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TAILOR MADE RAIL

Venice via the Glacier Express

From £899 per person // 6 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 a stop en route in historic Turin with its museums and top notch cuisine

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
- Glacier Express reservations from Chur to Brig
- 5 nights' handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- 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

PLEASE NOTE: The Glacier Express does not run between 14 October and 14 December 2019. 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 do Pozzi (or similar) where you will have a 2-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. You have a day and a half to explore.



Day 4 - Venice

Enjoy a full day 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 5 - Venice To Turin

Take a high speed Frecciarossa (red arrow) train to Turin, either direct or via Milan depending on the time you want to travel. On arrival in Turin, make your way to the Starhotels Majestic (or similar) where you have an overnight stay. Turin is the former capital of the Duchy of Savoy, and boasts a wealth of imposing royal residences and elegant squares. The city is also famous for its cuisine and particularly its chocolate, so be sure to make time for an evening meal here!



Day 6 - Turin To London

It's time to leave Turin this morning and take a direct TGV service back to Paris Gare de Lyon. We will include metro tickets for the short journey from here to the Gare du Nord where you pick up the Eurostar for a last train ride back to the UK. ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: RETURN HOME VIA THE GOTTHARD PASS. For spectacular mountain scenery, the Gotthard Pass route through the Alps (pictured) is hard to beat. Why not return via this route and spend a night along the way in Zurich?

Pricing

From £899 per person

Low season (November-March) **from £899pp**

High season (April-October) **from £1,099pp**

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.