

# SWISS ALPINE EXPERIENCE

JOURNEYS  
by Van Dyke 

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 Land Journey

12 Days

\$14,990 CAD  
All inclusive from, per guest, double occ.

September 25 to  
October 6, 2025

# The Swiss Alpine Experience

Explore the enchanting Swiss Alps, discovering picturesque Ascona, St Moritz, and Zermatt. Delight in Swiss chocolate and savory cheese, ride The Glacier Express for breathtaking views, and ascend to the 'Top of Europe' on the Kleine Scheidegg to Jungfrauoch Cog Railway. Wander medieval streets in Lucerne for a charming touch.

This Swiss journey goes beyond postcard-perfect, offering an unforgettable experience that redefines travel. Get ready to be captivated by Switzerland's beauty in every moment.





## ① Glacier Express

Embark on a truly indescribable journey aboard the Glacier Express. As you travel the entire length of the railway, admire the views of snow-covered alpine peaks, roaring streams, lush meadows, and picturesque villages. Travelling along the Rhine River while snaking through 91 tunnels, across 291 bridges, over the Oberalp Pass and past the Landwasser Viaduct, it is sheer pleasure for your eyes.



## ② Matterhorn

Towering 4,478 meters across the skyline, the iconic and hypnotizing Matterhorn calls like a siren pulling you towards her majestic beauty. Embrace the magnificent grandeur of the famous Matterhorn as we climb aboard the cogwheel train for the best view from Gornergrat. The incredibly scenic landscapes of the monstrous Alps follow us at every turn throughout our journey.



## ③ The ‘Top of Europe’

Venture to the ‘Top of Europe’ aboard the ultimate rail journey. Climbing 3,454 metres above sea level on the Kleine Scheidegg to Jungfraujoch Cog Railway. Step out and feel the icy air on your skin and snow crunching beneath your feet as we explore the spectacular Ice Palace. Marvel at the breathtaking views while standing on the Jungfraujoch.

