



## Wilhelm Tell Express Lucerne – Lugano

The Wilhelm Tell Express links two of Switzerland's most attractive regions: Central Switzerland and Ticino. It starts with an unforgettable cruise aboard a vintage paddle steamer from Lucerne to Flüelen. It is then on to the Italian-speaking part with its Mediterranean climate, palm trees and glittering blue lakes.

It's hard to believe that a cruise of this length of duration is possible on Lake Lucerne. One repeatedly has the feeling of simply being on a small romantic lake, encircled by idyllic places and nearby mountains. But then the steamer makes a gracious turn around a headland, just where the lake seems to come to an end. Your steamboat will take you to Flüelen, where the Gotthard Railway awaits you.

### Included services

- Rail ticket 1st class border/airport – Lucerne – Lugano – border/airport
- 50% for most trains, buses, boats and mountain railways between first and last travel date
- 1 x overnight stay with breakfast in Lucerne
- 1 x overnight stay with breakfast in Lugano

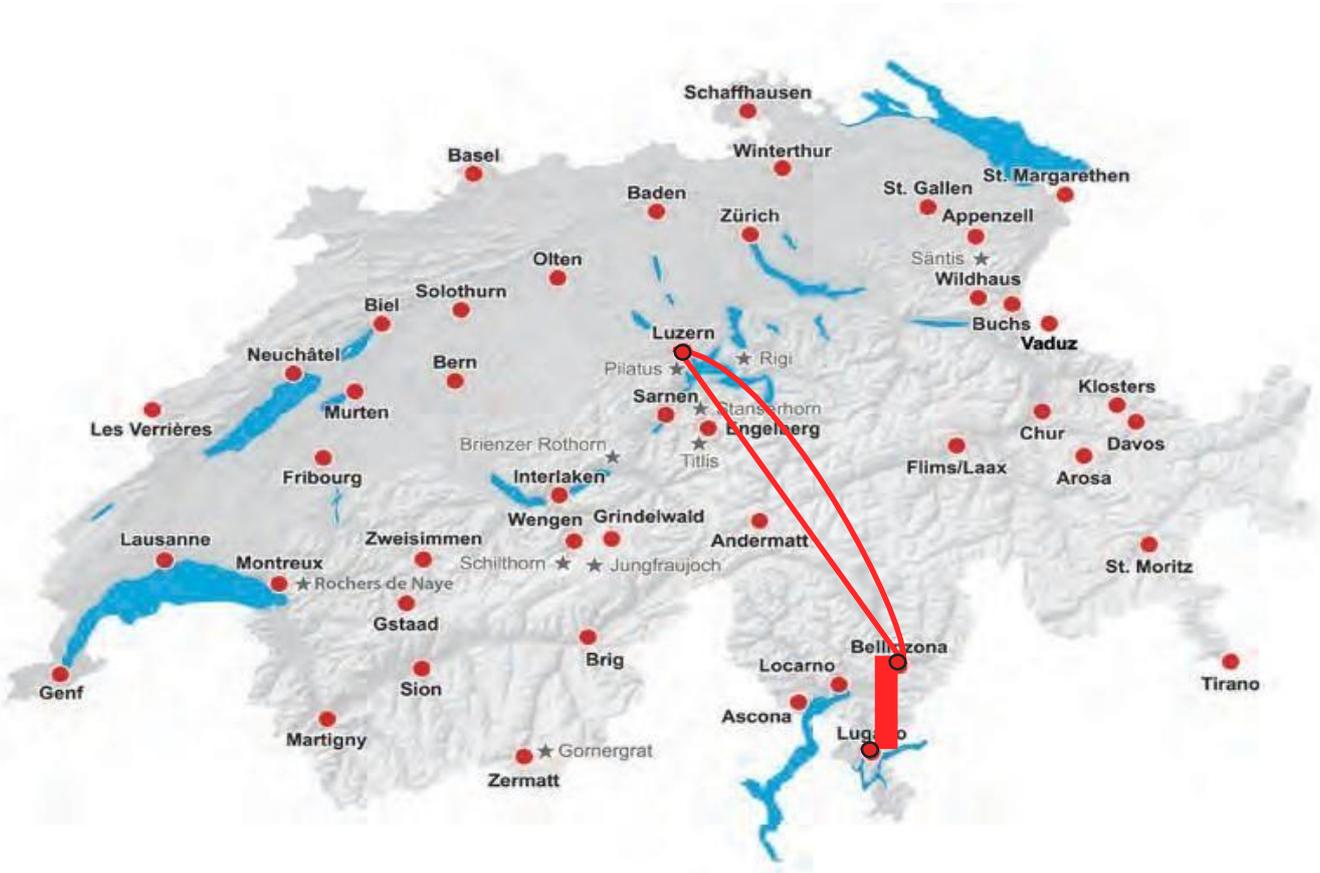
- Seat reservation on the Wilhelm Tell Express
- Swiss Coupon Pass "2 for 1" Dine & Discover offers

