

SWISS MOUNTAIN RAILS

OUR MOST POPULAR "DEPART ANY DAY" TOUR
PERFECT FOR A PRE OR POST CRUISE TOUR.

Offered only as an unescorted, self-guided tour.

Day 1: To SWITZERLAND You may join the tour either in London, at Zurich Airport or in Switzerland's oldest town, Chur.

Day 2: CHUR Every day on the Great Trains of Europe Tours begins with a full buffet breakfast. Commence your love affair with the great trains of Europe today on a rail journey to Switzerland's highest town Davos, famous from the nineteenth century as a "Wellness" centre, and now a very trendy ski resort in Winter. **[B]**

Day 3: CHUR – Bernina Express One of the world's great rail journeys today on the Bernina Express across the Alps to Tirano in Italy. So stunning is the scenery that one section of the route has been classed a UNESCO World Heritage site. Retrace your steps home to Chur. **[B]**

Day 4: Glacier Express to INTERLAKEN Join the world's favourite little red Swiss mountain train, the Glacier Express. Enjoy breathtaking views from your panorama car as you cross the Alps to your lakefront hotel in the village of Interlaken, your home for 3 nights. **[B]**

Day 5: INTERLAKEN – Golden Pass Panorama Today the GoldenPass Panorama train takes you from the Bernese Oberland to Lake Geneva. You have time in Montreux for lunch on the lakefront esplanade or on a steamer on the lake. Home to Interlaken. **[B]**

Day 6: INTERLAKEN A quiet day to take a steamer across the lake and into Thun, or a train into Zurich, Switzerland's largest city and financial capital, nestled on Lake Zurich. **[B]**

Day 7: To LUCERNE Skirt the lake to Brienz where you ascend the Brienzer Rothorn (steam train on summer departures) for magnificent views to the Eiger. Arrive in lakeside Lucerne for some shopping time before dinner. **[B]**

Day 8: LUCERNE – Pilatus Trains boats and cable car – to the top of Pilatus for unsurpassed views to Lake Lucerne below. **[B]**

Day 9: LUCERNE – Rigi Kulm Your final day and one of the best saved till last. Using Europe's first ever cog-wheel railway, climb to the top of the "Queen of the Mountains" for 360 degree Alpine views. **[B]**

Day 10: Auf Wiedersehen The tour ends after breakfast. Transfer to the airport or take the TGV and Eurostar back to London. A Paris stopover can be arranged. **[B]**

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Travel on: Bernina Express, Glacier Express, GoldenPass Panorama, Brienzer Rothorn (steam in summer)
- First Class rail seats
- Quality hotels
- 9 buffet breakfasts

FACT BOX:
DURATION: 10 DAYS
DEPARTURE:
ANY DAY (non escorted)

COST:
\$AU 5,000 Join in Chur, leave in Lucerne.
\$AU 5,250 Join and leave at Zurich Airport.
\$AU 6,500 Join and leave in London.
Single supplement \$800



THE DEPART ANY DAY OPTION

DATES DON'T SUIT? LIKE A SHORTER TOUR? SOMETHING MISSING?

INDEPENDENT TOURING – DEPART ANY DAY

Some tours offered by Great Trains of Europe Tours are also available as independent (unescorted) tours.

There are a few differences between an escorted tour and an independent, "Depart Any Day" tour:

- You don't have a Tour Director, rather you use local tour guides or the detailed self-guided touring notes provided;
- You do not have your luggage transported on ahead from hotel to hotel, rather you take care of it yourself; and...
- You do not have any evening meals included.

However, the Independent Touring advantages are:

- You save 25% on the advertised escorted tour cost;
- You can start your tour any day of the year; and...
- You may cut and paste. For example you may choose the last 6 days of the Swiss Mountain Rails Tour followed by the first 4 days of the Winter Wonderland Tour. Ask for a costing.

A Tailored Itinerary – just for you?

