Switzerland Rails and Sails

Tour Dates: October 2nd – 11th, 2026

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Visit Rhine Falls, the largest waterfall in Europe

Experience breathtaking scenery aboard the *Jungfrau Railway*

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on your overnight flight to Zurich, Switzerland.

DAY 2 Zurich, Switzerland: Upon arrival, you will be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises and Tours and assisted with arriving at the hotel. Flights should arrive by 4pm. This evening, join your Tour Manager and fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 Zurich / St. Gallen: Depart the hotel by coach for the start of your Swiss adventures! While visiting Rhine Falls - the largest and most powerful waterfall in Europe, absorb the natural surrounding beauty as you witness this site from shore. During a short boat ride, get close to the falls, hear the roar of the water rushing over the rocks, feel the mist, and experience the power of the falls. Continue by coach to the nearby village of Stein am Rhein, situated along the banks of the Rhine River, where charming alleyways lined with frescoed half-timbered houses greet you. Stroll through the well-preserved center of the Old Town for a close-up look at the façades of these houses from the Middle Ages and enjoy lunch on your own. Your taste of Switzerland continues (literally!) with a visit to a chocolate factory. Learn how some of the world's best chocolate is made, sample the products, and decorate your own chocolate bar. End the day with arrival in St. Gallen, nestled between the Swiss Alps and Lake Constance. **Meal: B**

DAY 4 St. Gallen / Lake Constance: The 'sails' portion of the program begins with a journey to Romanshore to embark the vessel for a cruise on Lake Constance. The third largest lake in central Europe, it's situated at the point where Switzerland meets Germany and Austria. Enjoy the scenery of quaint fishing villages and unspoiled nature while sailing along the steel-blue water to Rorschach. Return to St. Gallen where an afternoon excursion showcases its charms during a walking tour. A local guide reveals the history of the city while leading you through the cobblestoned lanes, lined with picturesque townhouses. Explore the UNESCO Abbey Complex of St. Gall, which includes the landmark of the city – the twin-towered cathedral, and one of the oldest and most beautiful libraries in the world. The evening is free to do as you please. **Meal: B**

DAY 5 St. Gallen – Lucerne – Interlaken: This morning begins the 'rails' portion of the trip as you board the *Voralpen Express* to Lucerne. Sit back and relax as the train crosses Sitter Bridge, the highest railway bridge in Europe (325' high) and traverses the scenic Swiss landscape of rugged mountains and glittering lakes. Upon arrival, leisurely sail on Lake Lucerne, where Mt. Rigi, Mt. Pilatus, and Mt. Bürgenstock loom in the distance, adding an impressive backdrop to the historic sites of the city and tranquility of the lake. After free time in town, return to the train station to board the *Interlaken Express*. Journey past turquoise lakes and waterfalls cascading down the mountains on the way to Interlaken. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel for an evening at leisure. **Meal: B**

DAY 6 Interlaken: On todays adventure, experience Jungfraujoch, the highest railway station in Europe at 11,332 feet above sea level. Travel by coach to Lauterbrunnen to board the *Wengernalp Railway*. Climb 6,672 feet during this 40-minute journey through breathtaking scenery to the Kleine Scheidegg station. Ascend the final 4,570 feet aboard the *Jungfrau Railway* cogwheel train in about 35 minutes to reach the 'Top of Europe'. Step outside, breathe the fresh mountain air, and stand in awe of the spectacular sight that awaits. Take a walk through the Ice Cave, watch the 360º cinematic movie detailing the challenges in creating this mountain adventure and enjoy an included lunch. Descend via the *Jungfrau Railway* to Eigergletscher Station for a 20-minute ride on the *Eiger Express* gondola to Grindewald where the coach is waiting to return you to ground level and the hotel. The remainder of the day is free of planned activities to explore the town independently. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 7 Interlaken / Brienz: After breakfast, depart for what is sure to be a fantastic cruise on Lake Brienz. Not only is the turquoise color of the water astounding, but the quaint villages of traditional wooden houses dotting the shoreline are picture-perfect. Known for its wood-carving history, this trait is evident throughout the village of Brienz. Home to the creators of the now famous Trauffer hand-crafted Swiss wooden cows, become a part of this tradition. At a workshop where the production occurs, learn about the history, art of carving and painting these cows, create your own, and take your unique masterpiece home as a souvenir!

