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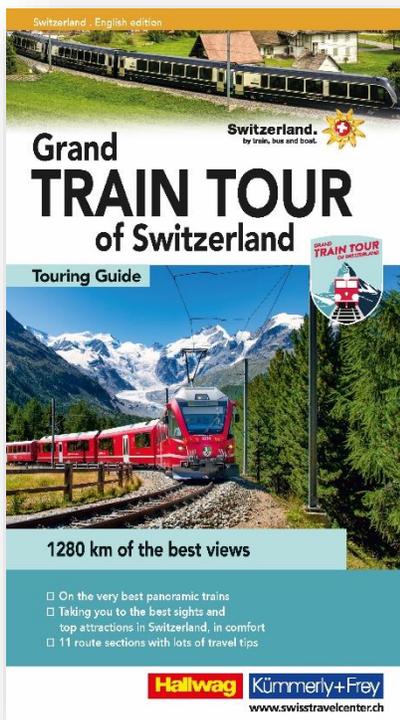
Grand Train Tour of Switzerland Guide

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Nachdem 2023 der Reiseführer Grand Train Tour of Switzerland von Hallwag Kümmerly+Frey AG erschienen und auf grosses Interesse gestossen ist, folgt nun die englische Ausgabe. In Zusammenarbeit mit Schweiz Tourismus und dem Verein Grand Train Tour of Switzerland wurde ein Buch kreiert, das die attraktivsten Zugstrecken der Schweiz vereint.

Die Grand Train Tour of Switzerland führt auf 1280 km über die attraktivsten Bahnstrecken kreuz und quer durch die Schweiz und verbindet die schönsten Panoramazüge und Sehenswürdigkeiten des Landes. Der Touring Guide zu dieser Zug-Rundreise besticht durch unzählige Reisetipps und Hintergrundinformationen zu den einzelnen Strecken. Damit ist er das perfekte Hilfsmittel für die Planung einer individuellen und bequemen Reise und der ideale Begleiter unterwegs.

Zu Beginn jeder Etappe erscheint im Reiseführer die jeweilige Routenkarte mit den Nummern der nachfolgend beschriebenen Orte, gefolgt von einer Doppelseite mit Reisehinweisen. Entlang der Zugstrecke werden Sehenswürdigkeiten und Bahn-Besonderheiten aufgelistet, begleitet von eindrucksvollen Bildern. Am Schluss gibt es Hinweise zum Etappenort sowie zu einer Handvoll Ausflüge in die nähere Umgebung.



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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 standard group of the 280 series and then the more exotic 'Zürcherbahn' with single-deck sections over the Brüggli Pass. The crucial starting point for the Central and Swiss passes, it already quite Alpine in appearance. Very picturesque, the route follows the shores of Lake Brienz 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 to Interlaken East. Exactly in the middle of the journey is the Brüggli 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 disallows you to see the train tables with 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 Meiringen over the Grimsel Pass into Ob- and Nidwalden to Olten and Oltenwald, where there is then a connection in the direction of Brig, Interlaken 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 Crans-sur-Sion in the Swiss-Italian border.



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 Brüggli Pass into the Bernese Oberland.



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- 13 - Aare Street
- 14 - Meiringen
- 15 - Brienz
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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 1897. 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 recreational 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.

Sihlwald – 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 Sihlwald.

Höllgrotten near Zug

At the far end of the romantic Lorenzobel ravine, you can climb down into the underground's (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.

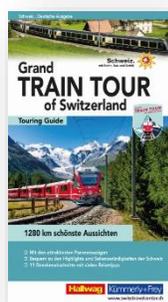
City of Zug in the canton of the same name

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 Fribourg 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 to the old town, over the centuries it has been raised and extended, and the large clock was installed.

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