With more than 35 years experience in introducing people to Europe, we are uniquely placed to help you arrange an individual itinerary, providing rail travel and accommodations.

Your request might be as simple as "the first 12 days of the Off the Beaten Track Tour, but in April rather than in September" or as complex as "three weeks in February through the great opera houses of Europe with opera bookings in each city".

Recent examples of individual itinerary requests include:

A family of three from London to Paris on Eurostar, 3 nights in a 4 star boutique Left Bank hotel in Paris, the high-speed TGV to Grindelwald in Switzerland for a 4 day White Christmas, a Glacier Express day, Cisalpino train on to Venice for New Year in a Grand Canal-front hotel, then on to Rome.

A 3 week family visit to Italy and Switzerland by train, staying in small villages, but also must visit Pompeii, Florence and the Bordeaux vineyards.

All these customers are now friends and have requested assistance in planning their next European holidays.



BOOKING CONDITIONS

Great Trains of Europe Tours (ABN 75 325 010 987) is an accredited travel agent (ATAS #12982). We are members of IATA (Licence #968366100) and the Concorde Independent Agents' Network.

Costs: All costs in this brochure are expressed in Australian dollars and are based on airfares, and land transport and accommodation costs, and Australian dollar exchange rates effective as at June 1st, 2018. Exchange rate fluctuations in the price of any service provided, beyond the control of Great Trains of Europe Tours, may be passed on to travellers, right up to the date of departure. Please note that some city taxes or bed taxes cannot be pre-paid by agents, and must be paid by the tour member at check-out.

A deposit of \$2,500 per person will guarantee a place on your chosen tour (unless already filled, in which case you will be advised of your place on the waiting list. With a maximum tour size of 25 travellers, tours often fill early).

Full final payment is due 90 days before commencement of the tour. Please make payment by cheque to "Great Trains of Europe Tours" or by bank transfer as follows: Heritage Bank, Toowoomba, Queensland, Australia. BSB 638-060 Account Number 111 097 34. Great Trains of Europe Tours currently does not accept payment by credit card.

Cancellation Policy: Cancellation at any time after the deposit is paid will result in the forfeiture of the deposit. Any booking cancelled between 90 days and 45 days before departure will incur a 50% cancellation charge on land content and up to 100% on airfares, depending on the airfare used. Bookings cancelled within 45 days of departure will incur a 100% cancellation charge. Travel insurance will cover cancellation because of illness, death in the family etc. Travel insurance is therefore considered mandatory.

Travel Insurance: A condition of joining a Great Trains of Europe tour is either the purchase of travel insurance through Great Trains of Europe Tours, or documentary evidence of a sufficient level of travel insurance purchased elsewhere.

European Rail Travel: The standard of rail travel in Europe ranges from small and basic local trains to luxury high-speed international trains. On rare occasions European rail companies may change timetables, classes of travel available or rolling stock within the period of validity of a travel brochure. Descriptions of trains & routes provided in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and provided in good faith. It is not possible to request rail seating either facing or with back to the direction of travel. Many European trains change direction during a journey.

Baggage allowance: Porterage of one suitcase per person is included in tour cost.

Coaches: When itineraries take us away from rail routes and coaches must be used, a seating rotation system applies.

Hotels: European hotel rooms – even in 4 or 5 star hotels – are often smaller than in Australian hotels. Single rooms, particularly, can be very small. Should a traveller who has requested a single room wish to have a quote for the cost of single occupancy of a double room, please ask. Tea and coffee making facilities are rare in European hotels, as are in-room security safes. In some European countries, government environmental agencies restrict the use of air-conditioning in hotels to the summer months.

Travellers sharing a room on a twin share basis will be asked their preferences re a double bed or twin beds, but no guarantee can be given that your request will be met. Hotel star ratings, where provided, are those of the country in which the hotel is situated, and vary from country to country.

