

# Swiss Alps & the Italian Lakes

## **Inspiring Moments**



- Encounter regions of Switzerland and Italy that boast gorgeous sunsets, inspiring landmarks, warm hospitality and gracious waterside resorts.
- Witness dramatic glaciers vanishing into flaxen sands on the Bernina Express.
- Indulge in the cosmopolitan ambience of St. Moritz, a jet-set resort town.
- Cruise on **Lake Como**, where golden sunlight dances on mirror-smooth waters.
- Explore lush terraced gardens of the jewel-like Borromean Islands.
- Wind over the stunning **Maloja Pass,** a canvas of poetic lakes and sweet villages.
- Visit incredible Milan and gaze at Leonardo's "The Last Supper."
- Discover the secrets of northern Italy's cuisine during a cooking lesson.
- Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites.**



### **Itinerary**

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Day 2 Arrive in Zürich and

transfer 🕽 to hotel in St. Moritz

Day 3 St. Moritz

Day 4 Bernina Express | Tirano | Zuoz

Day 5 St. Moritz

Day 6 Maloja Pass | Bellagio | Como | Stresa

Day 7 Borromean Islands

Day 8 Milan

Day 9 Stresa

**Day 10** Transfer **to Milan airport** and depart for gateway city **to Milan airport** 

Flights and transfers provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

### Included Features



### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- -4 nights in St. Moritz, Switzerland, at the first-class Schweizerhof St. Moritz Hotel.
- -4 nights in Stresa, Italy, at the first-class Hotel La Palma.

### Transfers (with baggage handling)

 Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

### **Extensive Meal Program**

 - 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- -Small group: Sized just right at 28 guests.
- Enrichment by expert speakers enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- AHI Connects | Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your individual interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- -Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- AHI Sustainability Promise | Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Above: Lake Moritz

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### A World of Discovery

Piedmontese Kitchen. Drive into lush foothills to a family-owned restaurant. Meet the family and learn how to prepare select dishes of regional cuisine. After, tuck into a delicious meal, complemented by panoramas of the lake.

**Welcome to St. Moritz!** Begin this unforgettable journey during an orientation stroll. Get to know St. Moritz on a walking tour, including visits to welcoming shops.

Bernina Express. Wind your way from scenic mountain peaks to palm-lined streets during a train ride to Tirano, Italy. Relax in your scarlet carriage aboard the famous Bernina Express as it travels along one of Europe's most impressively engineered rail routes. Settle in for lunch before continuing to Zuoz, a pretty town known for its brightly painted buildings, cobbled main square and fountains. Return to St. Moritz by train.

The Road to Stresa. Revel in dramatic beauty while traveling through the Maloja Pass. From an amazing mountain setting, venture by Swiss villages mirrored in glacial lakes. In Tremezzo, located along the shores of Lake Como, board a boat for a ride to lakeside Bellagio and relax over lunch. Continue to Como via boat. During your ride, you'll be rewarded with vistas of bucolic shores and elegant villas. After, enjoy a peaceful drive to Stresa and uncover a slice of lakeside life.

**Borromean Islands.** Board a private boat for a cruise on Lake Maggiore to visit the stunning Borromean Islands. Marvel at a botanical garden on Isola Madre and soak up the charms of Isola dei Pescatori, a charming fishing village. Cap off your lake excursion at Isola Bella, home to a baroque palace and awe-inspiring hanging gardens.

**Cultural Milan.** Milan is host to a wealth of culture and heritage. Visit the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, home to da Vinci's incredible "The Last Supper." This powerful painting is hailed as one of the greatest in the world. It took more than two years to complete. See La Scala, Italy's opulent opera house, and the Duomo, a cathedral built by artisans from across Europe.



Bernina Express en route



Bellagio

### **Enrichment**

- Swiss Icons
- Meet the People
- Italy's Lake District
- Golden Age of the Renaissance

### **UNESCO World Heritage**

- Rhaetian Railway in the Albula |
   Bernina Landscapes, Switzerland
  and Italy
- Church and Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with Leonardo's "The Last Supper," Italy

#### Accommodations

Hotel Schweizerhof | St. Moritz

Hotel La Palma | Stresa

Tripadvisor

**Activity Level:** We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



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Peacock on Isola Bella

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