

Transalp on the North-South Route

8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS, APPROX. 305 KM
BOOKING CODE: OE-CHBL7

DAILY ROUTE LENGTH ●●●●●
TOPOGRAPHY ●●●●●



Your tour

After this trip, you can proudly call yourself a true transalpist! On the north-south route you will experience the whole diversity of Switzerland: from the art city of Basel, over the impressive Swiss Jura, you cycle into the surprisingly flat Mittelland between Aarau and Lucerne. You can comfortably reach the Gotthard Pass on one of the Swiss postal buses. Downhill into the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland you will of course cycle yourself! And to finish: a delicious espresso on the shores of Lake Lugano.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival to Basel
Day 2	Basel – Aarau, approx. 60 km
Day 3	Aarau – Lucerne, approx. 55 km
Day 4	Lucerne – Amsteg, approx. 45 km + boat trip
Day 5	Amsteg – Gotthard Pass, approx. 35 km + bus ride
Day 6	Gotthard-Pass – Bellinzona, approx. 75 km
Day 7	Bellinzona – Lugano, approx. 35 km + Train ride
Day 8	Individual departure

Travel time

Season A	29.08. – 13.09.
Season B	27.06. – 28.08.

Daily arrival 27.06. – 13.09.2026
The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- 7 nights with breakfast, national 3*-level, at the Gotthard Pass in a guesthouse
- Digital travel documents and route navigation via app
- Luggage transportation from hotel to hotel to Lugano, 1 piece of luggage per person, max. 20 kg / piece
- Boat trip Beckenried – Flüelen incl. bike
- Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. – 08.00 p.m.)
- Ticino Ticket (numerous discounts and inclusive services)

Not included services

- Train rides Cadenazzo – Riviera-Bironico and Bioggio-Molinazzo – Lugano
- Bus trip Göschenen – Andermatt
- Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Doubleroom, Season A	1535,-
Doubleroom, Season B	1655,-
Additional fee single room	579,-

Additional night prices per person

Basel DBL / BB	125,-
Basel SGL / BB	195,-
Lugano DBL / BB	139,-
Lugano SGL / BB	239,-

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	325,-
Rental bike (27-gear)*	175,-

*including rental bike insurance

Exemplary hotel list

Basel	Steinschanze Basel	https://www.steinschanze.ch/
Aarau	Schützen Aarau	https://www.gasthofschuetzen.ch
Luzern	Drei Könige Luzern	https://www.drei-koenige.ch/de
Amsteg	Stern & Post Amsteg	https://www.stern-post.ch/de/
Gotthardpass	Hospiz Gotthard	https://www.passosangottardo.ch/
Bellinzona	Internazionale Bellinzona	https://hotel-internazionale.ch/de/home-de/
Lugano	Delfino Lugano	https://hoteldelfinolugano.ch/

Child reduction on basic price

Due to the challenging stages, we do not recommend this trip for children.
Since family rooms are not available on this trip, the children's discount cannot be offered.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, French

Additional note

- All bookings are on request.
- Return journey to Basel: by train on your own, connections every half hour, 1 – 3 changes, duration approx. 3.5 – 4.5 hours.
- Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

Equipment of our rental bikes

- Comfortable saddle
- Bike lock
- Air pump (1 x per room)
- Hub dynamo
- Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- Waterproof pannier

Journey to Basel

- Nearest airports: Basel, Zurich
- Train station: Basel

Parking in Basel

- Paid parking in Basel. Cheaper parking at Basel-Mulhouse airport with direct bus connection to Basel SBB train station (duration approx. 30 min). No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.
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Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival to Basel

Do you see two slender red sandstone towers? That's Basel Minster, one of the city's landmarks. There are many ways to get to know the city on the Rhine: on a tour of the old town, on a ferry trip or on a walk along the banks of the Rhine. If you are interested in art, a visit to one of the numerous museums in the city of art is a must!

Day 2: Basel – Aarau, approx. 60 km

From Basel, cycle through the Ergolz valley towards Liestal. You approach the gentle hills of the Aargau Jura Park, which you can easily master by bike. You cycle rapidly downhill over the southern slopes of the Jura to Aarau. This charming little town lies on the right bank of the River Aare. In the old town centre, it is best to keep your eyes on the sky. The reason: many protruding roof gables are beautifully painted on the underside. They are also known as roof linings and most of them date back to the 16th century. You must also try a slice of Aargauer Rüeblitorte!

Day 3: Aarau – Lucerne, approx. 55 km

Today you cycle upstream through the open river valley of the Suhre. You look out over a vast and wonderfully pure natural landscape! You cycle past Lake Sempach and reach Lucerne and Lake Lucerne. In Lucerne, you will immediately notice the Chapel Bridge, the oldest

covered bridge in Europe. At almost 205 metres, the wooden bridge connects the old and new towns. The picturesque mountain panorama of Lucerne will remain in your memory on this Transalp route in Switzerland.

Day 4: Lucerne – Amsteg, approx. 45 km + boat trip

Accompanied by impressive views of the Swiss mountains, you cycle along Lake Lucerne today. You change to a boat in Beckenried and take a leisurely ride across the lake to Flüelen. This gives you the best view of the mighty mountains on both sides of the shore, reminiscent of a Norwegian fjord. The Axenstrasse, an important transport link between Zurich and the Gotthard Pass, runs along the eastern shore, boldly carved out of the steep rock. The road is not without danger for cyclists. It's a good thing that you can take a relaxed view of it from the boat. The small village of Amsteg belongs to the municipality of Silenen and is characterised by its striking Gotthard houses. It is the gateway to the Maderanertal, one of the most unspoilt mountain valleys in Switzerland.

Day 5: Amsteg – Gotthard Pass, approx. 35 km + bus ride

You cycle from Amsteg to Göschenen. From here, you take the bus (not included) through the Reuss plain to Andermatt and up to the Gotthard Pass! You pass the Devil's Bridge over the Schöllenen Gorge.

The Transalp route is aptly named. After all, the Gotthard is the Swiss mountain pass between north and south, between the cantons of Uri and Ticino. The St. Gotthard Museum is located on the pass at 2100 metres above sea level. Here you can learn about the importance and the economic, strategic and cultural influence of the pass road in a lively way.

Day 6: Gotthard-Pass – Bellinzona, approx. 75 km

A marvellous ride takes you down through the Tremola Gorge on the old Gotthard road and on through the flat Leventina Valley. The gorges here drop away steeply. On the way is Giornico, a typical Ticino village with old stone houses and two impressive arched bridges over the River Ticino. As you cycle along the river, you will feel the southern flair of Ticino more and more. Thanks to the mild climate, chestnut forests and sun-kissed wines grow here. The granite rocks are particularly

striking on this stage. The closer you get to Bellinzona, the wider the valley opens up. Bellinzona is the capital of Italian-speaking Ticino. Its Lombard character and medieval architecture will cast a spell over you.

Day 7: Bellinzona – Lugano, approx. 35 km + Train ride

You cycle to Cadenazzo. Here you board the train (not included) and travel to Rivera Bironico. From Monte Ceneri you have a beautiful view of Lake Maggiore and the vegetable garden of Piano di Magadino. Cycle through the extensive Magadino plain to Lugano. The largest city in Ticino lies between the Monte Bre and Monte Salvatore mountains and the lake. Enjoy the charming landscape of Lake Lugano and stroll through the narrow streets, across the large squares and past the museums, churches and beautiful shops.

Day 8: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.