

## Swiss Italy Tour 9 Days

Central Switzerland 3nts, Innsbruck 1nts, Venice 1nts, Florence 1nts, Rome 2nts

### Daywise Itinerary:

#### Day 01 ARRIVAL INTO ZURICH - RHINE FALLS - CENTRAL SWITZERLAND

Today you arrive at Zurich airport. On arrival drive to Schaffhausen in Switzerland, to see the picturesque Rhine Falls, Europe's largest plain waterfalls. Later drive to Zurich for your orientation of Zurich, view some of the famous attractions including the Gross Munster, the Fraumunster, the Bahnhofstrasse shopping street and National Museum (from outside). Continue to check into your hotel in Switzerland



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**NB.**

**B=Breakfast, L=Indian Vegetarian Lunch, PL=Indian Vegetarian Packed Lunch, D=Indian Vegetarian Dinner**

#### Day 02 CENTRAL SWITZERLAND - MT JUNGFRAU - INTERLAKEN - CENTRAL SWITZERLAND

This morning, we take an exciting excursion to Mt. Jungfrau, the highest altitude railway station in Europe at 11,133 ft. Take the new Eiger Express tricable gondola up to Eiger Glacier and marvel at the changes in alpine scenery. Here connect onto our charming cogwheel train that takes us on this unique journey. Experience the magic of the mountains at the Sphinx Terrace, a metal-grate terrace surrounding the Sphinx Observatory building on all sides that provides a stunning 360-degree view of the Great Aletsch Glacier. Also, visit the Ice Palace, where we can see a beautiful display of sculptures made of ice, while being encased in ice if you like. Do not forget to send a postcard to friends and family from Europe's highest post office with its own special postmark. Later descend the mountain and drive to Interlaken, a town between two lakes, popular place with Indian movie directors. After some free time, we return to our hotel for our overnight stay.



B PL D



#### Day 03 MT TITLIS - LUCERNE - CENTRAL SWITZERLAND

This morning, after breakfast, we drive to Pisa, situated on the River Arno, hometown of Galileo and the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa built 1174 and sinking approximately 1mm a year. Visit the 'Field of Miracles' and take photos in front of the Leaning Tower, the Duomo and the Baptistery (entrances not included). Continuing your journey, drive to Florence, enchanting art capital of Italy. Upon arrival in Florence, you'll embark on walking tour to visit the birthplace of the Renaissance; see the impressive Duomo, the imposing 14th century Palazzo Vecchio Tower, Uffizi Gallery from outside and Ponte Vecchio - Florence's most distinctive bridge on the Arno River. Overnight stay in Florence/Pisa area.

B PL D



#### Day 04 CENTRAL SWITZERLAND - SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL WORLD - INNSBRUCK

Continue your journey westwards towards Liechtenstein, the 6th smallest country in the world. Here stop at Vaduz to view the majestic Vaduz Castle (from outside). Continue driving through the Tyrol area covered by the majestic Alps, You drive to Wattens to visit the Swarovski Museum for your purchases of these incredible man-made crystals. Afterwards we head to Innsbruck, capital of Tyrol province, for an orientation walking tour, taking in the Goldenes Dachl (the Golden Roof), an ornate Gothic balcony. Also, see the 17th Century fountain with the equestrian statue of King Leopold V, St. Anne's Column, and the Triumph Arch - Innsbruck's arch of celebration. After dinner check into our hotel

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#### Day 05 INNSBRUCK - LAKE GARDA - VERONA - PADOVA

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After breakfast drive south towards the Italian border. On crossing the first stop will be visiting the largest lake in Italy: Lake Garda known for its crystal-clear waters. Visit the town of Sirmione at the lake shore with the views dominated by the fortress Rocca Scaligera. Free time to enjoy this Lakeside town. Continue our drive to the town of Verona. Here we have a short walk to view the balcony of Romeo and Juliet (Photo stop) and the well-preserved Roman Amphitheatre (from outside) used regularly for the annual opera fair. Overnight in Padova area.

