

London, Paris and Alpine Adventure

Depart Cairns 6th September at 10.55AM arrive Singapore 3.25PM – Silk air
Depart Singapore 6th September at 11.30PM arrive London 7th September at 5.55AM – Singapore Airlines

Accommodation: Corus Hotel Hyde Park IN: 7th September OUT: 9th September

Depart London by Eurostar on the 9th September at 11.31AM arrive Paris 2.47PM

Accommodation: Hotel Pax Opera IN: 9th September OUT: 11th September

Depart Paris 11th September at 1.05PM arrive Munich 2.40PM – Air France

Commence the following tour in Munich on the 11th September and ending in Zurich on the 23rd September

1. **ARRIVE IN MUNICH, GERMANY.**

Check into your hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore this delightful Bavarian capital. This evening, meet up with your Tour Director and fellow travellers.

2. **MUNICH AREA-LINDERHOF CASTLE-INNSBRUCK AREA, AUSTRIA.**

A fascinating itinerary today. First, see Munich's most famous square Marienplatz, then head south to visit LINDERHOF CASTLE, the smallest of the three Bavarian fairytale palaces commissioned by King Ludwig II and inspired by Louis XIV's Versailles. The rococo-style Linderhof is surrounded by splendid Italian Renaissance gardens with landscaped sections similar to an English garden. Continue into Austria through the scenic Inn Valley to Innsbruck to admire its fascinating town centre and historic Golden Roof. (B,D)

3. **INNSBRUCK AREA-KITZBUHEL-GROSSGLOCKNER-CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, ITALY.**

More glorious alpine landscapes as you head to medieval Kitzbuhel with its classic Tyrolean chalets and striking cobblestone centre dating back to the 9th century. On to Grossglockner Pass-the highest in Austria and featuring thrilling views of 3,798-metre-high (12,460-foot-high) Grossglockner Mountain, lush dairy pastures, and picturesque villages. Cross the border into Italy through the splendid Dolomites to the celebrated winter resort of Cortina d'Ampezzo for an overnight. (B)

4. **CORTINA D'AMPEZZO-LAKE CAREZZA-BOLZANO.**

This morning, travel through the spectacular Dolomites, then over Falzarego and Pordoi Passes. Stop at enchanting Lake Carezza to admire its brilliant rainbow colours and to search for the beautiful mermaid who, according to legend, hid here from the romantic pursuits of a powerful wizard. On to Bolzano, "Gateway to the Dolomites." (B)

5. **BOLZANO-GLORENZA-ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND.**

Enjoy the visit to Glorenza, the smallest fortified city in Tyrol and ideally situated where Switzerland, Austria, and Italy meet. Via Tubre Pass, descend into Engadine National Park, one of the most beautiful mountain areas in the world. Deep blue lakes, airy larch forests that turn golden in the fall, 3,658-metre-high (12,000-foot-high) peaks, and quaint villages with characteristic Grisons-style homes usher you on to glamorous St. Moritz, the oldest and most famous winter resort in the world. (B,D)

6. **AT LEISURE IN ST. MORITZ.**

A whole day to do as you please in this stylish Swiss spa resort, known for its stunning mountain scenery and superb shopping. (B)

7. **ST. MORITZ-BERNINA EXPRESS TO TIRANO, ITALY-LAKE COMO.**

Today, experience a memorable trip aboard the BERNINA EXPRESS. Crossing the Alps to Tirano in Italy, this spectacular rail journey takes you to altitudes greater than 1,981 metres (6,560 feet). Later, rejoin your motorcoach and head via Chiavenna to the shores of Lake Como, Italy's third-largest lake and one of the deepest in Europe. (B,D)

8. **LAKE COMO-TURIN.**

Travel through the Po Valley to Turin, birthplace of Fiat automobiles and home to the intriguing Holy Shroud of Turin. Upon arrival, visit all the major sites with a Local Guide. This evening, consider an optional dinner. (B)

9. **TURIN-AOSTA-MARTIGNY, SWITZERLAND-SION-TASCH**

A pleasant drive through the Aosta Valley, known as the smallest region in Italy and a favourite winter sports area. Enter Switzerland via ancient Martigny and Sion, one of the country's largest wine-making regions, then head to charming Tasch in the Zermatt area. (B,D)

10. **TASCH-AT LEISURE IN THE ZERMATT AREA.**

Spend the entire day in Zermatt, one of Switzerland's best-known resorts, situated in the shadow of the legendary Matterhorn. Stroll along the narrow, traffic-free streets lined with a variety of shops, cafes, and bars. Enjoy an optional ride on Europe's highest rack railway to 3,130-metre (10,272-foot) Gornergrat for breathtaking views of the Alps. (B)

11. **TASCH-GLACIER EXPRESS TRAIN TO ANDERMATT-LUCERNE AREA.**

Today, another highlight of your tour: the world-renowned GLACIER EXPRESS. This is Switzerland's most famous mountain railway, which passes over hundreds of bridges and through dozens of tunnels to give unique panoramic views of the Swiss Alps and surrounding valleys, forests, alpine meadows, rushing streams, and picture-perfect villages. Board the Glacier Express in Zermatt and leave it in Andermatt at the St. Gotthard massif, 1,436 metres (4,711 feet) above sea level. Rejoin your motorcoach for the descent into the dramatically different landscape of the lovely Lucerne area. (B)

12. **LUCERNE AREA-INTERLAKEN- BERNE-ZURICH.**

Cross Brunig Pass this morning and continue to Interlaken. Along the way, take photos of the Jungfrau massif with its three legendary peaks: Jungfrau, Monch, and Eiger. Travel through some of the country's best farmland to the Swiss capital, Berne, where sightseeing includes BEAR PARK and the Federal Palace. Then, continue to Zurich. (B)

13. **ZURICH.**

Your holiday ends with breakfast this morning

Depart Zurich 23rd September at 11.45AM arrive Singapore 24th September at 5.55AM – Singapore Airlines

Accommodation: Peninsular/Excelsior IN: 24th September OUT: 26th September

Depart Singapore 26th September at 8.30AM arrive Cairns 5.10PM – Silk Air

Cost per person \$5944.00 and includes the following:

Airfares

Airport taxes

2 nights accommodation in London

2 nights accommodation in Paris

Eurostar between London and Paris

13 day tour including sightseeing as per itinerary, breakfast daily and 4 dinners

2 nights accommodation in Singapore