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Top of Europe!

Zurich - Grindelwald - Montreux -
Zermatt - St. Moritz

with Women of the Midwest

August 28 - September 6, 2024



Dear Women of the Midwest,

Nearly twice the size of New Jersey, Switzerland is synonymous with elegance, impressive mountains, crystal clear lakes, beautiful cities, and the most scenic railroads in Europe. It is a destination for adventure seekers like me, history buffs, culture fans, food and wine connoisseurs, and those of you just seeking pure, fresh air and idyllic scenery.

Have you ever heard of Eiger Express, GoldenPass Panoramic Train, Gornergrat Railway, Glacier Express, or Bernina Express? We are off to experience the "Top of Europe" by rail; first class is included on several of our rides.

You will also visit some of Europe's most posh cities and regions during this trip. Elegant Zurich, Jungfrau - the Hollywood of Switzerland hosting several world-famous film locations, stately Montreux - the stunning resort town on Lake Geneva, and chic St. Moritz - the Alpine "Mykonos" for jet setters ... I can't wait!

We will savor a country of mouth-watering cheese- and meat fondues, mesmerizing landscapes, snowcapped alpine peaks, glittering blue lakes, mountain-top vineyards, the world's best chocolates, bucolic alpine meadows, the precise mechanism of time, vibrant cosmopolitan cities, and quaint villages with story-book charm. Switzerland is a country of four languages: German, French, Italian, and Romansh (English will do, too!), and if you have ever tried the delicious Toblerone chocolate, you may already know that it was created by Theodor Tobler and shaped as his mountainous homeland!

I hope you will join me, solo or two-by-two; let's take a regal journey, by all means!

CarolAnn Condon, Ambassador
Women of the Midwest



Call Executive Travel's Group Department today at 402-435-8888. Space is limited.

Summertime in Zurich



August 28, 2024 - Wednesday

Traveling to Zurich, Switzerland

Our beautiful adventure begins as we take an overnight flight to Zurich. Enjoy in-flight entertainment and meal service as you embark on a trip of a lifetime.

August 29, 2024 - Thursday

Zurich

Welcome to Switzerland! Upon arrival, we will meet our private tour guide, Hildrun, and take a short drive to the center of Zurich for a panoramic sightseeing tour. The city is situated at the northern tip of Lake Zurich and on the Limmat River. We will take a relaxing cruise on the lake with the Alps as our backdrop. In the late afternoon, we will check into our beautiful hotel and enjoy dinner. In the summertime, Zurich is abuzz. If you are still awake, we suggest strolling Bahnhofstrasse with its luxurious shops, including the Confiserie Sprungli with the famous Luxemburgerli macaroons. Or take a panoramic walk of the promenades of Lake Zurich to take in the local neighborhoods with their pretty garden terraces. B (in-flight) | Light L | D

August 30, 2024 - Friday

Lucerne - Interlaken - Grindelwald

After breakfast, we get ready to board our motorcoach. Our first stop today is Lucerne, a city of town squares and churches embedded within an impressive mountainous panorama. We will stop to admire the covered medieval Chapel Bridge, considered one of Europe's oldest covered wooden bridges. You will also enjoy the gable paintings found everywhere and historic houses decorated with frescoes in the picturesque town squares. The old town is car-free, making it even more charming. We will continue via Interlaken to Grindelwald, with a stop for lunch on the way. Grindelwald

Eiger Express - Jungfrauenjoch



is the valley where legends grow to the sky, and myths entwine with nature. This scenic valley is our home for the next two nights. The area consists of some of Switzerland's most beautiful walking trails (more than 200 miles). If you are up for a walk, Hildrun will join you (we will take the easy path)! Enjoy an Alpine soul-soothing dinner tonight at our lovely hotel. The rest of the evening is at leisure. B | D

August 31, 2024 - Saturday

Top of Europe!

Today, we will experience the Jungfrauoch by Eiger Express. For more than 100 years, the Jungfrau railway has been making its journey to Europe's highest-altitude railway station at 11,332 ft., right at the heart of the UNESCO Heritage Site "Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch." We will head to the terminal in Grindelwald to board the brand-new 3S cableway, which takes us directly to the top of Europe in just 15 minutes. Get ready for an adrenaline "kick;" the views from our cable car are second to none! The Jungfrau Region is considered the Hollywood of Switzerland as the impressive waterfalls, snow-covered peaks, and deep-blue mountain lakes make it a perfect film setting. This is where Sherlock Holmes fell into the abyss ("The Final Problem"), where the mountain landscape was the inspiration for Alderaan, the home planet of Princess Leia in the Star Wars films, and where J. R. R. Tolkien drew inspiration from his visit (the Rivendell in "The Lord of the Rings" is very similar to the Jungfrauoch valley). Finally, Schilthorn is where the 1969 James Bond film "on Her Majesty's Secret Service" is set - perhaps the best James Bond film of all time. Besides the glamorous touch, the region is rich in high-quality agricultural products. We will return to our hotel in the afternoon for dinner and a relaxing evening. If you like,

