

# Gotthard Panorama Express.



**Gotthard**  
Panorama Express

In a unique combination of boat and train, the Gotthard Panorama Express links two of the most attractive regions of Switzerland: Ticino and Central Switzerland. A leisurely cruise across Lake Lucerne is followed by a 1st class panoramic train ride rich in variety on the historic Gotthard route to Bellinzona or Lugano in the Mediterranean Ticino.

## Good to know

- Cruise across Lake Lucerne, either on the modern motor vessel “Diamant” or on a historic steamer.
- Seamless connection in Flüelen from boat to panoramic train without difference in altitude level.
- Journey on the 1st class panoramic train from Flüelen via the historic Gotthard route to Bellinzona or Lugano.
- The journey between Flüelen and Bellinzona is enriched by various exciting experiences and presentations regarding the history of the Gotthard railway route.
- The app “Gotthard Guide” and the “Gotthard Panorama Express – Travel Guide” provide detailed information regarding landmarks and sights along the route as well as the many existing Gotthard myths (4 languages).
- Multilingual travel guidance on the panoramic train.
- Culinary offers on the boat and the panoramic train.
- Seats are also bookable online.
- The journey can be travelled in both directions.

## Sales information

- All Swiss Travel System tickets are valid.
- Tickets have to be issued as follows: “Lucerne via boat – Flüelen – Lugano” (Luzern via Schiff – Flüelen – Lugano).
- The boat cruise (Lucerne – Flüelen) can be booked in 1st or 2nd class.
- The Gotthard Panorama Express train offers only 1st class on the Gotthard route between Flüelen and Lugano. Bookings in 2nd class are not available.
- In addition to a valid ticket for the chosen route, a surcharge of CHF 16 per person is charged on the panoramic train between Flüelen and Lugano. Travellers with a 2nd class ticket also need a class upgrade. Seat reservation for the train is included in this surcharge.



**Route:** Luzern > Lake Lucerne > Flüelen > Gotthard > Bellinzona > Lugano

**Duration:** approx. 5h 30 min

- The surcharge for sections of the line can no longer be purchased.
- Lunch on the boat (not included in the ticket price): A table reservation is recommended for individual travellers +41 (0)41 367 67 67, [reservation@lakelucerne.ch](mailto:reservation@lakelucerne.ch). For groups, a reservation as well as advance order of a uniform menu is required +41 (0)41 367 66 16, [gruppen@lakelucerne.ch](mailto:gruppen@lakelucerne.ch).

## Further information

[mystsnet.com/gotthard](http://mystsnet.com/gotthard)  
[sbb.ch/gotthard-panorama-express](http://sbb.ch/gotthard-panorama-express)

## Booking

[mystsnet.com/wheretobuy](http://mystsnet.com/wheretobuy)

## Timetable north-south

Luzern – Boat – Flüelen – Bellinzona – Lugano

**19 April to 20 October 2019**  
**Tuesday to Sunday incl. public holidays**

Motor vessel or steamboat					13
Luzern			dp	11.12	
Flüelen	arr	13.55			
1st class panoramic train					3093
Flüelen			dp	14.10	
Göschenen	arr	14.45	dp	14.47	
Airolo	arr	15.05	dp	15.06	
Bellinzona	arr	16.03	dp	16.08	
Lugano	arr	16.38			

## Timetable south-north

Lugano – Bellinzona – Flüelen – Boat – Luzern

**19 April to 20 October 2019**  
**Tuesday to Sunday incl. public holidays**

1st class panoramic train					3092
Lugano			dp	09.22	
Bellinzona	arr	09.50	dp	09.56	
Airolo	arr	10.51	dp	10.52	
Göschenen	arr	11.10	dp	11.13	
Flüelen	arr	11.49			
Motor vessel or steamboat					18
Flüelen			dp	12.00	
Luzern	arr	14.47			

# Route highlights.

## Lucerne City.

The city counting some 80,000 inhabitants is the starting point of the Gotthard Panorama Express. This popular tourist location thrives on the contrast between history and modern age. In particular, the Chapel Bridge, built in 1356, and the grand hotel buildings from the 19th century characterise the cityscape of Lucerne.



## Rütli.

A steamboat or motor vessel takes visitors from Lucerne past this idyllic forest glade. This is where, as tradition has it, the Swiss Confederation historically originated: In 1291, representatives of Switzerland's three founding cantons are said to have sworn the "Rütlibund", an oath of alliance and allegiance, and thus to have founded Switzerland. The Rütli is closed to traffic but is accessible by boat or else on foot along the Path of Switzerland.

## Baroque church of Wassen.

After passengers have changed from the boat to the 1st class panoramic train in Flüelen, the train traverses the Urner Reuss Valley. At Wassen, the railway line makes a double loop. This part of the route is famous for passing the beautiful church of Wassen, situated on a slightly elevated spot, no fewer than three times. Thus, the church can be admired from three different angles: from below, up close and above.



## Gotthard Tunnel.

The 15-kilometre (9-mile) long Gotthard Train Tunnel between Göschenen and Airolo took ten years to complete (1872 to 1882) and was internationally acclaimed as a pioneering achievement for its time. The tunnel breakthrough took place on Sunday, 29 February 1880. Nearly 200 workers lost their lives during the tunnel construction. During the passage, a short multimedia show lets this time come to life again.

## Castles of Bellinzona.

On the southern side of the Gotthard massif, after the Riviera Valley, the three imposing castles of Bellinzona come into view – the Castelgrande, Montebello and Sasso Corbaro. The castles were built in the 15th century by the Dukes of Milan and together comprise a unique UNESCO World Heritage site.



## Lugano.

The journey on the Gotthard Panorama Express comes to an end in Lugano, city of Mediterranean flair. The economic and touristic centre of Tessin fascinates visitors with many beautiful buildings, grand palaces and well-maintained parks. The old town, the lakeside and the mountains Monte San Salvatore and Monte Brè, offering wonderful views, are within easy reach.