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**Day 06 PADOVA - ST MARK'S SQUARE - PISA**

After breakfast, you proceed to Venice, the romantic Italian city, known for its unique architecture. Upon arrival drive over Mussolini's Bridge of Liberty, and then take a waterbus through the Guidecca canal to St. Mark's Square, the very heart of Venice. Photograph the historic Ducal Palace, the infamous prison, the bridge of sighs, as you embark on your walking tour. Admire the exquisite Clock Tower as you wait to enter the splendid St. Marks Basilica. Later, return to St. Mark's Square and soak in the unique atmosphere of this charming city. You may even be able to enjoy an optional ride in a Gondola (not included). Return to your coach parking and drive to Pisa area for overnight stay.

**Day 07 LEANING TOWER OF PISA - FLORENCE CITY TOUR - ROME**

This morning, after breakfast, we drive to Pisa, situated on the River Arno, hometown of Galileo and the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa built 1174 and sinking approximately 1mm a year. Visit the 'Field of Miracles' and take photos in front of the Leaning Tower, the Duomo and the Baptistery (entrances not included). Continuing your journey, drive to Florence, enchanting art capital of Italy. Upon arrival in Florence, you'll embark on walking tour to visit the birthplace of the Renaissance; see the impressive Duomo, the imposing 14th century Palazzo Vecchio Tower, Uffizi Gallery from outside and Ponte Vecchio - Florence's most distinctive bridge on the Arno River. This afternoon, you drive to the 'Eternal city' of Rome. Depending on the time of arrival, you may have free time to relax the evening

**Day 08 VATICAN CITY - ROME CITY TOUR**

Start your tour by a visit to the Vatican City, the world's smallest nation & the seat of Christianity and St. Peter's Basilica, the world's largest cathedral, which will amaze you with its size, beauty, and splendour. Continue for a walking tour of the city and visit Piazza Venezia and the monument dedicated to Victor Emmanuel II, the first king of Italy. Relieve the thrills of historic Rome as you view the ancient Roman & Imperial Forums. Then walk to the famous, Spanish steps and the Trevi Fountain - a Roman legend assures your return to Rome if you throw a coin over your left shoulder into the fountain. Later visit the fantastic Pantheon, originally a temple for all pagan gods, and now containing the tombs of the famous artist Raphael and several Italian Kings.

**B PL D**

**Day 09 DEPARTURE**

After breakfast, transfer to Fiumicino Airport (FCO) in the morning for return flight back home

**B**

**Return with the Happy Memories of the Tour!!!**

**Departures:**

2024 Tour Departures:	
April	04, 25
May	16
June	06, 27

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July	18
August	08, 29

**Tour Cost:**

**Departures:** 04/04/2024, 25/04/2024, 16/05/2024, 06/06/2024, 27/06/2024, 18/07/2024, 08/08/2024, 29/08/2024

**Title:** From Zurich

Passengers	Rates	Sharing
	GBP	
Per Adult	1,875.00	Twin Room
Per Adult	1,875.00	Double Room
Per Adult	1,875.00	Triple Room
Child 2-11 yrs	1,500.00	1st Child(with Bed) when 2 adults paying
Child 2-11 yrs	1,480.00	2nd Child(without Bed) when 2 adults paying
Infant 0-23 Months	250.00	Infant
Per Adult	2,275.00	Single Room

**Travel Mode:**

From	Via	To	By
Central Switzerland	Innsbruck	Venice	Coach
Venice	Florence	Rome	Coach

**Pick Up / Drop Off Points:**

**Currency :**

Pick Up / Drop Off	Location	Pick Up Time	Drop Off Time	Pick Up Charges	Drop Off Charges	Return Charges
Pick Up	Zurich Airport	11:00hrs GMT+1 (Europe Time) TBC	N/A	0.00	0.00	0.00
Drop off	Rome Fiumicino Airport	N/A	10:00hrs GMT+1 (Europe Time) TBC	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Inclusions:**

