

Chapel Bridge

Tour Code: GVGS20



Switzerland

SCHEDULED DEPARTURES

July 12 - 22, 2020

Lauterbrunnen



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Lion Monument

Day 1: Sunday, July 12, 2020 • Depart U.S.

Our adventure begins as we depart on our transatlantic flight to Zurich, Switzerland.

Day 2: Monday, July 13, 2020 • Zurich

We meet our guide at the airport and travel north of Zurich to visit the Rhine Falls, the largest waterfall in Europe. We experience feeling of the roar and the vibrations over entire body. The Rhine Falls came into being due to tectonic shifts in the Ice Age when Rhine River was forced into a new riverbed more than 15,000 years ago. After the tour is over, we enjoy lunch at Park am Rheinfall, a restaurant with large windows providing a fantastic view over the falls. We return to Zurich where a local guide takes us on a walking tour of Zurich's Old Town. We then check into our hotel. **L**

Day 3: Tuesday, July 14, 2020 • Lucerne

We begin our day with a walking tour of Lucerne. We cross the famous wooden Chapel Bridge, and stop to see the sculptured, poignant Lion Monument, designed by the Danish sculptor Thorwaldsen, as a memorial to Swiss mercenaries that lost their lives defending the King of France. **B, D**

Day 4: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 • Lucerne

Today we enjoy a cruise on Lake Lucerne as we make our way to Alpnachstad. There we board the Pilatus cog rail, the world's steepest that winds through lush meadows carpeted with Alpine flowers, past sparkling mountain streams and fascinating rock faces. After lunch on our own we ride the



Lake Lucerne



Glacier Express

aerial cableway back to Lucerne, where we enjoy the rest of the day and evening at leisure. **B, D**

Day 5: Thursday, July 16, 2020 • Interlaken

Departing lovely Lucerne, we first cross the Brunig Pass and arrive at the international resort town of Interlaken. We then reach Lauterbrunnen, the "village of the waterfalls." Here a cogwheel train brings us to Kleine Scheidegg for a spectacular panoramic view of Jungfrau mountain peaks and a lunch break before riding down the other side of the mountain to Grindelwald, the "village of the glaciers." We then transfer back to Interlaken where dinner and a Swiss Folklore Show awaits us. **B, D**

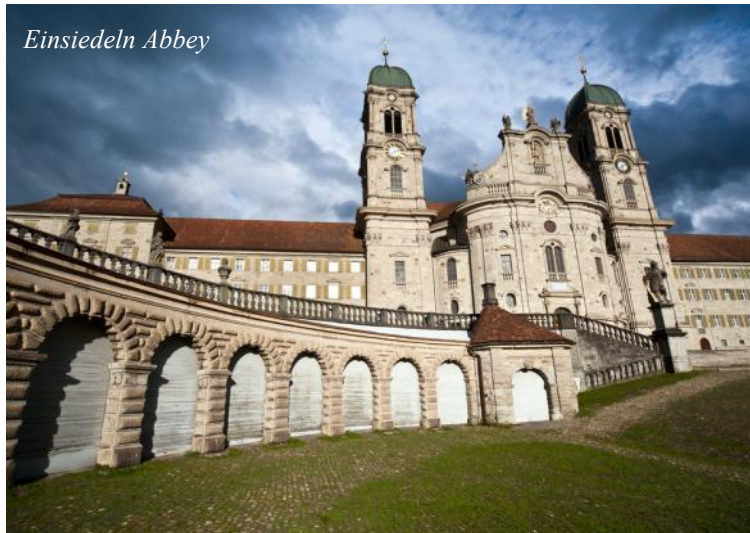
Day 6: Friday, July 17, 2020 • Montreaux

Today we will make a visit into Bern, the lovely capital of Switzerland. This old university town is built on a sandstone ridge, surrounded on three sides by the Aare River. Some of the interesting sights to note include the Renaissance-style Bundeshaus, the elegant Gerechtigkeitsgasse, and the Bärengraben, the circular bear-pit in which bears, the symbol of Bern, have been kept since 1480. We have time to explore on our before we transfer to a Gruyère cheese farm La Maison du Gruyère where we enjoy a fondue lunch. Our last destination today is Montreux on the crystal-clear Lake Lemman where we visit Chillon Castle, made famous by Byron's work, "The Prisoner of Chillon." We overnight in Montreaux area. **B, L**



Chillon Castle

Einsiedeln Abbey



Day 7: Saturday, July 18, 2020 • Zermatt

We check out from our hotel and move on to Zermatt. Our first stop today will be at Valais winery where we also enjoy our lunch. We then move on to Saas-Fee where we take gondola to Mittelallalin to visit ice pavillion. We continue to Zermatt that is famed as a mountaineering and ski resort of the Swiss Alps. It is a mountain town that permits no gas driven vehicles, meaning no cars or vehicles unless electric or pulled by animals. We arrive at our hotel and the rest of the day is at leisure. **B, L**

Day 8: Sunday, July 19, 2020 • Zermatt

Early this morning, we may hear the cow bells as the farmers take their cows to pasture. Later we enjoy a delicious Swiss breakfast perhaps with some of the cheese produced by those cows. Our day is entirely free for individual interests. Those who wish to taste rye bread can do so at a local bakery. Those who fancy air dried meat can do so at a local butchery. **B**

Day 9: Monday, July 20, 2020 • Zermatt

After breakfast, we board the Glacier Express to St. Moritz. This is considered one of the most beautiful train rides in Europe with breathtaking views of snowcapped mountains and waterfalls. After we arrive in St. Moritz, we transfer to back to our hotel for dinner and drinks. **B, D**

Day 10: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 • Zurich

We explore St Moritz this morning. Twice host of the Winter Olympics, St. Moritz has a world championship bobsled track made of natural ice and an outdoor Olympic ice ring. However, St. Moritz first became famous thanks to its mineral springs that were discovered 3,000 years ago and established the alpine town as a summer spa resort. Then we depart for Zurich. We stop in Einsiedeln in the foothills of the Alps. Einsiedeln is a pilgrimage site where we have time to explore the Abbey. Tonight, we have a farewell dinner in a Swiss restaurant in Zurich. **B, D**

Day 11: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 • Return

Sadly, we must bid Switzerland farewell as we transfer to the Zurich Airport, where we board our flight for the return trip across the Atlantic. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast **L**=Lunch **D**=Dinner

TOUR COST: \$4,975*

per person, double occupancy

Single supplement = \$750

with a minimum of 20 participants

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip Airfare** (Chicago to Zurich) and related taxes, fees and fuel charges (*estimated at \$1,250*)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in 3 and 4 star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, except as noted below

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

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Purchase of health, baggage, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance is strongly recommended.

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

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Legal Name: _____

(Name for name badge): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Dietary Needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Work phone/cell: _____ E-mail: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: _____ OR Single supplement: _____ Yes _____ No

Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost)

☐ I wish to purchase a travel insurance thru Travel Guard and have included the premium with my deposit.

☐ I wish to decline the travel protection plan offered through Travel Guard.

Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

☐ Enclosed is my \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures, Inc.**

☐ Please charge \$ _____ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

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Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____



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