

# Bernina Express.



This premium panoramic train connects the north of Europe to its south – leading 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 and St. Moritz and to Tirano
- From February to November, additional operation of the Bernina Express Bus between Tirano and Lugano

## Facilities on the train

- Large panoramic windows in 1st as well as 2nd class
- One wheelchair space 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 Swiss companion card
- For reservations, please contact Railservice: +41 (0)81 288 65 65

## Services

- Route information over loudspeaker
- Infot(r)ainment: personal Bernina Express digital tour guide with audio guide in DE, EN, IT, FR, JP and CN simplified; free download with smartphone or tablet
- Exclusive catering service for each passenger; Bernina Express gift box filled with Lindt chocolate hearts and 100% organic ice tea

## Catering

- No dining cars on Bernina Express trains
- Regional snacks, drinks, and souvenirs available on all trains

## Timetable

[berninaexpress.ch](http://berninaexpress.ch)



## Reservation and surcharges

Seat surcharge per person and direction; reservation required on both train and bus.

Reservation surcharge Bernina Express (Train):

- Winter season, 11 Dec 2022–28 Feb 2023/01 Nov–09 Dec 2023: CHF 20
- Shoulder season, 01 Mar–31 May 2023/01–31 Oct 2023: CHF 24
- Summer season, 01 Jun–30 Sep 2023: CHF 26

## Further information

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

## More links

[mystsnet.com/berninaexpress](http://mystsnet.com/berninaexpress)  
[berninaexpress.ch](http://berninaexpress.ch)



Bernina Express in autumn near Alp Grüm, Grisons



On 3 June 1973, the first Bernina Express train tackled the legendary Albula and Bernina Line. Since then, roughly 10 million guests have enjoyed the comfortable panoramic coaches. In 2023, the Rhaetian Railways are celebrating their 50th anniversary with various jubilee events.

## Route highlights.

### Landwasser Viaduct.

Between Thusis and St. Moritz, the 65-metre-high (213 feet) Landwasser Viaduct, coming into view not far from the village Filisur, is the most spectacular bridge construction on the entire Albula Line. 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 Rhaetian Railways.

Since July 2008, the Rhaetian Railways 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 technologically 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 was dammed up by a pre-historic rockslide. Hence, there is no man-made dam in the valley, 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 run along the scenic 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 offers a full view onto this masterpiece of railway engineering and reveals a breathtaking panorama.



### Bernina Express Bus.

Between February and November, the Bernina Express route can be extended aboard the Bernina Express Bus waiting at Tirano. Through the picturesque Valtellina Valley, the journey continues to Sondrio, Morbegno, and the idyllic Lake Como before finally reaching Lake Lugano and returning back to Switzerland. The final stop is Lugano, the cultural centre of Ticino. Of course, guests can enjoy this beautiful bus ride in the opposite direction as well.