- \* All nights in 3\* / 4\* star hotels with breakfast
- \* Meal plans as indicated in the itinerary
- \* Return ferry crossing from Dover to Calais
- \* Executive coach transportation
- \* Entrances to sightseeing's and excursions as per the itinerary
- \* Only Driver Tips included
- \* Premium services of Bi-lingual Tour Director / Escort / Leader / Manager (when minimum numbers of passengers reached)

**Exclusions:**

- \* Return flights to and from



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- \* Visa charges
- \* Travel insurance
- \* Items of personal nature viz. telephone calls, drinks (beverages), laundry, other meals, porter service, other personal expenses, etc..
- \* Any cost of beverages, alcohols with the set meals.
- \* Other services not listed in inclusive item & the itinerary

#### Terms & Conditions :

- \* Please refer to the full Terms and Conditions on our website

#### FAQ :

##### Can I join the tour from any part of the world?

**A:** Yes, you can join this tour in Zurich ( Switzerland ). Please check the pick up points "Tab" or kindly contact office for more details.

##### Altitude

###### Q. What is the highest altitude on this tour?

**A:** The highest altitude we will be travelling to is at 11,360' ft / 3,463 meters above Sea level at Mt Jungfrauoch, the highest altitude railway station. You should only make trips to high altitudes if you feel healthy. The following recommendations apply:

Advanced age is no barrier to high altitude. For blood pressure patients who are well controlled with medication, the altitude is not a concern. Asthmatics can travel to high altitudes without any problems. High-altitude air is less polluted with particles that can cause an asthma attack. Epileptics who are well controlled with medication should be able to negotiate the altitude.

**Pregnant women:** There may be a certain risk for pregnancy even without pre-existing diseases over 2500-3000 meters. Caution is therefore advised if in doubt, please consult your doctor in advance.

**Infants:** Short-term stays at the mountain tops are unproblematic. Infants and young children are often unable to equalise pressure during descent and are therefore increasingly at risk of ear irritation. Regular swallowing (drinking, sucking on a bottle) during the descent can prevent the occurrence of irritation.

Because children can chill faster than adults, always pay attention to sufficient protection from the cold at high altitude. Sunglasses and a good sunscreen are necessary on the glaciers!

###### High altitude visits not recommended for:

Lung and heart patients who are already short of breath while at rest or when climbing stairs are advised not to stay at high altitude. Patients with angina pectoris or severely impaired performance with heart enlargement and heart failure should not visit high altitude. Coronary artery disease (angina pectoris) and heart enlargement with medical therapy should not visit high altitude. Patients with a pronounced risk profile for cardiovascular disease (smoker + high blood pressure + diabetes + high blood fats + overweight + occasional chest pain) should consult the doctor before visiting high altitude.

Do not stay at high altitude after having striated muscles or a stroke.

##### Weather & Essential to carry

###### Q. How can I check the local weather?

**A:** You can check the local weather to your destinations here: [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com)

###### Q. What is the best time to travel?

**A:** Every effort has been made to select date where the weather is moderate to ensure your best experience of Europe. (Kindly note due to changing weather conditions globally, Sonatours is not liable for weather variations).

###### Q. What clothes shall I wear or pack?

**A:** During the lovely summer months, it is advisable to wear light garments during the day but keep a light jacket or sweater in your hand luggage as evenings can get chilly.

**A:** It is recommended a family sized umbrella, rain wear, pair of sunglasses.

**A:** During the holiday most of the dressing is casual attire. Should you independently wish to visit Casino or Nightclub, evening wear is required.

###### Q. What kind of footwear will I need on the trip?

**A:** We suggest trainers, walking shoes, sandals, chappals or similar.

##### Passport; Immigration & Visa

###### Q. Do I need to carry a passport?

**A:** Yes, all passengers must travel with their passport if traveling outside the country you live in.

We request you to see the following websites for the latest updates on travel to your destinations.

