

Happy Times Tours & Experience presents...

Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains

May 2 – 10, 2024



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9 Days • 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Lucerne, GoldenPass Train, Zermatt, Choice on Tour, Glacier Express Train, St. Moritz, Bernina Pass Train, Lake Maggiore, Farm Visit with Wine and Cheese Pairing, Lago Maggiore Cruise, Island Dinner

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Hotel Astoria Lucerne, Lucerne
Days 4, 5	Hotel Alex, Zermatt
Day 6	Hotel Steffani, St. Moritz
Days 7, 8	Zacchera Hotels, Lake Maggiore

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Breathtaking Alpine Vistas await as you travel through Switzerland and Italy. Experience dramatic views while aboard railways and lake cruises, and enjoy cultural experiences in charming villages in the heart of Europe.

Day 1: May 2, 2024 Travel Day Transfer from Milwaukee to Chicago O'Hare for overnight flight to Zurich.

Day 2: May 3, 2024 Lucerne, Switzerland - Tour Begins Arrive in Lucerne and enjoy some free time to explore this lakeside town on your own. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner in the city. (D)

Day 3: May 4, 2024 Lucerne Explore Lucerne, the “Swiss Paradise on the Lake.” Follow the ancient pathways of the city on a walking tour through an *Altstadt* (Old Town), passing through the covered 14th-century Chapel Bridge. Along the way, see the famous Water Tower that once served as a prison. Pause at the renowned Lion Monument, carved from sandstone to commemorate heroic soldiers. The evening is yours. (B)

Day 4: May 5, 2024 Lucerne - GoldenPass Train - Montreux - Zermatt Travel to Gstaad and climb aboard the GoldenPass panoramic train, taking in breathtaking Alpine views along the route to Montreux. Upon arrival, enjoy some free time in this resort town, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva. End your day in the car-less village of Zermatt. (B, D)

Day 5: May 6, 2024 Zermatt Choose how you discover Zermatt because **it's your choice!** Explore on foot during a guided walking tour **-OR-** experience Zermatt independently before visiting the Matterhorn Museum; learn more about the triumph and tragedy behind the first ascent of this imposing peak. The remainder of your day is at leisure. (B)

Day 6: May 7, 2024 Zermatt - Glacier Express Train - St. Moritz Traverse bridges and tunnels while aboard the world-renowned narrow gauge Glacier Express. Enjoy the natural beauty of this route through the heart of the Swiss Alps. Filled with forests, fragrant meadows, gurgling streams and deep valleys, it's a mountain dream come to life. While onboard, relax and enjoy a 3-course lunch. Arrive in St. Moritz and enjoy the evening at leisure to relax or stroll the lakeside boulevard. (B, L)

Day 7: May 8, 2024 St. Moritz - Bernina Pass Train - Lake Maggiore, Italy Traveling along one of the world's most scenic railways, journey through the Bernina Pass en route to Tirano, Italy. Take in the striking landscapes of the Swiss and Italian Alps throughout your voyage, including the famed Morteratsch Glacier. Experience sweeping coastal views on your drive along the picturesque shores of Lake Como. Continue to Lake Maggiore, a tranquil resort area with crystal clear waters set against the backdrop of the Alps and settle in for a 2-night stay. (B)

Day 8: May 9, 2024 Lake Maggiore Travel to Oira, an ancient village nestled in the mountains. Visit a family farm to see a different side to Alpine life. Learn about the artisan cheeses that they produce before sampling their creations, paired with the region's local wines. Return to your hotel for a free afternoon. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour to *Isola Bella*, known as the “beautiful island.” Here an expert guides you into the Borromeo Palace, a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. As the day draws to a close, board a private boat for a cruise to *Isola dei Pescatori*, one of the stunning Borromeo Islands. On the island, toast to the end of your Alpine adventure and savor a traditional farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: May 10, 2024 Lago Maggiore - Tour Ends Your scenic journey ends today in Lago Maggiore. Flight return to Chicago O'Hare with transfer back to Milwaukee. (B)



This tour is operated by a trusted Tour Operator



Per Person Rates*:

Double \$4,359; Single \$4,989

Included in Price: Transfers from Milwaukee, Roundtrip air from Chicago, Air Taxes & current Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$399 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees.

PLEASE NOTE:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after May 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Triple rooms are not available.

