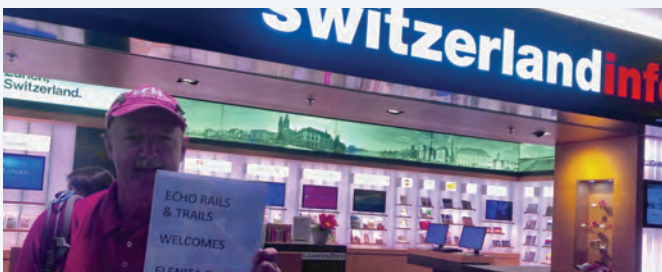


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"We were first timers in Switzerland and on a guided tour. The small group and great reviews were what led us to our decision to choose this tour, and it was definitely the right choice. Rene and Suzanne were not only knowledgeable and efficient, but were also amazing people who quickly became friends to all of us in the group.

— Testimonial – Millie DR Rock Hill, SC

Our trip with Echo Trails and Rails certainly ranks up there as one of our most memorable trips. The itinerary and pace of daily activities was ideal for us. It was such a pleasure having René and Suzanne guide us to experience the best places in Switzerland. I can't think of anyone doing a better job than you two. I will certainly give your tour high marks on Trip Advisor and refer to you my friends/acquaintances who wish to experience the best of Switzerland.

— E & K - Toronto, CA



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HIGHLIGHTS:

11 GREAT RAIL JOURNEYS WITH 3 CABLE CAR ASCENTS

1. **Furka Steam Train** – restored 1920s steam train over the 7,270 ft Furka pass ride
2. **Brienzer Rothbahn Steam rack railway** – 1892, 4.7 mile track up to 7,200ft summit
3. **Glacier Express** – Classic narrow gauge railway with panoramic windows
4. **Bernina Express** – journey up to the 7,391 ft Ospizio summit
5. **Centovalli Railway** – an Italian-Swiss railway and hidden gem of the railway world
6. **Golden Pass Line** – travel in Belle Epoque style
7. **Voralpen Express** – gateway to scenic Eastern Switzerland
8. **Zermatt Matterhorn Gornergrat** – a mountain rack-rail launched in 1898
9. **Jungfrauoch mountain rack-rail** – 1912 incredible tunnel engineering through the Eiger
10. **Mr. Rigi** – narrow gauge from 1871; first cogwheel train in Europe
11. **Mt. Pilatus** – 1889 narrow gauge – steepest cogwheel train in the world at 48% gradient

FEATURES INCLUDE:

- Small group – Maximum 14 people
- 2 nights in every place; Lucerne, St. Moritz, Andermatt, Lugano, Zermatt, Grindelwald with 1 last night at Zürich airport hotel
- All family run 3 & 4 star hotels in central locations
- 3-course dinners each evening and full Swiss breakfasts
- 15 Day First-class rail pass train travel and all ground transportation
- Daily transfer of your luggage directly from hotel to hotel – carry only your day-pack
- René & Suzanne Welti, Swiss & American, most knowledgeable & fun travel guides

12-DAY - SWISS ALPS BY RAIL TOURS



Day 1
ARRIVE LUCERNE, INTRODUCTION, BRIEFING, LEISURELY INFORMATIVE WALK AROUND THE OLD TOWN.

Day 2
EXPERIENCE LUCERNE'S TWO HOME MOUNTAINS, MT. PILATUS AND MT. RIGI.



Day 3
VORALPEN EXPRESS TO ST. GALLEN WITH ABBEY LIBRARY & HEIDI VILLAGE VISITS TO ST. MORITZ.

Day 4
ALL DAY ST. MORITZ WITH BERNINA EXPRESS & DIAVOLLEZZA & CORVATSCH CABLE CARS.

Day 5
ST. MORITZ GLACIER EXPRESS, LANDWASSER VIADUCT, OBERALP PASS TO ANDERMATT.



Day 6
ALL DAY IN ANDERMATT / GOTTHARD REGION, VISIT MILITARY BUNKER, RIDE 1920'S STEAM TRAIN OVER FURKA PASS.



Day 7
GOTTHARD TUNNEL TO LOCARNO - CENTOVALLI RAILWAY THROUGH ITALY TO ZERMATT & SEE THE MATTERHORN.



Day 8
ALL DAY ZERMATT WITH GORNERGRAT RAILWAY WITH BREATHTAKING VIEWS OF THE MATTERHORN.



Day 9
FROM ZERMATT TO GRINDELWALD VIA THE GOLDENPASS LINE WITH 2 HOUR STOP IN GRUYÈRE.

Day 10
GRINDELWALD - NARROW GAUGE TRAIN UP TO THE TOP OF JUNGFRAUJOCH, LUNCH AT EIGERGLETSCHER, AFTERNOON IN LAUTERBRUNNEN VALLEY & VISIT THE TRÜMMELBACH FALLS BACK TO GRINDELWALD.



Day 11
GRINDELWALD - BRIENZER ROTBAHN STEAM RAILWAY - UNESCO BIOSPHERE - ZÜRICH AIRPORT OVERNIGHT.



Day 12
DEPARTURE.