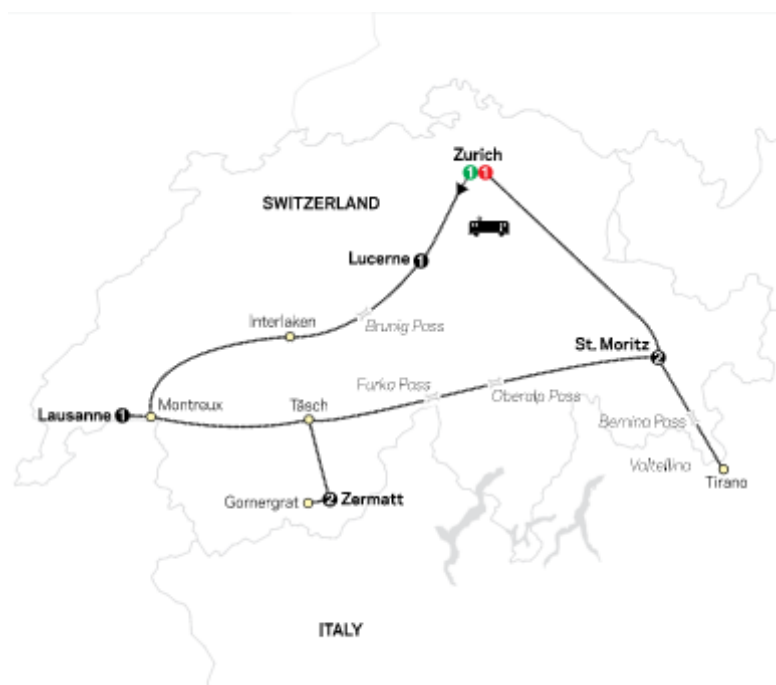


SWITZERLAND & CROATIA 24 DAY PRIVATE GROUP TOUR

Fully Escorted by Curly Gladman from Greenhills Travel Centre, East Maitland



BERNINA EXPRESS



Depart 1 October 2020

DAY 1: Depart Greenhills Travel Centre for Sydney Airport to board our flight to Zurich.

DAY 2: ARRIVE IN ZURICH, SWITZERLAND.

On arrival after clearing immigration and customs we will be transferred to our hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Zurich. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and fellow travellers. (D)

SCENIC SWITZERLAND BY TRAIN

*Transport: Touring by Standard / First-class train
Accommodation: Rooms with private bath or shower. Includes hotel taxes, portage, tips and service charges*

Highlights: Lucerne, Montreux Switzerland, Gruyere Switzerland, Alpine journey Switzerland, Glacier Express, Bernina Express Train Excursion to Tirano, Italy.

DAY 3: ZURICH-LUCERNE. Board the train for

your journey from Zurich to Lucerne. Lucerne is one of Switzerland's most idyllic medieval cities, surrounded by a beautiful lake and nestled amidst snow-capped Alps. The rest of the day is at leisure to discover the delights of this charming city such as the famous wooden bridge or the picturesque town centre. (Alternatively, sign up for an optional excursion. Ascent up Mount Stanserhorn. Climb towering Mount Stanserhorn aboard the world's first double-decker, open-top aerial cable car! \$114) **SWISS FOLKLORE - EVENING FOLKLORE PARTY WITH DINNER** (B, D)

Today's Distance: 37 mi / 60 km

DAY 4: LUCERNE-INTERLAKEN-GOLDENPASS MOB PANORAMIC TRAIN TO MONTREUX- LAUSANNE.

Depart Lucerne on the Lucerne- interlaken Express. Cross Brunig Pass enroute to interlaken. **RIDE THE FUNICULAR UP TO THE SPECTACULAR HARDER KULM OVERLOOK FOR SWEEPING PANORAMIC VIEWS OF THE BERNESE OBERLAND AND A LOVELY LUNCH SURROUNDED BY NATURE'S SPLENDOUR.** From interlaken, take the BLS Regio Express train to Zweisimmen. Continue on the **GOLDENPASS PANORAMIC TRAIN** for your unforgettable journey to Montreux, then continue to Lausanne. (B) Today's Distance: 155 mi/ 250 km

DAY 5: LAUSANNE-MONTREUX-TASCH- ZERMATT.