**Good to Know**

- The only tour that combines a lake cruise and a panorama train in one journey.
- Use the Swiss Coupon Pass for a 2 for 1 City Tour Lucerne and Lugano as well as an entrance to Swiss miniature including lunch

Wilhelm Tell	Double		Single		Triple		Suppl.
<b>Price per person in CHF</b>	Low	High	Low	High	Low	high	
<b>3* hotel</b>	579	593	677	690	521	526	
<b>4* hotel</b>	664	675	830	837	607	621	
<b>Price per child in CHF</b>	3* hotel	4* hotel					
<b>Less than 3</b>	FOC	FOC					
<b>Less than 6</b>	142	166					
<b>Less than 12</b>	193	234					
<b>Less than 16</b>	254	349					

Low season: 07.04.- 14.06.2016 and 01.10.- 24.10.2016 / High season: 15.06. - 30.09.2016. For children from 0 - 2 years the seat reservation is not included, extra charges apply.



### **Day 1: Arrival Lucerne**

Transfer by rail from the border, airport or any other destination in Switzerland to Lucerne. Short walk from the railway station to your hotel. Depending on arrival time, you will have the opportunity to discover the Old Town. Lucerne lies on the river Reuss, at the end of Lake Lucerne, framed by impressive mountains. The city has been a stronghold of tourism since 1840, thanks to the well-preserved Old Town with its Chapel Bridge and Water Tower. Overnight in Lucerne.

### **Day 2: Lucerne - Lugano with Wilhelm Tell Express**

The Wilhelm Tell Express links two of Switzerland's most attractive regions: Central Switzerland and Ticino. The trip starts in Lucerne as you board a nostalgic paddle steamer or diesel vessel and cruise to Flüelen on Lake Lucerne in about 2 hours and a half. While you enjoy lunch (19CHF lunch voucher is included) in the first-class restaurant, you can watch tranquil bays, picturesque villages and historic landmarks such as the Rütli and the Tellsplatte glide silently by on the starboard and port side. In Flüelen, only a few steps away from the pier, board the air-conditioned, first-class panorama cars of the Swiss Federal Railways. The trip continues through the awesome Reuss Valley with its deep ravines and precipitous cliffs. The world-famous Gotthard line swiftly climbs from 470 to about 1100 meters above sea level to finally enter the 15 kilometer long Gotthard tunnel in Göschenen, Europe's most important north/south gateway. Countless spiral and horseshoe tunnels, galleries and bridges testify to the remarkable achievements of the men who built this masterpiece of civil engineering. Then, after the 10-minute tunnel passage, you'll arrive in Ticino. In the Leventina Valley, the Wilhelm Tell Express crosses breathtaking cantilevered bridges and passes charming villages on its way to Bellinzona. Change here to continue your journey to Lugano. Overnight in Lugano.

### **Day 3: Departure**

After breakfast you can have more time in Lugano and enjoy the city and its surroundings before you head back by rail to the airport/border or on to your next holiday destination. 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.



### **Credit card payment**

Credit card payment can be done with additional 2% surcharge on the total amount of the package.