

This Journey is Specially Prepared for

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NEW LUXURY SMALL GROUP JOURNEYS

Switzerland: The Alps to the Italian Lakes 2025

11 days from \$14,995 per person, double occupancy

Limited to 18 guests

Take in some of Europe's most scenic vistas on this journey combining the beautiful Swiss Alps with Italy's glorious Lakes District. Soak up the stunning scenery and natural landscapes of the region, along with unique cities.

Included With Every Luxury Small Group Journey

- English-Speaking Resident Tour Director[®] and Local Guides
- Hand-Selected Luxury Accommodations
- Airport Meet and Greet with Private Transfers
- Travelling Bell Boy[®] Luggage Handling
- Full Breakfast Daily; Select Lunches and Dinners
- Traveller's Valet[®] Laundry Service
- Internet Access
- Entrance Fees, Taxes and All Gratuities Except Resident Tour Director
- 24/7 A&K On-Call Support
- Guaranteed Departures with Just Two Guests

A&K Advantages

Arrive in Zermatt in style on the Glacier Express, which affords first-class seating, unique glass ceilings and views of Switzerland's beautiful mountain scenery
Gain private access to Bern's landmark Zytglogge bell tower for an intimate guided visit
Savor famously smooth Swiss chocolate during a tasting workshop at an independent producer
Take a private boat tour of Lake Maggiore, and enjoy a special farewell dinner on beautiful Isola Bella

Itinerary

DAY 1 ARRIVE ZURICH, SWITZERLAND

Arrive in Zurich, Switzerland's largest city and one with a well-deserved reputation for offering a high quality of life, among the best in the world. You are met and transferred to your hotel, where you meet your fellow guests this evening for dinner.

Mandarin Oriental Savoy, Zurich | Meals: Dinner

DAY 2 ZURICH | BREATHTAKING VIEWS & SCENIC PATHS

Enjoy a guided walking tour of Zurich this morning, taking in its alluring mix of modern and Old World architecture while strolling its wide, pedestrian-friendly avenues. Zurich is known for its churches, and your walk incorporates several noteworthy ones, including the Fraumünster, with its Marc Chagall-designed stained glass windows, and the Grossmünster, supposedly founded by Charlemagne and later playing a key part in establishing the Reformation in Switzerland. After lunch at a local bierkeller (beer cellar), gather for a sweet finish with a visit to an independent chocolate producer. Learn about the fascinating history and production of Swiss chocolate at the last manufacturer who still starts with the raw cacao beans.

Mandarin Oriental Savoy, Zurich | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 3 LUCERNE | PEAKS OF THE ALPS

Travel to Lucerne, on the shores of its beautiful lake, and stroll the streets of this medieval jewel. The city's most famous landmark is the Chapel Bridge, the oldest covered wooden bridge in Europe. Its interior is decorated with vivid paintings, many of which date back to the 17th century and depict events from the city's history. You also visit Corn Market Square and the nearby Old Town Hall, built in 1602. There is time for lunch at leisure or further exploration. Continue to Alpnachstad and board the cogwheel train for a ride on the world's steepest railway to the top of Mt. Pilatus. Descend via a cable car and alpine gondola. Continue to your hotel in Bern, named for the bears that may still be seen in Europe's wilderness.

Bellevue Palace | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 4 BERN | CAPITAL CITY

This morning, discover the charms of Switzerland's intimate capital, strolling delightful old streets and stepping inside the Zytglogge for a private, guided visit of this legendary medieval clock tower. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure, free to relax or explore on your own. Tonight, dine at your elegant hotel.

Bellevue Palace | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 5 INTERLAKEN | PLAY THE ALPHORN

Travel to the pretty mountain village of Habkern and partake in two Swiss traditions. Enjoy a special class with a yodel teacher and a lesson in the history of the famous alphorn. Once, these massive horns were used by herdsmen on the mountain slopes to communicate with people in the valleys below; today, they are enjoyed as musical instruments, and your lesson includes the option to play one yourself. After lunch, visit scenic Interlaken and cruise beautiful Lake Thun, surrounded by the glory of the Alps. Return to Bern for an evening at leisure.

