



Glacier Express – first class through the Alps

The Glacier Express is one of the world's classic train journeys. From Zermatt at the foot of the Matterhorn, this spectacular panoramic journey takes you over 291 bridges and through 91 tunnels to the chic St. Moritz. An overview of the most impressive stops on the eight-hour journey on the Glacier Express.

Travellers will discover Switzerland's most exclusive tourist destinations: car-free, rustic Zermatt, the up-and-coming Andermatt in the heart of Switzerland, and the cosmopolitan meeting place of St. Moritz. "The slowest express train in the world" connects these places along idyllic mountain meadows with views of snow-covered mountains. It crosses spectacular gorges with blue mountain lakes glistening down below.

Zermatt – the mountain village of superlatives

Zermatt is the most famous mountain village in the Alps with over 500-year-old wooden houses, views of 38 four-thousand-metre peaks and the most photographed mountain in the world, the Matterhorn. Winter guests experience magical winter landscapes with sleepy hamlets. In summer, hiking trails lead through romantic mountain forests. Zermatt also offers its guests the highest density of gourmet restaurants in the Alps.

From Zermatt to Brig (45 km, 1,604 m to 670 m above sea level, 1.5 h)

The Mattertal valley offers a remarkable variety of landscapes: wild gorges, jagged rock faces and eternal ice tower high above the valley floor. Alpine meadows bloom along the route and grapes ripen in Europe's highest vineyard.

Brig – cultural diversity in the Rhone valley

Valais is rich in ancient customs, offers a varied cultural diversity and excellent wines made from local grape varieties. The town of Brig is famous for its stately 17th century castle. Brig is a good starting point for wonderful hikes in the area of the great Aletsch Glacier, which has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001.

From Brig to Andermatt (70 km, 670 m to 1,435 m above sea level, 1.5 h)

The upper Rhone Valley is a paradise for hikers, cross-country skiers and those looking for peace and quiet. The traditional wooden houses are built on wooden stilts, the shingles and beams are tanned deep black by the sun. Since the opening of the Furka Base Tunnel, the original line from Zermatt to St. Moritz has been open all year round.

Andermatt – fantastic moments in the legendary Uri region

Andermatt is a historic junction between North and South and between West and East. Its long history in the wide high valley has resulted in a cosmopolitan people and cultural diversity. Egyptian tourism developer Samih Sawiris is building an architecturally outstanding holiday resort with two 5* deluxe hotels in Andermatt. Impressive side valleys, countless mountain lakes and 500 km of hiking trails are waiting to be discovered.



From Andermatt to Chur (90 km, 1,435 m to 585 m above sea level, 2.5 h)

The Oberalp Pass at 2,033 metres above sea level is the highest point of the journey and a popular photo stop in all four seasons. In winter, the frozen lake lies under a metre-high blanket of snow, while in summer, cows graze on Alpine flower meadows. Outside Chur, the Glacier Express passes through a unique gorge with bizarre rock formations, also known as the “Swiss Grand Canyon”.

Chur – in the centre of the magic of the mountains

Chur is the cultural centre with theatre and art house and an ideal starting point for exploring Graubünden. From Chur, you can reach all the famous holiday resorts such as Davos, St. Moritz and Arosa, or start your journey here on the world-famous panoramic trains of the Glacier Express and Bernina Express.

From Chur to St. Moritz (85 km, 585 m to 1,775 m above sea level, 2 h)

This section takes you through the UNESCO World Heritage Site “Rhaetian Railway in the Albula/Bernina Landscapes” with masterpieces of engineering. The most spectacular bridge constructions are the Solis Viaduct and the elegant Landwasser Viaduct. After a good eight hours, the Glacier Express reaches the Engadin with its magnificent houses and arrives at the prestigious holiday resort of St. Moritz towards the evening.

St. Moritz – a unique metropolis in the high mountains

The cosmopolitan mountain village at 1,800 metres above sea level has 300 days of sunshine a year. St. Moritz is more than a spa town, more than a winter sports destination and more than a dream destination for the world's rich and beautiful. Those who spend incomparable days here will follow in the footsteps of spa guests who bathed in the mineral springs of the Upper Engadin 3,500 years ago.