



Switzerland.
by train, bus and boat.

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One highlight follows another: In celebration of “175 years of rail services”, 2022 will be packed with glimpses behind the scenes and money-can’t-buy experiences. The Grand Train Tour of Switzerland continues to provide travellers with breathtaking views, and holders of a Swiss Travel Pass enjoy a complimentary upgrade to 1st class when embarking on a scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne. Visionary projects will be completed this year and, once again, sustainability takes center stage.

MOB’s cheese train now runs year-round from Zweisimmen or Montreux.



Switzerland is known around the world for its excellent cheese. In fact, cheese is so popular here that the country has its very own cheese train. It explains why some visitors consider a ride aboard the MOB cheese train to Château-d’Oex an absolute must. The journey starts in Montreux or Zweisimmen and can now be enjoyed virtually year-round. As of 2 February 2022, bookings are made exclusively at mob.com. From February until the beginning of June and from September until mid-November, the cheese train will run three times a day, four days a week. In Château-d’Oex, visitors will see first-hand how cheese is made. Of course, it must also be tasted. Visitors are treated to a delicious fondue – a fine choice no matter the weather. People holding a Swiss Travel Pass benefit from special conditions. The ride aboard the cheese train from either Montreux or Zweisimmen costs just CHF 49 and includes round-trip travel from Montreux or Zweisimmen, mandatory seat reservation on the outbound journey and a fondue at a local restaurant in Château-d’Oex.

Celebrating 175 years of rail service in Switzerland.



1847 marked the start of what would become the densest public transport network in the world. Nowhere else can guests experience more by train, bus and boat than in Switzerland. And nowhere else can people reach remote valleys and mountain summits as easily by public transportation. On this anniversary, visitors are invited to take part in various activities across the country and immerse themselves in the varied world of public transport. For example, they can join a nostalgic ride along the very first train route between Zurich and Baden (known as the Spanisch Brötli Bahn) and look forward to a once-in-a-lifetime event later this year.

Matterhorn Alpine Crossing.



What sounds like the sequel to an international blockbuster is, in fact, the continuation of a Swiss-Italian success story. Starting in spring of 2023, the tri-cable gondola lift known as “Matterhorn Glacier Ride II” will connect the mountain station “Klein Matterhorn” (3,883 m a.s.l.) year-round with Testa Grigia (3,458 m a.s.l.) in Italy. Something people dreamed of 80 years ago began taking shape after the “Matterhorn Glacier Ride I started operating in 2018. Now, this intergenerational project will finally become a reality as the final part of this ambitious project nears completion, bringing Zermatt ever closer to Breuil-Cervinia.

The panoramic Alpine crossing from Switzerland to Italy takes around 1.5 hours and negotiates more than 4,000 m in altitude. It comes as no surprise that this aerial journey offers mesmerizing views. The gondolas are a feast to the eye. Two out of ten are adorned with thousands of sparkling crystals.

In harmony with nature

Sustainable motor vessel.



With its “Green line”, the Navigation Company serving Lake Lugano has demonstrated its commitment to becoming more sustainable. The MNE Cerisio 1931 runs exclusively on electric power, can be recharged rapidly and is the first of its kind to ferry passengers from shore to shore on a daily basis. It does so not only in summer, but in winter, too. By the way: Until 12 April 2022, the green line will also offer a midday service on weekdays.

Stanserhorn Bahn: powered by solar energy.



Visitors to Mount Stanserhorn are treated to magnificent views: a mountain chain that extends for more than 100 km, 10 Swiss lakes and a nature conservation area. But the energy concept is nearly as impressive. Here, everything revolves around the responsible use of natural resources. The solar thermal system measures a sizeable 56 square meters. It enables the Stanserhorn-Bahn to generate 11% of its total power needs. The rest also stems exclusively from renewable energy sources. Natural materials were used to build the revolving restaurant “Rondoroma”. The commitment to reducing the impact on the environment extends also to water resources. Rainwater is collected and, after undergoing treatment, turned into drinking water.

SBB wins prestigious Watt d'Or.



The Swiss Federal Railways received the prestigious Watt d'Or award in January 2022 for its efforts to flexibly steer its power needs. The project is the first of its kind and underscores how digital technologies can help reduce overall power consumption. Savings are achieved by implementing a load management system that was developed in-house. The software briefly switches off train heating systems during peak demand – a pioneering effort that could even serve as a blueprint for the national grid.

Award for Swiss Travel System Excellence Program.



The Excellence Program received silver at the renowned Magellan Awards. Trade specialists from around the world can log on to the educational platform and learn all about Switzerland's public transport system through entertaining stories. Participants are awarded valuable points and compete for a grand prize. At the end of the year, the five best win a trip to Switzerland. Trade experts who have not yet registered for this award-winning e-learning platform can do so by signing up at mystsnet.com free of charge.

Grand Train Tour of Switzerland.



The Grand Train Tour spans over 1,280 km. Travelling aboard one of these panoramic trains is the perfect way to unwind. Large windows offer stunning views of snow-capped mountains, crystal-clear lakes, and impressive landscapes. The Swiss Travel Pass is the preferred ticket for those looking to discover it all. It includes unlimited rides on Switzerland's vast public transport network. The Classic Tour comes highly recommended, as travellers get to experience several panoramic trains that will take them across the country.

Complimentary upgrade to 1st Class on Lake Lucerne.



A scenic cruise on Lake Lucerne appeals to locals and tourists alike. What's more delightful than gliding across the glistening lake while enjoying culinary delicacies? Naturally, the ticket price is included with the Swiss Travel Pass. During the promotional period (from 15 April until 25 May and from 12 September until 16 October), holders of a valid 2nd class Swiss Travel Pass benefit from an upgrade to 1st class. This offer applies only on the 12 pm, round-trip service between Lucerne and Vitznau.

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