For UK Residents: [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)

For USA Resident: [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov)





**Q. How long should the passport be valid?**

**A:** Please ensure you have a passport that is valid for at least 6 months from the date of completing your tour.

**Q. What are the Visa Requirements?**

**A:** You are responsible to make sure that you have correct visa prior to travel.

**British passport holders:** Do **NOT** require a visa to travel to Europe countries (visa updates to follow), or contact the office.

**Non British passport holders:** Please do check with the relevant Embassy in your country of residence

Sonatours is not responsible or liable in any way should you be denied travel due to incorrect documentation.

**Q. What happens to me if I am stopped at custom and immigration?**

**A:** Sonatours cannot be held responsible if passengers are stopped or held by any government departments, e.g. Police, Customs, Immigration or any other authorities. We are sorry to say that the tour will continue and no financial or any other kind of responsibility will be accepted by Sonatours.

**Money Matters**

**Q. What is the currency used?**

**A:** The Countries you are travelling are Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Netherland & Switzerland. In most of Western Europe countries, the currency used is Euro (€) . When travelling to Switzerland, currency used is Swiss Francs (CHF).

**Q. Can I use my Credit / Debit cards there?**

**A:** We recommend that you take a credit or debit card on holiday with you, as it provides extra financial flexibility. Major international credit cards are accepted by many restaurants, shops and hotels. Most countries are using chip and pin. In cases where chip and pin not used please be cautious when handing your debit / credit card.

**Q. Are ATM machines available?**

**A:** Major cities will have cash/ATM machines where cash can be withdrawn with your credit or debit card, though this might incur a fee charged by your card provider. Advise your bank which countries you are visiting prior to travel so that you don't run the risk of your card being refused and subsequent expensive phone calls to unlock it.

**Q. Where can I exchange my money?**

**A:** Money can be exchanged at Airports, Banks, Exchange Bureaus and at the hotels. You may also need your passport for identification as you would for traveller's cheques, keep in mind the exchange rate may be poor and commission will be charged.

**Health (Medication); Welfare & Travel Insurance**

**Q. Should I bring all my medication with me?**

**A:** Please travel with all your necessary medication for the duration of your trip including your prescription / doctors report confirming the medication.

**Q. Do I need to declare any special medical condition and requirements prior to booking the tour?**

**A:** Should you have pre - existing medical conditions or requirements (e.g. oxygen during flight or sleeping, colostomy bags, etc). Kindly advise the office at the time of booking.

**Q. What happens if I am unwell during the tour?**

**A:** Should you feel unwell during the trip, kindly contact the Hotel Reception, Tour Manager or your Local Guide. We regret that no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing. Strongly recommend to have personal travel insurance to cover these mishaps.

**Q. What happens if an accident occurs while on the tour?**

**A:** Should you be involved in an accident (minor or major), please contact your Tour Manager / Local Guide. Unfortunately, no refunds can be made for absences from a trip, including experiences such as missed meals or sightseeing.

**Q. What should I do if there is an incident?**

**A:** Sonatours make every effort to keep your health and safety in mind. However, should an unforeseen incident occur please contact your tour manager / local guide / hotel reception for immediate assistance.

**Q. What happens if I have lost or left something in the hotel?**

**A:** Every effort is made for your safety. Please note that you are responsible for looking after your valuables and property when on vacation. If an item has been left in a hotel you will need to call the hotel and arrange with them directly for the return of your item, there might be charges involved.

**A:** You are always advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets. In case of theft you will need to advise your Tour Director immediately and report the theft to the nearest police personnel who will provide you with a police report or crime reference number. You are always advised not to carry unnecessary valuables and to be vigilant as tourist spots are well known targets for pickpockets.

**Q. Do I need travel insurance?**

**A:** We strongly recommend you travel with Travel and Medical Insurance from your country of residence. Kindly ensure you get the correct insurance



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for the tour.

