

JUNE 9-18, 2026

with optional Prosecco Pre-Tour and Mont Blanc Post-Tour

AND SWISS ALPS BY LUXURY TRAIN

Orbridge

LAKE GARDA TO THE MATTERHORN



Dear Penn State Travelers,

Imagine gliding through the heart of Europe aboard iconic trains as the boundless beauty of Italy and Switzerland unfolds before your eyes. Each day offers an exceptional blend of cultural richness and natural splendor, combining the allure of historic villages with the breathtaking grandeur of the Alps. From the tranquil shores of Lake Garda to the dramatic peaks of the Matterhorn, you'll experience a seamless fusion of adventure and relaxation.

In the evenings retreat to enchanting accommodations in stunning locations—each a haven of tranquility featuring breathtaking views, impeccable amenities and warm hospitality.

Begin along the shores of Lake Garda, where picturesque villages and serene waters provide a peaceful start to your journey. Ascend into the picturesque Dolomites aboard a rotating funicular to the summit of Monte Baldo. In Trento, history and flavor converge as you explore its Renaissance charm and visit a local winery for a tasting of the region's acclaimed sparkling wine.

Excitement continues as you traverse from Tirano to Pontresina on board the *Bernina Express* then from Pontresina to Zermatt on board the *Glacier Express*. Through panoramic windows you'll witness the dramatic beauty of glaciers, alpine lakes and verdant valleys as you make your way through the Engadin Valley to the heights of the Alps.

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Italian Lakes and Swiss Alps by Luxury Train | Itinerary Highlights

Day EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

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Day ARRIVE IN VERONA, ITALY I LAKE

GARDA Upon arriving to Verona Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to Lake Garda. Take time to unpack and freshen up before joining the group at the hotel restaurant for a lovely welcome dinner. Overnight: Du Lac et Du Parc Grand Resort (D)

MALCESINE Embark on an extraordinary Day journey to the summit of Mount Baldo aboard a funicular. As you ascend the rugged mountainside, your cable car slowly rotates providing 360° panoramic views of shimmering Lake Garda below and the imposing peaks of the Dolomites at the horizon. At the top join a guide for a leisurely walk followed by a picnic lunch. Then return to Malcesine either by cable car or by hiking down the mountain path. Enjoy time to explore Malcesine independently before returning to the hotel for a private panoramic cruise on Lake Garda. Overnight: Du Lac et Du Parc Grand Resort (B.L)

Day TRENTO Meet with a local guide for a

panoramic walking tour of Trento's historic
center, passing by notable landmarks
including Piazza del Duomo, the Fountain
of Neptune, Palazzo Pretorio and the
Cathedral of San Vigilio. Next visit a local
winery for a tour and tasting with lunch. The
evening is at leisure.
Overnight: Du Lac et Du Parc Grand
Resort (B,L)

Day TIRANO I BERNINA PASS I ENGADIN

VALLEY Take a private transfer to the colorful village of Tirano for independent exploration and lunch on your own. Early afternoon, board the legendary Bernina Express which travels along a portion of a route recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The train's expansive windows provide uninterrupted views of the passing Alpine landscapes. Wind through lush vineyards before ascending to the dramatic heights of the Bernina Pass at 7,578 feet above sea level.

Overnight: Hotel Steffani (B,D)

Day MUOTTAS MURAGL Board a historic

wooden funicular for the ascent to Muottas Muragl peak. Next journey to a local dairy farm to experience the generations-old Alpine traditions of cheese-making. Tour the property before sitting for a delicious tasting and lunch.

Overnight: Hotel Steffani (B,L)

Day ZERMATT Continue your rail adventure
aboard the Glacier Express. Known as the
"slowest express train," the Glacier Express
offers a well-paced ride allowing you to fully
appreciate the remarkable scenery amidst
the comforts of its sleek, modern carriages.
Throughout the journey, be treated to
impeccable onboard service including a
gourmet lunch served at your seat.
Overnight: Chalet Hotel Schönegg (B,L,D)

8 walking tour through Zermatt. Next join a local mountaineering Swiss guide aboard a gondola to ascend to Klein Matterhorn's summit—known as Matterhorn Glacier Paradise—more than 12,000 feet above sea level. Ride the gondola down to Furi for lunch with spectacular views over the Zmutt Glacier Valley. In the afternoon return to Zermatt by gondola or choose to take a tranquil hike down to the village.

