

Alpine Swiss Villages & Rails

August 24 - September 1, 2026 (Fly)

(9 days - 8 nights)



Mon, Aug 24

Today we will motorcoach to DFW and board our overnight flight to Zurich, Switzerland.

Tue, Aug 25

Wengen

Upon arrival in Zurich, Switzerland meet your Premier World Discovery Tour Director. Travel to Bern, the beautiful capital city of Switzerland featuring cobblestone streets under medieval arches making it one of Europe's most picturesque cities & registered as a UNESCO historic site. See the Rose Garden, one of the most beautiful parks in Bern offering an unrivaled view over the rooftops of the historic Old Town. Also see the impressive Zytglogge (Glockenspiel), a landmark medieval tower built in the early 13th century, it has served the city as guard tower, prison, and clock tower. Later travel up into the massive Swiss Alps and arrive in Lauterbrunnen with its towering cliffs. Say good-bye to the motorcoach for a few days as you begin using your included Berner Oberland Regional Rail Pass which gives access to rail, cable car, bus and boat. Travel by Cog Railway up to the enchanting alpine village of Wengen, your home for the next 6-nights. Wengen is a picturesque small village in the Jungfrau region and could represent the Swiss Alps on postcard as it features no cars, mountains all around, green meadows and forests surrounding the village. This evening enjoy a welcome dinner.

Wed, Aug 26

Wengen

This morning board the Cog Railway for an excursion to the glacier-carved Lauterbrunnen Valley and take a cable car up to Gimmelwald, a small traffic free village in the Bernese Oberland. Then continue to

Highlights Include:

- Berner Oberland Rail Pass
- Swiss Rail Excursions & Transportation
- Bern
- Interlaken
- Grindelwald
- Gimmelwald
- Murren
- Lake Brienz Cruise
- Wood Carving School
- Meiringen
- Grindelwald-Männlichen Gondola
- Cableway
- Lucerne City Tour with Chapel Bridge
- Aare River Gorge
- Rosenlauri Glacier Gorge

Murren to enjoy some time at leisure in this car-free village noted for hiking paths surrounded by bell-ringing cows, waterfalls and wildflowers. Ride the funicular up to Allmendhubel (altitude 6,200 ft.) for the view, or take the Schilthorn Cable Car up to the summit Piz Gloria (additional cost, altitude 9,700 ft.). The panoramic revolving restaurant at the summit was featured in the 1969 James Bond movie On Her Majesty's Secret Service. Later return to Wengen where dinner is included this evening with your fellow travelers

Thu, Aug 27

Wengen

This morning is at leisure to relax or maybe join the half day Optional Jungfrauoch Mountain Rail Excursion, referred to as the Top of Europe, a place where the highest railway station in Europe is located (11,300 ft.). This afternoon travel via Cog Railway to enjoy the included visit to the resort village of Grindelwald to explore, shop and maybe visit a local cafe. Later continue on to "Summit in First" via the Grindelwald-Männlichen Gondola Cableway, Europe's longest cable car to an altitude of 7,600 ft. Later return to Wengen for an evening at your own pace.

Fri, Aug 28

Wengen

Today begins with a visit to Wilderswil to board the vintage Cog Railway up to Schynige Platte for incredible views of the surrounding mountain peaks

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(altitude 6,800'). Later, take in the scenery as you cruise across turquoise blue Lake Brienz. Then ride the Brienzer Rothorn Steam Train to the heights of the Rothorn through alpine meadows and the sound of Swiss cow bells to experience more views of the impressive Alps. Later return to Wengen and enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers.

Sat, Aug 29

Wengen

Today, enjoy free time in Wengen to shop, hike and explore with your travel pass. Maybe join an optional day trip to the famous car-free ski resort village of Zermatt situated at the foot of the majestic Matterhorn, one of the world's most famous mountain peaks. Enjoy time at leisure to explore Zermatt on your own. Perhaps peruse the luxury boutiques and shops or enjoy a meal in a ski lodge. Maybe ride up the Cogwheel Railway to the Gornergrat (additional cost, weather permitting-9,500 ft.) offering incredible views of the Matterhorn and 29 of the highest peaks in Europe. Return to Wengen after a long but rewarding day and enjoy the evening at leisure.

Sun, Aug 30

Wengen

Today travel by Cog Train along the sheer walls of the Swiss Alps back to nearby Grindelwald. Then board a famed yellow Postbus and travel through the most remote portions of Switzerland for exploration of the Rosenlauri Glacier Gorge which features waterfalls, natural whirlpools and fantastic rock formations. Later descend out of the mountains to the amazing 600 ft. deep Aare River Gorge, carved over thousands of years by the Aare River. Later travel to the village of Meiringen known for being the home of the tasty Meringue and the site of Sherlock Holmes' final case. Enjoy some time on your own to visit the Sherlock Holmes Museum and try a Meringue at a cafe. This afternoon ride the panoramic Express Train along Lake Brienz to Interlaken, then the Cog Train up to your hotel in Wengen. Later enjoy dinner with your fellow travelers.

Mon, Aug 31

Zurich

This morning descend on the now familiar Cog Railway and board your motorcoach for the first time in days. Visit one of the most scenic local resident streets in Europe, the Brunnengasse in Brienz, which will include a visit to a local Wood Carving Shop. Then travel over Brunig Pass to Lucerne, situated in the geographical heart of Switzerland and poetically described by Alexandre Dumas as "a pearl in the world's most beautiful oyster". Enjoy a Lucerne Walking Tour featuring the famous Lion's Monument, the historic wooden Chapel Bridge and a walk along shores of beautiful Lake Lucerne. Continue to Zurich and check in to your hotel for your final night. This

evening join your fellow travelers for dinner.

Tue, Sep 1

Return Home

Today we say goodbye to Switzerland and the new friends made. Transfer to the airport for your return flight to DFW filled with wonderful memories of your Alpine Swiss Villages & Rails Tour. Our motorcoach will be waiting at DFW to transfer you to Abilene.

Thank you for traveling with Bilbrey Tours!

Price Includes:

- Roundtrip transportation to DFW from Abilene
- Roundtrip air from DFW;
- 7 nights hotel accommodations
- Hotel baggage handling for 1 piece of luggage
- Meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- Admissions to all included attractions per itinerary
- Services of a tour escort

Price **does not** include gratuities for Premier World Discovery personnel, or fuel supplement surcharges by airlines or other vendors.

Cost:

\$6989 per person (2 people per room)

\$7939 per person (1 person per room)

\$600 due upon booking (non-refundable)

Final due May 27, 2026

Travel Insurance

An optional Travel Insurance plan is available for purchase on overnight tours through TripAssure. Bilbrey Tours encourages the purchase of a Travel Protection Plan to help protect your investment, your belongings and most importantly you! Bilbrey Tours makes the Tour & Cruise Travel Protection Plans easily available. For complete details and to purchase a plan, follow this link:

<https://atc.tripassure.com/main/?welcome=BILB3262TX>

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be reported to Bilbrey Tours, Inc. and TripAssure when the problem causing the need to cancel arises.

Tour Activity Level: EASY 1 2 3 **4** ACTIVE

Luggage tags and a detailed itinerary will be mailed 2 weeks prior to the tour.

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