



LUXURY TRAVEL

Switzerland By Rail With Magnificent Europe

ZURICH TO BUDAPEST

2020

27 Days

From \$23,690 NZD pp

TRIP CODE: EUMCST27

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS



Journey To The Top Of Europe

Take an epic train journey to the top of Jungfrauoch, the highest railway station in Europe.



Meet With A Mountaineer

Meet with a mountaineer in Zermatt and hear of tales before paying respects at the dedicated cemetery for climbers.



A View From The Top

Ride the world's steepest cogwheel railway to the top of Mt Pilatus for breathtaking vistas of the alpine scenery.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION



Spiez Wine Experience

Take in a very special wine experience in Spiez en route to Interlaken.



Hotel Monte Rosa

The Seiler family has been welcoming guests to the majestic alpine setting of Hotel Monte Rosa for five generations.



Grand Hôtel Suisse Majestic

With Lake Geneva at its feet, enjoy a breathtaking view of the French Alps during your stay here.

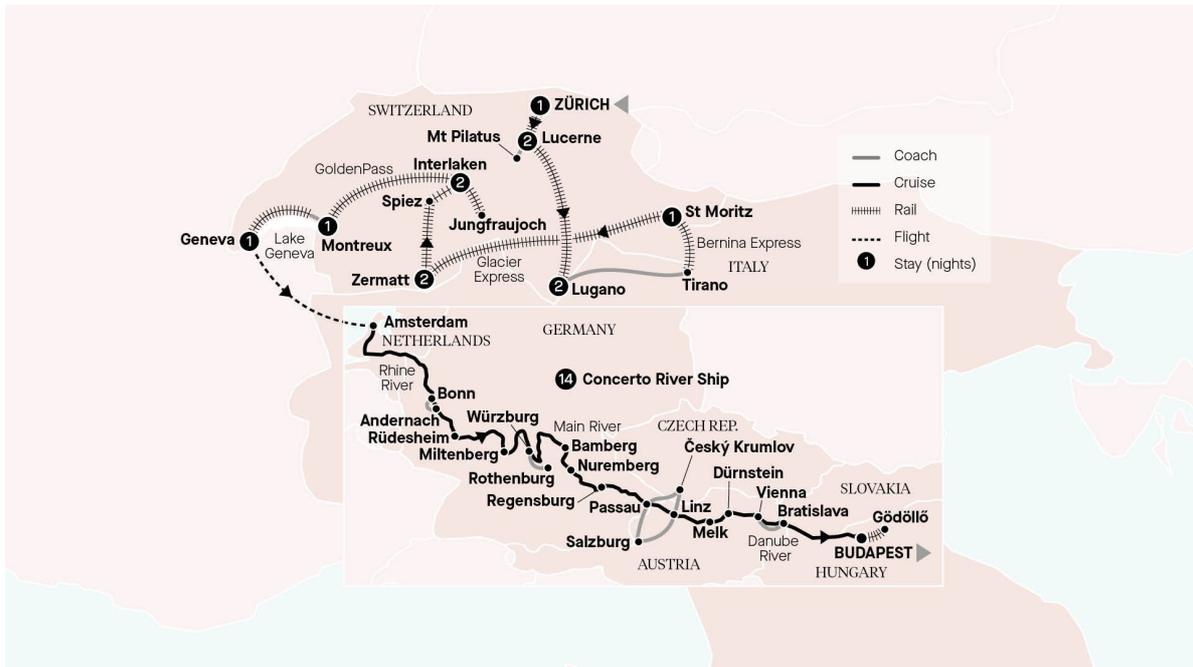
INCLUSIONS

- Experiences in 26 destinations
- Luxury dining - a total of 61 meals
- 12 nights luxury accommodation
- Freedom of Choice Inclusions in 11 locations
- A wide range of onboard beverages
- Transfers, rail portage, port charges and gratuities

TRIP NOTES

- Itinerary and inclusions are subject to change
- Prices are for land/cruise/rail and internal flights as specified

MAP & ITINERARY



Signature Experiences

DESIGNED EXCLUSIVELY FOR APT GUESTS



SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

These once-in-a-lifetime moments allow you to experience an unforgettable world of exclusive moments, incredible cultures and charming surprises



FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - DINING

Choose from a variety of included dining options sure to tantalise the tastebuds of every guest



FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - SIGHTSEEING

Personalise your holiday with a choice of included sightseeing options sure to leave you with lifelong memories

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Arrive Zürich

Arrive before 1.30pm, where we'll meet you on arrival. An afternoon orientation discovery is on the cards, followed by a welcome reception.

