

Bernina Express.



The Rhaetian Railway's spectacular Albula and Bernina Line most deservedly enjoy UNESCO World Heritage status. Operating on the world's highest-altitude railroad, the Bernina Express traverses the Alps, thereby linking the north of Europe to the south. From February to November, the journey can be extended on board the Bernina Express Bus along beautiful Lake Como and through the picturesque villages between Lugano and Tirano (Italy).

Good to know

- Passport or identity card required for the border crossing into Italy.
- No dining cars on Bernina Express trains; local snacks, beverages and souvenirs available on all trains; lunchtime in Poschiavo, Le Prese or in the small Italian town of Tirano.
- Bernina Express Bus: operates between Tirano and Lugano from February to November. Thursday to Sunday 21 Feb–21 Apr and 31 Oct–24 Nov 2019, daily 22 Apr–27 Oct 2019.

Sales information

- All Swiss Travel System tickets are valid.
- Valid ticket and seat reservations are required. Seat reservations are subject to a surcharge.
- Surcharge (train and bus):
 - Winter season, 9 Dec–1 Mar/28 Oct–14 Dec 2019: CHF 10
 - Shoulder season, 2 Mar–31 May/30 Sep–27 Oct 2019: CHF 14
 - Summer season, 1 Jun–29 Sep 2019: CHF 16

Winter services

In winter, additional panorama coaches are integrated into regional train compositions. From St. Moritz and Tirano, panoramic coaches with seats at a reduced surcharge of CHF 5 are regularly added to the regional trains.



Route: Chur/Landquart>Davos/St. Moritz>Poschiavo>Tirano>Lugano
Duration: 2h 30 min (St. Moritz–Tirano), 3h 40 min (Davos–Tirano), 4h 13 min (Chur–Tirano), 5h (Landquart–Tirano), 3h (Bus Lugano–Tirano)

Further information

mystsnet.com/berninaexpress
rhb.ch

Booking

mystsnet.com/wheretobuy

Timetable winter (09 December 2018 to 10 May 2019 and 28 October to 14 December 2019)

Chur/St. Moritz–Tirano–Lugano

Train		951	975 ¹⁾
Chur	dp	08.32	
St. Moritz	dp		15.11
Tirano	arr	12.49	17.32

Bus 5951²⁾

Tirano	dp	14.20	
Lugano	arr	17.30	

Lugano–Tirano–St. Moritz/Chur

Bus 5950 ²⁾			
Lugano	dp	10.00	
Tirano	arr	13.00	

Train		976 ¹⁾	950
Tirano	dp	10.07	14.25
St. Moritz	dp	12.36	
Chur	arr		18.19

Timetable summer (11 May to 27 October 2019)

Chur/Landquart/Davos/St. Moritz–Tirano–Lugano

Train		973	951	961	975
Chur	dp		08.32		
Landquart	dp			08.37	
Davos Platz	dp			09.51	
St. Moritz	dp	09.39			15.11
Tirano	arr	12.00	12.49	13.33	17.32

Bus 5951²⁾

Tirano	dp			14.20	
Lugano	arr			17.30	

Lugano–Tirano–St. Moritz/Davos/Landquart/Chur

Bus 5950 ²⁾			
Lugano	dp		10.00
Tirano	arr		13.00

Train		976	974	950	960
Tirano	dp	10.07	14.07	14.25	15.13
St. Moritz	arr	12.36	16.19		
Davos Platz	arr				18.47
Landquart	arr				20.13
Chur	arr			18.19	

¹⁾ 26 December 2018–06 January 2019, 19 April–03 November 2019, 07–08 December 2019

²⁾ Thu–Sun, 21 February–21 April and 31 October–24 November 2019/Daily, 22 April–27 October 2019

Route highlights.

Landwasser Viaduct.

The 65-metre (213 feet) high Landwasser Viaduct, coming into view shortly before the village Filisur, is the most spectacular bridge construction on the Albula Line between Thusis and St. Moritz. The viaduct is made from natural stone and has a length of 142 metres (466 feet). It spans the pristine Landwasser Valley in a bold curve – and dives right into a tunnel.



UNESCO World Heritage RhB.

Since July 2008, the Rhaetian Railway in the Albula/Bernina area has been a UNESCO World Heritage site. The railway route between Thusis (Grisons/CH) and Tirano (Valtellina/IT) is an excellent example of the technically innovative development of the mountain landscape. As Europe's highest altitude Alpine transversal, it is also one of the most spectacular railway routes in the world.

Bernina Glaciers.

Three impressive glaciers are among the highlights of the journey. In the Montebello curve, a view of the Morteratsch Glacier is revealed. The open crossing of the Bernina Pass at 2,253 metres (7,392 feet) a.s.l. with a view of the Cambrena Glacier is another marvellous experience. Alp Grüm may well be the only hotel solely accessible by train or on foot. During a photo stop, visitors savour the wonderful view of the Palü Glacier and the Bernina massif.



Lago di Poschiavo (Lake Poschiavo).

The lake has been dammed up by a pre-historic rockslide. There is no man-made dam in the valley, just a water reservoir at the south end, which serves to control the water drain. Le Prese and Miralago, two small villages and popular vacation spots, sit right at Lago di Poschiavo. At Valposchiavo, the Bernina Express train tracks lead right along the lakeshore.

Circular Viaduct Brusio.

The Circular Viaduct is the most memorable landmark along the Bernina Line. Below Brusio, the Bernina Express negotiates a full altitudinal belt in one double loop of roughly 100 metres (328 feet) diameter each – without a single tunnel. The open route plan over the viaduct opens the view onto this masterpiece of railway technology as well as a breathtaking panorama.



A breath of fresh air on Bernina Express.

On the section between Davos Platz and Tirano, guests of the Bernina Express may choose to enjoy open coaches. The windowless open-air coaches intensify the experience of nature. Great pictures of the stunning landscape – without any window reflections – are guaranteed.