



9 Wonderful Days Zürich to Luzern Swiss Christmas Holiday

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Travel by scenic trains and cable cars as described



14 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 1 lunch (L) and 5 evening meals (D)

A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners including a welcome drink in Zurich



Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)

8 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation

Hotel portorage of 1 bag per person (where available)



ALL tips for your Tour Manager and Local Guides

Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager

Local guides as described in the itinerary



Explore Switzerland's amazing mountains using an included 5-day mountain pass.

ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described



Zürich Welcome

Day 1



Hotel Glockenhof Zürich, Switzerland



Your tour commences this evening in Zürich. The shopping is excellent, and there is so much to see including Zürich's Christkindlmarkt at the main train station. One of the largest indoor Christmas Markets in Europe, they are famous for their massive, illuminated Christmas Tree. If you have time prior to the tour commencing, we recommend you visit them! Join us tonight for a welcome drink before dinner. This is an ideal chance to meet, and get to know, your Tour Manager and fellow travellers.

Train ride via Interlaken to Wengen

Day 2



Hotel Falken, Wengen, Bernese Oberland



After a leisurely start we will board a train to begin our journey deep into the Bernese Oberland. At Interlaken we change trains and ride into the mountains and up to the classic ski resort town of Wengen, where we spend the next 6 nights over Christmas. Wengen is a world-renowned ski resort town, with a main pedestrian street lined with shops, bars, cafes and restaurants. Wengen makes a great base for our adventures over the next five days, and our excellent hotel is superbly located in the heart of town and directly beside the massive mountain rail and cable car system. You will be astounded by the sheer grandeur of the mountain scenery that surrounds you over Christmas in Wengen. The hills are alive with the sound of people playing in the snow. Funicular trains and aerial cable cars whisk pedestrians as well as avid skiers to mountain restaurants and viewpoints all over the snow laden paradise. During your stay in Wengen, we have included a 5-day mountain pass which will give you unlimited access to a host of cable cars and mountain train rides all through the immediate region.

Jungfrauoch 'Top of Europe' Experience

Day 3



Hotel Falken, Wengen, Bernese Oberland



What a day in the mountains! Let's start with the big stuff – the Jungfrauoch.

Boarding a funicular train, we climb through dramatic scenery high up into the soaring mountains to Kleine Scheidegg, which sits astride a mountain ridge shadowed by some of Europe's highest peaks. Changing trains, we soon enter a 7 km long tunnel which takes us deep into the mountains, up through the inside of the north face of the Eiger, and on up to the Jungfrauoch – the highest rail station in Europe. At 3,454 metres (11,332 ft) the views down onto the Aletsch Glacier are magnificent. Named 'The Top of Europe', you will find several restaurants, an Ice Palace and the Lindt Swiss Chocolate Heaven display. There is a fascinating mountain museum, and you can also take a lift another 100 metres higher to the dramatic Sphinx lookout point. The views are stupendous. On the way back you can stop and explore the ski hub of Kleine Scheidegg, before descending in your own time back down to pretty Wengen. Here's a tip – At Kleine Scheidegg you will find the classic Hotel Bellevue des Alpes, a grand nineteenth century hotel, with a huge panoramic terrace facing the infamous north face of the Eiger. There is no greater pleasure than to sit there with a hot chocolate and a steaming apple strudel taking in mountain views that go on forever. What a classic day! The rest of your day is 'My Time' to relax and enjoy the stunning scenery which surrounds you.

Grindelwald, the Männlichen and 'My Time' in the mountains

Day 4



Hotel Falken, Wengen, Bernese Oberland



Today is entirely free for you to and do as little or as much as you want to do. Remember we have included a mountain pass and so why not join your Tour Manager for a fantastic day exploring the superb snow drenched mountains and resorts that surround you. From Wengen we will take the cable car up the sheer cliff face to the Männlichen, with its magical mountain top restaurant complex. From there the new 6.2 km long express cable car will whisk you down – it takes 19 minutes! – to the other side of the valley to the famous ski resort town of Grindelwald. Filled with hotels, cafes and shops, it makes a great stop.

If you want you can also catch another cable car up the other side of the mountain to 'First' to enjoy the cliff hanging lookouts. Your pass also includes the 'First Flyer', where you swoop down the valley in a giant eagle shaped, mountain zip line. It is very easy and so much fun! There is so much more you can do, and your Tour Manager will be on hand to help you.