Stay: Zürich Marriott Hotel

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Zürich, Lucerne

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Dining

Tonight in Lucerne, you will have a choice of restaurants to dine.

You will be well looked after throughout your journey with our special baggage transfer service, which means we'll take care of the heavy lifting as your bags are chauffeured from one hotel to the next. Your first journey takes you to Lucerne, where you will partake in a walking exploration of the city. Later, arrive at your hotel.

Stay: Two Nights, Lucerne, Hotel Schweizerhof Luzern

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Lucerne, Mt Pilatus

Cruise Lake Lucerne, then ride the world's steepest cogwheel train to Mt Pilatus, where you will pause to capture breathtaking views from the top of the mountain. The views don't stop as you descend by a scenic gondola.

Daily : ● Breakfast

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Lucerne, Lugano

Embark on an exciting rail journey through the Gotthard Base Tunnel to Lugano.

Stay: Two Nights, Lugano, Hotel Swiss Diamond

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Lugano

Soak up the pleasant year-round climate in this holiday resort town. Cruise the peaceful waters of Lake Lugano, then it's time to ascend the peak of Monte Brè, which rewards you with sensational views over Lugano. The evening has been kept free for you to explore at your own pace.

Daily : ● Breakfast

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Lugano, Tirano, St Moritz

Cross the border into Italy's Tirano by coach, where you'll pause for a little discovery before boarding your first-class rail journey aboard the Bernina Express. A highlight is sure to be the panoramic views you will encounter as you ride the highest alpine transfer in Europe.

Stay: St Moritz, Kempinski Grand Hotel des Bains

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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St Moritz, Zermatt

Another day brings another incredible rail adventure. Board the Glacier Express to experience a first-class rail journey from the Bernina Range to the Matterhorn. During the ride, you'll cross more than 200 bridges and countless tunnels as you traverse the Alps in style, before arriving in Zermatt.

Stay: Two Nights, Zermatt, Hotel Monte Rosa

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Zermatt

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Meet a mountaineer, who will share with you their stories of their conquests and what life is like living in the mountains.

Take a ride on the Gornergrat Railway for the best views of the towering Matterhorn. Later, you'll enjoy your Signature Experience.

Daily : ● Breakfast

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Zermatt, Spiez, Interlaken

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Gain an insight into the local industry of Spiez with a very special wine tasting experience.

Farewell Zermatt as you board your train bound for Interlaken. Along the way, disembark in the wine region of Spiez and enjoy your Signature Experience.

Stay: Two Nights, Interlaken, Victoria Jungfrau Grand Hotel and Spa

Daily : ● Breakfast

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Interlaken, Jungfrauoch

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

Tonight, ascend to the peak of Harder Kulm, where you will enjoy a private dinner and take in sublime views of the Jungfrau as the sun sets.

Your rail journey today is an epic one, as you journey to the top of Jungfrauoch, the highest railway station in Europe. There's nowhere better to feel like you're on top of the world. Return to Interlaken then enjoy your Signature Experience.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Interlaken, Montreux

Board your scenic glass-dome first-class journey aboard the GoldenPass to Montreux. First the train runs along the river Aare, then proceed past lush green valley farmland of the Simmen Valley, before climbing to the line's highest point at 1,279 metres above sea level into the heartland of the Berner Oberland. Arrive in Montreux and enjoy an orientation tour before dinner this evening.

Stay: Montreux, Grand Hôtel Suisse Majestic in a Lake View Room

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Montreux, Geneva

Take a break from exploring and relax aboard a cruise in Geneva. Later tonight, reflect on the days gone by as you sit down to a farewell dinner with your new-found friends.

Stay: Geneva, Grand Hotel Kempinski

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Geneva, Amsterdam, Embark Ship

Take an included flight to Amsterdam and board your river ship docked in the heart of the city.

Stay: 14 Nights, a Concerto River Ship

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Dinner

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Amsterdam

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Perhaps slow things down and cruise the canals on a glass-top boat. Maybe visit Zaanse Schans - the quintessential Dutch village known for its windmills and specialty produce. Or even sleep in and take the day as it comes. If you're lucky enough to be on one of our spring departures, the tulips of Keukenhof Gardens are ready to greet you at every colourful turn.

Choose your sightseeing in Amsterdam. Tonight, celebrate with a gala welcome dinner.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Bonn, Andernach

Signature Experience

Visit Namedy Castle. Go beyond the gates and wander about the rooms, hidden nooks and grounds, then enjoy a cocktail party in the ballroom, where a pianist sets the mood.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Take a discovery through Bonn's historic city centre or set off on a bike to explore.