Enjoy a guided tour of Château du Chillon

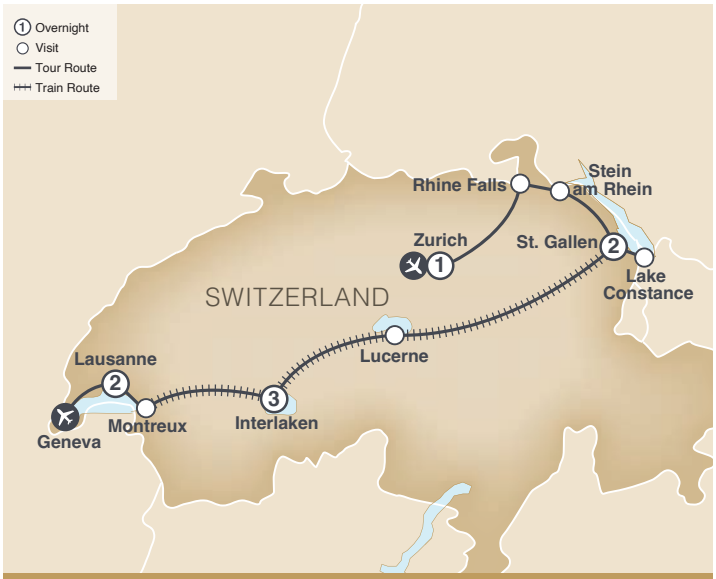
During free time, walk along the Brunngasse, a street that earned the title of "the most beautiful street in Europe", and home to many 18th-century houses with wood-carved embellishments. Return by coach to the hotel with the remainder of the day at leisure. **Meal: B**

DAY 8 Interlaken – Montreux - Lausanne: Saving the best for last, perhaps one of Switzerland's most picturesque train routes is in store as you ride aboard the *Golden Pass* from Interlaken to Montreux, on the shores of Lake Geneva. Panoramic vistas and scenic landscapes of mountains, valleys and vineyards appear as if they are out of a fairytale book. In Montreux, an included lunch awaits before traveling along the coast to Château du Chillon. A guide dressed in period costume will walk you through the medieval castle, complete with ramparts, to discover the mysteries that lie within! Embark an historic steamboat for a cruise on Lake Geneva, sailing through the terraced UNESCO Lavaux vineyards, with a spectacular backdrop of the Swiss Alps. What a perfect way to end the day and return to Lausanne for the evening at leisure. **Meals: B, L**

DAY 9 Lausanne: The final day in Switzerland starts with a city tour of Lausanne. A panoramic orientation will familiarize you with the area, followed by a walking tour through the center. The guide will reveal secrets of this medieval city, its Gothic cathedral, the picturesque market steps, Place de la Palud and its Town Hall, and the trendy Flon district with its modern architecture. The afternoon is free of planned activities for any last-minute shopping or independent sightseeing. This evening, join your fellow travelers and Tour Manager for a farewell dinner. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 10 Lausanne / Geneva / USA: This morning, transfer from Lausanne to the Geneva airport for your flight home. Flights should depart after 11am. Memories of the beauty of Switzerland and the journeys by rails and sails will be cherished for a lifetime. **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.



Tour Highlights

- 12 Meals: 8 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Rail journeys aboard the *Voralpen Express*, *Interlaken Express*, *Wengernalp Railway*, *Jungfrau Cogwheel Railway* and *Golden Pass*
- Scenic cruises on Lake Lucerne, Lake Constance, Lake Geneva and Lake Brienz
- Boat ride on Rhine Falls, the largest in Europe
- Learn the secrets of Swiss chocolate making at a chocolate factory
- Explore the UNESCO Abbey Complex of St. Gall and visit the beautiful library
- Experience the 'Top of Europe' during the Jungfrau adventure
- Ride the *Eiger Express* gondola during the descent of the Jungfrau
- Carve and create your own wooden cow souvenir
- Visit the island-castle of Château du Chillon

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 2 – Radisson BLU Airport or similar, Zurich, Switzerland
Days 3 and 4 – Einstein Hotel, St. Gallen, Switzerland
Days 5 through 7 – Metropole Hotel, Interlaken, Switzerland
Days 8 and 9 – Movenpick Hotel, Lausanne, Switzerland

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2026 Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
October 2	$7,048	+ $1,159

Pricing includes round trip airfare from Cleveland on the exact departure and return dates of the tour and the traveler's protection plan.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group and may not be available until airport check-in. Seat changes can only be attempted at the airport and may not be possible. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend booking air on your own rather than booking air with the group.

UPGRADE YOUR FLIGHTS TO BUSINESS CLASS FROM AN ADDITIONAL $6,000 PER PERSON*

*Upgrades must be purchased **at least 120 days prior to departure** and are subject to availability. Some domestic flights within the United States and Europe may require travel in Economy class. If our contracted levels of business class are sold out, we will advise of the price of published fares, if available, at time of confirmation and before purchase. Business Class must be ticketed immediately and is non-refundable.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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EASY ENERGETIC

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – INCLUDED
This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

• 91 days or more	Deposit Amount
• 90 to 45 days prior	20% of tour cost
• 44 to 15 day prior	30% of tour cost
• 14 to 1 day prior	50% of tour cost
• Day 1 of departure or early departure from tour	100% of tour cost
• No refund on unused portions of the tour	

PASSPORT REQUIRED

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

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