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Lake Lucerne Walking Holiday

From £899 per person // 8 days



Take the train to lovely Lucerne and then walk around the lake front and into the mountains on this stunning hiking holiday. Your route will take you via famous peaks, lush gorges and sweeping Alpine vistas with some breathtaking cable car rides along the way.

The Essentials

- Train travel to Lucerne and back to the UK at the end of your holiday
- Lovely mountain resorts in the Lucerne Region
- Scenic cableways connecting hiking trails
- A night in the cultural city of Basel on the way home

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, where required
- 6 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Half fare card for additional rail travel in Switzerland
- Cable car rides from Dallenwil to Niederrickenbach and Niederrickenbach to Emmetten
- Boat crossing from Rütli to Brunnen
- Luggage transfers between hotels – Lucerne to Küsnacht am Rigi
- Detailed itinerary and travel documentation for walks
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets and hotel vouchers
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

PLEASE NOTE: This holiday runs daily between 2 May and 18 October 2020

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Lucerne

Take the train from London St Pancras across the English Channel to Paris and then connect onto a TGV Lyria service to Basel on the Swiss border. From here, it's a short journey south to Lucerne. On arrival, check in at the Waldstatterhof Hotel (or similar) where your hiking documentation will be waiting. You have a free evening in Lucerne. Perhaps wander around the Old Town area of the city, with its tempting bars and restaurants, or take a walk along the lakefront promenade, looking out for the Chapel Bridge, the oldest wooden covered bridge in Europe.



Day 2 - Hike Lucerne To Alpnachstad

Enjoy a hearty breakfast in preparation for today's hike, which will be around 13.5 miles, including some quite steep ascents. You can shorten the walk by jumping on the train at one of the stops along the way. The route of the walk takes you via the Horw Peninsula to Mount Pilatus. There's a steep passage over the Renggpas, which was the only overland route to Obwalden in the 1860s, before the construction of the Brunigstrasse. Arrive into Alpnachstad and check in for an overnight stay at the Landgasthof Schlüssel (or similar).



Day 3 -hike Alpnachstad To Emmetten

Catch a bus this morning to Dallenwil and then continue by cablecar up to Niederrickenbach. From here, you have a stunning 9.5 mile walk along the 'wildlife path' flanking the Schwalmis and Oberbauen mountains. The walk takes you to Niderbauen where you catch another cable car down into the village of Emmetten. Here, check in at the Seeblick Höhenhotel (or similar) for your overnight stay.



Day 4 - Hike Emmetten To Brunnen

There's more descent than ascent today as you head down to the shores of Lake Lucerne and through the shaded gorge on the Urnersee Lake. Continue along the road bordering the lake and then climb up through the pretty Risletenschlucht gorge. Take the beautiful pathway to Volligen and on to Rütli. Your walk today is around 7 miles. Once in Rütli, you'll catch a boat across the Urnersee lake to Brunnen and check in for an overnight stay at the Hotel Schmid & Alfa (or similar).



Day 5 - Hike Brunnen To Rigi Kaltbad

After breakfast at your hotel, it's time to get back into your walking boots and take a stunning cable car up to Mount Urmiberg. You might like to stop for coffee with a view at the top station before starting your 10 mile hike via the Gätterlipass towards Rigi Kaltbad. On arrival, check in for an overnight stay with panoramic views at the Hotel Rigi Kaltbad (or similar). The village of Rigi Kaltbad is a mountain resort sitting on a sunny terrace at a height of 4,700 feet above sea level.



Day 6 - Hike Rigi Kaltbad To Küssnacht Am Rigi

Another spectacular walk today takes you on a steep descent towards Seebodenalp, one of the most breathtaking viewpoints in the Swiss Alps. There's a mountain hut where you can take a break if you would like before you continue to Küssnacht am Rigi. The total walking distance today is around 7 miles. In Küssnacht, you have an overnight stay at the Frohsinn Hotel (or similar).



Day 7 - Kussnacht Am Rigi To Basel

Leave the village of Küssnacht today and take a train back to Basel via Lucerne. Here, you have an overnight stop at the Hotel Gaia (or similar) to break your journey back to London. Basel is one of Switzerland's less visited cities, straddling the River Rhine as well as three different country borders. There's a beautiful old town area here as well as some world-class museums and plenty of opportunities to enjoy Swiss cuisine and delicious local wines which you won't find at home.



Day 8 - Basel To London

Spend another morning in Basel before returning to the station and catching a high-speed TGV service back to Paris. Connect to the Gare du Nord for your Eurostar journey back to the UK.

Pricing

From £899 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.