

13 DAY FESTIVE PACKAGE

SWISS ALPS & CHRISTMAS MARKETS

\$4999

PER
PERSON
TWIN
SHARE

ZURICH • BASEL • MONTREUX • BERN • INTERLAKEN

THE OFFER

Ever dreamed of spending Christmas in the real-life version of a winter wonderland? Then Switzerland is next on your Christmas holiday to-do list. Beat the heat and spend this special time of the year in a place which really knows how to celebrate Christmas - trimmings and all.

Begin this festive journey in luxurious Zurich; discover age-old history and famous Christmas markets in the city of Basel; and take-in the ginger-bread scented and festively decorated alleyways of the UNESCO-listed city of Bern. Continue on to witness sweeping views of the Alps from Thun, and spend time at leisure in the picturesque town of Montreux, on the banks of Lake Geneva.

Then, begin your rail journey through the awe-inspiring Swiss Alps. Enjoy the scenic ride as you make your way from sprawling lakes to incredible mountain ranges. Discover the magical Christmas markets of Interlaken; witness 360 degree views of the magnificent 'Swiss Skyline' from Schilthorn summit; head back through the unbelievable Alps to Zurich; and warm up with a glass of mulled wine and a delicious bite to eat at the city's famed Christmas markets. This amazing package includes return international flights, 10 nights hotel accommodation, 10 meals and more.

13 DAY TOUR

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Day 1 New Zealand - Zurich, Switzerland

Today depart from Auckland, *Christchurch or *Wellington for Zurich, Switzerland! Fly with full-service airlines Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines or Virgin Australia to name a few (subject to availability).

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some customers may be required to depart on day 2, to arrive on day 2. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive 4-6 weeks prior to departure.

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Zurich - Basel

Upon arrival into Zurich, you will be met and transferred to Basel by train. Check-in to your hotel in Basel for your night's accommodation.

For your convenience, your luggage (one bag per person) will be transported directly to the Basel hotel from Zurich.

Overnight: Hotel Gaia or similar, Basel

Meals included: None

Day 3 Basel City Tour

This morning enjoy a guided tour of Basel, a city on the Rhine River. Tour the medieval old town centre of Marktplatz and 12th-century Gothic cathedral, which contains the tomb of the 16th-century Dutch scholar, Erasmus. The heart of the city beats in Basel's well-preserved, romantic Old Town: its narrow streets and hidden squares hold more than 300 fountains that are just as charming as its many centuries-old buildings and eye-catching sights. In the afternoon spend some free time at

the famous Christmas Markets of Basel.

Basel has three main Christmas markets: the largest is on Barfüsserplatz in the old town, a newer market next to the cathedral on Münsterplatz, and a smaller market on the right bank of the Rhine on Claraplatz. The markets are within easy walking distance of each other and impress with beautifully decorated shop windows and buildings. Marvel through the many stalls that sell Christmas-related crafts and items as well as typical Swiss specialties such as raclette (melted cheese) with potatoes and Flammkuchen (thin pizza) from neighbouring Alsace. Sausages, potato cakes, pancakes, waffles and other baked items are very popular too.

Overnight: Hotel Gaia or similar, Basel

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Basel - Bern

Today travel by train to Bern, the capital of Switzerland. For your convenience, your luggage (one bag per person) will be transported directly from hotel to hotel, allowing you to relax and enjoy the day's scenic train journeys. Bern is built around a crook in the Aare River. It traces its origins back to the 12th century, with medieval architecture preserved in the Altstadt (Old Town). The old town of Bern is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and thanks to its 6 kilometres of arcades - the locals refer to them as 'Lauben' - it boasts one of the longest weather-sheltered shopping promenades in Europe.

Most afternoons the scent of gingerbread, roasted almonds and mulled wine fills Bern's festively decorated alleyways. Follow your nose and you will find inviting markets and small winter paradises on various squares in the old town of Bern,

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a unique Christmas experience. The Bern Starsmarket boasts a rich array of traditional craftsmanship, lifestyle items and modern design. Between the designer stands there are small marketplaces with delicacies from all over the world – perfect for presents. The delicacies range from various Swiss specialities to warm Vietnamese pho soups and delicious momos (dumplings) from Tibet.

Overnight: Hotel Kreuz, Hotel Goldener Schlüssel or similar, Bern

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Bern - Thun - Montreux

Today, continue your journey travelling by rail from Bern to Montreux via Thun. A luggage transfer will be organised from the hotel in Bern to the hotel in Montreux for your convenience. Along the way stop near Lake Thun, in Switzerland's Bernese Oberland region. See the turreted Thun Castle and experience sweeping views of the Alps. From Thun, board a local train to Zweisimmen where you will ride the famous Golden Pass panoramic train.