Depart for the delightful Swiss mountain resort of Zermatt. Enroute, stop to visit the town of Montreux, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva and surrounded by vineyards and against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps. Enjoy some free time or maybe join an optional guided excursion to Chillon Castle before continuing by train to Zermatt. (B, D) Today's Distance: 109 mi/ 175 km

DAY 6: ZERMATT. GORNERGRAT EXCURSION.

An included excursion takes you to the famous **GORNERGRAT**, travelling on board Europe's highest rack railway. The views of the Matterhorn from its summit are spectacular. The rest of the day is at leisure in Zermatt-with a variety of interesting shops, cafes, bars, and picturesque streets to explore. (B)

DAY 7: ZERMATT-GLACIER EXPRESS- ST. MORITZ.

The train journey today aboard the spectacular **GLACIER EXPRESS** is without a doubt one of the main highlights of the tour. Enjoy unforgettable views as you make your way through the unspoiled natural beauty of the Alps on the direct route from Zermatt to the world-famous mountain resort of St. Moritz. This picture-perfect town is more than just a holiday resort. it was also the birthplace of Alpine winter tourism (in 1864) and has twice hosted the Winter Olympics. Stretch your legs this evening, and admire the beautiful chalets decorated with colourful geraniums. (B, D) Today's Distance: 174 mi/ 280 km

DAY 8: ST. MORITZ. BERNINA EXPRESS EXCURSION TO TIRANO, ITALY.

Take the **BERNINA EXPRESS TRAIN (A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE)** to Tirano and back for one of Europe's most spectacular and breathtaking train rides. Travel across lofty Bernina Pass via the Swiss Poschiavo area to Tirano in the Italian Valtellina, witnessing an array of beautiful mountain streams, glaciers, and alpine scenery along the way. (B) Today's Distance: 75 mi/ 120 km

DAY 9: ST. MORITZ-ZURICH.

ST. MORITZ-ZURICH. Leave St. Moritz for the journey back to Zurich. Enjoy some time at leisure in Zurich. Take a stroll around the city centre and indulge in some chocolate tasting or follow the course of the river Limmat until it reaches the banks of Lake Zurich. (B) Today's Distance: 137 mi/ 220 km

DAY 10: 10 October 2020. ZURICH-ZAGREB. After breakfast we head off to the airport for our flight to Zagreb to commence our Croatian Adventure. Arrive mid-afternoon. Overnight Zagreb (B, D)



THE CROATIAN

Transport: Touring by private, air-conditioned motorcoach. Free Wi-Fi (where available)

Accommodation: First-Class or Superior First-Class with private bath or shower. Includes hotel taxes, portorage, tips and service charges.

Highlights: Zagreb, Pula, Zadar, Plitvice, Postojna, Ljubljana.

DAY 11 ZAGREB – Today is a surprise. A mystery day tour.

At 6 pm, meet your Tour Director and travelling companions for a welcome dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

DAY 11: ZAGREB-LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA.

Discover the Lower and medieval Upper Town of the capital of Croatia, with a Local Guide,

and admire the Austro-Hungarian architecture such as the Parliament, Stone Gate, the Archbishop's Palace, and

more, plus a visit to the majestic **CATHEDRAL**. Enter Slovenia and arrive in its capital, Ljubljana. (B,D) Today's Distance: 106 mi / 170 km

DAY 12: LJUBLJANA.

Guided sightseeing features the main sights like the medieval castle, the impressive City Hall, St. Nicholas' Cathedral, and a visit to the **TOWN HALL'S INNER COURT**. Balance of the day is at leisure to join the locals along the banks of the Ljubljana River or to just relax. (B)

DAY 13: LJUBLJANA-POSTOJNA-OPATIJA, CROATIA.

Enjoy a guided walk through the spectacular POSTOJNA CAVES and ride a mini-train. The cave was discovered in the 17th century, opened to the public in 1819, and is considered the most beautiful in Slovenia. Continue to the famous seaside resort of Opatija. (B,D) Today's Distance: 81 mi / 130 km

DAY 14: OPATIJA. EXCURSION TO PULA.