Montreux - View of Oldtown



take a slow-paced walk with Hildrun. B | D

September 1, 2024 - Sunday

Montreux - Zermatt

After a delightful breakfast, we will drive to Zweisimmen to board the GoldenPass Panoramic Train to Montreux (1 hour and 45 minutes). One picturesque view follows the next as if the passing landscape had been specially designed for this panoramic journey: cows grazing on lush green meadows, traditional wooden chalets, and the tall peaks of the Alps in the background. Shortly before reaching Montreux, you get a fantastic view of glittering Lake Geneva. As the train meanders down the hill at a leisurely pace, you will start to feel the Mediterranean flair of the Lake Geneva region. We will take a Montreux city walk to admire the town's promenade, lined with flowers, sculptures, Mediterranean trees, and grand Belle Époque buildings. Cameras out; the town of Montreux is like a postcard landscape, a real piece of paradise. We will continue via Tasch to board the Gornergrat Train to Zermatt. Not only is the whole stretch extremely pretty, but it is also famous for several reasons. One of the reasons, and probably the most important, is because it is electrified, marking it eco-friendly. Another great reason is that the Gornergrat railway is Europe's highest open-air cog railway. Reaching Zermatt, we will check into our wonderful hotel and enjoy a special meal tonight; fondue is up! B | D

September 2, 2024 - Monday

Zermatt - Gornergrat

The morning is at leisure. Enjoy a spa or wellness treatment before we head to the railway station to board the Gornergrat train and take a 33-minute ride to Gornergrat. A Fondue Chinoise* dinner is served under the stars accompanied by a

GoldenPass Panoramic Train



lecture in astronomy. Later, we will tour the observatory with its telescope. Later in the evening, we will return to our hotel. B | D

*Fondue Chinoise is a typical Swiss culinary experience. It combines hot broth with a variety of tender cuts of meats for dipping. Delicious sauces and French fries are served as side dishes.

September 3, 2024 - Tuesday

Glacier Express to St. Moritz
After a delightful breakfast, it's time to board the luxurious Glacier Express. We are on our way to the jet setters' St. Moritz, and nothing but a first-class ride will do! Lean back and take in the landscape, extraordinary service onboard the train, and an elegantly served lunch as we arrive in style in St. Moritz. The train journey takes a little less than nine hours and is definitely one of the highlights of your trip. St. Moritz may have an Alpine/ski-resort "cling" to your ears, but besides being the birthplace of Alpine winter tourism (in 1864) and hosting the Winter Olympics twice, it became famous thanks to its mineral springs, which were discovered 3,000 years ago. The town was established as a summer spa resort early on. It has also been the home to several celebrities; John Travolta, Robert de Niro, Liz Hurley, and Ivana Trump have stayed here, as well as royalty and industry magnates such as the Heineken family, Agnelli family (Fiat) and the Onassis family. But despite all this glitz, St. Moritz is uniquely accessible to everyone. Upon arrival at St. Moritz, we will transfer to our beautiful hotel, check in, and enjoy dinner. If you are still awake, we suggest you take an evening stroll; you never know who you may run into. B | L (onboard the train) | D

September 4, 2024 - Wednesday
Tirano, Italy

Swiss Cheese Fondue



Breakfast is enjoyed before we board another legendary train, the Bernina Express; first-class seats, Ladies. We will take a two-and-a-half-hour scenic train ride to Tirano in Italy. The Bernina Express is the highest railway across the Alps, offering unrivaled views of the beautiful mountain landscape. Along the way, we will pass through numerous tunnels and bridges; you are treated to marvelous sights and extraordinary service. A trip on the Bernina Express is truly a travel experience in a class of its own. Arriving in Tirano, we will take a walking tour of this unique and charming UNESCO World Heritage city. It will fascinate you with its artistic tasting and culture, as well as its wines and gastronomy. Tirano is considered a city because of the walls built by Ludwig Sforza, also known as Il Moro, at the end of the 15th century to protect it. The three gates - Bormina, Poschiavina, and Milanese - still exist. The city enjoys a natural strategic position in the heart of the central Alps, a crossroads of considerable importance over the centuries. Already in antiquity, it was inhabited by Etruscans, Tyrrhenians, Gauls, and then by the Romans, to whom it owes its present name. One of the main attractions is Santuario della Madonna di Tirano. It is a church built in the early 16th century after the Virgin Mary appeared there on September 29, 1504. Interesting elements of this church include the baroque organ, dating from the 17th century, which impresses with its magnificence and wealth of details. The cuisine of the Valtellina Valley region is known for Bresaola, cheese with Valtellina Casera (a type of cow's milk), high-quality wines, and pasta based on dark wheat. You will have time to stroll and enjoy a leisurely lunch. Try the Sciatt (fried cheese balls made with buckwheat), Pizzoccheri alla Valtellinese (the delicious traditional pasta), or how

Bernina Express - First-class views!



about Tzigoiner (thin slices of meat rolled on a thick wooden skewer)? We will board the Bernina Express in the afternoon to return to St. Moritz for a delightful dinner at our hotel. What a day! B | D