The Golden Pass Panoramic links the German and French speaking regions and allows a piece by piece insight into Switzerland's diverse cultural heritage. This spectacular train route climbs to the highest point of the entire Golden Pass line, reaching 1279m in altitude. Next up is the upper class town of Gstaad, a favoured holiday spot of many celebrities, featuring luxurious shops and hotels. Soon after, you will leave the German speaking area of Switzerland and enter French speaking region. Continue through Montreux and descend 578m to unveil spectacular views of Lake Geneva. The Old Town, directly adjacent to the steep slopes at the edge of the forest, seems to be hidden at almost unattainable heights.

Yet this quaint neighbourhood is just ten minutes from the lakeside. Upon arrival in the afternoon take some time to discover this beautiful city.

Overnight: Hotel Eurotel, Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic or similar, Montreux

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Montreux Free Day

Today is yours at leisure to discover the diverse Montreux Riviera region with your Montreux Riviera Card, this offers many advantages (free travel on local trains and buses as well as a number of discounts to local attractions).

Why not take a train and visit the famous Chillon Castle? (Not included). A medieval island castle, this fairytale castle is built on a rock standing off the shore of Lake Geneva and offers visitors a true experience of medieval splendour. The water castle is one of the most visited historic buildings in Switzerland. You can reach the castle by a short train ride from Montreux.

Overnight: Hotel Eurotel, Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic or similar, Montreux

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Rochers-de-Naye

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Rochers-de-Naye, a mountain within the Swiss Alps. A singular panoramic view awaits over the Swiss and French Alps from Eiger to Mont-Blanc and further to Lake Geneva. Towering at an altitude of 2,042m, Rochers-de-Naye has long been a favoured destination for nature lovers. To get to this unique place, you will ride the charming cog railway from Montreux and ascend

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more than 1,600m on a magnificent journey through fields, villages and forests. The journey to the summit takes around 55 minutes.

On arrival, visit Santa Claus in his grotto perched atop the Rochers-de-Naye mountain. You will find yourself walking through a mysterious Christmas themed hall before lighting up at the sight of Santa Claus in his office (entrance included).

In the afternoon, return back to Montreux and enjoy the rest of the day at leisure exploring the beautiful Christmas markets. Montreux is located on Lake Geneva and protected by high mountain peaks. The city celebrates Christmas with one of Switzerland's largest markets. Consisting of more than 160 chalets on the lakeside promenades that sell typical dishes and handcrafted gifts.

Overnight: Hotel Eurotel, Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic or similar, Montreux

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Montreux - Spiez - Interlaken

This morning transfer by rail to Interlaken via Visp and Spiez. A luggage transfer will be organised from the hotel in Montreux to the hotel in Interlaken for your convenience. Enjoy the beautiful scenic view during your train journey. Stop in the Spiez along the way, a pretty town dominated by a magnificent castle on the shores of Lake Thun.

Upon arrival, check in to the hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure enjoying the Christmas atmosphere. Interlaken lies in the Bernese Oberland on an alluvial plain, between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. The vacation destination, which is presided over by the three mighty mountains, Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau, is the starting point for numerous

activities.

Overnight: Hotel City Oberland or similar, Interlaken

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Interlaken Free Day - Christmas Markets

Today is free to explore the Interlaken Christmas Markets, a dazzling Christmas experience in a magical location. Interlaken's town centre is transformed into a Christmas market landscape with an array of regional products. The friendly market attracts locals as well as visitors to join in the Christmas spirit.

There is also the possibility to take an excursion up to the Jungfrauoch, at 4,158 metres it is one of the main summits of the Bernese Alps (not included). The historic railways of the Jungfrau Mountains are an absolute joy. The network of narrow-gauge railways, cogwheel trains, aerial cable cars and funiculars offer the chance to discover idyllic villages and stunning mountain scenery. You can use your half-fare train card for discounted tickets.

Overnight: Hotel City Oberland or similar, Interlaken

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 Schilthorn Excursion

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to the Schilthorn summit with your tour leader, part of the Bernese Alps, to take in the wonderful views. At an altitude of 2,970 metres, the Schilthorn attracts visitors with a magnificent 360-degree panoramic view of the "Swiss skyline" including Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Perched at the summit, you may like to enjoy a delicious meal in the revolving restaurant Piz Gloria (not included) or take time at leisure admiring the spectacular view.

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In the afternoon return back to Interlaken via Mürren for some Christmas shopping along the way.

Overnight: Hotel City Oberland or similar, Interlaken

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Interlaken - Zurich

Today, continue to Zurich by rail. For your convenience, your luggage (one bag per person) will be transported directly from Interlaken to Zurich, allowing you to relax and enjoy the scenic train journey. Upon arrival, check into your hotel and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure in this cosmopolitan city, which combines creative urban life with the freedom of nature.

Take some time to discover the famous Zurich's Christmas Markets, there is a Christmas market to suit each and every taste. During a stroll through the Christmas market, there are also plenty of opportunities to warm up with a glass of punch, mulled wine or a hot bite to eat, such as raclette or fondue.

Overnight: Hotel Montana or similar, Zurich

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Zurich, Switzerland - New Zealand

Today, be transferred to Zurich airport for the return flight back to New Zealand.

Please note: If your flight departs early, breakfast will be arranged for pick up from the hotel reception the night before.

