

# Discover Switzerland

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## About Switzerland

There are approximately 8 million people in Switzerland. German is by far the most widely spoken language in Switzerland: 19 of the country's 26 cantons are predominantly (Swiss) German-speaking (65.5%). French (22.8%), Italian (8.4%) and Rhaeto-Romance (0.6%) are the other official languages.

Switzerland has a dense network of roads and railways. The Swiss public transport network has a total length of 24,500 kilometres and comprises more than 26,000 stations and stops. The Swiss motorway network has a total length of 1,638 kilometres (as of 2000) and also has one of the highest motorway densities in the world with an area of 41,290 km<sup>2</sup>.

### Climate

From July to August the daytime temperature ranges between 18 and 28 °C (65 - 82 °F) and from January to February, between -2 to 7 °C (28 - 45 °F). In spring and autumn, the daytime temperature fluctuates between 8 and 15 °C (46 - 59 °F). Depending on the altitude the temperature range may vary. It is highly recommended that visitors pack a jumper, good walking shoes, sun cream, sunglasses, a compact umbrella and/or a light rain coat.

### Medical Care

Medical care in Switzerland is among the best in the world. You can consult any attending doctor in Switzerland. For emergencies, you may go to the nearest hospital or emergency practice, or in urgent cases, call the ambulance (144). Each hospital has an A & E department. Make sure that you are adequately insured. Depending on your situation, additional travel insurance may be worth considering. You should have your insurance card with you each time you visit a doctor or purchase medicine.

### Security and Criminality

Switzerland has one of the lowest crime rates of all industrialised countries. But it is always wise to keep an eye on wallets and luggage in busy areas.

### The most important rules at a glance:

- **Speed limits:** Unless otherwise specified, the speed limit is 50 km/h inside town and 80 km/h outside. The speed limit on the motorway is 120 km/h.
- **Motorway "vignette":** The use of the motorways with motorised vehicles is paid in Switzerland through the vignette. On the Grand Tour, motorways are only used when preferable in terms of traffic and route. A motorway tax sticker is required for cars. **The vignette is already included with your Hertz rental car.**
- **Right of way and roundabouts:** Vehicles on rail always have priority on right-before-left crossings. If not otherwise indicated, traffic in the roundabout has right of way.
- **Drinking and driving:** Anyone driving a motorised vehicle with a blood alcohol level of over 0.5 per mille in Switzerland must expect legal consequences.
- **Lights:** Since 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014 all vehicles are required to travel with lights on during the day as well as at night. Vehicles with daytime lights can use these, while all others are obliged to use dimmed headlights. Failure to do so will result in a disciplinary fine.

# Grand Tour of Switzerland - The easiest way to explore Switzerland

## Facts & Figures

The Grand Tour of Switzerland combines the highlights of Switzerland with a beautifully scenic route. Motorways on the Grand Tour are chiefly avoided and only taken when it makes sense in terms of traffic.

## Recommended duration

With a driving time of at least five hours a day, we recommended you plan at least seven days to complete the core route.

