

EXPLORING LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND *Tour Extension*

IFTA IN THE ALPS STUDY TOUR 2026

Traveler Information

Start your Alpine adventure with a two-day immersion in this picturesque Swiss city! Settled as far back as the 8th century, modern Lucerne combines historical charm with cultural and economic significance. Fantastic restaurants and museums, as well as iconic architecture such as the 13th-century Chapel Bridge, await you on the scenic banks on Lake Lucerne.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Upon arrival at Zurich Airport, make your way to the airport train station. After exiting baggage claim, look for signs for the "Bahn" or "Train." The station is one level underground. As for your tickets - we recommend you download the app for Swiss Rail, "SBB Mobile." Then, once you are approaching the train station you can check and see when the next train to Lucerne is (they are frequent), and purchase a ticket on the spot right in the app. You'll search "Zurich Flughafen" to "Luzern." You can also find a ticket machine if you don't want to use the app. One-way full fare tickets are 31 CHF per person and the ride is about 70 minutes.

Our hotel in Lucerne is directly across from the train station on Zentralstrasse. Upon arriving at Hotel Waldstätterhof, check in to your room with your name. Please note, check in time is officially 3pm. For guests arriving earlier the hotel will do their best to accommodate you but be prepared to just leave your bags and come back at 3:00 to officially check in. If you're at the hotel in time we suggest you grab some lunch and then join the 1:30pm walking tour today!

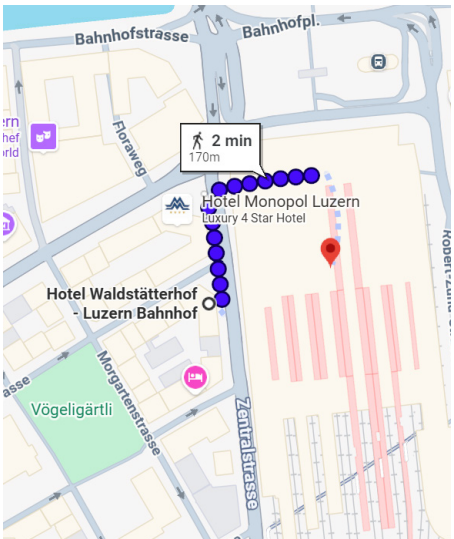
Tonight we have a group dinner at nearby Wirtshaus Taube, about a ten-minute walk from the hotel. Let's all meet there at 6pm for a delicious Swiss meal and a toast to the exciting adventure ahead of us in the Alps!

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PRE-TRIP NOTES exploring lucerne, switzerland

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Breakfast at Hotel Waldstätterhof is included daily with your stay and is served from 6:30-10am

Today we're off on a boat cruise across Lake Lucerne to Rigi Mountain where we'll take a ride up its scenic cogwheel railway. There are options for lunch at different locations on the mountain and also the option to visit a Mineralbath Spa there for an extra charge (42 CHF), and of course plenty of hiking for those who want to hit the trails.

On the Pre-Travel Survey, please indicate whether you'll just stay at the mountain for the rail ride and some lunch, or if you will add on time for hiking and/or the Spa so we can arrange timing appropriately for all guests. For more info about Rigi Mountain check out www.rigi.ch/en. We'll be arriving and departing from Vitznau and taking the cogwheel train to and from Kaltbad or Kulm, your choice on the day. Timing and logistical details will be explained to the group at dinner the evening before.

Tonight is a free evening in Lucerne.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Join the optional walking tour this morning from 9:30-11:30am or head out to enjoy Lucerne however you like! Possible destinations during your free time here might be the very popular Swiss Museum of Transport, Sammlung Rosengart (one of our all-time favorite art collections) or the Glacier Garden of Lucerne. Ask at the hotel reception for a free local transport pass!

Hotel check out time is 11am, so be sure to check out and store your baggage before heading out for the day.

Meet back at the hotel after lunch for a 1:30pm departure. We will stop for a visit at Aeschbach Chocolatier on our way to Zurich, and should reach the Zurich Airport Radisson Blu Hotel around 4:30pm to start the study tour!

YOUR HOTEL IN LUCERNE

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REGISTER FOR A WALKING TOUR

A 2-hour walking tour is included with the extension package and will be offered at two times:

Nov. 18 ~ 1:30-3:30pm
Nov. 20 ~ 9:30-11:30am

Tours will meet and depart from the hotel lobby

Please sign up on the Pre-Travel Survey to secure your spot!

