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Board these five express railways for an Alpine adventure that will take you right across snowy Central Switzerland.

Past lakes and waterfalls, through steep valleys carved against magnificent scenery, these railways will carry you through wintery Alpine passes to world-famous tourist destinations such as Interlaken-Grindelwald, Engelberg, Andermatt and Einsiedeln. The highest point on the tour is reached on the Oberalp Pass at 2033 m. Presented by the 4-star ****Seehotel Pilatus, your comfortable base for this adventure holiday.



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1 Hergiswil – Interlaken – GRINDELWALD



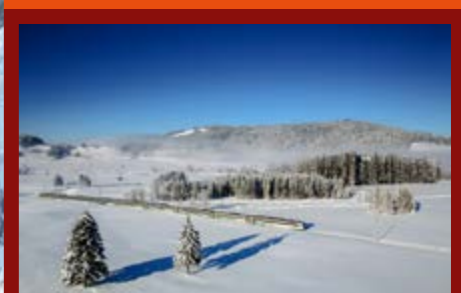
2 Hergiswil – Engelberg – TITLIS



3 Hergiswil – Goschenen – Andermatt – OBERALPPASS



4 Hergiswil – Vitznau – RIGI



5 Hergiswil – Luzern – EINSIEDELN

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Train to Interlaken–Grindelwald

Enjoy this superb trip between the tourist highlights of Lucerne, Interlaken and Grindelwald. The Lucerne-Interlaken Express is perhaps the most stunning section of the famous Golden Pass line between Lucerne and Montreux. This beautiful route wends its way between countless lakes, over the Brünig Pass, past spectacular waterfalls, pretty villages and world-famous tourist sites.

Railway type	Narrow gauge railway with cogwheel drive
Built	1888
Base	434 m
Top	1000 m
Difference in altitude	566 m
Travel time	approx. 2.5 hours
Open	all year round

History of the railway

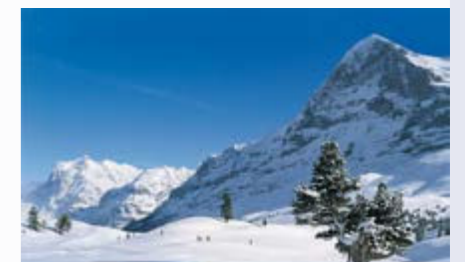
The first steam railway pounded its way from Brienz to Alpnachstad on 14 June 1889. Steamboats took passengers from Brienz to Interlaken and from Alpnachstad to Lucerne. There was no direct rail link between Interlaken and Lucerne until 1916.

Interlaken and Grindelwald, the early days of tourism

The first tourists to discover the magical mountain world of Interlaken did so around 1800. They included Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Lord Byron and Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy. Interlaken became a fashionable resort in the second half of the 19th century and tourism was given a fresh lease of life with the construction of the Bernese Oberland Railway to Lauterbrunnen and Grindelwald in 1890 and the Jungfrau Railway in 1912.

At the destination

- shopping in Interlaken
- sightseeing in Grindelwald



View of the Eiger North Face from Grindelwald

Engelberg Express



Picture: Engelberg-Titlis

Train to Engelberg and cable car to the Titlis glacier at 3020 m

Another trip by rail through majestic mountain scenery. Your train will cross Lake Lucerne at the Acheregg, the narrowest point of the lake, before entering the wide rural valley of Nidwalden, the cradle of the original Switzerland. Following the Engelbergeraa river, the mountain slopes draw closer and closer as the Engelberg Express plunges into the 4 km long climbing tunnel which opens in a burst of light onto breathtaking vistas of snowy mountains. Engelberg, home to a famous abbey, is your starting point for an excursion to the Titlis glacier.

Railway type	Narrow gauge railway with cogwheel drive
Built	1898
Base	434 m
Top	1000 m
Difference in altitude	566 m
Travel time	45 minutes
Open	all year round

History of the railway

The route between Stansstad and Engelberg opened on 5 October 1898. It was electrified from the outset, making it Switzerland's longest electrically driven cogwheel railway. The Stansstad-Engelberg railway put the electric tram between Stansstad and Stans out of business – the tram used to meet passengers arriving from Lucerne by boat and transfer them to the Stanserhorn railway. In the early days, the Nidwalden valley was only accessible by boat. There was no direct rail link between Lucerne and Engelberg until the Lopper railway tunnel and Acheregg bridge opened in 1964.

Engelberg

The name “Engelberg” harks back to a legend which recounts how angels' voices were heard proclaiming the founding of the abbey in 1120 from the top of Mount Hahnen. Tourism first took off in the mid-19th century with the construction of hotels and casino. The Alpine Ski World Cup was held in Engelberg in 1938.

At the destination

- Engelberg Abbey
- Show cheese factory at the abbey
- Titlis cable car
- Titlis Ice Flyer and Sky Walk



Titlis Rotair – the cable car rotates a full 360° as it climbs.

