

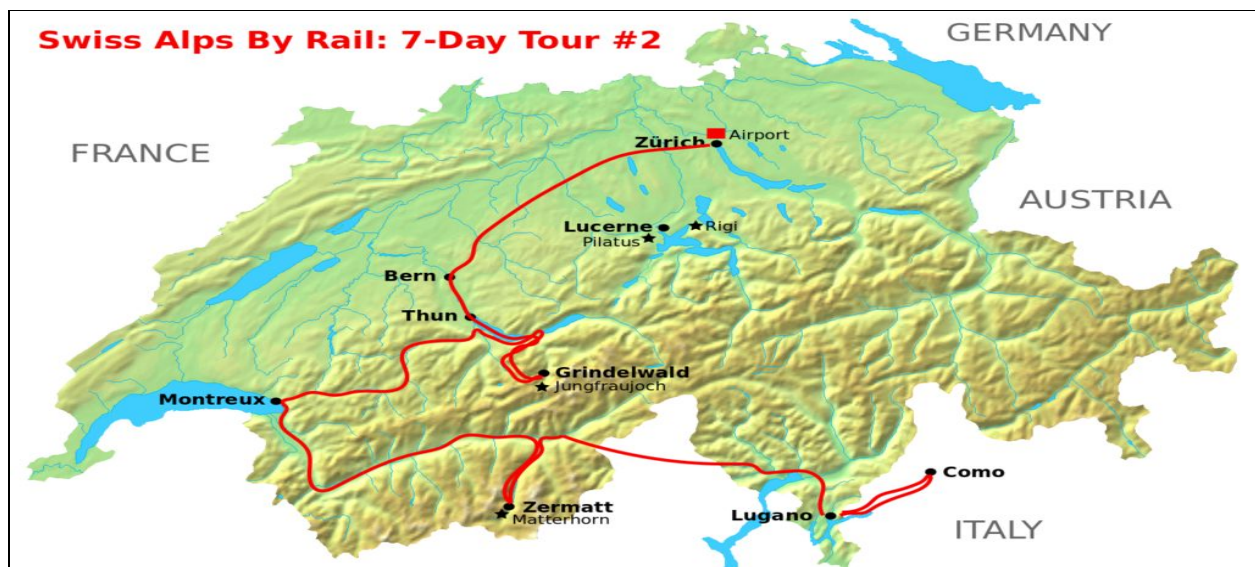
# ECHO

RAILS & TRAILS

## 7 Day Rails & Trails Tour # 2

### Lugano to Zurich

with Guided City & Alpine Walks



### Four great rail journeys with fun filled “Off the rails” Experiences

- Centovalli Railway – an Italian-Swiss train and “hidden gem” traveling through Southern Switzerland valleys, gorges and rivers.
- GoldenPass Line – using restored Belle Epoque-era railcars to travel from French-speaking Montreux through the beautiful Simmental valley past the famous resort of Gstaad to Swiss-German speaking Interlaken/Grindelwald.
- Zermatt Matterhorn Gornergrat – a mountain rack-rail - for the most iconic views of the Matterhorn.
- Jungfrauoch Rail – mountain rack-rail – 1912 incredible tunnel engineering through the Eiger

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

### Lugano

We begin in the Italian speaking Canton of Ticino. 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 next day we explore Lake Como in Italy and depart Lugano via the Centovalli, translated means "hundred valleys", railway to Zermatt

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## **Zermatt**

World famous Zermatt lies at the base of the Matterhorn, Switzerland's iconic mountain. You quickly see & sense the alpine "buzz" of this Chalet laced "car free" zoned place.

We take the Gornergrat Railway up to 10,134 ft where you are surrounded by 13,000 ft stunning Swiss breathtaking alps. You will enjoy haute-cuisine at our 4 star family resort hotel.



Afterwards we depart, parallel the Rhone river, see miles of vineyards and ride the Golden Pass line in nostalgic "Epoch Era" cars from french speaking Montreux to our final destination of Grindelwald. "



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