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26 April 2012

20 June 2012

SWISS MOUNTAIN RAIL JOURNEYS

Swiss Mountain Rail Journeys: Alps, Glaciers and Lakes

Day 1: To SWITZERLAND You may join the tour in London, at Zurich Airport or in Switzerland's oldest town, Chur. If you join in London, you will travel on the Eurostar under the English Channel and, in Paris, change to France's high speed TGV train bound for Switzerland. If commencing at Zurich Airport, there is a transfer to Chur. This is our home for 3 nights. Meet your Tour Leader and fellow travellers for Welcome Drinks and Dinner. **[D]**

Day 2: CHUR Every day on the Great Trains of Europe Tours begins with a full buffet breakfast **[B]**. We commence our love affair with the great trains of Europe today on a rail journey to Switzerland's highest town Davos, famous from the nineteenth century as a "Wellness" centre, and now a very trendy ski resort in Winter. **[B]**

Day 3: CHUR – Bernina Express One of the world's great rail journeys today on the Bernina Express across the Alps to Tirano in Italy. So stunning is the scenery that one section of the route has been classed a UNESCO World Heritage site. We retrace our steps home to Chur. **[B]**

Day 4: Glacier Express to SPIEZ Our luggage is taken on ahead as we join the world's favourite little red Swiss mountain train, the Glacier Express. Enjoy breathtaking views from our panoramic car as we cross the Alps. Dinner is in our lakefront hotel in the village of Spiez, our home for 3 nights. **[B,D]**

Day 5: SPIEZ – Golden Pass Panoramic Today the Golden Pass Panorama train takes us from the Bernese Oberland to Lake Geneva. We have time in Montreux for lunch on the lakefront esplanade or on a steamer on the lake. Home to Spiez. **[B]**

Day 6: SPIEZ – Jungfrau Express Our rail journeying reaches new heights today on the highest of them all – the Jungfrau Bahn – to the Jungfraujoch station at 11,333 feet! On the way down we visit the beautiful village of Grindelwald. **[B]**

Day 7: To LUCERNE Our luggage is taken on ahead to Lucerne while we skirt the lake to Brienz where we ascend the Brienzer Rothorn (steam train on summer departures) for magnificent views to the Eiger. We arrive in lakeside Lucerne for some shopping time before dinner. **[B]**

Day 8: LUCERNE - Pilatus Trains and boats and cable car – to the top of Pilatus for unsurpassed views to Lake Lucerne below. **[B]**

Day 9: LUCERNE - Rigi Kulm Our final day and one of the best saved till last. Using Europe's first ever cog-wheel

railway we climb to the top of the "Queen of the Mountains" for 360 degrees Alpine views. Home for our Farewell Dinner. **[B,D]**

Day 10: Auf Wiedersehen The tour ends after breakfast. Transfer to the airport or take the TGV and Eurostar back to London. A Paris stopover can be arranged. **[B]**



INCLUDED FEATURES:

- ✓ First Class rail travel in reserved seats
- ✓ 4 Star hotels with buffet breakfasts
- ✓ 3 dinners
- ✓ Full time Historian / Tour Director

FACT BOX:

10 days

Departures:

April 30th, 2011
April 26th, 2012
June 20th, 2012

Cost:

Join in Chur, leave in Lucerne \$AU 4,950
Join and leave at Zurich airport \$AU 5,250
Join and leave in London \$AU 6,000
Single room supplement \$800.





Booking Conditions

Tour Operator:

Great Trains of Europe Tours (ABN 75 325 010 987) is a Licensed Travel Agent (Licence # 3217475) providing the consumer protection of the Travel Compensation Fund (Member # 9497). We are members of IATA (Licence # 96836610) and the Concorde Independent Agents' Network.

Costs:

All costs in this brochure are expressed in Australian dollars and are based on airfares, and land transport and accommodation costs, and Australian dollar exchange rates effective as at January 1st, 2011: \$AU1 = .76 Euro cents, .65 pence sterling. Exchange rate fluctuations of more than 2.5%, or increases in the price of any service provided, beyond the control of Great Trains of Europe Tours, may be passed on to travellers, right up to the date of departure.

A deposit of \$2,500 per person will guarantee a place on your chosen tour (unless already filled, in which case you will be advised of your place on the waiting list. With a maximum tour size of 25 travellers, tours often fill early).

Full final payment is due 90 days before commencement of the tour. Please make payment by cheque to "Great Trains of Europe Tours" or by bank transfer as follows: Heritage Building Society, Toowoomba BSB 638-060 Account Number 111 097 34. Great Trains of Europe Tours currently does not accept payment by credit card.

Cancellation Policy:

Cancellation at any time after the deposit is paid will result in the forfeiture of the deposit. Any booking cancelled between 90 days and 45 days before departure will incur a 50% cancellation charge on land content and up to 100% on airfares, depending on the airfare used. Bookings cancelled within 45 days of departure will incur a 100% cancellation charge. Travel insurance will cover cancellation because of illness, death in the family etc. Travel insurance is therefore considered mandatory.

Travel Insurance:

A condition of joining a Great Trains of Europe tour is either the purchase of travel insurance through Great Trains of Europe Tours, or

documentary evidence of a sufficient level of travel insurance purchased elsewhere.

