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The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. The regional expertise of your guides and lecturers shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

The scenes of your Switzerland story take place in a setting of unsurpassed beauty. Inhale the perfume of flower-strewn meadows and hear the song of thundering waterfalls on your journey to traditional Swiss villages, impossibly turquoise lakes and high mountain trails within the heart of Europe.

- ▶ Admire the majesty of the Bernese Oberland giants, the **Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau mountains**.
- ▶ Cruise across the luminescent waters of the **glacial lakes Brienz and Lucerne**.
- ▶ Witness the commanding mountains surrounding **Grindelwald**.
- ▶ Hike next to the rushing waters of Weissenbach River in **Rosenlauri Glacier Gorge**.
- ▶ Breathe crisp mountain air, listen to the serenade of cowbells and see sparkling waterfalls as you explore **Lauterbrunnen Valley**.
- ▶ Take a thrilling ride on a steam train that winds its way up the steep side of **Brienzer Rothorn**.



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Howdy, Ags!

Embark on a seven-night journey into the majestic Swiss Alps. Here, soaring peaks create a dramatic backdrop for your exploration of lush valleys, crystal lakes and charming Alpine towns.

From your home base of Interlaken, journey to Kandersteg and glacier-fed Lake Oeschinen. Marvel at the medieval treasures of Lucerne, and take a cruise across its namesake lake. Hike the Lauterbrunnen Valley for unforgettable mountain vistas. This and much more awaits you!

Enjoy enriching lectures, exciting excursions and camaraderie with your fellow travelers on this thrilling Swiss adventure! This program combines the unbeatable value and convenience of group travel with plentiful opportunities to experience Switzerland's great outdoors. We encourage you to make your reservations today!

Gig 'em!

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Lauterbrunnen Valley

Day One

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Zürich, Switzerland. ↗

Day Two

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Zürich, Switzerland | Interlaken

Upon arrival, transfer ↗ to Interlaken and check in to the Hotel Carlton-Europe.

Discovery: Interlaken. Experience the magnificent scenery of Interlaken, cradled by the snowy heights of Jungfrau, Eiger and Mönch, and straddling glittering lakes Thun and Brienz. Learn about local life during an orientation tour of this Victorian town that serves as home throughout your stay.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day Three

B | L

Kandersteg

Enrichment: Essential Switzerland.

Discuss the iconic elements of Swiss culture.

Discovery: Lake Oeschinen. Journey by train to Kandersteg, where a gondola whisks you 5,200 feet above sea level. Hike through pine forest and across mountain-ringed meadows of fragrant orchids and edelweiss to arrive at the gorgeous glacial waters of Lake Oeschinen. Cows and sheep graze



Lake Brienz

on hilly slopes as you stroll around the lake. Don't forget to stop, relax and enjoy the view. Return to Kandersteg to savor a hearty lunch of traditional Swiss fare.

Free Time: After lunch, return by train to Interlaken to enjoy a relaxing afternoon.

Day Four

B

Lucerne

Discovery: Lucerne. Take the train to Lucerne and explore this storybook Swiss town. Roam its tangle of cobblestone alleys and pretty squares lined with fresco-decorated homes. See architectural and historic treasures, including its well-preserved ancient wall and nine picturesque watchtowers. Admire gable paintings on the 14th-century Chapel Bridge. Soak up the unrivaled beauty of mountain-framed Lake Lucerne on a cruise, savoring the same vistas that inspired luminaries, such as Goethe, Queen Victoria and Wagner.

Free Time: Explore the sights and quaint shops of Lucerne.

Day Five

B | L

Grindelwald | Rosenloui

Discovery: Grindelwald and Rosenloui Glacier Gorge. Travel by train to the skiing and hiking resort town of Grindelwald, nestled

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This program is moderately paced with a good balance of included activities and excursions and time to explore on your own. Travelers should be physically fit, able to walk distances of up to 3 miles, exit and enter trains quickly and navigate stairs, hills and uneven terrain.



