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A World of Discovery

Enchanting Switzerland is yours to behold, from its snowy summits to winding footpaths and piercing cobalt skies. Drink in the region's storybook beauty, fascinating culture and laid-back ambience. With a bevy of adventures, this thrilling journey is sure to create lifelong memories!

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures, especially at this important time in history. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic experiences, AHI invests in each destination, its people and local ways of life. Enriching and transformative, our journeys deliver new insights as we rediscover a global community more eager than ever to engage.

The value of the AHI journey is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These thoughtful professionals create a welcoming atmosphere while handling every last detail so you can focus on the wonder before you. We also partner with knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines

Designed for you, the curious traveler, this AHI journey invites you to open a new chapter in Switzerland. Our first page is Interlaken, a celebrated lakeside town.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Experience Switzerland's sublime beauty by **train, bus, boat and foot.**
- ▶ Feast your eyes on the one-of-a-kind scenery of the **Bernese Oberland.**
- ▶ Surround yourself with the unspoiled natural wonders of the **Lauterbrunnen Valley.**
- ▶ Sip light, crisp wine at a vineyard in **Lavaux**, one of the world's most celebrated and captivating wine regions.
- ▶ Cruise on **Lake Geneva** and see Château de Chillon, a medieval fortress.
- ▶ From sweet to savory, tempt your palate with chocolate and cheese in **Gruyères.**
- ▶ Travel by steam train up the Brienzer Rothorn, reveling in the unforgettable panoramas of the **Bernese Alps.**



Dear University of Michigan Alumni Travelers,

Travel is an enriching part of our lives, connecting us to new worlds, new friends, and each other. Today, planning a trip requires a plan. At the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan, we've spent 52-plus years planning, perfecting, and executing extraordinary, exclusive trips for Michigan travelers — trips you'd expect from, and for, the Leaders and Best. These adventures will take you beyond an ordinary visit and dive into the culture, history, cuisine, and lives of the locals at your destination.

Here are a few of the highlights you can expect from us ...

Convenience: Our experience pays off. Every detail is planned and taken care of for you; all you have to do is pack your bag. The hard part is selecting where to go next.

Educational Enrichment: All trips include educational content, with some featuring expert U-M faculty and staff traveling with your group.

Michigan Small Group Explorations: Our tours are limited to 12-24 Michigan travelers, allowing for spontaneous encounters and a great deal of independence wherever your journey takes you.

Safety: Michigan Alumni Travel has been working with tour operators to make sure all of our trips are specifically curated to focus on your safety without detracting from your travel experience.

We invite you to explore the range of our collection at umalumni.com/travel.

Our travel team is also happy to assist you at **855.764.0064** or alumnitravel@umich.edu.

NOTE: Travel is a member benefit of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. Travelers, whether alumni or not, must be members. This includes all family members and friends.

The travel program is totally self-supporting and none of your membership dues or any other Association income is used to subsidize the cost of travel announcements or staff time devoted to alumni travel.

Passengers requiring extraordinary assistance must be accompanied by someone who can, and will, be totally responsible for providing all required assistance.

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Interlaken

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Zürich, Switzerland. 🚗

Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | Interlaken

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to Interlaken and check in to the Hotel Carlton-Europe.

Discovery: Welcome to Interlaken!

Photogenic Interlaken is nestled between Lake Brienz and Lake Thun. Join your Travel Director for an introductory walk around the magical streets of this culture-rich town.

Later today, gather for a Welcome Reception, followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Day 3 | Kandersteg | Oeschinensee

Enrichment: Swiss Icons. Learn about the unique history and facts of Switzerland.

Discovery: Lake Oeschinen. The Bernese Oberland is a portrait of shimmering lakes, cotton-ball clouds and rugged mountains. Journey by train to Kandersteg, followed by a gondola ride toward Lake Oeschinen. Stretch your legs on a gentle hike to the glacial lake, passing meadows filled with grazing cows and sheep. Take in the glorious views before you and inhale the sweet scent of wildflowers.

Back in Kandersteg, unwind over a hearty lunch; then travel via train back to Interlaken.

Day 4 | Brienz | Rothorn

Discovery: Brienz and the Rothorn.