Other Important Advice: All tours will proceed if a minimum of 12 travellers have paid deposits by 90 days before scheduled departure. In the highly unlikely (unprecedented) event that there are insufficient travellers for a tour, you will be offered either (i) a full refund of all monies paid, (ii) a modified cost structure for a smaller group, or

(iii) a place on an alternative Great Trains of Europe Tour. Each tour is sold as a package and there can be no refund for any element of the tour (e.g. a meal or an excursion) not utilised by the traveller by her / his own choice. Tour costs have built into them the costs associated with researching tours, communicating with overseas suppliers, brochure preparation and marketing. Great Trains of Europe Tours does not claim or imply that some of the inclusions in our tours may or may not be available at a lower price direct from the overseas supplier. Travellers are reminded, however, that purchases made direct with overseas suppliers are generally not covered by Australian Travel Agents licensing protections or the Australian Travel Compensation Fund. Most photographs used in this brochure were taken by the Tour Leader on past tours, but some have been provided by hotels, rail companies or Tourism Boards. Photographs are indicative only and we cannot guarantee that a traveller on a Great Trains of Europe tour will personally see all of the places depicted in them.

Great Trains of Europe Tours reserves the right to decline any reservation or booking request, and may at the Tour Directors discretion terminate any person's involvement in the tour due to disruptive or anti-social behaviour.

Great Trains of Europe Tours does not accept responsibility for any injury, damage, loss, delay, change of schedule or other events which are beyond our direct control such as, but not limited to war, terrorism, civil disturbance, industrial action, acts of government or of God, or mechanical failure such as aircraft, trains or coaches.

Great Trains of Europe Tours cannot be held responsible for changes to provision of services by local European suppliers, but we will do all in our power to provide an alternative service of equal standard to that advertised, or make a cash refund of the difference on the spot.

Contract: The contract between the traveller and Great Trains of Europe Tours, entered into by your signing the Booking form, shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Queensland.

"Life is a collection of experiences. Let Stan be your guide"

Noel and Alwynne Towler, Brisbane

(8 time tour members on the Great Trains of Europe Tours)



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Great Trains of Europe Tours **BOOKING FORM**

One form per person, please.

Tour Name: _____ Departure Date: _____

PASSPORT DETAILS

Full name (as in passport): _____

Address: _____

Passport No: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Nationality: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Ph. Home: () _____ Ph. Work: () _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

MEDICAL / DIET

Do you have any medical conditions or dietary requirements that we should be alerted to?

YES NO If you answered YES, please outline briefly: _____

Are you able to walk 500 metres and climb 25 stairs without assistance? YES NO

NEXT OF KIN {to be contacted in event of an emergency}

Name: _____

Ph. Home: () _____ Ph. Work: () _____ Mobile: _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Please provide me with travel insurance. I have a pre-existing medical condition.

{NOTE: Passengers over 75 years of age at end of a tour will need a medical clearance}

I decline your offer of travel insurance and attach documentary evidence that I have sufficient travel insurance cover.

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

ACCOMMODATION

Double Twin, sharing with _____

Twin, please find someone to share with me. If no suitable room-mate can be found, the single supplement is payable.

Single Room Single occupancy of double sized room {surcharge} Non-smoking Smoking

EXTRA ACCOMMODATION

Pre-Tour in _____ {city} Date IN __/__/__ Date OUT __/__/__

Post-Tour in _____ {city} Date IN __/__/__ Date OUT __/__/__

FLIGHTS

I seek your assistance with an airfare. Please contact me. or I will make my own flight arrangements.

PAYMENT METHOD

I enclose a cheque, payable to "Great Trains of Europe Tours" for \$ _____ or

I have deposited \$ _____ in the "Great Trains of Europe Tours" account at Heritage Bank, 400 Ruthven St, Toowoomba, Qld., 4350, Australia as follows.

BSB 638 – 060 Account Number 11109734 Swiftcode HBSLAU4T, and I attach a pay-in slip as evidence.

By signing this form I declare that I have read the Tour Terms and Conditions, understand them, and agree to abide by them.

Signature _____ Date _____



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