Rothorn steam train

against the majestic Wetterhorn and famous north face of Eiger. Explore Grindelwald on your own before taking a Swiss PostBus, part of Switzerland's extremely efficient rail system, through the high mountain pass Grosse Scheidegg to Rosenloui to continue the day's adventures. Stop at the Hotel Rosenloui, one of the oldest Alpine hotels, for a delicious lunch of traditional cuisine. The hotel traces its history to the 18th century, when the fledgling tourism industry emerged in the Swiss Alps. After lunch, walk through the narrow Rosenloui Glacier Gorge. Feel the cool breeze as you climb the steps that parallel the Weissenbach River, which rushes through the glacier-carved gorge.

Day Six B | D

Lauterbrunnen Valley | Mürren

Enrichment: Mountaineering. Learn about Switzerland's long tradition of Alpine mountain climbing.

Discovery: Lauterbrunnen Valley. Take a train ride to idyllic Lauterbrunnen Valley. From here, hike to Winteregg and on to Mürren, a pretty car-free town, for some time to explore on your own. On a clear day, see the iconic north face of the Eiger peak, as well as Mönch and Jungfrau. If you are a James Bond fan, you may want to take the cable car (at an additional cost) up the Schilthorn, which was featured in "On Her Majesty's Secret Service." Descend from Mürren by aerial cable car and take in the majestic scenery.

Tonight, enjoy a group dinner in Interlaken.



Mountain vistas, Interlaken

Day Seven B

Interlaken

Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure in Interlaken or venture out for an Alpine adventure with your camera in hand. Head to nearby Thun, a pretty city along the Aare River and Lake Thun, or the town of Meiringen for a hike to the Aare Gorge.

ELECTIVE | Bern. Tour the medieval Swiss capital of Bern. See the well-preserved Clock Tower; Albert Einstein's home, where the physicist wrote his theory of relativity; and the Cathedral of Bern, a masterpiece of late Gothic architecture. Explore the covered arcades and Bear Park during free time.

Enrichment: Wines of Switzerland. Most Swiss wine remains in Switzerland. Enjoy this rare opportunity to sample Swiss wines and learn about the country's wine industry.

Day Eight B | L | D

Brienz | Rothorn

Discovery: Brienz and the Rothorn.

Explore the fairy-tale village of Brienz with its sapphire waters, thick forests and clusters of chalets festooned with red geraniums. Delve into the city's woodcarving tradition and take a breathtaking steam train ride to the summit



UNESCO World Heritage

Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch

of the Rothorn for glorious panoramas. Enjoy lunch on the mountain before returning to Brienz. Witness majestic landscapes of forested hills, jagged cliffs and cascading falls as you cruise back to Interlaken across the translucent waters of Lake Brienz.

Tonight, celebrate the end of an exciting journey as a singing group entertains you with local folk songs and the Alpenhorn at a special Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day Nine

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In Transit

Following breakfast, transfer to the Zürich airport for the return flight to your gateway city.✈

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Travelers should be physically fit, able to walk distances of up to 3 miles, exit and enter trains quickly and navigate stairs, hills and uneven terrain.

✈Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

 Elektive experiences available at an additional cost

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Seven nights in Interlaken, Switzerland, at the first-class Hotel Carlton-Europe.

EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Seven breakfasts, three lunches and three dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Tour Interlaken.
 - Visit Kandersteg and Lake Oeschinen.
 - Delight in Lucerne and a lake cruise.
 - Enjoy the charm of Grindelwald.
 - Explore Rosenlauri Glacier Gorge.
 - Hike through beautiful Lauterbrunnen Valley.
 - Discover Brienz’s woodcarving heritage.
 - Travel by steam train to the Rothorn summit.
 - Cruise sparkling Lake Brienz.
- A mountain guide to lead hiking excursions.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
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- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



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Before you go:

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Departure City

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- Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

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Air Program dates: June 20-28, 2018

Land Program dates: June 21-28, 2018

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