Bellevue Palace | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 6 ZERMATT | ALL ABOARD THE GLACIER EXPRESS

Drive to Stans for a visit to the Culinarium Alpinum, a center where chefs, schnapps distillers, farmers, butchers, sommeliers, cheesemakers and master bakers come together to help preserve Alpine culinary heritage. Join a guide for a tour with tastings, culminating in a traditional Swiss fondue lunch. Then, board the renowned Glacier Express, traversing majestic scenery in your first-class carriage, and enjoying dinner onboard before arriving in the mountain town of Zermatt — a popular waypoint for Alpine explorers.

Grand Hotel Zermatterhof | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 7 ZERMATT | DESIGN YOUR DAY

Today, enjoy one of these **Design Your Day** activities:

Ascend to the Summit of Gornegrat Mountain by cog railroad to take in vistas of the Matterhorn and more.

Hike in the Zermatt Mountains with an expert guide to see picturesque alpine lakes that reflect jaw-dropping scenery.

Indulge in a Spa Experience, taking advantage of your hotel's exceptional amenities for a relaxing massage.

Enjoy the remainder of your day at leisure.

Grand Hotel Zermatterhof | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 STRESA, ITALY | SHORES OF LAKE MAGGIORE

A short train ride takes you out of Zermatt today. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in the spectacular Simplon Pass before arriving in the Italian Lakes District and the beautiful resort town of Stresa, nestled on the shores of Lake Maggiore. Ernest Hemingway set portions of his World War I novel *A Farewell to Arms* here, although he didn't actually visit in person until 1948. Settle in to your lakeside hotel and enjoy a Scenic Sundowner overlooking the glittering lake, followed by a fine dinner.

Hotel La Palma | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



DAY 9 STRESA | PICTURESQUE ISLAND

Drive to Orta San Giulio, a charming medieval town resting upon a shimmering lake. The town occupies a promontory commanding wide views over the lake and farther shore, and its shaded streets are made for wandering. Take a boat to the nearby island of San Giulio to see its Benedictine monastery and church. Legend claims the island was once infested by serpents and monsters that terrorized local villages, until patron saint Julius of Novara arrived with a great storm at his back and banished them forever. Return to Stresa in the afternoon.

Hotel La Palma | Meals: Breakfast, Lunch

DAY 10 STRESA | LUSH, ALPINE LAKE MAGGIORE

This morning, relax and enjoy the amenities at your hotel, stroll the local market in Stresa or just sit in a café and watch the world go by. Later, board a private boat for a tour of Lake Maggiore and its islands, renowned for their impressive gardens. On beautiful Isola Bella, enjoy a special farewell dinner with your fellow guests as the sun sets over the surrounding mountains.

Hotel La Palma | Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11 DEPART MILAN

Transfer this morning to Milan Malpensa Airport for your onward travel.

Meals: Breakfast

Dates & Prices

Prices are in USD, per person, double occupancy. See complete terms and conditions [here](#).

Dates	Prices	Single Supplement	Availability
May 15 - May 25, 2025 <i>Days 6-7 at SchweizerhofZermatt</i>	\$14,995	\$5,495	Available
Jun 05 - Jun 15, 2025 <i>Days 6-7 at SchweizerhofZermatt</i>	\$15,995	\$5,795	Call for Availability
Jun 12 - Jun 22, 2025	\$15,995	\$5,795	Available
Jun 26 - Jul 06, 2025	\$15,995	\$5,795	Call for Availability
Jul 17 - Jul 27, 2025	\$15,995	\$5,795	Available
Sep 04 - Sep 14, 2025	\$15,995	\$5,795	Available
Sep 11 - Sep 21, 2025	\$15,995	\$5,795	Available
Sep 18 - Sep 28, 2025 <i>Days 6-7 at SchweizerhofZermatt</i>	\$15,995	\$5,795	Call for Availability
Sep 25 - Oct 05, 2025 <i>Days 6-7 at SchweizerhofZermatt</i>	\$15,995	\$5,795	Available
Oct 02 - Oct 12, 2025 <i>Days 6-7 at SchweizerhofZermatt</i>	\$15,995	\$5,795	Call for Availability

Journey Details

Minimum age is 10 years.

First group event: welcome dinner at 5:30 p.m. on Day 1.

Last group event: farewell dinner at 7:00 p.m. on Day 10.

Departures are guaranteed to operate with a minimum of 2 guests.