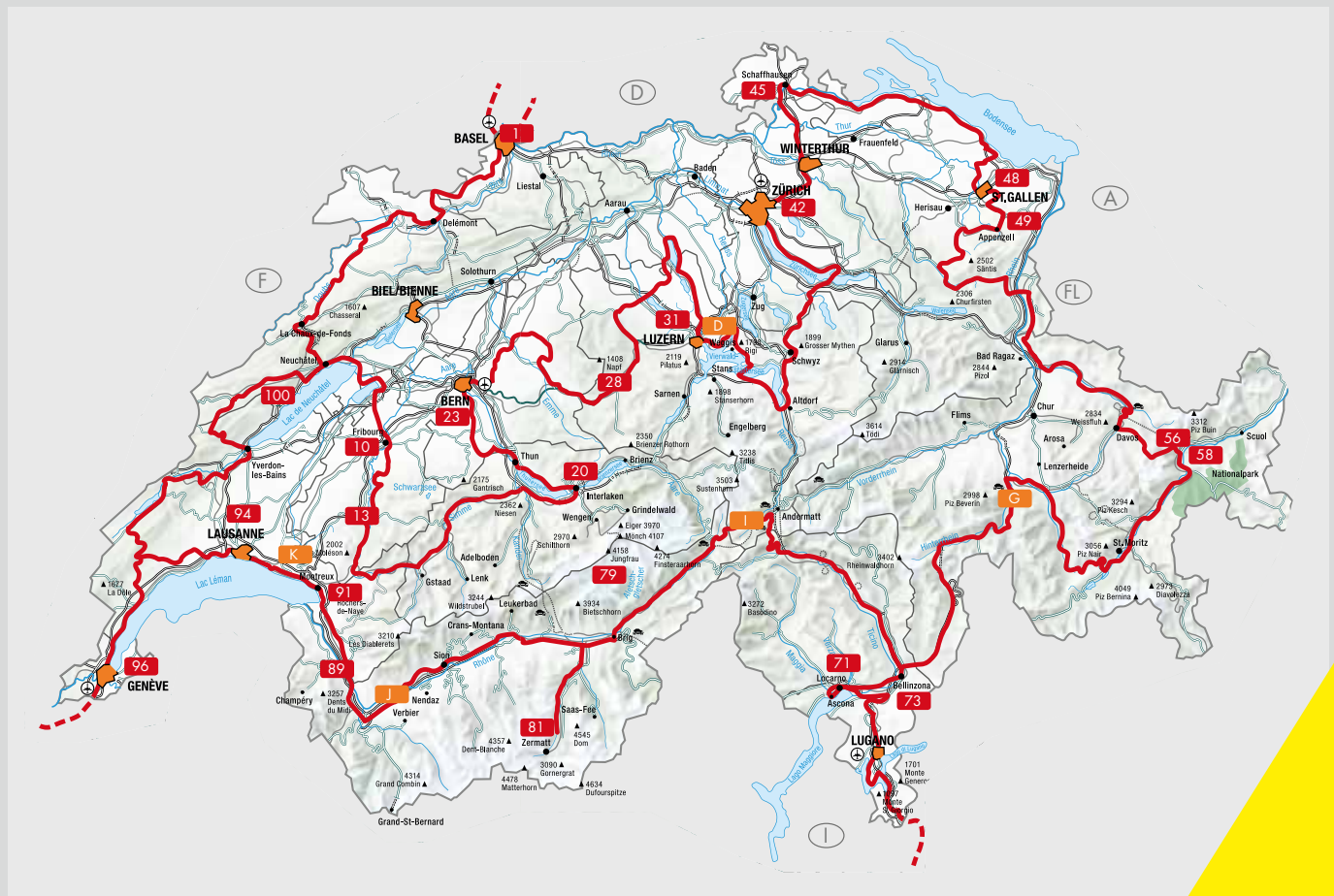
Depending on your entry point from the border, you may need more time. The effective duration depends on whether you intend to speed along or make the journey at a leisurely pace to enjoy the many sights along the route.

## Recommended direction of travel

The Grand Tour is open in both directions, but Switzerland Tourism recommends you make the journey clockwise. This is especially true in cities with one-way streets - and for observing motorway entrances. As of 2016 the Grand Tour will be officially signposted. On the main route signs are limited to the clockwise direction of travel, and on the initial stages from abroad in the direction of the main route.

## Details of the Grand Tour of Switzerland

- **Highlights:** 44 top attractions, 11 of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and 2 biospheres
- **Lakes:** 22 lakes larger than 0.5 square kilometres along the route
- **Core route:** 1643 km (1021 miles)
- **Recommended travel period:** summer (April to October)
- **Distance North to South:** 220 km
- **Distance East to West:** 346 km





# Grand Tour of Switzerland

## The complete Grand Tour of Switzerland - 9 days

Do you like the idea of seeing the best of Switzerland in a single scenic journey?

Then you will love the Grand Tour of Switzerland. This route leads you 1,600 kilometres through the country's most beautiful regions, and will show you just how diverse, spectacular and endlessly fascinating Switzerland is. On the Grand Tour of Switzerland, the journey is the reward. You will travel through four linguistic regions, over five Alpine passes, to eleven UNESCO World Heritage Sites and two Biosphere Reserves and along twenty-two lakes. In short, you'll experience the country's scenic and cultural highlights.

