

## Florence via Lake Lucerne

From £999 per person // 6 days



Take the scenic route to Florence by rail, with an overnight stop in Lucerne, Switzerland and then the Gotthard Pass through the Alps and into Italy. After two full days to explore, return to the UK via a night in historic Turin en route.

### The Essentials

- Stunning rail journey through the Gotthard Pass
- Florence: art and culture heaven
- Beautiful lakeside city of Lucerne
- Convenient return journey via the fascinating city of Turin

### 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
- 5 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- 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 Lucerne

Depart early from London St Pancras on a Eurostar to Paris and then connect on to the high speed TGV service to Basel on the Swiss border. A quick change here onto a local Swiss train brings you into Lucerne. Check in at the conveniently located Waldstätterhof Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay, before heading out for an evening meal. TMR RECOMMENDS: You might like to extend your holiday with an extra night in this lovely lakeside city. From Lucerne, you can take a day trip to a nearby mountain railways such as Rigi and Pilatus.



### Day 2 - Lucerne To Florence Via The Alps

Leaving Lucerne after breakfast, take an excellent Swiss InterCity service across the Alps on the spectacular Gotthard Route to Lugano in the Italian speaking region of Ticino. You might like to arrange a stop here for lunch in this lovely corner of Switzerland before continuing your journey via Milan to Florence. On arrival at Florence's Santa Maria Novella station, make your way to the fantastic Berchielli Hotel (or similar) in the heart of the city, for a 3-night stay.



### Days 3 & 4 - Florence

Florence is a truly remarkable city – capital of the region of Tuscany, it has been a centre of art and culture for centuries. Today, it boasts a plethora of galleries, museums and churches, the most famous of which being the towering Duomo (cathedral), which looms large over the city skyline. Take time to wander along the banks of the Arno River, taking in the glorious Ponte Vecchio that straddles it. No visit to Florence is complete without a visit to the ever-popular Uffizi Gallery, right in the centre of the city. We can book 'skip-the-line' tickets for you here. Please ask for details.



### Day 5 - Florence To Turin

You will be able to leave your bags stored at your hotel and enjoy a last morning in Florence. After lunch, it's time to head back to the station and take the train on the high-speed line to Turin. Here, check into the Starhotels Majestic (or similar) for an overnight stay. Turin is justly famous for its food, particularly its chocolate. Don't miss the opportunity to taste some of the local dishes when you head out for dinner!



### Day 6 - Turin To London

Leave Turin this morning for a direct TGV train through the Italian and French Alps to Paris. Travel across to Gare de Lyon where you will catch the Eurostar back under the English Channel to London.

## Pricing

From £999 per person

**Low season** (November-March) from **£999pp**

**High season** (April-October) from **£1,199pp**

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.