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## Venice via the Glacier Express

From £1,349 per person // 8 days



Make the journey part of the holiday with train travel from London to Switzerland, a night in Chur and then a spectacular ride aboard the Glacier Express en route to the stunning city of Venice.

### The Essentials

- Spend nights in the pretty Swiss towns of Brig and Chur
- Experience the famous Glacier Express, the 'slowest express train in the world'
- Spend two nights in the unique city of Venice
- Travel back to the UK with stops en route in Munich and Brussels

### What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- Glacier Express reservations from Chur to Brig
- 7 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

### 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

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Glacier Express does not run between mid-October and mid-December. Between these dates, you can still make the journey of the Glacier Express using public trains.

## - Suggested Itinerary -



### Day 1 - London To Chur

Catch the Eurostar and travel under the English Channel and into France. Make an easy change at Paris onto the fast TGV service direct to Basel in Switzerland before changing onto a Swiss domestic train that will take you all the way through to Chur. On arrival, it's only a short walk to the ABC Swiss Quality Hotel (or similar), where you will have an overnight stay.



### Day 2 - Chur To Brig Aboard The Glacier Express

After breakfast this morning, it's time to board the distinctive red and white panoramic coaches of the Glacier Express for a stunning journey across the Swiss Alps. Pass through dramatic valleys and gorges, cross a total of 291 bridges, and climb up to and across the 6,670 foot high Oberalp Pass, connecting the cantons of Graubünden and Uri. You will arrive in Brig in the mid-afternoon and disembark here for your overnight stay at the Ambassador Hotel (or similar). Spend the rest of the day exploring this pretty town. Don't miss a visit to Stockalper Castle and the nearby lookout over the surrounding area.



### Day 3 - Brig To Venice Via The Simplon Route

Leave Brig this morning and take the direct train to Venice, via Milan, Lake Garda and Verona. Pull into Venice Santa Lucia station on the Grand Canal and make your way to the Hotel Ala (or similar) where you will have a 3-night stay. Venice is not only one of the most beautiful cities in the world, but was also at the centre of a powerful republic that existed for a thousand years. Once you've settled in at your hotel, you can head out to begin your exploration.



### Days 4 & 5 - Venice

Enjoy two full days in Venice, with time to wander through the narrow alleys, crossing canals as you go, or discover famous landmarks like St Mark's Cathedral and the Rialto Bridge (pictured). For sweeping panoramic views, take the elevator to the top of St Mark's Campanile. TMR RECOMMENDS: Stay for an extra night in Venice and give yourself more time to explore the sights, including the Peggy Guggenheim Museum, the islands or Murano and Burano, or the beaches of Venice Lido. Please ask us for more details.



### Day 6 - Venice To Munich

Enjoy a free morning in Venice today before catching a vaporetto along the Grand Canal back to the station after lunch for your rail journey to Munich. This takes you via Austria, through the stunning scenery of the Brenner Pass before arriving into Munich in the evening. During the winter months, we'd suggest taking a morning service and changing in Verona so that you can enjoy the passing views in daylight. On arrival in Munich, check in for an overnight stay at the Eurostars Book Hotel (or similar).



### Day 7 - Munich To Brussels

Leave Munich after breakfast this morning and catch a high-speed ICE train through to Cologne where an easy platform change brings you to Brussels Midi. You can take a taxi from here to your accommodation for the night, but we'd recommend jumping on any train one stop to Brussels Centraal. Your hotel, The Dominican (or similar) is a short walk from here. Spend the final evening of your holiday wandering around the historic centre of Brussels, paying a visit to the magnificent Grand Place and heading for dinner to one of the city's many restaurants.



## Day 8 - Brussels To London

Depending on how far you have to travel to get home today, we can arrange a Eurostar back to London St Pancras at a time to suit you. It's likely that you'll have at least a morning at leisure in Brussels before you return to the Gare du Midi to start your rail journey back to the UK.

## Pricing

From £1,349 per person

**Low season** (November-March) **from £1,349pp**

**High season** (April-October) **from £1,549pp**

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.