

alpine explorer

departs **friday 12 september 2008**

for 10 days

Travel by rail over some of the most scenic lines in Europe including the "Mont Blanc Express", the famous "Glacier Express", the Bernina and Arlberg Passes and alongside the Rhine. Enjoy lake cruises and steam train rides.

Friday 12 September:

Morning departure from London St.Pancras by Eurostar to Paris continuing by TGV to Lausanne then along the shores of Lake Geneva to Vevey for 3 nights stay.

Saturday 13 September:

By rail along the Rhone Valley to Martigny for a spectacular journey on board the metre gauge "Mont Blanc Express" to Chamonix in France. Time for lunch or optional 5km rail ride to the Montenvers Glacier at over 6000ft. Return later in the day to Martigny and Vevey.

Sunday 14 September:

Day at leisure. Using your Swiss Pass you could ride the Montreux Oberland Bernois line to Gstaad or Interlaken, take a paddle steamer cruise on Lake Geneva, take the wine train into the vineyards or for a small charge ride behind steam on the Blonay-Chamby Railway.

Monday 15 September:

Train to Brig for a four-hour journey on the famous "Glacier Express" to Chur. No need to worry about luggage, it will be transferred from Vevey to the hotel in Chur. Enjoy a 3-course lunch (included) on board as you watch the superb southern mountain scenery of Switzerland from the new observation cars. On arrival at Chur there is an optional ride on the line to Arosa at no extra cost. Stay two nights in Chur.

Tuesday 16 September:

A full day ride on the "Bernina Express" over the spirals of the Albula Pass then the Bernina Pass – the highest through railway in Europe to Poschiavo, time for lunch before returning to Chur via Davos.

Wednesday 17 September:

Travel from Chur by way of Buchs then through the Arlberg Pass to Innsbruck in Austria for three nights stay.

Thursday 18 September:

Exclusive vintage tram charter over a lovely route through forests and fields to the alpine village of Igls. The rest of the day is at leisure or ride the interurban tram route to Fulpmes.

Friday 19 September:

A short train ride to Jenbach to ride behind steam over the narrow gauge Zillertalbahn to Mayrhofen. In the afternoon ride the steam rack line to the Achensee with a relaxing cruise on the lake.

Saturday 20 September:

Depart Innsbruck after breakfast by direct Inter-City train via Zurich, Frankfurt and the Rhine Valley route to Koln for overnight stay.

Sunday 21 September:

"Thalys" train to Brussels connecting onward by Eurostar to London St. Pancras arriving mid afternoon.

The Tour Cost Includes:

- All rail travel as outlined in standard class
- Seat reservations for long distance trains
- Four day Swiss Pass for trains, boats and trams
- Steam trains rides on Zillertalbahn and Achenseebahn
- Achensee Lake Cruise
- Nine nights hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast daily
- Transfer across Paris
- Luggage transfers Vevey to Chur
- Vintage tram charter in Innsbruck
- Lunch on the "Glacier Express"
- Services of a Railtours Tour Manager throughout



TOUR COST:	£1295.00
Single room supplement:	£205.00
Insurance:	£25.00
Deposit:	£250.00 per person

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