European Rail Travel:

The standard of rail travel in Europe ranges from small and basic local trains to luxury High Speed International trains. On rare occasions European rail companies may change timetables, classes of travel available or rolling stock within the period of validity of a travel brochure. Descriptions of trains and routes provided in this brochure are accurate at the time of printing and provided in good faith. It is not possible to request rail seating either facing or with back to the direction of travel. Many European trains change direction during a journey.

Baggage allowance:

A baggage allowance of 20kgs per person applies to all tour members.

Coaches:

When itineraries take us away from rail routes and coaches must be used, a seating rotation system applies.

Hotels:

European hotel rooms - even in 4 or 5 star hotels - are often smaller than in Australian hotels. Single rooms, particularly, can be very small. Should a traveller who has requested a single room wish to have a quote for the cost of single occupancy of a double room, please ask. Tea and coffee making facilities are rare in European hotels, as are in-room security safes. In some European countries, government environmental agencies restrict the use of air-conditioning in hotels to the summer months.

Travellers sharing a room on a twin share basis will be asked their preferences re a double bed or twin beds, but no guarantee can be given that your request will be met. Hotel star ratings, where provided, are those of the country in which the hotel is situated, and vary from country to country.

Other Important Advice:

All tours will proceed if a minimum of 12 travellers have paid deposits by 90 days before scheduled departure. In the highly unlikely (unprecedented) event that there are insufficient travellers for a tour, you will be given a choice of (i) a full refund of all monies paid, (ii) a modified

cost structure for a smaller group, or (iii) a place on an alternative Great Trains of Europe Tour. Each tour is sold as a package and there can be no refund for any element of the tour (eg. a meal or an excursion) not utilised by the traveller by her / his own choice. Tour costs have built into them the costs associated with researching tours, communicating with overseas suppliers, brochure preparation and marketing. Great Trains of Europe Tours does not claim or imply that some of the inclusions in our tours may or may not be available at a lower price direct from the overseas supplier. Travellers are reminded, however, that purchases made direct with overseas suppliers are generally not covered by Australian Travel Agents licensing protections or the Australian Travel Compensation Fund.

Most photographs used in this brochure were taken by the Tour Leader on past tours, but some have been provided by hotels, rail companies or Tourism Boards. Photographs are indicative only and we cannot guarantee that a traveller on a Great Trains of Europe tour will personally see all of the places depicted in them.

Great Trains of Europe Tours reserves the right to decline any reservation or booking request, and may at the Tour Leader's discretion terminate any person's involvement in the tour due to unruly or disruptive behaviour.

Great Trains of Europe Tours does not accept responsibility for any injury, damage, loss, delay, change of schedule or other events which are beyond our direct control such as, but not limited to war, terrorism, civil disturbance, industrial action, acts of government or of God, or mechanical failure such as aircraft, trains or coaches.

Great Trains of Europe Tours cannot be held responsible for changes to provision of services by local European suppliers, but we will do all in our power to provide an alternative service of equal standard to that advertised, or make a cash refund of the difference on the spot.

Contract:

The contract between the traveller and Great Trains of Europe Tours, entered into by your signing the Booking form, shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Queensland.



Great Trains of Europe Tours **BOOKING FORM**

One form per person, please.

Tour Name: _____ Departure Date: _____

PASSPORT DETAILS

Full name (as in passport): _____

Address: _____

Passport No: _____ Date of Issue: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Nationality: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Ph. Home: () _____ Ph. Work: () _____

Mobile: _____ Email: _____

MEDICAL / DIET

Do you have any medical conditions or dietary requirements that we should be alerted to?

YES NO If you answered YES, please outline briefly: _____

Are you able to walk at a moderate pace without assistance? YES NO

NEXT OF KIN {to be contacted in event of an emergency}

Name: _____

Ph. Home: () _____ Ph. Work: () _____ Mobile: _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Please provide me with travel insurance. I have a pre-existing medical condition.

{NOTE: Passengers over 75 years of age at end of a tour will need a medical clearance}

I decline your offer of travel insurance and attach documentary evidence that I have sufficient travel insurance cover.

Insurance Company _____ Policy Number _____

ACCOMMODATION

Double Twin, sharing with _____

Twin, please find someone to share with me. If no suitable room-mate can be found, the single supplement is payable.

Single Room Single occupancy of double sized room {surcharge} Non-smoking Smoking

EXTRA ACCOMMODATION

Pre-Tour in _____ {city} Date IN __/__/__ Date OUT __/__/__

Post-Tour in _____ {city} Date IN __/__/__ Date OUT __/__/__

FLIGHTS

I seek your assistance with an airfare. Please contact me. **or** I will make my own flight arrangements.

PAYMENT METHOD

I enclose a cheque, payable to "Great Trains of Europe Tours" for \$ _____ **or**

I have deposited \$ _____ in the " Great Trains of Europe Tours" account at Heritage Building Society, 400 Ruthven St,

Toowoomba, Qld., 4350, Australia as follows.

BSB 638 — 060 Account Number 11109734 Swiftcode HBSLAU4T, and I attach a pay-in slip as evidence.

By signing this form I declare that I have read the Tour Terms and Conditions, understand them, and agree to abide by them.

Signature _____ Date _____



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