Wilhelm Tell Express and Glacier Express

On track of Wilhelm Tell and Glacier Express

Train to Andermatt and Oberalp Pass at 2033 m

Lakes and mountains are the hallmarks of this fabulous rail adventure in the heart of Switzerland. The route leads to the Gotthard Massif, source and watershed of the Rhine, Rhone and Po, three major European rivers. Past the fjords of Lake Urnersee, through legendary gorges such as the famous Schöllenen Gorge and Devil's Bridge, the train finally pulls into Andermatt, another tourist highlight and hub of the Gotthard, Furka and Oberalp alpine passes which link the Engadine, Valais and Ticino regions.

Railway type	Standard gauge railway and narrow gauge with cogwheel drive
Built	1913
Base	434 m
Top	2033 m
Difference in altitude	1599 m
Travel time	approx. 3.5 hours
Open	all year round

History of the railway

The Wilhelm Tell Express links Lucerne with Lugano. It follows a path to the Schöllenen railway which opened in 1917 to connect Göschenen (to the north of the Gotthard Tunnel that opened in 1882) with Andermatt and the Furka-Oberalp railway. The famous Glacier Express has been in operation since 1930, in partnership with the Rhaetian Railway, ferrying passengers from Zermatt to St. Moritz via Andermatt and the Oberalp Pass (2033 m) even in winter. Surrounded by deep snow and stunning Alpine vistas, it's easy for passengers to imagine themselves aboard the famous Orient Express!

Andermatt

Andermatt flourished as a centre of trade and tourism when the first road over the Gotthard Pass opened in 1830, followed shortly after by the Oberalp and Furka Passes. The Veltliner Tour, the ski region between Andermatt and Sedrun, is very popular with winter sports enthusiasts and the Furka-Oberalp railways provides access to most of this region.

At the destination

- Gemsstock cable car 2961 m
- Dieni-Milez: chairlift 1800 m



Andermatt village



Rigi Express



1 Steam train only per month, extra charge + reservation

Cruise wintery Lake Lucerne then up the Rigi aboard Europe's first cogwheel railway

Europe's very first mountain railway has been taking tourists from all over the world to the top of the "Queen of the Mountains" since 1871. Between 1884 and 1914, the Rigi attracted heads of state and poets of the "Belle Epoque". Today, the stunning views across Lake Lucerne, ringed by the Alps on all sides, have lost none of their grandiose charm.

Railway type	Narrow gauge cogwheel railway
Built	1871
Base	434 m
Top	1752 m
Difference in altitude	1313 m
Travel time	45 minutes
Open	all year round

History of the railway

Some 1000 pack horses and porters suddenly found themselves out of work when the Vitznau-Rigi railway opened on 21 May 1871. By 1873 Europe's very first mountain railway extended all the way to the summit: the 7 km route took about an hour to complete.

Arriving at the top of the Rigi on his first trip to Switzerland in 1775, Johann Wolfgang von Goethe noted in his diary "The glory of the world all around!"

Rigi Kaltbad

The easy walk from Rigi Kaltbad to Rigi Chänzeli takes you past the Kaltbad mineral springs which pour out of a cleft in the rocks. These cold springs attracted tourists to the Rigi as long ago as the 16th century – an early, spartanic form of wellness!

At the destination

- winter hikes
- snowshoe trails



Easy walk to the Chänzeli

Voralpen Express



Train across the upland moor of Rothenthurm to Einsiedeln, a place of pilgrimage

Your trip aboard the Voralpen Express starts with magnificent views across Lake Lucerne to the mighty pre-Alpine peaks. Passing Lake Zug, the train begins a steep climb with views of Lake Lauerz and the two imposing Mythen summits. The adventure continues as you cross the snowy upland moor of Rothenthurm to arrive at Einsiedeln, a popular pilgrimage site.

Railway type	Standard gauge railway
Built	1940
Base	434 m
Top	923 m
Difference in altitude	489 m
Travel time	approx. 90 minutes
Open	all year round

History of the railway

The Voralpen Express is the name of a long-distance train that has linked the city of Lucerne with the eastern city of St. Gallen since 1992.

Einsiedeln

Einsiedeln is perhaps best known for its impressive baroque monastery and cathedral where one can admire the largest ceiling frescos in Switzerland and the Chapel of Grace with its Black Madonna. Founded in 934, Einsiedeln is Switzerland's most visited pilgrimage site. Located on the Jakobsweg (path of St. James), it is a major rallying point for pilgrims on their way to Santiago de Compostela. Einsiedeln also enjoys an excellent reputation as a winter sports resort: ski lifts, cross-country ski trails and ski-jumping attract tourists to this wonderful winter landscape.

At the destination

- monastery and cathedral
- shopping



The square in front of the monastery, Einsiedeln



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