

Switzerland's Alpine Majesty

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Dear National Trust Traveler,

Set off on an epic journey through two distinct and culturally diverse regions of Switzerland. Enjoy stays in German-speaking Interlaken, set against the Swiss Alps, and French-speaking Nyon, nestled near the breathtaking French Alps. Travel by cogwheel, train and gondola to coveted treasures and follow scenic paths to inspiring views. This alluring program calls to the active traveler!

Begin in gorgeous Interlaken, tucked in the heart of the Bernese Oberland, where you'll dive into local culture and stroll through storybook towns. Your next jaunt brings you to lakeside Nyon, where we will cruise upon shimmering Lake Geneva and visit Château de Chillon. Along the adventure, delight your senses with heavenly Swiss milk chocolates and cheeses and sip fine vintages at a cellar tucked in the Lavaux region. Plus, cross over into France to visit idyllic Annecy, a sweet French town near a beautiful lake.

With a seasoned Travel Director on hand to manage the details, you're free to focus on each day's exciting new experiences. Knowledgeable lecturers and local guides offer rich details to enhance your understanding as you explore lauded scenery and sights.

A journey as remarkable as this will fill up very fast! Guarantee your spot by reserving today.

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch
2. Lavaux, Vineyard Terraces



UNESCO Intangible Culture of Humanity
Alpine pasture season

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Discovery begins here



Snowcapped Alpine mountains, crystal clear waterways that mimic unfettered blue skies and fields of greenery await! Uncover rich cultural diversity and intriguing lifestyles on this journey through Switzerland's diverse cantons, each with its own distinct charms, unique historical traditions, customs and dialects. Whether nibbling cheese, hiking through wildflowers or relaxing during a scenic train journey, rise each day to excitement and wonder!

Top: Lake Oeschinen | Above: Swiss wine

Cover: Lauterbrunnen Valley

Mail panel: Annecy, France | Château de Chillon

Inspiring Moments



- Discover the unique cultures, cuisines and traditions of **German and French-speaking Switzerland**.
- Journey by train, bus, boat and foot through **spectacular Switzerland**.
- Gaze at sprawling mountain scenes from the **top of the Schilthorn**.
- Feast your eyes on the soul-stirring landscapes of the **Bernese Oberland**.
- Surround yourself with the natural wonders of the **Lauterbrunnen Valley**.
- Sip light, crisp wine at a winery in **Lavaux**, a celebrated wine region.
- From sweet to savory, tempt your palate with chocolate and cheese in **Gruyères**.
- Visit the beautiful French city of **Annecy**.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage** sites and one **Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity** tradition.



Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Zürich, Switzerland. 🌐

Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | Interlaken

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to Interlaken and check in to the hotel.

Discover Interlaken. Gather for a brief introductory tour of this appealing destination. Join us for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Kandersteg | Oeschinensee

Lake Oeschinen. A train journey takes you to Kandersteg to begin a discovery of the Bernese Oberland. Here, a gondola whisks you toward Lake Oeschinen nestled nearly 5,200 feet above sea level. Stretch your legs and delight in a gentle hike to the cerulean glacial lake. Along the way, pass meadows bursting with vibrant wildflowers and cows and sheep lazing amid sun-drenched pastures. Pause to breathe in fresh, mountain air and enjoy the view.

Enrichment: Swiss Icons. Join a local lecturer to learn about the history of Switzerland and discover what makes this mountainous country unique among its European neighbors.

Day 4 | Lauterbrunnen | Mürren

Lauterbrunnen Valley. Hop aboard a train for a ride to the idyllic Lauterbrunnen Valley; then transfer to a cable car and ride to Grütschalp. Hike along a pleasant forest path to Winteregg and on to Mürren, a tranquil, car-free town with traditional chalets and a population of only 350 residents. On a clear day, you might witness the

imposing north face of the Eiger peak as well as the peaks of Mönch and Jungfrau. Take a moment to slow down and truly delight in the storybook views before you! Next, you're in for a special treat as you ride the cable car up the Schilthorn, one of the longest aerial cableways. Spend time enjoying the 360-degree views atop this high summit. Later, descend by aerial cable car, traversing fanciful mountain scenery.

Enrichment: Mountaineering. Learn about Switzerland's pastime of mountain climbing.

Day 5 | Interlaken

Free Time: Soak up the many pleasures of Interlaken at your own pace. Choose to hike another scenic trail or perhaps settle in at a local café to relax with a book.

This evening, gather for dinner in a restaurant located on the Harder Kulm mountain top for a delightful meal paired with unparalleled views.

