

## Highlights

\* **Discover these cities, towns, villages and resorts as you do your sight-seeing:**  
Stein am Rhein, Appenzell, Lenzerheide, St. Moritz, Chur, Vaduz (Liechtenstein), Feldkirch (Austria).

\* **Attractions:**

- largest city in Switzerland
- prettiest small town in Switzerland
- very traditional & authentic Swiss town
- first city in Switzerland
- 6th smallest country in the world
- a winter resort where the high society of the world go to spend their winter holidays
- lunch in a 600-year-old castle in the knights or hunters' room

Day 1	Mon, 15 Dec 2008	Stein am Rhein	D
<p>Pick-up at either Zürich airport, Zürich main train station or at your hotel in Zürich. Zurich city tour Visit a medieval town, also known as the prettiest small town in Switzerland, situated by the River Rhine, one of the longest in Europe. Have lunch in a restaurant here known for her good food. Then go to a lookout point to have a bird's eye view of Stein am Rhein and her beautiful surrounding. A scenic drive along the Lake of Zürich, Lake Walen and the majestic Churfirsten mountain range to the Holiday Corner of Switzerland. Welcome to the land of 150 valleys, 615 alpine lakes and 937 mountain peaks. Pass the Heidi World, THE Pinot Noir region of Switzerland and the oldest city in Switzerland. Continue to drive through Graubünden, the most diversified and largest but the least densely populated canton of Switzerland, known for her widely untouched landscapes and home to three of the four cultures of Switzerland. Drive into the valley of castles &amp; fortresses before checking into your hotel embedded at the foot of an inner alpine valley, also known as the 'Orchard of Graubünden'. Here, in the geographic heart of the Alps, is the crossroads of the high and ancient alpine passes. Complimentary welcome drink during dinner.</p>			
Day 2	Tues, 16 Dec 2008	Appenzell	B, D
<p>Appenzell: visit this lovely canton known not only for her beautiful countryside landscapes but also for her specialties like cheese, milk, sausages, beer etc. The town is yours to admire - typical Appenzeller houses that are beautifully painted. Either have a Swiss fondue lunch at this town or have lunch at the mountain top when you do a mountain visit optional tour. (Optional: Either a cheese factory visit OR a gondola ride to the queen of the north-eastern Swiss Alps, for a spectacular view of the Alps in 5 countries or a breath-taking vista of a sea of clouds over the valleys. Or visit another nice nearby mountain. All depending on weather conditions.)</p>			
Day 3	Wed, 17 Dec 2008	Lenzerheide	B, D
<p>Visit a winter sports resort where ex- prime minister, Margaret Thatcher, took her twins to learn skiing. Take a walk around the frozen lake. Let Swiss horses take you on a carriage ride in through villages, passing by frozen lakes (optional). Next, go try rodel tobogganing on one of the longest toboggan run on rails in the world (optional). Decide your own speed! If time permits, take a cable-car or chairlift ride up to one of the mountains in the largest and highest canton of Switzerland, Graubünden, for a view of the south-eastern Swiss Alps or a view of 1000 summits (optional). Do a Swiss home visit.</p>			
Day 4	Thur, 18 Dec 2008	St Moritz	B, D
<p>Today drive over the very scenic Julier Pass to the resort of St. Moritz, a renowned winter destination in the Upper Engadin Valley where the wealthy go to enjoy their riches and where the Alpine Ski World Championship 2003 as well as the Winter Olympics 1928 &amp; 1948 were hosted. On the way, make a short stop to spot alpine animals like Capricorns and chamois. Take a walk through the town. Collect your free souvenir gift (guide will provide coupons). See the Olympic bob run. Optional: a visit to one of the mountains in the eastern Swiss Alps for a very impressive 360° view of the Alps including a close view of the Bernina range, the highest mountain range in the Eastern Alps. On a clear day, depending on the sun's rays, 7 or 8 layers of mountain ranges can be seen from here! Graubünden has the most number of mountain peaks in the Alps exceeding 3000 m, making it the highest region in the Alps and earning it the name 'the roof of Europe'.</p>			
Day 5	Fri, 19 Dec 2008	Feldkirch (Austria) – Vaduz [Liechtenstein] - Chur	B, D
<p>Visit Chur – situated at the crossroads of the River Rhine which is one of the longest rivers in Europe, this capital of canton Graubünden and oldest city of Switzerland was where traders and merchants flocked. Interesting shops: crystal shop, household products shop with a wide range of interesting knives, and gourmet shops offering specialties from the region like pear bread, air dried meat, honey, cheese, beverages etc are available here. If you are interested in alpine nature (e.g. alpine animals, alpine forests, alpine rocks, etc), the Nature Museum is worth a visit. Next, go across the nearby border to Austria to the city of Feldkirch. Then hop across another border to Liechtenstein and visit the capital city of Vaduz. A good range of cuckoo clocks is available here. (Today's tour is complimentary if you have a group of 8.)</p>			
Day 6	Sat, 20 Dec 2008	Transfer to Zürich Airport	B
<p>Hotel check-out. Transfer to Zürich airport for your flight home OR an east Switzerland train station to continue your journey in Europe. Note: Please kindly avoid scheduling any flight departing Zürich airport before 12 noon.</p>			

### Note

As we would very much want our to get the most out of our tours, the sequence and/or parts of the content of the above itinerary are subject to changes depending on weather conditions and forthcoming special events.

### Optionals

- queen of the north-eastern Swiss Alps for a spectacular view of 5 countries
- cheese factory visit
- horse carriage ride in the picturesque countryside passing by frozen lakes, through villages and pine forests
- Top of Switzerland to see the highest mountains (ice-packed) of the eastern Alps & glacier

### What's Included

- Pick-up at Zürich airport, Zürich main train station or your hotel in Zürich on Day 1
- Transfer to Zürich airport or an east-Switzerland train station on Day 6 (not provided for budget tours)
- 5 nights hotel accommodation at Hotel Weiss Kreuz
- 5 Swiss buffet breakfasts (not provided for budget tours)
- 5 three or four-course Swiss dinners in the hotel known for its cuisines (not provided for budget tours)
- 1 driver-cum-guide
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- 1 mini-coach with vertical panorama windows