Only staying a couple of days in Switzerland? Connect some routes and enjoy a shorter trip. For example, a three-day tour would include Lugano - Zermatt - Montreux - Gstaad:

### Lugano - Zermatt (ca. 215 km)

Leaving to Zermatt one must visit Monte Brè. Since 1912 a funicular rail has been making its way from Cassarate by Lugano to the scenic mountain above Lake Lugano. Trips up there are worthwhile if only for the views! Depart Mediterranean Ticino, heading north to cross the famous St. Gotthard Pass and Furka Pass along the Aletsch Glacier. The Aletsch Glacier is the biggest glacier in the Alps, with a length of 23 km. To explore the Aletsch Glacier is to take a magnificent journey into a stunning world of ice and rocks, Alpine flowers and forests. Continue moving down to Täsch, last stop for your car before you continue by train on to Zermatt.

### Zermatt - Montreux (ca. 150 km)

Take time this morning to walk through Zermatt, at the foot of the Matterhorn: traditional shops and wooden clad houses create a charming place to explore. A morning trip up the exhilarating open air Gornergrat railway is not to be missed for unrivalled views over the 4000-metre peaks surrounding Zermatt. After making your way back down to Täsch to collect your car, your route begins with a stunning drive up through the Valais with views dominated by amazing peaks. The river and

forests accompany you as you enter French-speaking Switzerland, heading through Sierre and Sion. After travelling through Martigny, your final leg takes you up through Aigle and along the shores of Lake Geneva to Montreux, one of the most popular holiday resorts in the Lake Geneva region. One must not miss a visit to the famous Chillon Castle. The water castle is located on a rock on the banks of Lake Geneva. It is the most visited historic building in Switzerland. For nearly four centuries Chillon was the residence and profitable toll station of the Counts of Savoy.

### Montreux - Gstaad (ca. 330 km)

Today you have one of your longest drives but also a very fascinating one with interesting sights to see along your way to Gstaad. Continue to the surrounded orchards and terraced vineyards of the Lavaux and further to Lausanne, the second-largest city on Lake Geneva. Sports and culture are given

a high profile in the Olympic capital. Make sure you visit the Olympic Museum. Continue your drive to Fribourg, which is nestled on a rock promontory and is surrounded on three sides by the Sarine River. It is one of the largest medieval towns in Üechtland. Over 200 unique Gothic facades from the 15th century impart incomparable medieval charm to the Old Town. Drinking a cup of coffee in a leisurely fashion, admiring the old facades and beautiful fountains, listening to two local languages or gazing from the 74-metre spire of the cathedral far into the countryside - this is an experience enjoyed in Fribourg. Further on your way you will pass the Gruyère region, with its rolling green landscape and its peaks of the Fribourg Pre-Alps. It is home to the world-famous Gruyère cheese.

→ For more detailed information about the Grand Tour of Switzerland please visit: [myswitzerland.com](http://myswitzerland.com)

Picture above: Geneva  
Picture below: Gstaad



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### We care about security.

All of our cars need to pass a 19-point check before they will be offered for hire. This way our customers drive in safe and well-conditioned cars (average fleet age: 5 months).

## Your benefits with Hertz Switzerland

- Big network all over Switzerland with more than 40 stations (in-airport, railway and city locations).
- Wide range of vehicle brands and models with special cars such as Maserati Quattroporte, BMW i8, Mercedes-Benz ML, Jaguar F-TYPE and many more.
- Free one-way hire within Switzerland (excluding mountain resorts).
- Winterisation fee is included (15 November until end of March).
- Hire car return possible outside the opening hours.

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# About Hertz Switzerland – additional options



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## Winter equipment (included)

For more reliable and more comfortable journeys, our cars are equipped with different winter driving accessories from the 15 November until the end of March:

- Winter tyres:** for significantly improved handling and stopping distances in snow and ice, as well as on wet roads where the temperature is below 7 °C
- Snow chains:** for better grip on snow or ice. They are usually attached to the drive wheels of the vehicle and must be fitted in pairs.

The winter equipment fee is quoted in the rate.

- Ski Racks:** for up to six pairs of skis. Check with your rental location to see if your rack is snowboard-compatible. Ski racks are optional.



## Additional drivers

Whether you're embarking on a lengthy journey or just want to share the driving experience, Hertz has a solution for you with the introduction of the Hertz Additional Driver. Everyone can now relax and enjoy the journey as you can have as many drivers as there are seats in the vehicle. So don't find yourself nominated as the sole driver, ask at the counter for the Hertz Additional Driver and share the driving with your fellow passengers.



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## Child car seats

It's important that your child has the safest journey possible; therefore we offer a range of child safety seats that are suitable for babies and children. In Switzerland there are regulations governing the use of child seats – for full details please visit the website of Department of Transport.