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SWITZERLAND

OCTOBER 5 - 18, 2021

13 DAYS

Experience the best of Switzerland. Weave through jaw-dropping, picture-perfect alps on road as well as stop at local towns. Classic cuisines (swiss, 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!

OCTOBER 5 • • •

Depart for an overnight flight to Zurich Airport (ZRH), Switzerland.

OCTOBER 6 • • •

Arrive in Zurich Airport before midday, if possible. Transfer to private van and drive through scenic Appenzell District. Peek inside Liechtenstein, the world's sixth smallest country with view of Vaduz Castle. Final stop at Chur, the oldest city in Switzerland, check in hotel. Rest, recover and enjoy welcome dinner as a Swiss inside a cozy, traditional restaurant. Overnight in Chur.

OCTOBER 7 • • •

Enjoy a morning walking tour in old town before heading to Lugano/Locarno and be ready to feel like an Italian. Stop by the pretty Bellinzona Castle before check in hotel. Enjoying 'dolce vita' with Ticinese-style dinner. Stay in Locarno for 2 nights.

OCTOBER 8 • • •

Ride the funicular up to the top of 3,000-foot San Salvatore 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.

OCTOBER 9 • • •

Enjoy scenic drive around the gorgeous Lake Maggiore before arriving in Zermatt. Stay in Zermatt for 2 nights.

OCTOBER 10 • • •

Enjoy a whole day in a small village, Zermatt, with a view of the iconic Matterhorn. Depending on weather, get on world's famous railway, Gornergrat, or get on gondola to atop Klein Matterhorn and enjoy its amenities. Have fondue-style dinner.

OCTOBER 11 • • •

Drive to Montreaux. Have casual lunch before visiting the fascinating Charlie Chaplin Museum all afternoon. Stay in Montreaux for 3 nights.

OCTOBER 12 • • •

Head to Charmey for a whole day to participate in Desalpe Festival where herd of cows with big bells descend from the alpine and have casual lunch. Plenty of photo ops with scenic views. Sample fine chocolate and cheese as well as wines in the beautiful vineyards of Lavaux before having lake-view dinner nearby Montreaux.

OCTOBER 13 • • •

Enjoy a morning walking tour of the medieval section in Lausanne, including the cathedral. Have lunch before driving to Geneva. Another afternoon walking tour with sights: Jet Fountain, United Nations, Red Cross and more. Dine like a French for dinner before heading back to Montreaux.

OCTOBER 14 • • •

Head to Bern and stroll through town to see Switzerland Parliament, Clock Tower, Cathedral and more. After lunch, visit a nearby village, Avenches, home to one of the largest Roman cities and feel like a Roman. Head to Luzern, a charming lakeside town. Stay in Luzern for 3 nights.

OCTOBER 15 • • •

Stroll all morning in town: cross the Chapel Bridge; see the 'Dying Lion' monument; and learn a little history about Switzerland at the Bourbaki Panorama. Visit the Swiss Army Knife Museum in Brunnen.

OCTOBER 16 • • •

Hop on a lake cruise to Luzern to Alpnachstad. Go atop Pilatus Mountain (6,982 ft) on a steep cogwheel railway and be in awe of a panorama view of 70+ peaks. Free time at the top. Ride in gondola back down to Kriens and take shuttle bus back to Luzern.

OR (depending on weather)

Head to Engelberg where the tale of William Tell and the birthplace of Switzerland all started. Ride on unique revolving gondola to atop Mount Titlis (10,623 ft) for breathtaking views. Walk through a Titlis glacier tunnel. Dare to walk across highest suspension bridge. Time permitting, check out the Benedictine monastery and see how cheese was made. Return to Luzern.

OCTOBER 17 • • •

Head to a tiny, cozy town, Schaffhausen, home to the mighty Rhine Falls. See the roaring waters before meet & greet with two wonderful Deaf locals over farewell dinner in town. Overnight in Schaffhausen.

OCTOBER 18 • • •

Drive to Zürich airport (1.5 hours) for your departure 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.

The availability of space is based on a first come, first serve basis.
100% of the balance is required 90 days before the first day of the tour.

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GROUP LEADER: Darren Frazier

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE?

- Small tour group size
- 12 nights in 3 to 3.5 star accommodations.
- 3 meals: welcome & farewell dinners, plus 1 surprise dinner.
- Services of a deaf group leader on call 24 hours a day.
- Services of local deaf and/or hearing guides.
- 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:

- International airfares at the start and end of the tour are not included.
- There will be airport pick up and drop off windows at the start and end of the tour. Early/late arrivals and early/late departures outside of pick up or drop off windows are not included.
- All other meals not mentioned in the itinerary and personal expenses are not included.
- There will be a lot of walking and hiking expected during the tour. Appropriate physical fitness is necessary.
- Please consult the most recent version of the HOT terms and conditions.
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- **Tour itinerary and price are subject to change.**