Overnight: Chalet Hotel Schönegg (B,L)

Day GORNER GLACIER Meet with a mountaineering guide before boarding 9 the Gornergrat Bahn cogwheel railway, the highest train in Europe. Ascend far above Zermatt to experience one of the best viewpoints in the Alps. Then set off on a hiking excursion offering jaw-dropping views of the Matterhorn. Concluding the hike, stop for lunch on your own at a mountain hut, then return to Zermatt by train. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure for independent exploration. This evening gather for a special farewell dinner. Overnight: Chalet Hotel Schönegg (B,D)

Day

ZERMATT I ZURICH I DEPART FOR U.S.

After breakfast guests departing during the suggested times will take a short train ride to Täsch and then connect with a private transfer to Zurich Airport for flights home. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

What's Included

- 8 nights luxurious hotel accommodations in Lake Garda, Pontresina and Zermatt
- Comfortable seating and amenities while on board Bernina Express and Glacier Express
- 8 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 4 dinners including a special welcome dinner
- Private tours, admission, rail fares and special small-group excursions as noted in the 10-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, rail staff and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



Activity Level: Guests should be comfortable boarding and disembarking trains without assistance, walking and moving between coaches while the train is in motion and navigating stairs to upper level of the coach. Guests should also be able to enjoy outdoor walking with sure-footing on uneven terrain, get in and out of a motor coach without assistance, and be able to manage stairs.



Accommodations (subject to change)

DU LAC ET DU PARC GRAND RESORT







HOTEL STEFFANI







CHALET HOTEL SCHÖNEGG









Day EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

Day +2

+1

ARRIVE IN VERONA, ITALY I PROSECCO Begin your Italian escapade with a visit to Villa Valmarana ai Nani in Vicenza. This splendid property is renowned for its exquisite frescoes by the famous 18th-century painter Giambattista Tiepolo and his son, Giandomenico Tiepolo. The villa is surrounded by lush gardens offering stunning views of the surrounding countryside. The highlight of the garden is a series of 17 stone dwarf statues ("nani" in Italian) that give the villa its name. According to local legend, these statues represent the dwarf servants of a noble family and add a whimsical touch to the garden's elegance. Next gather with a trained chef for a lively, hands-on cooking class. Later check into your hotel and enjoy some time at leisure before gathering for dinner.

Overnight: Palazzo Scamozzi (D)

Day +3

PROSECCO Prosecco is synonymous with its sparkling wine, and a visit to the region wouldn't be complete without touring its stellar vineyards. Set out for tours and tastings at two unique wineries. Learn about the cultivation of Glera grapes, the traditional and modern methods of winemaking and the unique characteristics that make Prosecco so special. Guided tasting sessions provide the opportunity to savor different Prosecco varietals. There will be time to explore independently before dinner this evening.

Overnight: Palazzo Scamozzi (B,L,D)

Day +4 PROSECCO I LAKE GARDA I MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS After breakfast depart for Lake Garda to join guests arriving for the main program. (B)

What's Included

- 2 nights hotel accommodations
- 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 2 dinners
- 2 vineyard tours and tastings
- Transportation for included tours
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guide, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times







Day 10

AOSTA Depart for Aosta, capital of the small region called Valle d'Aosta (Aosta Valley). Founded by the Romans in 25 B.C., the town of Aosta features well-preserved historical sites including the Arch of Augustus, the Porta Praetoria and the Roman Theatre. Enjoy a decadent fondue-based lunch before joining a local guide for a comprehensive walking tour. Descend into the cryptoporticus—a semi-subterranean gallery consisting of two parallel tunnels connected by a series of cross-vaulted passages. Its overall layout forms a rectangular shape that mirrors the outline of the Roman forum it once supported. Continue to your hotel to check in and enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure. Overnight: Duca D'Aosta (L)

Day 11

AOSTA | MONT BLANC | AOSTA Set off on a scenic drive to Courmayeur situated at the base of Mont Blanc. Board the Skyway Cable Car for a breathtaking, nearly 11,000-foot ascent to Pointe Helbronner. Throughout the ride, the cable car rotates providing 360° panoramic views over the diverse terrain. At the top a spacious terrace and multiple viewing platforms offer spectacular, unobstructed views of the Mont Blanc massif including iconic peaks Dent du Géant and the Grandes Jorasses. After lunch at Kartell Bistrot Panoramic board the cable car for the returning descent to Courmayeur. The remainder of the day is open for independent exploration.

Overnight: Duca D'Aosta (B,L)

Day 12

AOSTA | MILAN | DEPART FOR U.S. After breakfast take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

What's Included

- · 2 nights hotel accommodations
- 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches
- Guided panoramic walking tour of Aosta
- Cable car ride including admission
- Transportation for included tours
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to local guide, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfer for guests departing during the suggested times

















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