**Q. Can Sonatours provide travel insurance?**

**A:** There are various travel insurance providers in the market, however Sonatours does not provide Travel Insurance.

**Accommodation & Transport**

**Q. How are rooms allocated?**

**A:** Each hotel checks their bookings and room inventory in the morning and pre-assigned the rooms. Sonatours have no control over room allocations.

**Q. Can you guarantee rooms together?**

**A:** Room allocation is done by the hotels. Rooms together only be requested but not guaranteed.

We also recommend that children or family members not sharing a room have separate luggage, as rooms cannot be guaranteed adjoining or nearby.

**Q. What facilities are there in the room?**

**A:** Facilities vary from Hotel to Hotel and include en-suite bathrooms, generally TV, safe box, telephone, mini bar, room service (use of some of the services are chargeable and to be settled by yourself at the time of checkout). Hotels may require your credit card to cover your extras or cash deposits.

**A:** Average hotel room sizes will be as per European Standards and varies from hotel to hotel and also within the same hotel.

**Q. Will the room have walk in shower?**

**A:** Not all hotel rooms have walking showers.

**Q. Does my room have Tea & Coffee making facilities?**

**A:** Please note that not all hotels provide tea/coffee in the room. If hot water is required, kindly request the hotel reception for assistance.

**Q. Is smoking allowed in the hotels / rooms?**

**A:** Most hotels do not allow smoking in the rooms. However, designated smoking areas are provided. Please check with the hotel reception.

**Q. Is WIFI freely available?**

**A:** Most hotels will have WIFI available in the public areas. Please check with hotel reception for WIFI information in the the rooms.

**Q. Do all rooms have air-condition?**

**A:** Most hotels in Europe do have air-conditioners or fans except places like Switzerland where hotels do not have such facilities.

**Q. Will all hotels have lifts?**

**A:** Most of the hotels in Europe will have lifts. However, at some places Heritage Hotels or resorts are used. In such cases lifts cannot be guaranteed.

**Q. Pick up point - What time do I need to be at my point?**

**A:** Coach Tour Pickup: It is imperative that you are at the pick-up point at least 15 minutes before the coach departure time. Also, for those who are arriving at the pick-up via taxi, we recommend that you book the taxi in advance .In the event that you miss the pick-up at the appointed time, you would need to get to the next destination on your itinerary at your expense. We will not be able to provide any refunds in any circumstances if you do not continue with the tour. Please see Europe pick up points at "Tab".

**Q. What type of coach will I be travelling in?**

**A:** We use the finest fleet of fuel-efficient coaches. Most coaches will have armrests & are fully air-conditioned or air-cooled – all with reclining seats. Most coaches do come with emergency WC facilities. However, frequent comfort stops are been made for your convenience.

**Q. Can I select my seats on the coach?**

**A:** Yes, you have the option to select the seat number when making a booking with an additional cost and provided there is availability. You will have the opportunity to have a different seat as the coach will vary. However, the management reserves the right to change the seat numbers.

**Q. What is the smoking and alcohol policy while travelling by coach?**

**A:** There is a strict policy of "no smoking, no alcohol and no smelly food" on all our coaches. We do, however, make plenty of comfort stops.

**Q. What are the luggage requirements on the Coach?**

**A:** In the coach once you arrive at you first destination, maximum weight allowed for luggage of each passenger occupying a seat is 20 kg. Please make sure that you can carry your luggage from the coach to your rooms as porter service is not provided on the holidays.

**A:** It is advisable to put your name and address on each piece of luggage as many passengers have similar bags to avoid delays and confusion. Should there be any reasons your baggage or personal valuable is lost or stolen, you must report it to the tour guide, or in the absence of a tour guide to the local police or hotel. Sonatours cannot accept any responsibility for your personal belongings.



#### Food Matters

**Q. What meal options are available to me while on tour?**

**A:** Sonatours can cater for a range of Asian Vegetarian (e.g. Jain, Swaminarayan) as well as Asian Non-Vegetarian (Halal). Kindly advise your meal preference/allergies at the time of your booking. In areas where Indian is not available local cuisine will be provided.

