



# Alpine Harmony

View the unmistakable profile of the majestic Matterhorn

*Crystal is everywhere on this journey. Not only has it been produced in the Tyrol for over 100 years, but it's also reflected in the snowy peaks, mineral rich streams and glistening glaciers. It sparkles in the imperial palaces and gleams on the crisp white linen of your restaurant table.*

## DAY 1 – ARRIVE GENEVA – MONTREUX. 🏠 🍷 🍷

Welcome to Switzerland! After being greeted by your Tour Director, transfers depart Geneva Airport at 11:00, 13:00 and 16:00 hours. A beautiful drive along the lake brings you to your sumptuous hotel situated on the shores of Lake Geneva, in the heart of Montreux – the pearl of the Swiss Riviera. Tonight, join your Tour Director for a Welcome Reception with drink and a light meal, followed by time to relax and explore. Hotel: Fairmont Le Montreux Palace. (WR)

## DAY 2 – MONTREUX – ZERMATT. 🏠 🚠 🚠

The associations with the early 'Romantic' movement in Europe are very strong here, especially in the poetry of Lord Byron and much of his inspiration was drawn from Château de Chillon. After a guided visit of this castle set on a rocky islet in the lake, journey to Martigny to view the Roman Amphitheatre which was able to seat 6,000 people. Continue through the Rhône valley to Sion, dominated by two rocky peaks, each crowned with episcopal fortresses. Enjoy the varied architecture and see the cathedral and Old Town Hall. The final stage of your journey to the traffic-free mountain resort of Zermatt is by cog-wheel train. Enjoy the relaxed atmosphere of a-la-carte dining tonight. Hotel: Grand Hotel Zermatterhof. (BB,D)

## DAY 3 – JOURNEY TO THE ROOF OF EUROPE. 🏠

Gather at the station to board the cog-wheel train which winds slowly up the Gornergrat mountain, the highest open-air railway in Europe. The train crosses impressive bridges, galleries and tunnels, in the midst of aromatic forests and alpine meadows. From the summit you can expect superb views of the Matterhorn and Monte Rosa (Switzerland's highest mountain). This afternoon you are at leisure to browse among the shops, explore the ancient wooden farmhouses and 'mazot' barns in the back alleys, or visit the Alpine Museum with its fascinating recreation of local life. (BB)

## DAY 4 – ZERMATT – ST MORITZ. 🏠 🍷 🍷

This morning join the Glacier Express for a spectacular ride through the heart of the Swiss Alps with views of snow-capped peaks, alpine meadows and picturesque villages with chalet-style houses. Up to the 2,033-meter-high Oberalp Pass, down into the Rhine Canyon, through 91 tunnels and over 291 bridges, from Zermatt at the foot of the Matterhorn, to the world-famous resort St. Moritz. Enjoy the view while lunch is served on board. Hotel: Schweizerhof. (BB,HL)

## DAY 5 – ST MORITZ AT LEISURE. 🏠

Today is entirely yours to enjoy the marvellous scenery and fresh air - perhaps take a horse-drawn carriage ride to the foot of a nearby glacier or browse in the elegant boutiques? To help you make the most of your day, Insight has arranged a mountain railways pass providing free travel on all cable cars, funiculars and chairlifts (if open) in Engadin St. Moritz. Enjoy! (BB)

## DAY 6 – ST MORITZ – INNSBRUCK – SALZBURG. 🏠 🚠 🚠

The clear skies of the Engadine Valley provide incomparable scenery as you follow the River Inn to Austria. In the mountain ringed city of Innsbruck see the Golden Roof of Emperor Maximilian and the Royal Palace. Then enjoy some time to relax among the typical



Visit beautiful Schönbrunn Palace

Austrian cafes of the Old Quarter, with its narrow arcades and gabled shop fronts. Continue eastwards for a stop at the Riedel glass factory in Kufstein before continuing through the mountains to your elegant 5-star Salzburg hotel. Hotel: Radisson Blu Altstadt. (BB,D)