September 5, 2024 - Thursday

Zurich

A laidback breakfast is served before we board our motorcoach and drive towards Zurich. On the way, we will learn all about the delicious Appenzeller cheese at a local dairy farm. We will enjoy a show explaining how this special cheese is produced, and we will have lunch in its rustic wooden restaurant among pictures evoking olden times. Arriving in Zurich in the afternoon to check into our hotel. Our farewell dinner is served at the hotel's restaurant. Cheers to a fabulous time in Switzerland and new friendships created at the top of Europe! B | L | D

August 6, 2024 - Friday

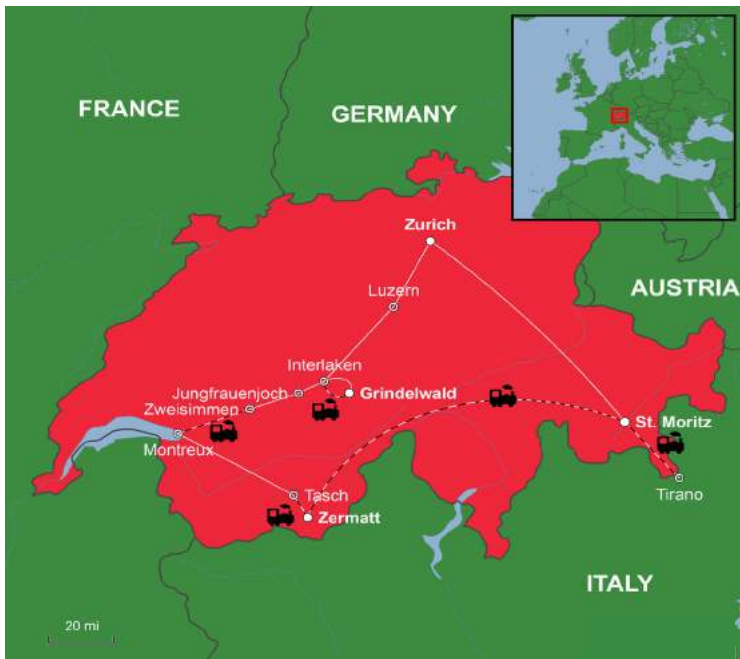
Traveling Home

All too soon, your vacation has ended. Transfer to Zurich airport in plenty of time to check in for our flight and to clear security. You may do some last-minute shopping at the duty-free stores before boarding and flying west across The Atlantic Ocean back to the United States. B | Meals during flights

The itinerary is subject to change, and specific train rides are weather-dependent.

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner





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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

Via our website www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$6,795
 Per person in a single room: \$7,995

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share"-service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. Deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on April 30, 2024, and is non-refundable. The balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

Group airfare:

See separate insert.

This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 21 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4

This tour involves a considerable amount of walking (city sightseings by foot), some stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. We walk between 3-5 miles over the course of a day. Add to this the walking you do outside the group activities. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc CA Agency License #0D10209. Travel Insurance is underwritten by Berkshire Hathaway Specialty Insurance Company, NAIC #22276.

Hotel Accommodation (announced 30 days in advance):

Zurich - Ameron Zurich Bellerive and Radisson Blu or similar
 Grindelwald - Alpine Design Resort or similar
 Zermatt - Riffelalp Resort or similar
 St. Moritz - Cresta Palace or similar

Included:

- 8 nights during the tour at local 4- and 5-star hotels
- 8 x breakfast
- 3 x lunch
- 8 x dinner
- All transfers and motor coach services as per itinerary
- Train rides as per itinerary (first class onboard the Glacier Express and Bernina Express, standard class on other trains)
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- Admissions to sites mentioned in the itinerary
- English-speaking professional tour director in Switzerland
- Step-on guides where required
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, August 28 - September 6, 2024
- Detailed travel documents (hard-copy and electronic)
- All local taxes and fees as of January 4, 2024

Not Included:

- Airfare
- Airline baggage fees for your second checked bag (the first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals & beverages other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Gratuities (estimate \$12-\$15 per day in total)
- Professional fee, \$75 per person, due at the time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions



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JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with American Airlines:

August 28, 2024	Omaha* - Charlotte	6:58 AM - 10:30 AM
August 28, 2024	Charlotte - Philadelphia	1:00 PM - 2:39 PM
August 28, 2024	Philadelphia - Zurich	7:05 PM - 8:55 AM (August 29, 2024)
September 6, 2024	Zurich - Philadelphia	11:45 AM - 2:50 PM
September 6, 2024	Philadelphia - Chicago	4:20 PM - 5:45 PM
September 6, 2024	Chicago - Omaha*	8:20 PM - 9:52 PM

\$1,295 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur. If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Charlotte or Philadelphia on August 28 and return from Zurich around the same time as the rest of the group on September 6.

Important notes about group air:

- Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure. Executive Travel/Women of the Midwest cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure, and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- Premium seating upgrades are usually not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (AAdvantage® program), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to a different class of service. Contact us if you have any questions and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

**SECURE YOUR GROUP AIR TICKET WHEN SIGNING UP!
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