

EUROPE

## Italy and Switzerland

8 Days / 7 Nights

Lake Como, Lucerne, the Alps, Zermatt



Thrill to the majestic beauty of the Alps on this magical vacation through Northern Italy and Switzerland! Drive along gorgeous Alpine passes, take a boat cruise on serene Lake Como and be astonished by the Matterhorn's powerful presence. Whether you're zip lining, pasta-making or simply relaxing in one of the luxury hotels, be surrounded by mountains, glaciers, lakes and woods of such awe-inspiring beauty that you can barely believe your eyes!

### Italy and Switzerland Vacation Highlights

#### Cruise to Isola Bella

Take a private cruise on Lake Maggiore from Stresa to the idyllic Isola Bella for a tour of a breathtaking palace and spectacular terraced gardens.

#### Lake Como Cooking Class

Learn pasta-making with a professional chef in a private cooking class held at a local villa on the shores of Lake Como.

#### Ropes Course & Zip Lining in The Alps

Harness up and navigate over Zermatt's crisp pines, creeks and paths on Forest Fun Park's zip lines, enjoying a spectacular view of the Matterhorn.

#### Bike Ride Along Lake Lucerne

Enjoy a delightful bike ride along the trails that meander along the edge of beautiful Lake Lucerne.

Flight Information

Ages

Meals

Arrive: Arrive: MXP (Milan, Italy)  
Return: Return: ZRH (Zurich, Switzerland)

Minimum Age: 4  
Suggested Age: 6+

7 Breakfasts  
4 Lunches  
5 Dinners

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## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 1



**Stresa, Italy**

**Meal(s) Included:** Dinner

### Arrive at the Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP)

*Benvenuti!* Welcome to Italy. Upon exiting customs, be greeted by an *Adventures by Disney* representative. Relax as a driver assists you with your bags and takes you to your hotel.

### Check-In at the Regina Palace Hotel in Stresa

As your Adventure Guides check you in, explore this Art Nouveau hotel with its immaculately manicured grounds. Located in the charming resort town of Stresa, the elegant Regina Palace Hotel overlooks the breathtaking Lake Maggiore. With Old-World European hospitality and stylish rooms decorated with antiques, the hotel offers superb amenities, including gardens, an outdoor pool, a well-equipped spa area and a tennis court.

### Exclusive Welcome Reception and Dinner

Gather with your fellow Adventurers for a private reception and a delicious buffet dinner at the Regina Palace Hotel as your Adventure Guides provide you with details about the adventure that awaits you.

**Accommodations:** Regina Palace Hotel

## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 2



### Stresa, Italy

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast and Dinner

#### Breakfast at the Hotel

Enjoy an American-style buffet breakfast and get ready for the day of exploration ahead.

#### Mini Boat Cruise and Tour of Isola Bella

Take a ferry from Stresa to Isola Bella and be met by a local guide. Tour the palace that Carlo III Borromeo had built in 1670 and view its magnificent paintings and ornately furnished rooms including a domed party room, a music room containing valuable antique instruments, and 6 grottoes with shell- and pebble-studded ceilings. Explore the surrounding, exquisite gardens that lie on 10 terraces each with beautiful statues and themed to highlight a type of landscape design topped with a unicorn, which was the symbol of the Borromeo family.

#### Wine Tasting in Stresa

Return to Stresa, where your Adventure Guides will escort you to an exclusive wine tasting led by a sommelier at the family-owned La Cambusa Wine Shop one of the finest wine and specialty food emporiums in the Piemonte area. Sip up to 4 different local wines paired with delicious accompaniments. Meanwhile, Junior Adventurers will enjoy grape juice and cookies.

#### On Your Own Lunch and Afternoon in Stresa

Stroll through Stresa and delight in some of its landmark sites including Villa Pallavicino with its gardens and zoo, and the Church of Santi Ambrogio and Theodulo, Stresa's parish church. Walk along the waterfront for a picturesque view of boats en route to the Borromeo Islands. Check out the incredible Italian eateries to find a good spot for lunch or ask your Adventure Guides for recommendations. If you prefer to take advantage of the Regina Palace Hotel's amenities, return there for lunch or to relax, swim or play tennis.

#### Dinner at Monterosso Farm

Join your fellow Adventurers for an exclusive family-style dinner featuring fresh fruits and vegetables grown on the premises. Atop the Monterosso hill with a panoramic view of Lake Maggiore, Monte Rosa and Valgrande National Park, this organic farm is surrounded by lush pastures, orchards and beech woods.

#### Bocce Ball and Pony Rides for Junior Adventurers\*

Junior Adventurers can enjoy a game of bocce ball and saddle up for a fun pony ride while adults sit back with a glass of wine.

\*Pony rides are restricted to ages 12 and younger.

**Accommodations:** Regina Palace Hotel

## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 3



### Como, Italy

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

#### Breakfast at the Hotel

Start the day off with a hearty breakfast and get ready to head for Como.