## DAY 7 – THE CITY OF MOZART. 🏠

A guided tour this morning introduces you to Mozart's home city. In the Cathedral Square view the domed cathedral and splendid Residenz fountain. Stroll through the old town's narrow lanes to see Mozart's Birthplace on the Getreidegasse, a lively shopping street lined with attractive wrought iron signs. Cross the river to the formal gardens of the Mirabell Palace where there is a great chance to photograph the city skyline crowned by the castle heights. The afternoon is at leisure to discover more of the city's delights or shop in the traditional passageways of the old town. (BB)

## DAY 8 – SALZBURG – VIENNA. 🏠 🏠 🚠

Enjoy a fine view of the Mondsee as you journey through the lakes and mountains of the Salzkammergut, and across the rich farmlands of eastern Austria. At the picturesque medieval town of Melk, a local guide waits to show you through the colossal Baroque style monastery, one of most famous in the world. Then join a scenic cruise along the River Danube through the Wachau Valley, where vineyards cover hillsides overlooked by ruined castles. Finally head for Austria's great Imperial capital and your deluxe hotel, where Queen Elizabeth II, Charlie Chaplin, Michael Jackson, and Vladimir Putin have all stayed. Hotel: Imperial (BB)







## DAY 9 – CITY OF THE HABSBURGS. 🏠 🏠 🍷 🍷 🍷

Vienna owes much of its present day charm to the long reign of the Habsburgs, so acquaint yourself with Europe's greatest ruling dynasty at Maria Theresa's Schönbrunn Palace and formal gardens. Following your guided visit there is a strudel demonstration at the court bakery. Next, join your guide for a drive around the famous ring road. This grand boulevard, built along the lines of the old city walls, show-cases many of the capital's architectural masterpieces, including the Opera House, magnificent Hofburg Imperial Residence and Parliament building. This evening you are invited to a Celebration Dinner with wine - a fitting finalé to your tour. (BB,CD)

## DAY 10 – VIENNA.

Departure transfers arrive at Vienna Airport at 07:00 & 09:00. (BB)

10 DAYS ~ SWITZERLAND ~ AUSTRIA

- Key**
-  LUXURY HOTELS IN DESIRABLE LOCATIONS PLUS NIGHTS
  -  PREMIUM HIGHLIGHTS
  -  VISITS INCLUDE ENTRANCE
  -  HIGHLIGHT MEALS
  -  DRINK INCLUDED
  -  GUIDED SIGHTSEEING OR ORIENTATION TOUR

See hotel details on page 216-222



▲ Relax in style

▲ Ride the Glacier Express



TOUR CODE: G150

Your Unique and Exclusive Gold Departures

Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option	Starts	Ends	Twin Share	Single Supp. Option	
Geneva	Vienna	p.p.		Geneva	Vienna	p.p.		Geneva	Vienna	p.p.		Geneva	Vienna	p.p.		
* Sat 19 May - Mon 28 May		\$5085	\$1155	Sat 07 Jul - Mon 16 Jul		\$5735	\$1505	Ω Sat 25 Aug - Mon 03 Sep		\$5899	\$1645	Ω†Δ Sat 22 Sep - Mon 01 Oct		\$4999	\$1155	
* Sat 26 May - Mon 04 Jun		\$5099	\$1155	Sat 21 Jul - Mon 30 Jul		\$5799	\$1555	Sat 01 Sep - Mon 10 Sep		\$5675	\$1505					
† Sat 09 Jun - Mon 18 Jun		\$5235	\$1290	> Sat 04 Aug - Mon 13 Aug		\$5650	\$1505	Δ Sat 08 Sep - Mon 17 Sep		\$5425	\$1290					
Sat 23 Jun - Mon 02 Jul		\$5675	\$1505	Sat 18 Aug - Mon 27 Aug		\$5899	\$1645	Sat 15 Sep - Mon 24 Sep		\$5675	\$1505					

**Reductions**

Triple room reduction n/a  
**Insight's Great Savings & Discounts**  
**SAVE** \$500 per person with Young Traveller Discount  
**SAVE** up to \$295 per person with 2nd Tour Discount  
**SAVE** up to \$295 per person with Frequent Traveller Discount  
**Early Payment Discount** 12 mths 10 mths 6 mths  
**SAVE** per person \$500 \$375 \$250  
 For additional information regarding Insight's Great Savings and Discounts, please see page 214.