Zacchera Hotels is a hotel chain in Lago Maggiore. The exact hotel to be used will be available 15 days prior to the tour departure date.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy pathways; a couple of hills or a few flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

Our air passengers will arrive into Zurich, Switzerland airport and transfer to Lucerne, and transfer from Lago Maggiore, Italy for Milan airport. All transfers will depart from/return to these airports.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited for our special rate with air. Final payment due by February 13, 2024.

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Experience It! GoldenPass Panoramic Train

This legendary train route, one of Switzerland's many scenic rides, connects central Switzerland and Lake Geneva. Departing from Gstaad, the train makes an exhilarating ascent through vineyards and country estates, traveling toward the shimmering lake. This journey takes you past weathered timber chalets with their flower-bedecked windows to Montreux. It's just as you always imagined Switzerland: towering peaks and majestic fir trees reach toward a limitless sky. Immerse yourself in all the breathtaking magnificence from the comfort of your seat on board the train.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains featuring a cruise on Lake Maggiore and scenic trains in Switzerland & Italy

TRAVEL DATE: 5/03/2024 TERRITORY: M5 RES#: 1088428

For Reservations Contact: Happy Times Tours, P.O. Box 14153, West Allis, WI 53214 (414) 867-2727

A deposit of \$600 per person, plus the insurance premium, is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited at this air inclusive rate. Final payment due by February, 13, 2024.

YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour is Chicago O'Hare for this air inclusive program.

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

ELJO Travel cannot guarantee your seat preference, but do all that is possible to honor your request.

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$399 Dbl / \$459 Sgl () No, I decline

Please see terms & conditions if you decline this optional travel protection insurance.

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour activities

Please Choose One:

- () Zermatt Walking Tour
- () Zermatt Matterhorn Museum

Please Choose One: *(subject to availability)*

- () Zacchera Hotels – Standard (included)
- () Zacchera Hotels – Lake View (additional charge of \$100.00 double, \$200.00 single required)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ELJO Travel LLC () Check () Credit Card

Waiver/Insurance Amount: \$ _____ Deposit Amount: \$ _____ Total amount enclosed: \$ _____

Cardholder Name (if paying by Credit Card): _____

Cardholder Billing Address: Check if address is the same as above _____

Amount: \$ _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____ M M Y Y

Authorized Credit Card Signature: _____

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERMS & CONDITIONS.

We/I have thoroughly read the terms and conditions listed and agree to abide by the stated cancellation and deposit conditions. We/I understand that all travelers must sign and date this Reservation Form:

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature _____ Date _____



* Please read all terms and conditions before signing.

Terms & Conditions:



Included in Price: Features as listed within the itinerary and under Included in Price Section of brochure.

Tour price does not include: Optional travel protection Insurance, Trip cancellation, baggage, health and medical insurance, meals or excursions not listed on the tour package flyer, items of a personal nature and any items not listed on flyer. Driver or Guide Gratuities.

Reservations & Payment: To reserve your place on this tour, complete and sign this Reservation Form as an acknowledgement that you agree to the conditions of this contract. Mail your reservation form with your deposit of \$600.00, plus the insurance premium, to **Happy Times Tours & Experiences, P.O.Box 14153, West Allis, WI 53214**. *If you are paying by credit card, we highly suggest that you call in your credit card to Happy Times Tours (414) 867-2727, and mail the reservation form without filling in the credit card information.* Reservations are on a first come – first served basis and is limited at our special inclusive air price. Deposit is refundable until October 16, 2023. After October 16, 2023 cancellation penalties go into effect. Important Conditions: Your price is subject to increase prior to the time you make full payment. Your price is not subject to increase after you make full payment, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. Reservations without proper deposit cannot be guaranteed. Final payment will be due on or before February 13, 2024. Final documents will be distributed approximately 11 days prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds: Notice of cancellation must be made in writing to ELJO Travel LLC. Cancellations are as follows: *After October 16, 2023 has passed, a non-refundable deposit of \$400.00 will be retained. For Cancellation between 85 to 75 days prior – 20% of total price pp; 74 to 45 days prior – 50% of total price pp; 44 days to departure date – non-refundable. Optional travel protection insurance is non-refundable from day of purchase. ELJO Travel highly recommends the group travel insurance to cover any unforeseen circumstances.

