

## SWISS HINT 06 NIGHTS / 07 DAYS

### DESTINATION DETAILS (SCROLL DOWN FOR )

#### Lugano

Lugano, the largest town in the holiday region of Ticino, is not only Switzerland's third most important financial centre and a conference, banking and business centre, but also a town of parks and flowers, villas and sacred buildings. With Mediterranean flair, Lugano offers all the advantages of a world-class city, combined with the cachet of a small town.

#### Must See

**Parco Civico Ciani** - Overlooking the shores of lake Ceresio, its 63.000 sq. metres constitute the city's green lung; it's a quiet place where you can take nice walks and where it is impossible to remain unperturbed by the grandeur of century old trees.

**Monte Brè (925 m)** - Lugano's closest mountain can be reached by funicular railway from Cassarate on the outskirts of Lugano and offers wonderful panorama of the town, lake and mountains, stretching right over the border into Italy.

**Monte San Salvatore (912 m)** - From the top of the "sugarloaf" (reached by funicular railway from Lugano-Paradiso) you can walk down the panoramic footpath to Carona and then on to Morcote.

**San Lorenzo Cathedral** - Set above the Old Town, it is worth a visit. The Cathedral's facade is in the Lombardy Renaissance style, and it has countless frescoes and valuable Baroque artefacts inside.

**Church of Santa Maria degli Angioli** - In this former monastery church, built around the year 1500, are fine frescoes by the masters of the Renaissance.

**Tourist Train of Lugano** - A tour of the City aboard the train "La freccia rossa" (the red arrow).

**Swiss Miniatur** - A must for families. The open-air museum where one can admire the most important Swiss buildings and means of transportation is a delight for adults and children alike. Their restaurant offers local, Chinese and Indian cuisine.

#### Accommodation

Swisstours offers a wide range of accommodation in the form of hotels and more than 32 apartments, which are equipped with kitchens and have to be booked on a weekly basis.

#### Indian Restaurants

King Coconut	Tel. +41 91 970 25 26
Govinda Rama (in Locarno)	Tel. +41 91 752 38 51

#### Shopping

There are all kinds of shops and department stores in which you can find almost anything. The Lugano market offers the typical food products of small farmers that sell their goods directly. Via Nassa, one of Lugano's historical streets is particularly popular with its sophisticated and artistically displayed goods. Foxtown, a factory outlet for some of the world's

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best brands is located in Mendrisio, 15 kms from Lugano.

## Main Languages

German, English

## Distance To Other Cities By Train

Lugano - Milan	1 hour
Lugano - Lucerne	2 hours 30 mins
Lugano - Zurich	2 hours 40 mins
Lugano - Basel	3 hours 40 mins
Lugano - Geneva	5 hours 35 mins

## Time Zone

GMT/UTC + 01:00 hour

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## Lucerne

Lucerne, the gateway to central Switzerland, situated on Lake Lucerne, is embedded within an impressive mountainous panorama.

### Must See

**Chapel Bridge** - One of Europe's oldest wooden bridges and landmark of Lucerne faithfully restored to its original design after a serious fire.

**Culture and Convention Centre of Lucerne (KKL)** - Unites a large concert auditorium, the convention centre and the art museum under its imposing roof.

**Swiss Museum of Transport** - One of the most diverse museums in Europe for transport and communication, and the most-frequented museum in Switzerland. Has its own IMAX cinema on site.

**Lake Lucerne** - The scenic beauty of the lake can be discovered on the many different cruises offered by paddlewheel steamers and motor vessels.

**Mt. Titlis** - The perfect day excursion! Travel from Lucerne to neighbouring Engelberg and then up to the the highest mountain in central Switzerland by the Rotair.

**Pilatus** - The Dragon Mountain and its famous Golden Round trip fascinates visitors with its view from 7000 feet above sea level.

**Lion Monument** - The dying Lion of Lucerne is one of the world's most famous monuments.

### Accommodation

Swisstours provides a wide selection of properties -budget, business, tourist, luxury and more than 75 apartments.

### Indian Restaurants

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Restaurant Masala	Tel. +41 41 240 12 64
Restaurant Kanchi	Tel. +41 41 410 67 08
Taj Palace	Tel. +41 41 410 70 20
Tandoori Indian (in Ebikon)	Tel. +41 41 340 52 96

## Shopping

While strolling down the narrow streets that feed Lucerne's airy squares, enjoy the sheer multiplicity of shops and boutiques displaying all manner of exquisite wares: there's surely something to suit everyone. From something typically Swiss, exclusive watches and jewellery of world renown, attractive fashions and stylish accessories, you will find everything here. When it comes to Swiss chocolate, well, you're going to love it!

## Main Languages

German, English

## Distance To Other Cities By Train

Lucerne - Zurich	2 hours
Lucerne - Interlaken	2 hours
Lucerne - Lugano	2 hours 30 mins
Lucerne - Geneva	2 hours 50 mins
Lucerne - Zermatt	3 hours 15 mins

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## Interlaken

Interlaken lies in the Bernese Oberland between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. This vacation destination, which is presided over by the three mighty mountains, Eiger, Monch and jungfrau, is the starting point for numerous activities.

## Must See

**Jungfrauoch - Top of Europe:** The highest railway station in Europe, which guarantees  
365 days of snow and ice.

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**Schynige Platte near Wilderswil** - Nostalgic rackrailway, fascinating view of Eiger, Monch and Jungfrau, Alpine garden with about 500 plant species and a lot of hiking possibilities.

**Harder Kulm** - A cableway takes passengers up to Interlaken's "home mountain" which affords a view of the health resort and the whole Jungfrau region. The Alpine wild animal park near the valley station is an experience for children.

**Heimwehfluh** - A nostalgic funicular provides transport to the vantage terrace with a restaurant, all weather toboggan run model railway display and large playground.

**St. Beatus Caves** - One Kilometer of lit limestone caves with stalagmites, impressive halls and waterfalls accessible by boat, car, bus or on foot on the historic pilgrims way.

**Indian or Swiss Dinner Cruise** - From may to August enjoy an evening on Lake Brienz with Indian or Swiss Dinner Cruise taking in the spectacular views of the Giesbach Falla and surrounding mountains peaks.

**Waterfalls** - Trummelbach Falls, Giessbach and Staubbach Falls.

**Adventure Sports** - Enjoy a plethora of sporting activities like bungee jumping, paragliding, river, rafting, sailing, sky diving, wind surfing, water skiing, horse back riding, helicopter rides, etc.

## Accommodation

Swisstours offers various options for accommodation ranging from extremely basic to the high end 5 star luxury resorts as well as 16 apartments. Also, located on the shores of Lake Brienz just five minutes from Interlaken are more than 25 of Swisstours exclusive apartments in Ringgenberg and Niederried.

## Indian Restaurants

Elite Hotel Thun	Tel. +41 33 223 28 23
Maha Lakshmi Indian Restaurant	Tel. +41 33 221 50 80
Shalimar	Tel. +41 33 821 24 14
Spice India	Tel. +41 33 821 00 91
Welcome India	Tel. +41 33 822 52 04

## Shopping

Interlaken has various souvenir stores in every nook and corner. Apart from souvenir shopping various other boutiques offer a variety of items.

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German, English

## Distance To Other Cities By Train

Interlaken - Bern	50 mins
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Interlaken - Lucerne / Basel	2 hours
Interlaken - Zurich	2 hours
Interlaken - Zermatt	2 hours 15 mins
Interlaken - Geneva	3 hours

## Time Zone

Central European Time (CET), UTC/GMT +1:00 hours