a leisurely cruise on board one of Lake Lucerne’s vintage paddle steamers for a panoramic 2½ h cruise. Take in the amazing scenery all around you, from the imposing mountain peaks to the forest covered shores, all reflected in the crystal clear water. (B)

Accommodation Lucerne for 2 nights

DAY 4 LUCERNE

Lucerne, the gateway to central Switzerland, is embedded within an impressive mountainous panorama. Thanks to its beautiful lakeside setting and the nearby mountains excursion of Rigi, Pilatus and Stanserhorn, the town is a popular destination for many individuals. (B)

DAY 5 LUCERNE

Before you depart from Lucerne, be sure to take a final walk around its attractions including its fully restored Chapel Bridge, its souvenirs and watch shops. Individual return journey to your ending point in Switzerland. (B)



INCLUSIONS

- 4 night accommodation at 3*, 4* or 5* hotels
- Daily breakfast
- Rail ticket in economy class: including up to 50% reduction on additional selected transport services (mountain railways, trains, buses and boats)
- Cruise on board one of Lake Lucerne's vintage paddle steamers
- Seat Reservation on the Gotthard Panorama Express from Lugano to Lucerne in 1st class

Not included: International airfare – lunch and dinner - optional excursions - travel insurance – local city tax to be paid on spot - anything not mentioned in the above “inclusions”

| Price in CAD, per person, land only | | Double | Single | Triple |
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| 3 * hotels | Apr16 –June14 | \$1125 | \$1369 | \$1029 |
| | June 15 – October 23 | \$1169 | \$1390 | \$1045 |
| 4 * hotels | April 16– October 23 | \$1429 | \$1835 | \$1270 |
| 5* hotels | April 16 – October 23 | \$2135 | \$3245 | \$1729 |
| Upgrade to 1 st class rail | \$55 | | | |
| Optional excursion to Mount Pilatus non-guided | \$70 | | | |
| Optional excursion to Stanserhorn non-guided | \$80 | | | |

OPTIONAL EXCURSIONS

Optional excursion to Stanserhorn (non-guided): The journey up to the Stanserhorn offers a beautiful symbiosis of the historic funicular and the state-of-the-art Cabrio cableway: The world's first open-air upper deck on a cableway allows for the ultimate fresh air experience and turns the ride to this scenic outpost of the Lucerne region into a unique treat. Take a train from Lucerne to Stans, on foot to the Valley Station (5 minutes), then the funicular with open coaches to Kälti and change of transportation to Cabrio up to Stanserhorn. Enjoy a panoramic view onto 100 kilometers of the Alpine chain and 10 Swiss lakes.

Optional excursion to Mount Pilatus (non-guided): Fantastic excursion to enjoy beautiful views of the Lake Lucerne region. At 2132 meters altitude it is the ideal adventure mountain for the whole family. Among its many cool and exciting highlights are the world's steepest cog railway, two aerial cableways and central Switzerland's biggest rope park. Take a short cruise across the lake to Alpnachstad. Change here to the steepest cogwheel train in the world. For the return journey choose between cog wheel train and gondola to Kriens. Back to Lucerne by bus.



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