



By train, bus and boat straight to the hiking highlights.

The most delightful public transport hiking trips in Switzerland.

Stepping out, breathing in, setting off: Hiking in Switzerland can be so simple. Thanks to train, bus, boat and mountain railway, the starting point of any given hiking trip is easy to reach – whether in the Grisons National Park or at the Matterhorn glacier paradise. Yes, that's right. It is wonderfully simple to get to the Swiss mountain summits. Walks, family hiking trails or mountain tours are perfect in combination with public transport. Also, any hike can be paused and sections done by mountain rail-way & co. So, hiking boots on, Swiss Travel Pass packed, and off to the mountains!

Listed below are twelve hand-picked hikes that can be optimally combined with public transport. All of them take under three hours to complete and are suitable for people who prefer easy hikes.

1. Grisons, Engadin: In the region of the fourth national language.

National Park trail from Champlönch to Il Fuorn



This hike merges everything that Switzerland has to offer: stunning scenery, delightful mountains and forests, rivers and animals. Those who look closely may catch a glimpse of mar-mots or deer at home in this region. The Postbus takes hikers conveniently to the start of this six-kilometre trail. The family-friendly excursion starts in Champlönch at 1,838 metres altitude and leads over Alp Grimmels to Il Fuorn in a little over two hours. From Il Fuorn, an hourly bus service takes passengers back to Zernez.

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2. Grisons: On the trail of Bernina and Glacier Express.

Albula Railway Adventure Trail from Bergün to Preda



Hiking along the UNESCO World Heritage Site: The railway adventure trail leads along the historic Albula Line of Rhaetian Railway. On roughly seven kilometres, hikers can see this masterpiece of engineering up close. Numerous times, the hiking path crosses the railway tracks of the Bernina and Glacier Express trains. That way, the railway craftsmanship can be marvelled at from different angles. Very impressive. Promise.

The starting point in Bergün and the endpoint in Preda are easily reached by train.

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3. Jura: Nature hike in Switzerland's French-speaking western region.

Moor landscape Etang de la Gruère



The upland moor plateau of Saignelégier presents a rambling and mystical aspect to its visitors. Especially when the fog floats directly above the waters. This easy hike leads through the nature reserve Etang de la Gruère and around the largest moor lake of Switzerland. From the starting point at the bus stop Moulin de la Gruère hikers reach the village Saignelégier after a mere 8.5-kilometre walk in little more than two hours. From there, trains leave in all directions.

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4. Schaffhausen: Along the Swiss border.

Spring hike at the High Rhine



From one historic town to the next – in a very relaxed manner along the beautiful Rhine. Stein am Rhein as well as Diessenhofen (starting and end points) are located along the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland and are comfortably accessible by train, bus and boat. Those who prefer to take it easy after the hike of 12.2 kilometres can always take a boat cruise into the sunset, enjoying a cool beer and a snack. Maybe straight to Schaffhausen, where Europe's largest waterfall, the Rhine Fall, is just around the corner.

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5. Lake Geneva region: Hike with the GoldenPass MOB Panoramic

Chemin de Narcisses



On this circular hike, the starting point is also the end point: With the GoldenPass MOB Panoramic or the GoldenPass MOB Belle Époque, Les Avants is easily accessible. From there, the path leads through meadows covered in daffodils and peaceful forests to numerous vantage points with a glorious view of Lake Geneva and the surrounding Alps. It takes hikers roughly two hours to tackle the six-kilometre-long walk. It's ideal for travelers who wish get to know the French-speaking part of Switzerland a little better.

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6. Ticino: At the southernmost tip of the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland.

The high route from the San Salvatore to Morcote



This is where "La bella Italia" lies at one's feet. Taking the funicular from Lugano-Paradiso, hikers reach the San Salvatore, the starting point of the hike, in a mere twelve minutes. As the name reveals, the walk leads from the mountain summit of San Salvatore at high altitude to Morcote – always with the fantastic view of the Swiss and Savoy Alps. The end point is reached within three hours and hikers can travel back to Lugano by bus or boat.

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7. Central Switzerland: Home to beautiful Lake Lucerne.

Cliff path Bürgenstock



This one-and-a-half-hour circular trail can be experienced at the heart of myth-enshrouded Central Switzerland. Starting at Bürgenstock, an impressive cliff path with breathtaking views into the deep leads to Europe's fastest lift. Stepping on, racing up, and enjoying the panorama. The free-standing exterior lift overcomes 152.8 metres altitude per minute and offers feelings of sheer freedom to its passengers. The airy hike can be reached by bus or boat from Lucerne.

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8. Lake Geneva region: Hiking with a view of France.

The terraces of the Lavaux at Lake Geneva



This hike is perfect for people who appreciate the beautiful and delicious. Visitors enjoy the wonderful view of Lake Geneva and the vineyards of the Lavaux region as well as its wines. Those who have a taste for excellence wine may choose to travel on or return by train, bus or boat after three hours of hiking through the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Starting point for the hike is Lutry, which can be reached by public transport. At the end of the eleven-kilometre hike, at St. Saphorin, a train is waiting to take passengers home.

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9. Zermatt: Impressive hike along the Gornergrat railway route.

At the foot of the Matterhorn – Station Riffelalp to Sunnegga



The famous mountain can be admired from its most attractive side during this hike. On this two-hour walk, hikers pass several lakes that beautifully reflect the Matterhorn on their surfaces. The Gornergrat railway takes passengers from Zermatt to the Riffelalp station. From there, the roughly seven-kilometre-long trail leads to Sunnegga, where the funicular waits to take hikers back to Zermatt.

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10. Eastern Switzerland: Adventure hike near St. Gallen.

Melodious path Toggenburg



We see nature every day – but how does it actually sound? Hikers can find out on the “melodious path” in Eastern Switzerland. Between Alp Sellamatt and Alt St. Johann, 25 sound stations invite young and old to give it a try. The melodious path takes roughly two-and-a-half hours to complete. However, counting in time for breaks and sound experiments, it may well take twice that long. Alp Sellamatt can be reached by chair lift or cableway from Alt St. Johann. At the end of the tour, those means of transportation also take hikers back down to Wildhaus, where the Postbus is already waiting.

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11. Bernese Oberland: Hike with a view of Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau.

Grütschalp – Winteregg – Mürren



This hike takes visitors high up: From the funicular Grütschalp in the Bernese Oberland, a broad gravel road leads upwards to the edge of the forest. Right behind the impressive mountain forest, the captivating panoramic view onto Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau unfolds. After barely an hour, hikers reach Winteregg. From there, the trail leads more or less parallel along the railway tracks to Mürren. The 4.4 kilometres of the trail can be tackled in no more than one-and-a-quarter hours. As usual, starting and end points are perfectly connected to the public transport network.

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12. Zermatt: panorama hike with guaranteed Matterhorn view.

360° loop Gornergrat



The 360° loop on the Gornergrat may well be the shortest but also one of the most scenic hiking trails in Switzerland. After a spectacular ride to the Gornergrat, the circular walk starts right behind the “3100 Kulmhotel”. The 15 to 20-minute walk promises pure panoramic delight: the impressive Monte Rosa massif with the Dufourspitze and the Gorner Glacier lie at one’s feet. 29 four-thousand-metre peaks rise towards the sky – among them, of course, the famous Matterhorn.

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