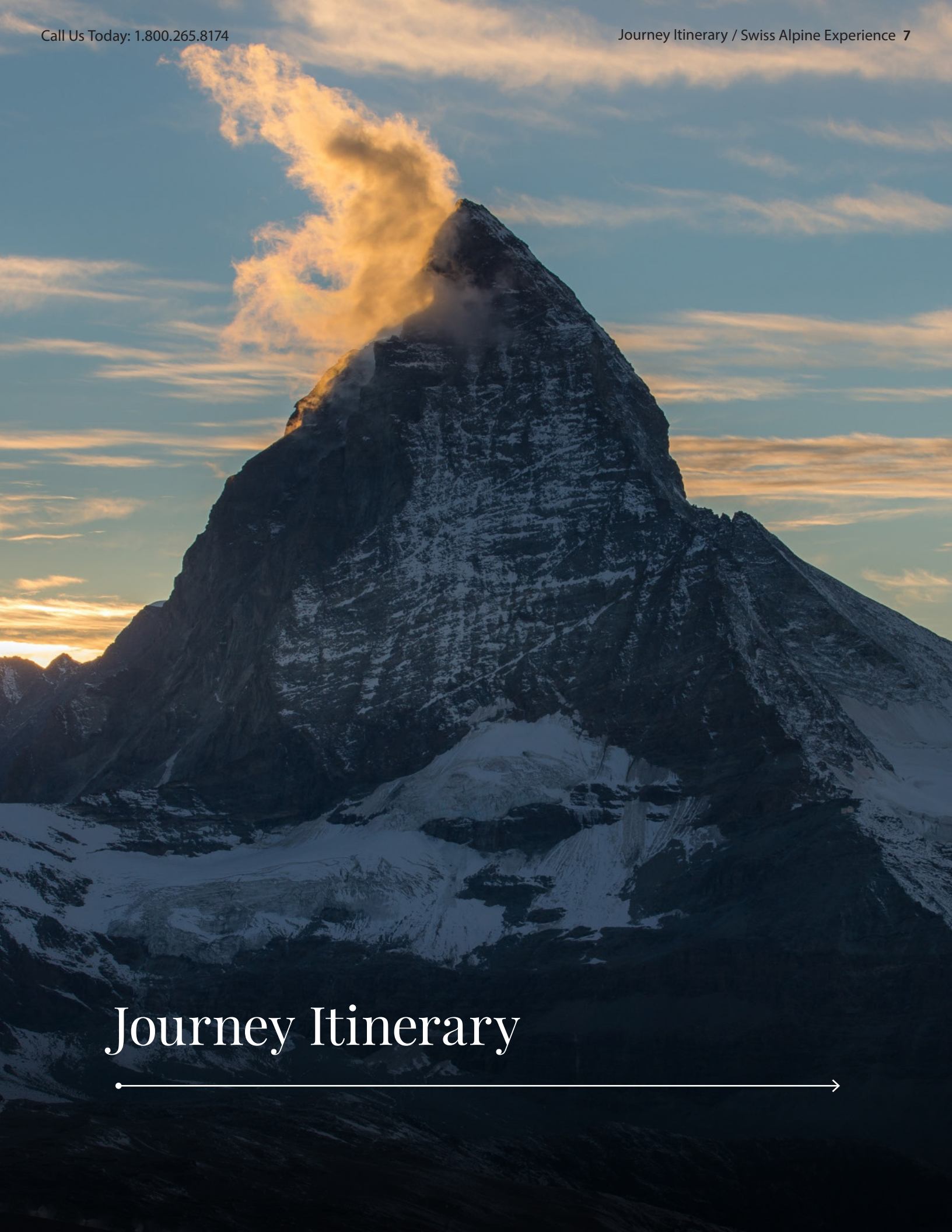




## ④ Cheese, Chocolate & Timepieces

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Discover the rich traditions of Swiss chocolate, cheese, and timepieces on expertly guided tours. Visit Gruyère and the iconic Emmental region for a behind-the-scenes look at cheese-making, complete with delectable tastings. Indulge in the art of Swiss chocolate before continuing to Biel, Switzerland's renowned "watch capital," for an exclusive tour of the Omega Watch Factory.



# Journey Itinerary



## Day 1

# DEPART FOR MILAN, ITALY

Start your Journey with us by enjoying a private car pick up service from your home. Upon arrival at the airport, guests departing from the Toronto airport are assisted with their check-in. Meet your Journey Manager and fellow guests, and board your flights to Milan. Our Journey Manager travels with you to take care of all the details, allowing you to embrace your Journey.

### **Overnight: Flight**







## Day 2

# WELCOME TO LUGANO

Upon our arrival in Milan, we are transferred by private coach along the snowy peaks of the Italian Alps and across the Swiss border of Lugano, known as the “Monte Carlo” of Switzerland. We are greeted by our local guide who will be with us the entire Journey. After lunch, the day is at your leisure to relax or explore. Tonight, join us for a casual welcome dinner.

**Overnight: Hotel International au Lac Lugano, Lugano**

**Meals: L, D**

## Day 3

# LAGO MAGGIORE & LUGANO

This morning our local guide takes us in a walking tour of Lugano before boarding a boat for a scenic cruise to Gandria. Here we enjoy lunch before returning to Lugano. We board our coach for a picturesque drive to the gorgeous lakeside paradise of Ascona, known as ‘the pearl’ of Lake Maggiore. Enjoy some free time to stroll through the avenues of one of the most beautiful places in Switzerland, lined with breezy palm trees and pastel homes. We return to Lugano where we will have dinner at our hotel.

**Overnight: Hotel International au Lac Lugano, Lugano**

**Meals: B,L,D**





## Day 4

# ST.MORITZ

Garnering the attention of celebrities and royals alike, St. Moritz is a shimmering alpine town with emerald forests, frosty mountains, and a glistening turquoise lake. Relish in a scenic drive to St. Moritz through the mountainous villages of San Bernardino Pass, Mala, Julier Pass and Engadin with breathtaking views of the Alps at every bend. Enjoying a delicious lunch before checking into our hotel. This afternoon we take a cable car to Piz Nair to admire the snow-covered slopes of St. Moritz, Pontresina, and Celerina sparkling in the sun. Dinner this evening is served at our hotel.

**Overnight: Crystal Hotel, St. Moritz**

**Meals: B,L,D**

## Day 5

# THE GLACIER EXPRESS

A day to remember, today we board the world-famous Glacier Express on a first-class rail Journey to Zermatt. Settle into the Panoramic Car and drink in the spectacular scenery of snowy mountains reaching above the valleys, grassy slopes, and charming villages. The seven-hour trek carries us along the Rhine River while snaking through 91 tunnels, across 291 bridges, and over the Oberalp Pass at its highest altitude of 2,044 metres. The Journey's signature structure, the Landwasser Viaduct, is one of the most photographed bridges in Europe due to its enormous yet delicate beauty. Indulge in lunch on board before arriving in Zermatt later this afternoon. A short walk brings us to our hotel.

**Overnight: Hotel Schweizerhof, Zermatt**

**Meals: B,L,D**





## Day 6

# ZERMATT & MATTERHORN

A blissful mountain village nestled in the Swiss Alps; Zermatt is a cozy town lying beneath a majestic mountain. Towering 4,478 meters across the skyline, the iconic and hypnotizing Matterhorn calls like a siren pulling you towards her majestic beauty. Enjoy a day at your leisure or join us on a scenic train ride from Zermatt to Gornergrat to catch the best view of the iconic Matterhorn Mountain and the surrounding Alpine vista. Grab your camera for the perfect postcard shot! This evening we dine on typical Swiss Cuisine.

