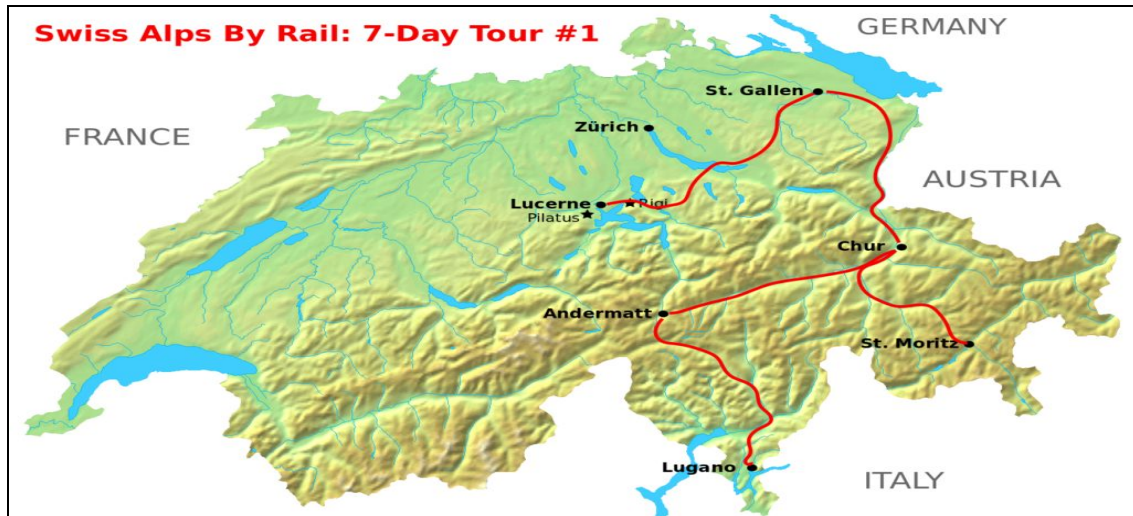




## 7 Day Rails & Trails Tour Lucerne - Lugano with Guided City & Alpine Walks



Six great rail journeys with 3 cable car ascents

- Voralpen Express – railway through “Toggenburg” & Appenzell regions
- Mt Rigi – first mountain narrow gauge cogwheel train from 1871
- Mt Pilatus – inaugurated in 1889, the steepest cogwheel train the world
- Glacier Express – narrow gauge railway over the Albula railway line
- Bernina Express – ride up to the 7,391 ft Ospizio summit
- Furka Steam Train – a restored 1920s steam train over the 7,270 ft Furka Pass

## Two night stays at great Swiss family 3 & 4 star run hotels

### Lucerne

Lucerne is the ideal, central location, to begin your Swiss Alps Adventure. It's a modern city with medieval roots surrounded by a lake and picturesque mountains.

We do a leisurely informative walk around the old town and take cogwheel trains & cable cars to the tops of Mt. Rigi & Mt. Pilatus where you see over 600 Swiss Central Alps peaks.

From Lucerne we take the Voralpen Express via St. Gallen with a visit to one of the oldest libraries in the world followed by a stop at Heidi's original village followed by the Glacier Express to St. Moritz

### St. Moritz

St. Moritz is world famous where you see style, elegance and class surrounded by beautiful Swiss mountains. Here you can explore on your own:

Delicious chocolates

Exquisite Shopping

Locally grown foods

First Class Dining

We stay at a centrally located 4th generation family hotel with great cuisine, enjoy cable car rides to the scenic vistas + the Bernina Express to the Alp Grüm summit + optional panorama hikes.