#### Arrive at Como

Travel by motor coach to romantic Como at the southern tip of Lake Como in the foothills of the Alps, known for its wonderful art, palaces, churches, theaters, gardens and museums.

#### Italian Cooking Class

Study the art of pasta-making at a beautiful villa on the banks of Lake Como with hands-on instruction by a professional Italian chef. During this private cooking class, your Adventure Guides translate to connect you with the mind of this culinary master. Receive a personalized Certificate of Completion when you finish the class!

#### Lunch at a Lake Como Villa

After class, enjoy a classic Italian meal with a new understanding of what makes the pasta so delicious!

#### Lake Como Boat Cruise

Embark on an exclusive boat tour of one of Italy's most famous lakes and drink in the poetic scenery, dotted with Baroque and Neoclassic villas, Romanesque churches, lush gardens and small Medieval villages all under the proud reach of the magnificent Alps.

#### Afternoon and Dinner on Your Own in Stresa

Return to this charming town for more exploration. For dinner, check out the menus of restaurants offering a variety of choices: pizza, pasta, rich risotto and succulent seafood among other items and pick the one that's right for you. Or ask your Adventure Guides to suggest the ideal restaurant that fits your family's needs.

**Accommodations:** Regina Palace Hotel

## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 4



### Zermatt, Switzerland

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast and Lunch

#### Breakfast at the Hotel

Wake up to a delicious buffet breakfast and then head off to Zermatt.

#### The Simplon Pass to Zermatt

Take a motor coach across the high mountain Simplon Pass between the Pennine Alps and the Lepontine Alps in Switzerland. A road that dates back to the Stone Age, the winding Simplon Pass takes you to Zermatt.

#### Arrive in Zermatt

Considered the most beautiful of the Alpine villages, the automobile-free Zermatt lies at the foot of the highest mountains in the Alps and basks in the splendor of the Matterhorn.

#### Cheese Fondue Lunch in Zermatt

Dip into the delicious melted cheeses of the Alps at a charming restaurant. A Swiss specialty with shared French and Italian origins, fondue dates back to the late 17th century. Indulge with pleasure!

#### Check into Mont Cervin Palace

Relax as your Adventure Guides check you into this stately, 5-star hotel surrounded by the Alps. With an abundance of warm hospitality, this grand hotel near the old village center has specialized in luxury for over 150 years.

#### On Your Own Dinner in Zermatt

Ask your Adventure Guides to help make arrangements for a dinner outing the whole family will enjoy at one of the spectacular restaurants in this Alpine village. After your meal, try a scrumptious strudel, a cinnamon crpe or even a sip of *gnpi*, an absinthe-like Alpine aperitif.

**Accommodations:** Mont Cervin Palace

## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 5



**Zermatt, Switzerland**

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Breakfast at the Hotel

Fuel up at breakfast for an action-packed day ahead. If you prefer not to participate in the physical activities, you can watch the activities from the sidelines or stay behind in Zermatt to explore the many wonderful sites in this fascinating village.

### Zip Lining and Ropes Course at Forest Fun Park

Get ready for a morning of fun and adrenaline for the whole family! Ride in a mini electric car to the Forest Fun Park. A licensed instructor teaches about equipment safety and rules of the zip line and gives those Guests who choose to participate in zip lining a safety harness, gloves and some bottled water. Then, harness up and soar through crisp pines over babbling creeks and scenic paths. If you still have the energy, challenge yourself on the park's extensive ropes obstacle courses and zip lines. There are beginner and advanced courses, but all are sure to give you a workout as you dangle up to 40 feet (12.19 meters) above the ground, swinging and climbing through the trees. Experience up to 25 bridges and 12 zip lines!

### On Your Own Lunch in Zermatt

Pick a restaurant for you and your family in this town filled with wonderful culinary choices. Ask your Adventure Guides for recommendations.

### Gornergrat Bahn Train Ride

Climb high up Zermatt's steep slopes aboard the Gornergrat Cogwheel Train for stunning views of the Matterhorn and lake-dotted countryside below. See 29 peaks that are 13,100 feet (4,000 meters) tall, the most in any Alpine region.

### Adult Dinner at Hotel

Feast on scrumptious regional specialties with your fellow Adventurers at the hotel's main eatery.

### Junior Adventurers Dinner & Disney Movie Night

Junior Adventurers can enjoy a kid-friendly dinner in another part of the restaurant. After dinner, they can join the Adventure Guides for a private viewing of a Disney movie.

**Accommodations:** Mont Cervin Palace



## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 6



### Lake Lucerne, Switzerland

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

#### Breakfast at the Hotel

Wake up to a tasty breakfast before you board a train to Taesch.

#### Journey to Andermatt

Get off the train in Taesch and enjoy a motor coach ride through the wide, pastoral Urseren Valley, located at the foot of the Gotthard Pass and flanked by the Aare and Gotthard mountain ranges of the Adula Alps.