**Extra Accommodation**

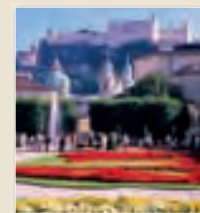
Per person, per night	Twin	Single	Triple
Fairmont Le Montreux Palace			
01 Apr-30 Jun, 16 Jul-31 Oct '12	\$383	\$637	\$344
01 Jul - 15 Jul '12	\$540	\$950	\$452
Hotel Imperial, Vienna	\$370	\$619	n/a
Marriott, Vienna	\$246	\$427	n/a

**Notes**

All prices are in US dollars.  
 Ω These departures operate in reverse, commencing in Vienna and ending at Geneva Airport.

\* These departures stay at the Hotel Sonne (4 star superior) in Zermatt.  
 > This departure stays at the Royal Plaza in Montreux.  
 † These departures stay at the Schweizerhof (4 star superior) in Zermatt.  
 Δ These departures stay at the Vienna Marriott.

**DEF**  **Definite Departures (DEF)**  
 These are regularly updated and listed on our website [www.insightvacations.com](http://www.insightvacations.com) (see page 215 for details).



**TOUR PACE**

Join this very pleasant and comfortable exploration of the *Crystal Route*. A pot-pourri of transport, including luxury coach, cog-wheel train, open air railway, glass-topped Glacier Express and Danube cruise, means you don't miss at thing.

**YOUR LUXURY GOLD HOTELS**

The Fairmont Le Montreux Palace is a jewel of Belle Époque style, combining contemporary design with classical elegance. The Grand Hotel Zermatterhof, set in a park in the heart of town enjoys a long tradition of elegance and style. Nestled within the romantic streets Salzburg's Old Town, the Radisson Blu Altstadt occupies a renovated 14C building. The sumptuous Hotel Imperial was originally built as a stately palace on the Ring Boulevard - now a hotel tastefully furnished with precious, authentic antiques for your enjoyment.

**YOUR EXCLUSIVE COLLECTION OF INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS**

- Montreux:** Enjoy a guided visit to Chillon Castle.
- Martigny:** View the Roman Amphitheatre.
- Sion:** See the two fortress-churches, Cathedral and Town Hall.
- Zermatt:** Journey aboard the highest open-air railway in Europe to the summit of the Gornergrat for superb views of the Matterhorn and Monte Rosa.
- Glacier Express:** Enjoy a scenic ride through the heart of the Swiss Alps.
- St Moritz:** Enjoy the freedom of a mountain railways pass.
- Innsbruck:** See the Golden Roof and the Royal Palace.
- Kufstein:** Visit the Riedel Glass factory.
- Salzburg:** See the Mirabell Gardens, Mozart's birthplace on the Getreidegasse and visit the Cathedral in the Old Town.
- Melk:** A guided visit of the huge Baroque-style monastery.
- Wachau Valley:** Join a cruise along the most beautiful part of the Danube.
- Vienna:** Enjoy a guided tour of the Schönbrunn Palace and its formal gardens followed by a studel demonstration in the court bakery. Tour the Ring Road seeing the Winter Palace City Hall and Parliament.
- Scenic Drives:** Engadine Valley, Salzkammergut.

**YOUR DELICIOUS DINING EXPERIENCES**

- Get to know your Tour Director and fellow guests over a Welcome Reception including a light meal (WR)
- A Highlight Lunch served at your seat aboard the Glacier Express
- End-of-tour Celebration Dinner with wine in Vienna (CD)
- 9 Buffet Breakfasts (BB), 2 three course dinners with choice (D)

**YOUR INCLUSIVE GOLD SERVICES**

- Escorted by your 'Personal Concierge', an Insight professional Tour Director; and accompanied by expert local guides where appropriate.
- Enjoy the unique comfort of Insight's luxury air-conditioned 40 seat coach with extended leg room and on-board restroom
- Enjoy First Class seats aboard the Glacier Express all the way from Zermatt to St. Moritz.
- Insight Traveller Welcome pack
- Airport arrival and departure transfers at scheduled times on Day 1 and Day 10.

**HIGHLIGHT MEALS & INCLUDED SIGHTSEEING ARE WORTH APPROXIMATELY US\$644**

INSIGHT GOLD LUXURY TOURS AND CRUISES