

Swiss Christmas Holiday

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8 Wonderful Days Bernese Oberland – Independent Tour

Imagine waking up this Christmas in a delightful chalet style hotel in the stunning Swiss Alps. Enjoy scenic train journeys through the magnificent mountains and lakes to Montreux, Luzern and medieval Bern. Savour Swiss hospitality, bubbling cheese fondues, snow-covered peaks and more.

The concept of this tour

Unlike all the other programmes in this brochure this is not an escorted tour. It doesn't need to be. It has been specifically designed with individual flexibility in mind and includes 8 days unlimited travel on the incredibly reliable and comprehensive Swiss Rail system.

This unique style of holiday allows you the freedom to independently explore picture postcard villages & towns, experience breath-taking panoramic views from mountain tops and enjoy dining in scenic restaurants. The choices are endless...

Or for those wanting the chance to enjoy snow sports, you are in the perfect location. Access to some of Switzerland's premier ski areas is easy from the location of either of our hotels.

You have the choice of two superb hotels – the Hotel Alpenblick in the village of Wilderswil or the Hotel Oberland in the village of Lauterbrunnen. Both hotels are located in the heart of the Bernese Oberland – home to the mighty peaks of the Jungfrau, Mönch, Eiger (of 'The Eiger Sanction' fame), the Breithorn and the Schilthorn, as well as internationally known winter resorts like Interlaken, Wengen, Grindelwald and Mürren.

See page 41 for detailed hotel descriptions.

Your Swiss Travel Pass allows you 8 days unlimited 2nd class train travel throughout Switzerland on the incredibly efficient and user friendly Swiss Rail network, and discounts on most mountain railways and cable cars. Your Swiss Travel Pass also provides you free entrance to many museums and exhibitions.



Ride in the Golden Pass Panoramic train soaking up the Swiss landscape

DAY 1 ~ 21 DECEMBER

To Your Swiss Christmas Hotel

Using your Swiss Travel Pass, make your way from any arrival point in Switzerland to your selected hotel where you will stay the next seven nights. A buffet breakfast and four-course evening dinner are included each day. **Meals: D**

DAYS 2-7 ~ 22-27 DECEMBER

At Your Swiss Christmas Hotel

The alpine peaks of Switzerland are world famous and you will be staying in the heart of this incredibly dramatic scenery. There are numerous world class ski fields nearby and the area is littered with excellent walking and cross country skiing trails.

Your included 8 day Swiss Travel Pass gives you daily unlimited access to enjoy so many exhilarating alpine rail excursions – to Luzern, medieval Bern, Interlaken, Brienz (noted for its wood-carvings), Thun, and Meiringen (of Sherlock Holmes fame and where 'meringues' originated) plus the chic mountain ski resorts of Grindelwald and Wengen.

We have also included pre-booked seats on the Golden Pass Panoramic train from Zweisimmen, past Gstaad and Château-d'Oex, to Montreux on Lake Geneva!

You will be surrounded by stupendous mountains accessed by cable car rides and lifts such as to the Schilthorn (James Bond fame) and the Jungfrauoch – at 11,000 feet high the views are magnificent. **Meals: B,D daily**

DAY 8 ~ 28 DECEMBER

Tour Ends

Today your Swiss Christmas Holiday ends. Your Swiss Travel Pass allows you to transfer to any departure point in Switzerland. **Meals: B**



Dates & Prices

8 days only \$2,225 pp

twin share

Single supplement \$155

Land only prices in NZ dollars

Child discounts apply to 15 years and under

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**Starts
Bernese
Oberland**

21 Dec 2017

**Ends
Bernese
Oberland**

28 Dec 2017

**Space strictly limited!
Book now.**



Choose from 2 hotels

We offer you the choice of staying in one of two superb, family run, chalet style hotels – the Hotel Alpenblick in the village of Wilderswil or the Hotel Oberland in the village of Lauterbrunnen.

Choice 1 Your Wilderswil Hotel – Hotel Alpenblick



The small community of Wilderswil is typical of a Swiss rural village. Located 700 metres from Wilderswil railway station and only 3 kilometres from Interlaken, you have quick and easy access for all your included train excursions. With a history dating back 400 years, the Alpenblick has been in the Stöckli family for two generations and is now looked after by Richard Stöckli and his wife Yvonne. Richard himself oversees the hotel kitchen and has gained many awards from culinary institutions, and the Gourmet à la carte Restaurant was awarded 16 points by Gault Millau and one Michelin star; while the hotel received an award as one of the 25 best three-star holiday hotels in Switzerland. All rooms include private facilities, hair-dryer, TV, radio and safe. The hotel has 2 dining areas, a reading room/lounge and a cosy hotel bar. Please note the Alpenblick is a 3 storey hotel and has no lift. Pricing based on standard economy rooms. Room upgrades available on request subject to availability. See www.hotel-alpenblick.ch

Choice 2 Your Lauterbrunnen Hotel – Hotel Oberland



The delightful village of Lauterbrunnen is located 15 minutes down the train line from Wilderswil. The setting is stunning with 1,000 foot sheer cliffs rising either side of this narrow 'valley of the waterfalls' (these are the cliffs that James Bond keeps leaping off when chased by the baddies). The Oberland Hotel dates back well over 100 years and is located in the heart of the village, 200 metres from the railway station. You will be the guests of Ursula and Mark Nolan-von Allmen. Mark's passion for Swiss hill walking led him from Australia to Lauterbrunnen where he met and married Ursula. The dining is excellent, there is a relaxing bar/café, lounge and all rooms include private facilities, TV and radio. Please note the Oberland is a 4 storey hotel and has no lift. Single rooms contain a single bed and do not have balconies. Upgrade to double room for single use available on request, subject to availability. Additional supplement applies. See www.hoteloberland.ch

**Over \$800 value
of extras already
included**

- ☐ 7 nights accommodation with private facilities in your choice of hotel
- ☐ Swiss Travel Pass with 8 days unlimited train travel throughout Switzerland on the incredibly efficient and user friendly Swiss Rail network
- ☐ Reserved seats on the Golden Pass Panoramic train to Montreux on Lake Geneva
- ☐ Buffet breakfast daily (B)
- ☐ 4-course evening dinners including Christmas Eve dinner (D) and Christmas Day Lunch (Alpenblick only) (L)
- ☐ Hotel tips
- ☐ Albatross Tours travel App



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