This morning, awake to a new country, a new city, with unlimited possibilities for what the day could bring. After your sightseeing in Bonn, you'll then travel to Andernach for your first Signature Experience.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Rüdesheim

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

A gondola ride over the Rhine Valley will give you the best perspective of the town. For something a little more quirky, Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum houses fine automated musical creations. Otherwise, a selection of fine Rhine Valley wines eagerly await your palate at an onboard tasting.

Have your camera handy to capture some of the best scenery you'll encounter as you cruise through the Rhine Gorge. Dock in Rüdesheim, where you will then choose your sightseeing.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Miltenberg

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Pick up the pace and hike through a forested area overlooking Franconian vineyards. Or, go slow and head to a local cellar for a tippie or two. You can even stay on your ship and learn a little German.

Seize the day with your choice of sightseeing.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Würzburg

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Enjoy a walk to the 18th-century Würzburg Residence. Or traverse the Romantic Road to Rothenburg. Maybe get to know the locals with a visit to a family-owned farm, with a home-cooked morning tea on the menu.

The day is yours to design with our Freedom of Choice sightseeing inclusions.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Bamberg

Relax on board as you sail to Bamberg. On arrival, join an exploration with a local expert to uncover everything World Heritage-listed Bamberg has to offer.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Nuremberg

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Enjoy a walk to the 18th-century Würzburg Residence. Or traverse the Romantic Road to Rothenburg. Maybe get to know the locals with a visit to a family-owned farm, with a home-cooked morning tea on the menu.

Select the sightseeing inclusion that best suits you. You will be rewarded with freshly baked gingerbread on your return. This afternoon, cruise onto the Main-Danube Canal. Having taken 32 years to construct, the canal links the North and Black seas.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Regensburg

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

In Regensburg, explore its World Heritage-listed city centre. Or put on your dancing shoes for a Bavarian dance class at a local beer haus. Maybe take a culinary walk and visit the Michelin-starred Storstad.

After your sightseeing inclusion, a student from the University of Regensburg will come aboard for a presentation.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Passau, Linz

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

From Passau, head to Salzburg to visit some of the sights featured in Roger and Hammerstein's *The Sound of Music*. Or set off into the Czech Republic, where Český Krumlov awaits. Either way, re-board your ship in Austria's Linz. Alternatively, explore the town of Passau, followed by a relaxing day on board cruising to Linz.

Choose from our fabulous Freedom of Choice inclusions today.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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23

Melk, Dürnstein

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Visit the statuary-adorned Melk Abbey. Otherwise a local expert is on hand to show you around town.

A choice of sightseeing greets you in Melk. It's then onto more remarkable scenery as you cruise through the Wachau Valley to Dürnstein, where you'll roam its cobblestone lanes at your leisure. Or perhaps take a guided bike ride along the river from Melk to Dürnstein.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Vienna

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

After dinner, head to the Family of Liechtenstein's City Palace in the heart of Vienna, where we have arranged an exclusive cocktail party and private recital, just for you. A full orchestra will perform classical masterpieces by Mozart and Strauss. You will also be enchanted by an operatic recital and some members of the Mozart Boys' Choir.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE™ - Sightseeing

Perhaps take in the city's many landmarks along the Ringstrasse, including St Stephen's Cathedral. The 1,441-room Schönbrunn Palace and its gardens are a favourite. Or tick another country off your list and journey to Slovakia's Bratislava. Otherwise, get active with a bike ride to Klosterneuburg Monastery.

Today you will enjoy your Freedom of Choice inclusion. Tonight, your Signature Experience awaits.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Budapest

SIGNATURE EXPERIENCE

May to September departures only: This afternoon, follow in the footsteps of the Habsburg Empire as you board the Grand Empress steam train. You'll be treated like royalty, with a game lunch served. You will see inside some ornately adorned carriages from the early 1900s. Gödöllő Palace, Elisabeth of Bavaria's favourite residence, is your destination. You will be shown through this monument of Hungarian aristocracy and architecture. Later, enjoy a cocktail reception at Budapest's Royal Waiting Room, before returning to your ship.

Enjoy a relaxing morning sailing to Budapest. Afterwards, enjoy your Signature Experience on May to September departures.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Budapest

Enjoy a morning city tour of Budapest taking in its historic monuments, followed by the afternoon at leisure to further explore. Finish the day in style with a breathtaking illuminations cruise framed by the twinkling lights of Budapest's stately monuments that line the Danube's river banks.

Daily : ● Breakfast ● Lunch ● Dinner

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Disembark Ship, Depart Budapest

Sadly, the time has come to say goodbye and be transferred to the airport.

Daily : ● Breakfast