We depart St.Moritz via the Glacier Express to Andermatt

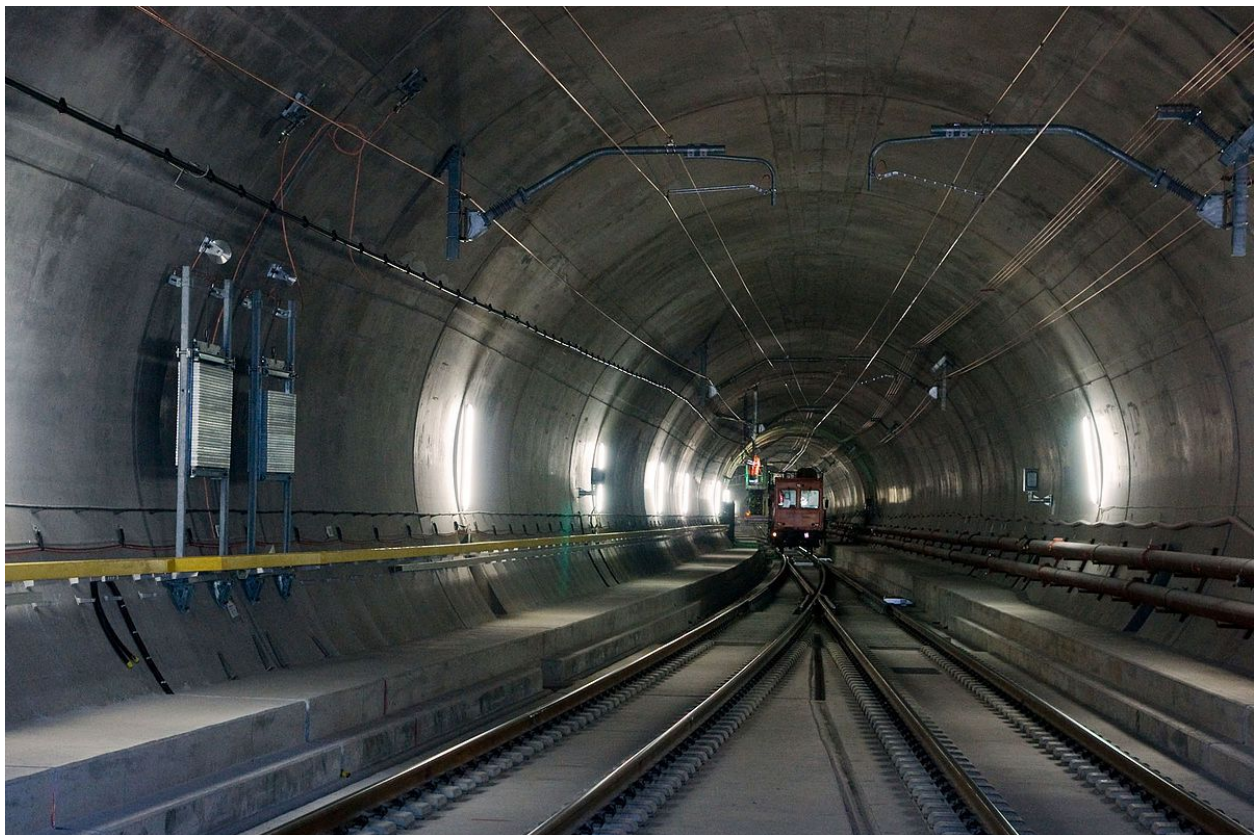


## **Andermatt**

Andermatt is the watershed of Europe where the mighty rivers of the Rhine & Rhone arise and strategically one of Switzerland's most important places. In 1235, the passage of the Gotthard pass became Europe's most used north & south trade route. Today the Gotthard pass is still one of Europe's most strategic north & south transit routes and the new 40 mile / 57 km Gotthard Base Tunnel is the world's longest.

Geographically we are in the heart of the Swiss Alps and surrounded by mountains. The village is cobble stoned with narrow streets lined with chalets. We ride up the Gotthard Pass summit and walk through one of Switzerland's largest military bunkers. Followed with an afternoon 2-hour 1st class, nostalgic Furka steam train ride over the Rhone & Mutt glaciers.

We depart Andermatt, heading south to Lugano via the Gotthard Tunnel.



## **Lugano**

We are now in the Italian speaking Canton of Ticino where everything sounds Italian but you are still in Switzerland. You will enjoy the fashion, gorgeous mountain scenery, fun lakeside spots, along with fine tasting local food & wines.

We take an afternoon walk through Lugano & Olive Nature lakeside trail followed with boat ride to our dinner at an outdoor Grotto, with local wines and food over-looking the lake, the villas and the magnificent mountain scenery.

The following day you depart and are on your own.