**Q. Where will I have my daily meals?**

**A:** On all tours breakfast is at the hotel and dinners is at various restaurants or hotels.

**Q. Should I carry dry snacks?**

**A:** Dry snacks can be carried, provided they are pre-packed, and all the ingredients are clearly listed on the packaging.

**Q. Is specific child meals or baby food available during the tour?**

**A:** Sonatours do not provide specific child meals during the Tour. As dietary requirements vary for every individual infant / child, please carry your baby's food. However, there will be no reduction in rates for meals.

**Q. What is the cost of a local meal?**

**A:** On an average local meal costs about £15-£20 per person per meal. This estimated price varies from city to city and country to country.

#### Miscellaneous

**Q. Will I travel with people from other countries?**

**A:** Sonatours have offices in Kenya, India, USA and UK. The beauty of taking a guided holiday with us is you'll have the opportunity to meet and travel with people from all over the globe.

**Q. Is there a tour director on the tour?**

**A:** Escorted tours are accompanied by professional tour director or/and local guides throughout the tour. A number of itineraries include flights, rail journeys or cruises; Tour Director may not accompany during these journeys. In such situations, your Tour Director will meet you on arrival at your first destination. It may be necessary that your Tour Director may change whilst on tour; this is usually due to operational reasons or utilizing local guides for their wealth of experience.

Please ensure you provide your mobile number that you will be carrying with you while on the tour when making the booking. This facilitates the tour director to contact you should the needs arise while on the tour.

If minimum number of passengers has not been achieved, we will have a local guide. Sonatours provides services of local tour guides to make sure you will get an unforgettable experience.

**Q. How many people will be on my trip?**

**A:** Average group size are between 15 to 50 passengers but it may vary from departures to departures.

**Q. Do you facilitate clients with disability?**

**A:** Sonatours does not provide special tours for the disabled. Our coaches do not have wheelchair excess. It is possible to bring along a folding type wheelchair which may be kept in the baggage hold of the coach. The driver will load and unload the wheelchair from the coach for the passenger however they will need to be physically fit enough to be able to embark and disembark the coach on their own. On the tour it is also essential that a capable person is accompanying such a passenger on the tour to push their wheelchair.

**Q. Can I travel with my child or infant?**

**A:** Sonatours welcomes children and infants. The rates for children and infants for all the tours are available in the brochure and on the website. If your child requires a booster/child seat, please carry one.

**Q. Can I carry buggies and car seat during the tour?**

**A:** Yes, you can carry foldable buggies and if your child requires a booster/child seat, please carry your own.

**Q. Are tips included?**

**A:** On all our group tours, only tips for the driver are included. However, should you wish to tip separately to driver and tour manager, you are welcome to do so at your discretion.

**Q. When does my day start?**

**A:** The day usually starts between 8 & 9am. Further instructions you will be given the night before. However, this may differ depending on the activity of the day or when having an early flight.

**Q. How much walking is involved per day for the duration of the tour?**

**A:** This tour involves certain amount of walking per day. In your tour approximate walking is 4-5hrs (approx) per day however, the walking is not all at one time.

**Q. Will I have free time?**

**A:** Each itinerary offers the perfect balance of downtime and discoveries. We also give you the opportunity to tailor your trip with optional

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experiences. If you decide to venture on your own during your free time, preferably you go in a group, keep the guide contact and the hotel address handy. Please do inform the tour director. We recommend you download an offline map too.

**Q. Do I need to get a local SIM card?**

**A:** Usually it is not necessary, should you require one kindly speak to your Tour manager/Local guide for assistance

**Q. Should I bring any electric outlet adapter and charger for my electronics?**

**A:** Electrical currents vary Globally. We recommend that you carry a universal adapter and your electronic charges for your convenience and comfort.

**Europe:** Electricity supply is between 220 and 240 volts. Travel adaptor is type C, the plug which has two round pins.