

Bernese Oberland Rail-Drive Holiday

From £1,499 per person // 9 days



Take the train to Swiss capital Bern and then head out into the stunning surroundings of the Bernese Oberland with your hire car. Spending a week near lovely Lake Thun, you'll have plenty of time to visit nearby Interlaken and Brienz, the Lauterbrunnen Valley, Gantersch Naturepark and the quintessentially Swiss region of Emmental.

The Essentials

- Travel down to Switzerland by train with a private transfer between stations in Paris
- Spend the night in lovely Swiss capital Bern
- Enjoy a relaxing stay on the shores of Lake Thun
- Explore the beautiful Bernese Oberland with a week's car hire

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 8 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Private transfers between stations in Paris
- 7 days car hire (Citroen C4 or similar) from Bern
- City maps and comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Bern

Leave London and head across to Paris on the Eurostar. On arrival at the Gare du Nord, you will be met by a driver who will transfer you to Gare de Lyon, the gateway to the south of France, Italy and Switzerland. Here, you board a TGV Lyria high-speed train through Dijon and Mulhouse, before crossing the Swiss border at Basel. From Basel, you board any domestic Swiss service for the hour-long ride into Bern, the national capital for an overnight stay at the Sorell Hotel Ador (or similar).



Days 2 To 8 - Lake Thun And The Bernese Oberland

Collect your car from the depot at the station and head out to the Bernese Oberland. Your base for the next week is the Hotel Bellevue au Lac (or similar) in the village of Hinterfingen, on the shoreline of Lake Thun. From here you have some of the best scenery in Switzerland within easy reach. Take a boat out on Lake Thun (or Lake Brienz on the other side of Interlaken), head up the Schilthorn for spectacular alpine views and then walk by waterfalls in the breathtaking Lauterbrunnen Valley (pictured). You might also like to spend some time exploring nearby towns such as Thun, Interlaken, Fribourg (an hour's drive) or lovely, pint-sized capital Bern.



Day 9 - Lake Thun To London

Take a scenic drive back to Bern and drop off your hire car, before taking a lunchtime train up to Basel on the French border. Here you change back onto a TGV Lyria service up to Paris Gare de Lyon where you are once again met and transferred by private car to the Gare du Nord for your Eurostar home.

Pricing

From £1,499 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on Standard Class rail travel and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.