

Itinerary by: **Switzerland.**



Zurich Highlights

This superb vacation package lets you tackle the essential attractions of Zurich, Switzerland's largest city. Known for its captivating artworks, top-notch shopping, and picturesque scenery, Zurich is rated as one of the top cities in the world in terms of wealth, livability, and quality of life. It has an excellent public transportation system comprised of trams (that can be accessed using your Zürich Card) and a robust rail network, which makes it easy to travel onwards to other European cities and mountain resorts throughout the country.

Take in the best that the region has to offer, such as mountains, lakes, and chocolate. Enjoy an unforgettable excursion through Zurich's Old Town by foot and by boat, followed by a delightful tasting and shopping opportunity at the outlet shop of the famous Lindt + Sprüngli Chocolate Factory.

The next day, feel the power of the mighty Rhine Falls, Europe's biggest waterfall before heading to the well-preserved medieval village of Stein am Rhein. Looking to spend more time exploring Zurich? You can easily add more nights and activities to this customizable package!

For more information, click on the headlines or the pictures.

Best of Zurich, brought to you by AAA and Avanti Destinations.

Day 1



Zurich

Arrive at Zurich Airport and meet up with your private driver (who will be in the arrivals hall) for a comfortable transfer to your select hotel. After checking in, you are free to spend the rest of the day as you please.

You can opt to relax at the hotel or start exploring Zurich. The choice is yours! If you go for the latter, you can use your Zürich Card, which provides access to public transportation, offers free or reduced entry to most museums in the city, and is great for excursions such as the train ride up to Uetliberg Zurich's own mountain! Ascend Uetliberg mountain for a breathtaking panorama of the city, Lake Zurich, and the Alps, and enjoy a leisurely hiking tour to visit the Kunsthaus, Switzerland's largest art museum.

Switzerland's largest city gracefully balances modern Swiss sensibilities with its storied past and is hailed as one of the world's most livable and attractive cities. It's easy to see why the diverse array of charming architecture built throughout its rich history spanning over 2'000 years, its relaxing yet lively lakefront promenade, and the opulent ambiance evident in the city's world-class restaurants and museums.

Zurich has a long history as a notable European banking and finance center. It's also a place that harbors a deep love for opera and theatre that unsurprisingly matches its cosmopolitan nightlife. Zurich is not to be missed, from its church spires to its chocolatiers to the breathtaking view of the Alps across the lake.



Inclusions

- Daily Breakfast
- Zürich Card 24 hours
- Private Arrival and Departure Transfers
- Shared Rhine Falls and Stein am Rhein Tour
- Shared Zurich Tour with Cruise and Visit of Lindt Home of Chocolate Tour



Private Transfer - Zurich Airport to Zurich Hotel

Duration: 10 minutes



3:00 PM

Sorell Hotel St Peter

Sorell Hotel St Peter is located between the Sihl and Limmat rivers in the middle of the pedestrian area of Old Town. The main railway station and the lake promenade are just a few minutes' walk or 2 tram stops away. The hotel features an inner courtyard with a garden, a fitness center, and boutique style guest accommodations.

Nearby Attractions:

- Urania Observatory
- WOW Museum
- Swiss National Museum
- Grossmunster (12th century cathedral)



Zürich Card -24 hours

The Zürich Card is the ideal ticket for culture lovers and urban explorers who would like to transform their short stay into a journey of discovery at a minimum cost.



Day 2



Zurich

After having breakfast at your hotel, join a wonderful half day sightseeing, cruising, and museum experience that tackles the highlights of Zurich. This shared tour is a wonderful introduction for first time visitors to this beautiful city.

The coach tour will hit all the major landmarks, with a photo stop at Lake Zurich, and a short walk through the Old Town. Hop on a 30 minute cruise where you'll disembark at the Lindt Home of Chocolate. Here you can admire the world's tallest chocolate fountain, explore the museum, and sample the delicious sweets!

Peruse the offerings in the mega chocolate shop before heading back to town with your guide via public transportation. After returning to your hotel, the rest of the day is free to spend as you please.



Shared Zurich Tour with Cruise and Visit of Lindt Home of Chocolate

Time: 10 a.m.