**Overnight: Hotel Schweizerhof, Zermatt**

**Meals: B,D**

## Day 7

# CHEESE, CHOCOLATE & MONTREUX

This morning we walk to the train station and travel from Zermatt to Täsch where our coach will be waiting. We travel north through the Matter Valley towards the charming old town of Visp, one of the sunniest spots in Switzerland. Continue, through the countryside and through Pfyng-Finges nature park, Sion and Martigny. We follow the Rhone River to Aigle and pass vineyards until we get to the medieval town of Gruyère. According to legend, Gruyères was founded in 400 B.C. by the Vandal King Gruerius. He saw a crane (“grue” in French) flying across the crimson evening sky and decided to build his town on that very spot. We learn the secrets of cheese making at the Maison du Gruyère cheese factory and then we visit a local chocolatier to learn about the chocolate making process and of course get to sample some of the confections. A scenic drive brings us to our hotel.

**Overnight: Royal Plaza Montreux, Montreux**

**Meals: B,L,D**





## Day 8

# CHILLON CASTLE & LAUSANNE

Today we will have a guided tour of Chillon Castle in the morning. The water castle is the most visited historic building in Switzerland. For nearly four centuries Chillon was the residence and profitable toll station of the Counts of Savoy. Continuing to the Olympic City of Lausanne for an orientation tour of the city. Following lunch we return to our hotel and the remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure to explore and unwind.

**Overnight: Royal Plaza Montreux, Montreux**

**Meals: B,L,D**

## Day 9

# BERN & THE OMEGA WATCH FACTORY

A scenic drive through the soothing country roads brings us to Biel. Known as the ‘watch capital,’ we tour the impressive Omega Watch Factory. Here we venture into a high-tech facility where innovative watchmaking intersects with tradition. This afternoon we travel to the capital of Switzerland, Bern where you will have a guided tour and some free time to explore the medieval town.

**Overnight: Hotel Innere Enge, Bern**

**Meals: B,L,D**







## Day 10

# THE “TOP OF EUROPE”

Aboard the ultimate rail Journey, we climb 3,454 metres into the Alps to the Jungfrauoch, the ‘Top of Europe.’ Europe’s highest-altitude railway station from here, marvel at a high alpine world of ice and snow. Visiting the Ice Palace, we tour through a frosty world with each nook and cranny filled with mirror-smooth treasures. We travel by coach on a mesmerizing trail to Lauterbrunnen and through the scenic vistas of Lucerne before checking into our hotel in Vitznau and enjoy dinner at our hotel.

*Please note that this journey includes traveling to higher altitudes and those with heart and/or lung conditions should consult their doctor before making a reservation.*

**Overnight: Hotel Vitznauerhof, Vitznau**

**Meals: B,L,D**

## Day 11

# LUCERNE

Lucerne is best-known for the wooden bridge spanning the river to connect the city. The most famous and world's oldest one is the Chapel Bridge dating back to the 14th century. This pedestrians bridge is decorated with pictures representing Lucerne's history. This evening join your fellow travellers for a farewell dinner.

**Overnight: Hotel Vitznauerhof, Vitznau**

**Meals: B,L,D**





## Day 12

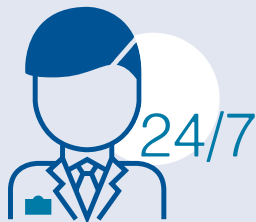
# HOME

Today we wave “auf wiedersehen” to our new Swiss friends and make our way to the airport for our flight home. Enjoy a private car to your home upon arrival.

**Meals: B**

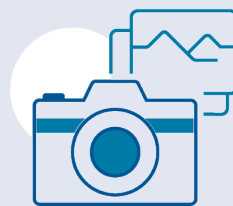
# Signature Inclusions on this Journey

In addition to our essentials, your Journey includes our following Signature Inclusions:



## 24/7 Professional Journey Manager

- Will travel with you from Canada and handle every detail
- In addition to knowledgeable local guides



## Memorable Private Excursions

- Private excursions crafted by our team
- All sightseeing & entrance fees included



## Private Car Pick-up Service

- Within a 200-kilometre radius, let your Journey begin in elegant comfort with a private chauffeured car to the airport



## Generous Tips & Gratuities

- For the porters, local guides, hotel staff & many more, paid by us on your behalf

Our essentials included with your Journey:

- **10 nights** in outstanding hotels
- **Wine or beer included with lunch and dinner**
- **Most meals included** (10 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 10 dinners)
- **Round-trip airfare** from Toronto
- **All taxes** as well as port & service charges
- **“Whisper” radios** included for use during excursions
- Other gateways & travel classes available
- Porterage for one piece of luggage per person
- Hassle-free visas handled & processed for Canadian citizens
- Complete information & assistance leading up to your departure
- Branded overnight carry-on or backpack

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# All-Inclusive Fares

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Double Occupancy

\$14,990

Single Occupancy

\$17,490

Prices are per guest in CAD, all taxes included.