Schilthorn summit cable car, Birg Thrill Walk & Schilthorn Brunch

Day 5



Hotel Falken, Wengen, Bernese Oberland

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Passing through the delightful village of Lauterbrunnen, flanked by 300 metres (1,000 ft) high, sheer cliffs, we take the cable car from Stechelberg up the rockface to the pretty village of Mürren. Here we take the incredible cable car up to the glass floored observation deck of the Birg restaurant. Around the entire peak is the Skyline Thrill Walk – a metal walkway suspended over a sheer drop below. Thrilling indeed! Then onwards and upwards by cable car to the Piz Gloria, a revolving restaurant set on top of the Schilthorn summit. With astonishing 360-degree views we have included a buffet lunch. This was also the setting for the evil Blofeld's secret mountain hideout in the James Bond film 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service'. Make sure you visit Spyworld and the 'Walk of Fame' that pays tribute to the cast and behind-the-scenes contributors to the iconic movie. Back in Murren, at the far end of the village, we catch a little mountain train to Grutschalp, then a cable car back down to Lauterbrunnen, and then on home to Wengen.

Christmas Eve - Interlaken

Day 6



Hotel Falken, Wengen, Bernese Oberland

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This morning we catch the train to Interlaken. Nestled between two lakes, and surrounded by beautiful countryside, Interlaken makes a great place for some last-minute Christmas shopping. This evening we have included a special Christmas Eve Dinner in our hotel in Wengen.

Christmas Day- Picturesque Wengen, snowshoe walk & ice curling

Day 7



Hotel Falken, Wengen, Bernese Oberland

9Ψ B,D

A leisurely start here in 'our' picturesque ski village of Wengen. First, we don snowshoes and, splitting into smaller groups, we enjoy a guided snowshoe walk into the snow laden fields. It's so easy to do, and it is a magical mountain experience as you walk over the top of thick banks of snow. Later, we visit the ice-skating rink to try your hand at the fun sport of Ice Curling! Your afternoon is completely free - 'My Time' to relax in pretty Wengen. This evening dinner is included in your hotel.

Boxing Day - Panoramic train ride along Lake Brienz, 'My Time' in Luzern

Day 8



Hotel Wilden Mann, Luzern, Switzerland

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On your two hour train ride to Luzern you will experience some spectacular Swiss scenery through large panoramic windows. The journey will take you along the shores of crystal-clear lakes (no less than five!), past romantic waterfalls and over the magnificent Brünig mountain pass. Arriving at Luzern we will have a brief walking tour of the old city with its covered wooden bridges, before enjoying an afternoon at leisure. 'My Time' in an iconic Swiss lakeside town. Tonight, we enjoy a farewell dinner.

Luzern

Day 9



Hotel Wilden Mann, Luzern, Switzerland

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Your Christmas tour comes to a close and it is time to say farewell. Why not join us for New Year in Germany, Italy or Austria? Our exciting New Year tours have been specially designed to start as this Christmas Holiday ends.

Hand Selected Experiences

These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



Jungfrauoch
'Top of Europe'
Experience



Grindelwald
By Cable Car



Interlaken
'Between the Lakes'



Wengen
Snowshoe Walk & Ice
Curling



Mürren
Alpine Village



Birg Thrill Walk
Ride the new Funifor
Cableway to Birg



Schilthorn Summit
Cable Car &
Schilthorn Brunch




Zentralbahn
Panoramic train
Unforgettable Train
Journey



Luzern
Walking Tour





Dates and Prices

Correct as of 12:11 on 17th April 2026

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	
19 Dec 2027	27 Dec 2027	TBC	TBC	 Pre-Register

* The itinerary and hotels featured are based on 2026 tour departures and may be subject to change on specific departures. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

-  Our Christmas, New Year and Northern Lights tours travel throughout the European winter months. The weather can get cold, and roads and pathways can be slippery.
-  We recommend sturdy waterproof shoes with good grip (hiking shoes, rather than sneakers), thick socks, a woollen beanie, thermal underclothes, gloves and sunglasses. Walking poles can be helpful to give you more confidence, if desired. Layering some light clothes is advisable, as you will often come in from the picturesque cold to warm spaces inside, so layering enables you to adjust to each environment for your optimal comfort. You will also be very comfortable when travelling as your modern touring coach is fitted with heaters and double glazed windows. Once you arrive at your hotel you will be greeted with a warm and comfortable atmosphere.
-  Thinking about what to wear? Please read our blog on Wardrobe essentials: <https://www.albatrosstours.com.au/news-nest-travel-blog/wardrobe-essentials-for-a-winter-wonderland-tour-in-europe/>
-  While Hotel Falken in Wengen is located "close to the train station," please note that there is a significant uphill walk on a paved path to get to the hotel.

✎ This tour uses trains to travel between locations not coaches. Guests will be required to walk to and from train stations and hotels with hand luggage. Suitcases are transferred between hotels

Please refer to our Tour Suitability section for more information.

Terms & Conditions

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