Take a scenic drive through the Istrian Peninsula to Pula, where your Local Guide will show you the Triumphal Arch of the Sergi, dating back to the 1st century. Then, visit the perfectly preserved **AMPHITHEATRE** and the **TEMPLE OF AUGUSTUS**. Return to Opatija and immerse yourself in the relaxed atmosphere of the resort. Walk along the seaside promenade and take pictures of the famous Maiden with the Seagull. (B) Today's Distance: 130 mi / 210 km

DAY 15: OPATIJA-PLITVICE-ZADAR.

Head to Plitvice and join your Local Guide for a walking tour of the **NATIONAL PARK**, with its lakes, waterfalls, and forests. Back to the coastline, arrive at your beautifully located hotel, surrounded by fragrant pine woods. (B,D)

Today's Distance: 199 mi / 320 km

DAY 16: ZADAR-TROGIR-SPLIT.

A guided walking tour to the main square gives you a good impression of this city with its turbulent history of fighting off the Venetians, crusaders, and Turks over the centuries. Don't miss the Sea Organ and the Greeting to the Sun. The next two cities are **UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITES**: explore picturesque Trogir, founded by Greek colonists and a major port until Roman times, and then continue to Split, the ancient Spalato. This evening enjoy a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D) Today's Distance: 137 mi / 220 km

DAY 17: SPLIT.

Walk through the labyrinth of medieval streets within the walls of Emperor **DIOCLETIAN'S PALACE**, a well-preserved fortress and a living part of the Old Town, with your Local Guide. Also see the Mausoleum, the Cathedral of St.

Domnius, and the Temple of Jupiter with its impressive basement halls-a filming location in Game of Thrones. (B)

DAY 18: SPLIT-BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA-DUBROVNIK, CROATIA.

Follow the Dalmatian coast, heading south to Dubrovnik. Enjoy a walking tour with a Local Guide to see the Franciscan and Dominican monasteries, and the impressive ramparts, erected during the Crusades to protect the town against land attacks. Also visit the 15th-century **RECTOR'S PALACE**, built in gothic style, with renaissance and baroque elements, harmoniously combined. (B) Today's Distance: 162 mi / 260 km

DAY 19: DUBROVNIK.

Discover the bounty and beauty of southern Croatia as you journey into the Golden Valley of Konavle for lunch and a liqueur tasting at a historic agritourism venue. (B, D)

DAY 20: DUBROVNIK.

Free day to explore Dubrovnik. **TONIGHT ENJOY AN ADRIATIC SUNSET CRUISE AND DINNER.**

ENJOY AN EVENING LIKE NO OTHER ON THIS UNFORGETTABLE DINNER CRUISE AS THE SUN SETS ALONG THE COAST OF THE BREATHTAKING ADRIATIC SEA TO FINISH YOUR HOLIDAY. (B, D)

DAY 21: DUBROVNIK – DUBAI

After breakfast this morning we head of to the airport for our flight to Dubai. Arrive Dubai 9.25 pm and transfer to our hotel. (B)

DAY 22: DUBAI: Free Day (B, D)

DAY 23: DUBAI - SYDNEY Free Day to Explore Dubai. Transfer to the airport for evening flight to Sydney. (B, D)

DAY 24 SYDNEY Arrive Sydney late afternoon and transfer back to Greenhills Travel Centre.

INCLUSIONS:

Fully escorted from Greenhills Travel Centre by Warwick (Curly) Gladman

All airfares and taxes: Airport and hotel transfers: Accommodation: Coach and train transportation as per itinerary.

Local tour Directors in Switzerland and Croatia.

Hotel Porterage.

Meals including inflight. 24 Breakfasts, 13 Dinners, 2 Lunches

Gratuities for Tour Directors and Drivers.

Inside Visits and Special Features are shown in **CAPITALS**

\$12700 PER PERSON BASED ON TWINSHARE TWIN SHARE (SINGLE SUPPLEMENT \$2000)