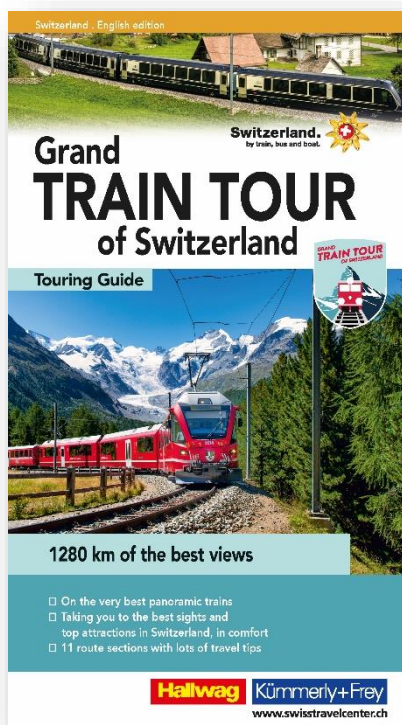


New release**Grand Train Tour of Switzerland Guide
Available in German and now also in English**

Since the travel guide **Grand Train Tour of Switzerland**, released in German by Hallwag Kümmerly+Frey AG in 2023, received great interest, we are now proud to present the english edition. The travel guide was produced in collaboration with Switzerland Tourism and the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland Association and assembles the most attractive train routes in Switzerland.

The Grand Train Tour of Switzerland takes passengers all over Switzerland, on 1 280 km of the most attractive railway routes, connecting the country's most beautiful panoramic journeys and tourist attractions. The Touring Guide Grand Train Tour of Switzerland published to accompany this great voyage provides countless travel tips and background information on each route. It is the perfect tool for planning an individual and comfortable journey to suit your own requirements and the ideal companion on the way.

At the beginning of each section, the guide provides a route map with the stations numbered in sequence, followed by a double page of travel tips. Along the train route, sights and railway features are listed, accompanied by stunning photographs. At the end of each section, there is information on the section's destination as well as a handful of excursions into the surroundings.



The English touring guide is now available in all bookstores as well as online at swisstravelcenter.ch.

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Side view



Zurich – Lucerne – Interlaken
 Sparkling lakes and rolling hills predominate on the journey between Zurich and Lucerne. The railway connects Switzerland's largest city with Central Switzerland. Next comes the Alpine cross connection over the Brünig Pass into the Bernese Oberland.

Travel information and tips

Two completely different trains run on the two sections. On the one hand, we have the connection between the cities of Zurich and Lucerne and, on the other, the Lucerne-Interlaken Express. First of all comes the standstill group of the 280 series and then the more agile of the 'Zürcherbahn' with single-deck sections over the Brünig Pass. The crucial starting point for the Central and Sucer passes, it already quite Alpine in appearance. Very picturesque, the route follows the shores of Lake Brunn with views of the steep mountain slopes all around.

From Zurich to Lucerne and on to Interlaken

The fact that this stage is divided into two parts also has an effect on the way we might plan your journey: changing trains in Lucerne means a certain period of time spent in Lucerne. This may be scheduled for anything from a quarter of an hour to a whole day with overnight stay. The journey from Zurich to Lucerne takes 40 to 50 minutes. The Lucerne-Interlaken Express then takes just under two hours for its journey by helicopter car. Exactly in the middle of the journey is the Brünig Pass, which is also the highest point at 1,000 m above sea level. The train runs all year round, including in winter through the deep snow-covered landscape between Central Switzerland and the Bernese Oberland. At the Lucerne terminus, changing trains is easy and disconcerting. The timetable shows the tracks on the left side of the

Tickets/Reservation

All normal rail tickets are valid on this route, there are no compulsory supplements, however rail reservation on the Lucerne Interlaken Express is recommended (not compulsory).

Planning your own customised tour

If you plan an extended day stay in the city of Lucerne, luggage lockers are available in the area of platform 14 (Zürcherbahn). In summer there is the option of taking the postbus from Meieningen over the Grimsel Pass into Ob- and Nidwalden and Chamwald, where there is then a connection in the direction of Brig, Andermatt or the Furka Pass. There is also a possible route over the Gotthard Pass into the Swiss valley in eastern Switzerland and a bus can take you directly to Cransbach, Val de Grise, Switzerland.



- 12 — Brünig Pass
- 13 — Aare Street
- 14 — Meieningen
- 15 — Brunis
- 16 — Interlaken
- 17 — Lake Brunn and Thuris
- 18 — Hasler Rubin
- 19 — Erlenberg Meierhofen
- 20 — Schynge Platte
- 21 — Grieswald Pfist
- 22 — Jungfraujoch
- 23 — Wengen
- 24 — Lauterbrunnental
- 25 — Murren Schilthorn



Zurich – Lucerne – Interlaken stage

Zurich – Zug

First we travel along Lake Zurich – the city of Zurich and the end of the lake on the left, behind us, and the classic Alps ahead – the train soon branches off to the right to reach Zug through the single-track Zornberg and Albu tunnels built in 1987. The direct Zornberg base tunnel, at 30 kilometres in length, could one day eliminate this bottleneck.

Lake Zurich – curved like a banana

The curved lake borders the cantons of Zurich, St Gallen and Schwyz. At the western end is the city of Zurich. In the past, the lake was primarily a traffic and transport route, today its shores are sought after residential locations, non-extended stretches of coastline known for their low tax rates and high property prices – magnificent houses and expensive villas are not uncommon here.

Shilshald – once a commercial timber forest

The forest at the gates of the city of Zurich was for centuries intended for construction and firewood. 150 years ago there was even a forest railway to transport the timber. Commercial operations were discontinued in 2000. Since nature has been largely left to its own devices, it has been transformed into a natural forest wilderness. The gateway to the wilderness is the visitor centre at Shilshald.

Höllgrotten near Zug

At the far end of the romantic Lorenzobel ravine, you can climb down into the underground stalactite cave with relatively young karstic rock formations, brilliantly set off with modern lighting technology. Little lakes, stalagmites and stalactites create a magical underground kingdom.

City of Zug in the canton of the same name

Capital of Switzerland's third smallest canton. The Zurich-Interlaken and the Hochenthal railway lines split here. The station building stands between the two lines. Zug is still confident and knows what it has to offer: a high quality of life, views in Zug and Palau mountains, the pretty, historic town centre – and an international business community. Zug's landmark is the 13-metre Zyturm. First built as a simple passage through the city walls in the 14th century, over the centuries it has been raised and extended, and the large clock was installed.

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