Meals included: Breakfast;In-Flight

Day 13 Arrive in New Zealand

Please note: Some flights may arrive in New Zealand +1 day later.

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the magic of the Swiss festive season
- Visit the famous markets of Basel, Bern, Montreux, Interlaken and Zurich
- Stroll medieval squares brimming with market stalls
- Explore the cities and landscapes of Switzerland by rail
- Enjoy a guided tour of Basel on the Rhine River, a city for art-lovers
- Stay in Bern, known for its UNESCO listed old town
- Admire stunning alpine views from the medieval town of Thun
- Journey through the awe-inspiring Swiss Alps
- Travel along the snowy Golden Pass train route
- Marvel at the scenic rail journey between lakes and mountains
- Enjoy a day at leisure in Montreux on the shores of Lake Geneva
- Take in stunning views from Rochers-de-Naye, a mountain of the Swiss Alps
- Ride the charming cog railway from up to Rochers-de-Naye, where Father Christmas resides
- Stop in the pretty town of Spiez on the shore of Lake Thun
- Discover the breathtaking Swiss town of Interlaken at leisure
- Explore the Schilthorn summit, the "Swiss skyline" 2970m above sea level
- Stay in Zurich, known for its eclectic architecture

FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex AKL/*CHC/*WLG

ACCOMMODATION

10 nights central hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy 10 meals including daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English-speaking tour leader throughout
- English-speaking tour guide (Day 3)
- Private luggage transfer from hotel to hotel (1 piece per person)
- Airline taxes and surcharges
- City tax, parking and toll fees

TRANSPORT

- Transportation by A/C vehicles
- Travel in 2nd Class rail cabins in Switzerland
- Journey on Golden Pass panoramic Train
- Transportation card in Basel, Bern and Montreux (free travel on local trains and buses)
- Tailor-made train card including half fare on any rail ticket (all other locations)
- Montreux Riviera Card - discounts to local attractions.

TRANSFERS

Return airport and rail transfers



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in NZD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 5th December 2020.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement of \$1040 applies.

Departure Dates

5th December 2020

Departure Cities

Auckland, *Christchurch or *Wellington

Departure City Surcharges

*Christchurch or *Wellington: \$100 per person

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Etihad Airways, Emirates, Qatar Airways, Singapore Airlines, Qantas Airways, Lufthansa, Swiss Airways, Austrian Airlines, Thai Airways, Finnair, Cathay Pacific, Air France, KLM, Oman Air, British Airways, Scandinavian Airlines, Virgin Australia, Virgin Atlantic, Korean Airlines, Malaysia Airlines, China Southern Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Turkish Airlines, Royal Brunei, Garuda Indonesia, Vietnam Airlines, Air China, China Airlines, Malindo Airlines plus codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Zurich, Switzerland

\$220 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.
- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stay behind in Zurich, Switzerland

Please contact our friendly reservations team for a quote, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.
- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets

have been issued.

- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

Stopover Packages

Twin share: \$550 per person/one way

Solo Traveller: \$800 one way

Locations:

* Singapore

* Doha

Includes:

- 2 Nights in 4 star accommodation
- Daily breakfast

- Return airport transfers

Please note:

- A pre and post-tour stopover may be chosen; however the stopover location must be the same each way, due to the airline used.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy : Not Available

- Business Class (International Sectors Only): Buy It Now - \$6099 per person

Please note:

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability (if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights, Trans-Tasman, and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.
- If Abu Dhabi, Dubai or Doha stopovers are offered, Premium Economy upgrades will not be available



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ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3 - 4 Star (self-rated)

Basel: Hotel Gaia or similar

Bern: Hotel Kreuz, Hotel Goldener Schlüssel or similar

Montreux: Hotel Eurotel, Grand Hotel Suisse Majestic or similar

Interlaken: Hotel City Overland or similar

Zurich: Hotel Montana or similar

Please note: rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 People

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not Available

Bedding Configuration

Twin or Double bedding (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 25, maximum group size 44 per vehicle.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa is not required for Switzerland for stays of 90 days if travelling on a New Zealand passport)

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary

- Optional gratuities/tipping

- Optional activities/tours

- Personal expenses

- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer

information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Switzerland

Temperatures plummet in November as the winter season begins to set in. The average temperature for Zurich in November is 5°C. The highest temperature for the month is 7°C while the lowest temperature is 2°C. December is a festive month and, despite the biting cold temperature, there is so much fun guests can have while holidaying in Zurich. December is winter in Zurich with an average temperature of 2°C. The highest temperature for December is 4°C while the lowest temperature is -1°C.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements. Please note; we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: a general level of fitness will be required. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader

(when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is at the customer's discretion.

Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

A tourist visa is not required for Switzerland for stays up to 90 days if travelling on a New Zealand Passport.

Please note: Passengers who are not New Zealand citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and

charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Post-Purchase Change

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- \$50 NZD per change request post-purchase + any additional charges applied by the travel partners associated with the order.