#### Lunch in Andermatt

Stop for lunch in the historic town of Andermatt the largest village in the valley with its shingled houses and charming streets. Delight in a delicious meal at a traditional Swiss restaurant.

#### Journey to Lucerne

Head for Lucerne on beautiful Lake Lucerne, driving through the splendid landscape that boasts a gorgeous mountain panorama, lush meadows in the summer and a pure white carpet of snow in the winter.

#### Bike Ride around Lake Lucerne

Ride along the trails that weave around Switzerland's fourth-largest lake while admiring the awe-inspiring mountains that surround its startling blue waters.

#### Check-In at the Palace Hotel Luzern

Take in the view of the lake and the surrounding mountains as your Adventure Guides check you into this historic hotel, located in the heart of Lucerne on the promenade of Lake Lucerne. Wander through the well-appointed rooms with their modern decor influenced by some of the finest artists of the 20th century. Considered one of the leading hotels in the world, this 5-star luxury hotel combines old world tradition with modern convenience and offers amenities including a day spa featuring a sauna, steam room and gym, along with various beauty and relaxation services.

#### Private Guided Walking Tour of Lucerne

Follow a local guide on a walk through this delightful city surrounded by snowcapped mountains and discover its history. Explore Old Town with its 14th-century walls and spired buildings that seem straight out of a storybook. Explore Kapellbrücke (translates to "Chapel Bridge"), the oldest surviving truss bridge in the world, which crosses the Reuss River and connects Old Town to the Saint Peter Chapel with an interior displaying the paintings that survived a fire created by the 17th-century local artist Hans Heinrich Wgmann.

#### Dinner at the Hotel

Relax with your fellow Adventurers in the elegant dining room and experience the remarkable seafood and other culinary treats from around the world that Palace Hotel Luzern offers.

**Accommodations:** Palace Hotel Luzern



## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 7



### Lake Lucerne, Switzerland

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

### Breakfast at the Hotel

Fuel up on a hearty breakfast and get ready for a day of thrilling events ahead.

### Excursion to Mount Titlis

For a fun-filled day of activities, ride in the rotating Rotair aerial cable car up to Mount Titlis, Central Switzerland's highest peak at 10,000 feet. And enjoy a spectacular view of valleys, mountains, lakes, forest, ice boulders and glaciers along the way. Once you reach the top, delight in these snow experiences—guided by either Adventure Guides or local guides:

- **Glacier Viewing**  
Get closer to the crevasses of a glacier on the "Ice Flyer" chairlift.
- **Sledding**  
Go sledding down the side of the mountain for a thrilling way to experience the Swiss Alps.
- **Hiking**  
Hike up one of the trails to see the mountain and its environs up close, enjoying the amazing views along the way.
- **The Titlis Cliff Walk**  
Stroll across Titlis Cliff Walk, the highest suspension bridge in Europe at a height of 1,600 feet (487.68 meters) and be awestruck by the astounding views.
- **The Glacier Cave**  
Venture into the very heart of Mount Titlis where ice crystals sparkle on turquoise-blue walls of ice in a cave that lies 65.6 feet (20 meters) below the glacier's surface.

### Lunch at the Panorama Restaurant

Take a break in your activities to enjoy a delicious lunch at the Panorama Restaurant. At 1.87 miles (3,020 meters) above sea-level, this stylish restaurant offers panoramic views. Enjoy regional specialties along with pizza and pasta—and a variety of delectable desserts.

### More Fun at Mount Titlis

Continue your thrilling snow experiences until it's time to travel back down the hill to Engelberg.

### Visit a Cheese Factory in Engelberg

Head to a monastery for a tour of a cheese factory. Watch cheese being made by hand and see how milk is transformed into the famous *Engelberger Klostersglocke*—a mild cheese pressed into the shape of a monastery bell. Discover other regional cheeses, milk products and souvenirs as well.

### Private Farewell Dinner at the Old Swiss House in Lucerne

Be greeted on the deck of this landmark restaurant by 3 Swiss Alpen Horn Players playing traditional Swiss music and then be served by wait staff wearing traditional Lucerne garb! The Old Swiss House has a half-timbered facade that dates back to 1859 and decor from the 17th century, stained-glass windows from the 16th century and original oil paintings by famous artists. Dine in a private area of this renowned restaurant that boasts a selection of gourmet menu items including the authentic Alpine specialty *Wienerschnitzel*. Then share some of your unforgettable memories before you bid your fellow Adventurers a fond farewell.

**Accommodations:** Palace Hotel Luzern

## Adventures By Disney | Itinerary: Day 8



**Lake Lucerne, Switzerland**

**Meal(s) Included:** Breakfast

### **Breakfast at the Hotel**

Enjoy one last breakfast in Switzerland and get ready for the trip ahead.

### **Transfer to Zurich Airport (ZRH)**

Board prearranged transportation to the airport and say *Auf Wiedersehen*—until you return again!

**Accommodations:** Palace Hotel Luzern

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