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SWITZERLAND

SEPTEMBER 19 - OCTOBER 2, 2020

13 days

Experience the best of Switzerland. Weave through jaw-dropping, picture-perfect alps on road as well as stop at local towns. Classic and gourmet cuisines (swiss, german, italian and french), along with temptations like chocolate, cheese, wine and coffee which will satisfy your hunger and thirst. See Luzern, Bern, Lugano, Lausanne and plenty more to feel what it's like to be a Swiss!

SEPTEMBER 19 . . .

Depart for an overnight flight to Zurich, Switzerland.

SEPTEMBER 20 . . .

Arrive in Zurich by morning and transfer to private van(s) and drive to Luzern (Lucerne). Check in hotel in Luzern (Lucerne). Have a "Welcome to Switzerland" meeting. Then, an evening walk through town before a meet/greet over welcome dinner together. ***Sleep in Luzern (2 nights).***

SEPTEMBER 21 . . .

A whole day of walkabout in town, cross the colorful bridges and see the 'Dying Lion' monument. Learn a little history about Switzerland at the Bourbaki Panorama. Time permitting, check out the awesome Swiss Transport Museum on your own.

SEPTEMBER 22 . . .

Head to Engelberg where Swiss Army, the tale of William Tell and the birthplace of Switzerland all started. See Fortress Fürigen designated to keep Switzerland strong. Driving through countryside before arriving in charming village of Engelberg. Check in a lodge before an orientation walk. Free time before group dinner. ***Sleep in Engelberg (2 nights).***

SEPTEMBER 23 . . .

Ride on unique gondola to 10,000-foot summit of Mount Titlis. Be in awe for breathtaking panoramic views (weather permitting). Visit the Benedictine monastery and see how cheese was made. with its own cheese-making operation. Free time to explore the vast network of Swiss hiking trails, find a cozy mountain hut offering beautiful views, or enjoy a tasty fondue dinner.

SEPTEMBER 24 . . .

Ready to feel like an Italian? Head to Ticino, the Italian side of Switzerland. Check out Fort Bellinzona to master *passeggiata*. Arrive in Lake Lugano, *dolce vita*. Do Ticinese cooking class and dine together. ***Sleep in Lugano (2 nights).***

SEPTEMBER 25 . . .

Ride the funicular up to the top of 3,000-foot San Salavatore for great lake views. Stroll along the shops and harbor on your free time. Hop aboard a ferry and cruise to nearby Swiss and Italian villages in search of idyllic open-air restaurants for dinner.

SEPTEMBER 26 • • •

Rise up early for a long drive to Switzerland's Berner Oberland. Visit a small village, Zermatt, with a view of the iconic Matterhorn. Have lunch before a ride in a long tunnel en route to Mürren. Get on a thrilling gondola ride from the Lauterbrunnen Valley floor up to the cliff-top village of Mürren. Check in hotel before dinner together. *Sleep in Mürren (2 nights)*.

SEPTEMBER 27 • • •

Go up on a gondola ride up to the 10,000-foot Schilthorn for breakfast with a view of the peaks. Later, on your own, explore many walking trails, then find your way back to Mürren with cows, cheese and chocolate in sights.

SEPTEMBER 28 • • •

Drive on the 'Golden Pass' to Lake Geneva. Stop by fairy-like villages, Gruyères & Broc, famous for its chocolate and cheese. After lunch, arrive in Lausanne and visit the fascinating Charlie Chapin Museum. Time permitting, see the Olympic Museum. Dine like French during dinner together. *Sleep in Lausanne (2 nights)*.

SEPTEMBER 29 • • •

A leisurely day trip to lakefront town, Montreux. Take boat ride and dock at the gorgeous lakeside fortress, Chateau de Chillon. Tour the medieval castle before a quick stopover for wine tasting at a vineyard. Return to Lausanne.

SEPTEMBER 30 • • •

Feeling like a Roman? Visit a village, Avenches, home to one of the largest Roman cities. Arrive in Bern and see the Switzerland Parliament, Clock Tower & Cathedral. Time permitting, check out the Einstein Museum. *Sleep in Bern (1 night)*.

OCTOBER 1 • • •

Drive to a tiny, cozy town, Schaffhausen, home to the mighty Rhine Falls. See the roaring waters before a meet/greet with a Deaf "mayor" of Schaffhausen over farewell dinner in town. *Sleep in Schaffhausen (1 night)*.

OCTOBER 2 • • •

Transfer to Zürich airport (45-minutes drive) for your flight to your next respective destination.

SWITZERLAND TOUR PRICE

\$4,150 per person/double occupancy (for a group of 8+)

\$500 deposit per person is required to reserve space on a first come, first serve basis.

The remaining balance must be paid in full no later than 90 days before the start of the tour.

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

- Small tour group size
- Total of 12 nights in 3 to 3.5 star hotels.
- Welcome and farewell dinners, plus 1 surprise dinner during the tour.
- Services of a deaf group leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf guide(s).
- All transportation expenses connected with the tour itinerary.
- All admission fees for attractions and museums mentioned in the itinerary.
- Informative travel preparation packet.
- Pre-tour and/or post-tour itinerary consultation.
- \$100 credit off your next full tour with Hands On Travel.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- Airfares at the start and end of the tour are not included.
- All lunches and dinners not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses are not included.
- It is essential to consult the HOT terms and conditions before booking.
- There is a lot of walking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is required.
- Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.
- For more information, please contact Tour Manager, Darren Frazier, via e-mail: darren@handson.travel.

TOUR PROTECTION:

- Hands On Travel recommends that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. Travel protection plans include coverage for Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. To learn more about how to help protect you and your trip investment, visit the following link: <http://www.handson.travel/resources/protection/>