

Bernina Express.



This premium panoramic train connects the north of Europe to the south – travelling right through the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Rhaetian Railways. Without a hitch, the bright red train masters every ascent, offering unrivalled views not only of mountains and glaciers but also of palm trees.

Operation

- Year-round operation between Chur/Landquart and Tirano. Additionally, the Bernina Express Bus operates between Tirano and Lugano from February to November (Thursdays to Sundays: 20 Feb–05 Apr 2020 and 29 Oct–29 Nov 2020; daily: 09 Apr–25 Oct 2020)

Facilities on the train

- Large panoramic windows in 1st as well as 2nd class
- Two wheelchair spaces on Bernina Express and one wheelchair-accessible toilet in 1st class. Passengers with reduced mobility need a 2nd class ticket. Fellow passengers need a 1st class ticket except when holding a companion card
- For reservations, please contact Railservice via +41 (0) 81 288 65 65

Services

- Route information via loudspeaker
- Info(t)rainment: personal Bernina Express digital tour guide with audio guide in GE, EN, IT, FR, JP and CN simplified; free download with smartphone or tablet

Catering

- No dining cars on Bernina Express trains
- Regional snacks, drinks and souvenirs available on all trains
- Small plate with regional specialities available (subject to advance reservation)



Reservation and surcharges

- Seat surcharge per person and direction (reservation required on train and bus)
 - Winter season, 15 Dec–29 Feb/01 Nov–12 Dec 2020: CHF 10
 - Shoulder season, 01 Mar–31 May/01–31 Oct 2020: CHF 14
 - Summer season, 01 Jun–20 Sep 2020: CHF 16

Further information

- Passport or ID required for border crossing into Italy
- From St. Moritz and Tirano, panoramic coaches with seats at a reduced surcharge of CHF 5 are regularly added to regional trains

More Links

mystsn.net/berninaexpress, rhb.ch/berninaexpress

Timetable winter season (15 Dec 2019–08 May 2020 and 26 Oct 2019–12 Dec 2020)

Chur/St. Moritz–Tirano–Lugano

Train		953	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⁾	952
Tirano	dp	10.07	14.25
St. Moritz	dp	12.36	
Chur	arr		18.19

Timetable summer season (09 May–25 Oct 2020)

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

Train		973	951	961	975
Chur	dp		08.32		
Landquart	dp			08.37	
Davos Platz	dp			09.50	
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				19.02
Landquart	arr				20.13
Chur	arr			18.19	

¹⁾ 26 Dec 2019–05 Jan 2020, 10 Apr–01 Nov 2020, 05 Dec 2019–07 Dec 2020 ²⁾ Thursdays to Sundays: 20 Feb–05 Apr 2020 and 29 Oct–10 Nov 2020, daily: 09 Apr–25 Oct 2020

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 Filisur 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 a mountainous region. As Europe's highest Alpine traversal, it is also one of the most spectacular railway lines 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 opens up. 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 memorable experience. Alp Grüm may well be the only hotel/restaurant solely accessible by train or on foot. During a photo stop, visitors enjoy the wonderful view of the Palü Glacier and the Bernina Massif.



Lago di Poschiavo.

This lake has been dammed up by a pre-historic rockslide. Hence, there is no man-made dam in the valley but just a water reservoir at the south end, which helps to control the water level. Le Prese and Miralago, two small villages and popular holiday spots, sit right at the Lago di Poschiavo. At Valposchiavo, the Bernina Express train tracks hug the lakeshore.

Circular Viaduct Brusio.

The Circular Viaduct is the most distinctive 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 – all 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 the Bernina Express.

On the section between Davos Platz and Tirano, passengers on 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.