Duration: 5 hours 15 minutes

Enjoy a classic city tour on an air conditioned coach and discover the highlights of Zurich:

- Photo stop at Lake Zurich
- Short walk through the Old Town
- Relax on a 30 minute cruise on Lake Zurich which takes you to Kilchberg for a visit of the Lindt Home of Chocolate.

Marvel at the world's highest free standing chocolate fountain and join an audio guided tour through the chocolate museum followed by a chocolate tasting. Stop in at the world's largest Lindt Chocolate Shop to purchase your favorite treats before making your way back to Zurich with your guide by public transport.



Overnight at your hotel in Zürich



Day 3



Zurich

After breakfast, your schedule is free until noon. You can choose to relax at the hotel in preparation for your scheduled half day tour later in the day, or you can explore the city during this time.

In the afternoon, join your tour, which will take you to the Swiss countryside for a picturesque jaunt. As you are transported away from Zurich's rolling hills and vineyards, you'll start to see small villages en route to Castle Laufen on Rhine Falls. The views from the platform at the base of the falls are truly impressive and you'll feel the power of the Rhine plunging nearly 500 feet right beneath your feet.

On your way back to Zurich, you'll stop by the charming medieval town of Stein am Rhein where the old monasterys gates and towers still stand alongside beautifully frescoed half timbered frame houses.

There are other viable day trip options near Zurich that you can go with if you are looking for other types of experiences for this day, or if you are thinking of adding dates to your itinerary.

You can choose to go for:

- **Private Heidiland & Liechtenstein Tour:** Accessible from Zurich, you can conveniently include visits to Rapperswil Castle (an attraction that dates back to the 13th century), Vaduz (the capital of Liechtenstein), and picturesque Heidiland which was immortalized in Johanna Spyri's famous novel
- **Mt. Titlis Eternal Snow & Glaciers Tour:** Arrive at Lucerne via train and prepare yourself for a full day of adventure! Have fun riding Switzerland's aerial cable cars, including the revolving cable car ROTAIR, to the top of Mt. Titlis. At the summit, you can go for a walk across Europe's highest suspension bridge, ride the Ice Flyer chair lift, and go snow tubing at the glacier park.
- **Mt. Pilatus The Golden Roundtrip Tour:** Take the shared coach to Lucerne for a photo stop and short city tour, with enough leisure time to explore the Old Town. Summit Mt. Pilatus via panoramic gondolas and aerial cableways for unforgettable views of the mountains and lakes, then make your way down aboard the world's steepest cogwheel railway.



Shared Rhine Falls and Stein am Rhein Tour

Duration: 5 hours 15 minutes

Drive through picturesque landscapes with gently rolling vineyards and charming farming villages to reach the splendid medieval castle Laufen! Enjoy your time at the mighty Rhine Falls Europe's biggest waterfall and one of Switzerland's major attractions, before heading to the well preserved medieval village of Stein am Rhein!



To stand high above Europe's largest waterfall, feeling the roar and vibration of the water over one's entire body - this can be experienced at the Rhine Falls near Schaffhausen. By ship one can reach castles, the Rhine Falls Basin and even the mighty rock in the midst of the waterfall.



Overnight at your hotel in Zürich



Day 4



Additional activities for your extended stay:

- Explore Zurich-West, a dynamic neighborhood with local boutiques, art galleries, trendy restaurants, and a vibrant nightlife.
- Ascend Uetliberg mountain, (approx. 3'000ft) for a breathtaking panorama of the city, Lake Zurich and the Alps, enjoy a leisurely hiking tour
- Visit the Kunsthaus, Switzerland's largest art museum
- Enjoy dinner in one of the history guild house restaurants or have lunch in the world's first vegetarian restaurant called Hiltl which was founded in 1898



Zurich-West



Haus Hiltl



Uetliberg



Kunsthaus Zürich



Departure Zurich

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel before meeting with your driver for your private departure transfer. Depending on the selected option in your itinerary, you'll be taken to the airport for the flight home or to the rail station so that you can proceed to your next Swiss destination!



Private Transfer - Zurich Hotel to Zurich Airport

Duration: 10 minutes



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