

Families love travelling on the Swiss Travel System.

No other holiday destination is more delightful to explore by train, bus and boat than the small Alpine nation. And no other country has a more family-friendly public transport system. Thanks to the Swiss Family Card offered by Swiss Travel System AG, children under 16 years of age travel free of charge by train, bus and boat.

Swiss Family Card - free travel for children.



Thanks to the Swiss Family Card, children under 16 years of age travel free of charge on the entire Swiss public transport network as long as they are accompanied by at least one parent holding a Swiss Travel System ticket. The Swiss Family Card can be obtained free of charge at all staffed Swiss railway stations or when booking online. When accompanied, children up to their 6th birthday travel free even without a Swiss Family card. Unaccompanied children from their 6th to their 16th birthday receive a 50% discount on the entire range of Swiss Travel System tickets. mystsnet.com/tickets

Relaxation for parents – entertainment for children.



While the road commands the parents' full attention when travelling by car, a journey by public transport lets them focus on their children completely: telling stories, playing or just relaxing and enjoying the scenery pass by. All long distance trains of the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) include specially designed family coaches catering to families' specific needs. Each InterCity double-deck train sports a playground in a fancy jungle-design on the midupper deck. Here, the little ones can skip about to their hearts' content during long train rides. Even in single-level InterCity train compositions special family areas with extra generous space conditions are available.

The realm of Rhaetian Railway - where children's dreams come true.



At the Albula Railway museum, both the young and the young-at-heart are carried away to the distant past of railway pioneers. Tunnels, viaducts and locomotives – that is the world of Clà Ferrovia. The "children's conductor" of the Rhaetian Railway tells fascinating stories of railways and of his adventurous life, as well as sings and crafts with the children. He also takes them on journeys of exploration and adventures into the realm of the mountain railway. The absolute highlight: in a simulator, visitors may try their luck at conducting the legendary "crocodile locomotive" along the Albula route themselves.

RhB.ch/cla-ferrovia

Globi Express - fun and action between Lucerne and Engelberg.



The Swiss comic character Globi is a cult figure: no Swiss child who doesn't know the blue parrot with the black beret and the red and black checked trousers. In the Globi Express on the Zentralbahn, children dive into Globi's adventure world. An extra coach decorated in Globi design is included in each train composition running between Lucerne and Engelberg and offers fun and excitement for the whole family. At various stages along the route, Globi pictures appear at the train windows. Young passengers who pay attention can find the answers to questions on a flyer and are rewarded with a prize. His adventures take Globi around the world; adventurous guest from all over the world are now discovering Globi on the Zentralbahn.

zentralbahn.ch/globi-express

Foxtrail "Hermes".



Challenging Foxtrails can now be found in many Swiss cities. But the Foxtrail "Hermes" around Lucerne is a family favourite, as the trail can even be completed with a stroller. The chase continues on foot and onboard the Zentralbahn and takes around 2.5 - 3.5 hours to complete. Throughout the chase, interesting information about the age of rail construction await. The Foxtrail can be started in Lucerne, Stans or Sarnen Station.

zentralbahn.ch/foxtrail-hermes

Swiss Museum of Transportation – adventure for young and old.



It is Europe's most comprehensive museum of mobility – and justifiably the most visited museum in Switzerland: The "Verkehrshaus der Schweiz" (Swiss Museum of Transportation) at Lucerne. On an exhibition area of over 20,000 square metres more than 3,000 exhibits present the development of traffic and every sort of transportation: road, rail, waterway, air and space. Among countless other attractions, a locomotive may be conducted in a simulator. Up close and rich in variety, the museum brings the history of traffic and communication to life. Visitors with a valid Swiss Travel Pass benefit from a 50 percent discount off the entrance fee. verkehrshaus.ch

The world's sweetest train journey.



Switzerland is famous for its chocolate. But as far as we know, it's the only country that's home to its own chocolate train. The journey is suited for people of all ages and the seasonal service from Montreux to Montboven (from May until September) onboard one of the magnificent Belle Epoque trains with its luxurious Pullmann carriages from 1915 is an experience in itself. From Montbovon, the journey continues by bus to the chocolate factory in Broc. The tour and chocolate tasting will make everyone feel like Willy Wonka – no golden ticket required.

mob.ch/chocolatetrain

Get ready for the cookie train.



How much longer? That's a question kids ask frequently. Especially when they're travelling onboard the cookie train. The cookie train follows a circular route. It connects some of Switzerland's most idyllic cities and makes a stop that's both unexpected and spectacular: Trubschachen. The quiet town in the Emmental is home to the "Kambly Experience", known for generations as one of the best addresses for fine biscuits. The entire journey leads from Berne via Trubschachen, Lucerne, Brienz, Interlaken back to Berne and lasts five hours.

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