Passenger's Responsibilities: Passengers must check in at the appointed pick-up area at least 20 minutes before departure of motorcoach going to Chicago OR at the airline ticket counter at least three hours prior to departure time of flight (tbd). In addition, you should be in the departure gate area no less than 50 minutes prior to flight time. Failure to comply could result in the loss of your seat to a standby passenger. Passengers are not permitted to alter their group ticket route, city of origin, or flight schedules. All passengers must have a valid passport, which is still valid for six months after the return of this tour.

Responsibilities of Happy Times Tours & Experiences, ELJO Travel LLC, Slainte Travel Groups & Collette Vacations: (known as companies) are independent contractors that arrange travel services for individuals and groups. Companies are not agents of the customer or those providing travel services and do not, in any manner, directly provide accommodations, transportation, meals or other travel related services. Companies shall not be liable for any delayed departure, lost or misplaced luggage, termination of service, changes in fares or rates, or for the cancellation of reservations, which are beyond their control and without notice. All passengers and agents hereby release and hold harmless all listed parties and agree to these terms & conditions of participation.

Please Note: Airline seat requests are not guaranteed.

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BOOKING NUMBER: 1088428

TOUR: Alpine Lakes & Scenic Trains featuring a cruise on Lake Maggiore and scenic trains in Switzerland & Italy

DEPARTURE DATE: May 2, 2024

Available Optional Tour Add-ons

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Lucerne



Mount Pilatus

\$90 USD

Enjoy the splendor of pure nature while gliding over a clear landscape in panoramic gondolas and spectacular cable cars. Ascend Pilatus via a unique excursion on the steepest railway of the world with a gradient of 48%. Upon arrival at the top, soak in the magnificent Alpine view from 7,000 ft. above sea level. During leisure time at the summit, stroll the walkway for views from a different vantage point, or enjoy Swiss culinary delights on your own in one of the various restaurants (lunch is not included). Return back down the mountain by panoramic gondola for yet another bird's eye view. This option is available during the months of May - November. On occasion, this option may not be available due to inclement weather. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is included.

Stresa

Lake Maggiore Cruise

\$80 USD

Surround yourself in the beauty and grandeur found on the lakes of Northern Italy. Cruise along scenic Lago Maggiore passing the Borromean Islands sprinkled throughout this stunning lake. These petite but incredible islands are brimming with grand villas and exquisite, world-renowned gardens. Glide past Isola del Pescatore viewing the gulf of Baveno before making a stop at Isola Bella. Then we make our way along the cobblestone streets of the quaint town to the impressive, Baroque Borromean Palace and gardens. This famed palace is steeped in immeasurable wealth and regal pageantry. On your guided tour, surroundings will bring you back to the 17th century. Get a glimpse inside life as a royal as you stroll through the opulent halls superbly decorated with rare artwork and tapestries. Then, you'll head outside to the perfectly manicured, tiered gardens that abut the lakeshore. Behold stunning views and the splendor of the gardens as we make our way through with an expert. Return to the boat for a cruise back to Stresa. This option must be purchased at least 20 days prior to the tour's departure. In the event that the option does not meet the minimum number of guests required to operate, guests who purchased the option will be refunded. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Please note a minimum of 12 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

Zermatt

Mountain Adventure & Gorner Gorge Hike

\$75 USD

Some of the best views of the Swiss Alps are found up-close and personal. Take the Matterhorn Express cable car to Furi Station – over 6,000 feet up – where you will meet your local mountain guide. On a short downhill walk, you will take in the dramatic scenery of rugged peaks and unspoiled nature. You will arrive at the Gorner Gorge, the hidden gem of Zermatt. Walking along the wooden boardwalks of this deep glacier-carved chasm, there will be no shortage of breathtaking natural wonders. Gaze up to see towering cliffs and verdant foliage, or down to spot sparkling turquoise pools and waterfalls. Finally, end your journey in the charming village of Zermatt. *Duration: Approximately 3 hours.* Please note a minimum of 10 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

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PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Mount Pilatus <i>This option is available during the months of May - November. On occasion, this option may not be available due to inclement weather.</i>	90.00
	Lake Maggiore Cruise <i>This option must be purchased at least 20 days prior to the tour's departure. In the event that the option does not meet the minimum number of guests required to operate, guests who purchased the option will be refunded.</i>	80.00
	Mountain Adventure & Gorner Gorge Hike	75.00