Day 6 | Gruyères | Nyon

After breakfast, begin your journey from the German-speaking region of Switzerland to the country's French-speaking region.

🌐 **AHI Connects | Swiss Cheese.** Visit a local cheese factory. Watch a demonstration on making handmade Gruyère cheese and sample this decadent Swiss delicacy.

Free Time: Make your own discoveries in Gruyères during time at leisure. This quaint picturesque town boasts many intimate souvenir shops and inviting restaurants.

Swiss Chocolate. Your discovery of local flavors continues at a Swiss chocolate factory.



During an interactive tour, learn about how chocolate came to Europe and see how the raw ingredients of cocoa beans and cocoa butter become concoctions of milk, dark and white chocolate. Indulge in samples of the premium confectionery.

Continue to Nyon and check in to your hotel.

Day 7 | Montreux | Lavaux

Château de Chillon & Montreux. Embark on a tour of this 13th-century castle, noted as one of the most visited historic buildings in Switzerland. The castle features wall paintings from the 14th century, three courtyards and subterranean vaults. Continue to the lakeside resort of Montreux, known for its stunning promenade and awe-inspiring backdrop.

This afternoon, enjoy panoramic drive to Lavaux with a stop for lunch along the way.

Lavaux Vineyards. Head into the fertile Lavaux vineyard region, where sun-kissed hills and rolling terraces unfold into a fairy-tale landscape. Learn about the region's viniculture

Lauterbrunnen Valley



and visit a local winery to experience the art of winemaking firsthand. Enjoy a guided tasting enriched with expert insights.

Free Time: Return to Nyon for an evening at leisure. Perhaps stroll through town and find the perfect spot for dinner on your own.

Day 8 | Geneva

Geneva City Tour. Gorgeous Geneva awaits to charm you! Switzerland's second most populated city is a modern financial center and diplomacy capital. On a walking tour, gaze at the symbolic Jet d'Eau, set on the Jetée des Eaux Vives, and explore the culture-filled old town, filled with terraces, coffee shops and bubbling fountains.

Free Time: Make your own discoveries in Geneva. Take a walk by Geneva's Flower Clock, the world's second-largest working clock, relax in Bastion's Park or pick up some

Jet d'Eau, Geneva





traditional Swiss souvenirs along Geneva's pedestrian-friendly streets.

This afternoon, unwind on a relaxing lake cruise across the beautiful waters of Lake Geneva, taking in stunning views of the Alps.

Day 9 | Annecy, France | Nyon, Switzerland

A Journey to the French Alps. Cross into France to visit the eye-catching lakeside gem of Annecy. Wander the winding cobblestone streets of the old town, passing pastel houses and cr peries, tranquil canals, tiny bridges, beautiful churches and historic clock towers. Immerse yourself in the rhythms of local culture and daily life with time to explore at your leisure, then savor a delicious French lunch before returning to Switzerland.

Tonight, celebrate the end of a wonderful journey at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 10 | In Transit

Transfer to the Geneva airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Active Travel

This **Active Program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this program require:

- walking on unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches, boats and/or trains, gondolas and funiculars
- tolerating high altitude conditions

Included Features



Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **4 nights** in Interlagen, Switzerland, at the first-class Hotel Carlton-Europe.
- **4 nights** in Nyon at the first-class Hotel Le Rive.

Transfers {with baggage handling}

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Custom Rail Pass.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mememotos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Old Town Montreux





Schilthorn cable car in the Bernese Alps



Cruise on Lake Geneva



Annecy, France

2026 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates ✈ **August 19-28, 2026**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **August 20-28, 2026**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Full Price **\$5,745**

Special Savings **\$750**

Special Savings Price* **\$4,995**

***This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.**

Deposit amount is \$750 per person.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single accommodations are an additional \$995 (limited availability).

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://natrus.ahitravel.com/destinations/1976A?schoold=250>.

AHI FlexAir

Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants assist with the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and Knowledgeable Lecturers deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

Accommodations



Hotel Carlton-Europe | Interlaken



Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. In Interlaken, Hotel Carlton-Europe provides an ideal base for exploring the Jungfrau region and the Bernese Oberland. In Nyon, Hotel Le Rive boasts magnificent views of Lake Geneva and the Alps from its lakefront setting. During your stay at each property, delight in friendly, attentive care from the professional staff. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of their services, amenities and accommodations.



Hotel Le Rive | Nyon



Swiss chocolate and cheese



Swiss cheese fondue



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