



## Day 1: Fly to Switzerland

Meet your group and travel on an overnight flight to Zurich.

## Day 2: Zurich | Lucerne region

**Arrive in Zurich:** Welcome to Switzerland. Once your group has collected their baggage, make your way to Lucerne. Depending on your arrival time, you may have free time to explore on your own.

**Dinner:** Get to know your group over dinner in the Lucerne region.

## Day 3: Lucerne region

**Sightseeing tour of Lucerne:** The majestic Swiss Alps rise behind the shores of Lake Lucerne and provide the stunning backdrop to one of Switzerland's most picturesque cities. You'll see the poignant lion monument known as Löwendenkmal, a sandstone statue commemorating the Swiss Guards slain in the 1792 storming of the Tuileries. Follow Lucerne's winding cobbled streets past fairy-tale houses to the Kapellbrücke.

📍 **Swiss mountain experience:** Ride up the peaks of a Swiss Mountain. There, you'll be rewarded with panoramic views of the city below. Those who do not join the excursion will have free time in Lucerne.

📍 **Swiss folklore experience:** Enjoy a traditional show, complete with folk dancing, yodeling, and Alpine horns.

**Dinner:** Reflect on the day's activities over dinner with your group.

## Day 4: Lucerne region | Verona | Venice region

**Travel to Venice:** Travel through Verona. Later, arrive in the Floating City of Venice.

**Dinner:** Settle in with your group over a traditional pasta dinner in Venice.

## Day 5: Venice region

**Sightseeing tour of Venice:** See gondolas glide down the Grand Canal before stopping in St. Mark's Square. Attend a glass-blowing demonstration and watch expert craftsmen spin molten-hot wares.

**Doge's Palace:** At the pink-and-white Doge's Palace, see where mighty Venetian dukes once ruled. Stroll over the Bridge of Sighs, which links the palace to a prison.

**Free time in Venice:** Take the afternoon to explore the city at your own pace.

## Day 6: Venice region | Florence

**Travel to Florence:** Make your way to Florence, the birthplace of the Italian language, opera, and the Renaissance.

**Sightseeing tour of Florence:** Florence is home to world-renowned works of art, including Michelangelo's David and Botticelli's *The Birth of Venus*. As you explore the city, pass by the Duomo and the classical statues at the Piazza della Signoria. You'll also walk across the Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge where many of Florence's famed leather and gold artisans keep shop.

**Dinner:** Get a taste for Florence over dinner with your group.

## Day 7: Florence

**Explore Florence:** Enjoy a free day in one of Italy's most beautiful cities. Visit the famous Uffizi Gallery or another of the city's many museums. Alternatively, choose to wander the city's streets, as Florence's collection of impressive art makes it a veritable open-air museum itself.

📍 **Tuscan wine tasting:** Sample distinctive wines of the region.

## Day 8: Florence | Pisa | Cinque Terre

**Travel via Pisa to Cinque Terre:** Visit one of the world's famous architectural

blunders: the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Outside the newly-restored tilted marvel, visit the Pisa Baptistery and Pisa Cathedral. Then continue on to Cinque Terre.

**Dinner:** Relax with your group over dinner in Cinque Terre.

## Day 9: Cinque Terre | French Riviera

**Cinque Terre:** Spend some time exploring the beloved "Five Lands," a series of five small villages that have been carefully carved into the rugged Italian coastline.

**Travel to the French Riviera:** Enjoy the beautiful beaches with your group.

## Day 10: French Riviera

**Sightseeing tour of Monaco and Èze:** Visit Monaco, a tiny principality that packs wealth, royalty, and the famous Casino Monte-Carlo into just 0.8 square miles. Pass by the Cathédrale de Monaco, where Prince Rainier wed Grace Kelly, a union that sparked an influx of Hollywood stars to the French Riviera.

**Perfume factory:** Enjoy an visit to the seaside town of Èze. You'll tour a perfume factory and watch olfactory experts concoct new fragrances.

**Explore Nice:** Stroll down the palm-lined Promenade des Anglais and get a taste of the Old Town. Soak up the scenery, from the white-washed villas to the emerald waters that lap Nice's endless beaches.

**Dinner:** Gather with your group for a farewell dinner.

## Day 11: Depart for home

Your Tour Director assists you to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

## 📍 2-DAY PROGRAM EXTENSION

### Days 11-12: French Riviera | Paris

**Travel to Paris:** Board a high-speed train bound for the City of Light.

**Explore Paris:** Take a walking tour of the Latin Quarter, so named because the language was once commonly spoken by the Sorbonne students in the area.

**Notre-Dame Cathedral:** Admire Notre-Dame's sculptured façade, rose windows, and seemingly weightless vaulted ceilings.

**Dinner:** Enjoy dinner with your group on your first night in Paris.

**Sightseeing tour of Paris:** Ride down the Champs-Élysées, an elegant boulevard packed with high-fashion boutiques. Pass the Place de la Concorde and the Arc de Triomphe. Your guide shares insight into French military history when you continue past Les Invalides.

**Louvre:** Enter by I. M. Pei's glass pyramid to discover the antiquities that await inside. Here, get an up-close look at Da Vinci's *Mona Lisa*.

### Day 13: Depart for home

Travel to the airport and check in for your return flight home.