Brienz is world-renowned for its enchanting backdrop, charming wooden chalets and centuries of wood-carving tradition. Witness the Brienz Rothorn Railway station, built in 1892. Board a steam train for a nostalgic train journey along the shores of Lake Brienz all the way up to the lofty summit of the Brienz Rothorn. Your panoramic windows reveal breathtaking vistas of the Bernese Alps and sparkling lake.

At the top, relax amid the fresh mountain air and take in gorgeous panoramas during lunch with your fellow travelers.

Return to Brienz and cruise back to Interlaken.

Day 5 | Lauterbrunnen Valley | Mürren

Enrichment: Mountaineering. Learn about Switzerland's tradition of mountain climbing.

Discovery: Lauterbrunnen Valley. Board a train to the small town of Lauterbrunnen, a visually stunning region with tumbling waterfalls and striking cliffs. Continue via cable car to Grütschalp; then hike along a gentle forest path to Winteregg and on to Mürren, a quiet, car-free village. With craggy mountaintops and endless emerald valleys, the views from Mürren

🚶 Active Travel for Cultural Explorers

This **active program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, gondolas and/or trains
- ▶ climbing in/out of excursion boats
- ▶ tolerating varying climatic conditions



Lauterbrunnen Valley

will thrill any budding photographer! On a clear day, you may witness the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau peaks looming beyond. Take a moment to slow down and truly delight in the storybook views before you! Your descent from Mürren via aerial cable car reveals more quintessential Swiss settings.

🌍AHI Connects: Local Culture. Tonight, enjoy a wonderful, culture-steeped dinner. During your meal, a local folkloric singing group entertains with lively folk songs and traditional alphorn music.

Day 6 | Gruyères | Vevey

Transit the Jaun Pass, a high mountain pass on your way to Gruyères, one of Switzerland's most whimsical villages.

Discovery: Gruyère Cheese. Visit a dairy farm to watch a demonstration on making artisanal Gruyère cheese. Created with recipes handed down from generation to generation, this firm, aromatic Swiss cheese is made from whole cow's milk. Enjoy tasting this specialty!

Free Time: Make your own discoveries in Gruyères and soak up its old-world ambience.



Château de Chillon, Montreux

Discovery: Swiss Chocolate Factory.

Continue your discovery of local flavors during a visit to a Swiss chocolate factory. During an interactive tour, learn about the history of how chocolate came to Europe and see how the raw ingredients of cocoa beans and cocoa butter become delicious concoctions of milk, dark and white chocolate. Indulge in samples of the premium confectionery!

Discovery: Welcome to Vevey! Join your Travel Director for an enjoyable walk around Vevey, perched idyllically along Lake Geneva.

Day 7 | Montreux | Lavaux

Discovery: Montreux. Stylish Montreux, with its Belle Époque-era buildings and laid-back charm, has inspired artists, musicians and literati for centuries. Discover the area's glorious beauty while cruising on Lake Geneva. See Château de Chillon, a 13th-century castle that housed the dukes and counts of Savoy throughout the Middle Ages. Noted as one of the most visited historic buildings in Switzerland, the castle features fantastic wall paintings, three courtyards and subterranean vaults.



Matterhorn near Zermatt

INCLUDED FEATURES



UNESCO World Heritage

1. Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch
2. Lavaux, Vineyard Terraces

Discovery and Enrichment: Lavaux Wine Region.

Drive through the fertile Lavaux vineyard region. Switzerland's largest contiguous vineyard area is spectacular with sun-kissed hills, century-old farmhouses and the sweet smell of grapes. Visit a winery to learn about the region's viticulture and sample crisp wines. Enjoy a delicious lunch during your outing.

Free Time: The balance of the day is yours to craft your own adventures.

Day 8 | Zermatt

Discovery: Zermatt. Drive from Vevey to Täsch; then travel via train to Zermatt, located approximately 5,000 feet above sea level. Zermatt belongs in a fairy tale with its wooden chalets and pretty shops. You may see the dramatic pyramid of the Matterhorn rising in the distance. The town's pièce de resistance is its impressive backdrop!

Day 9 | Vevey

Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure in Vevey. You may wish to visit the interactive Charlie Chaplin museum, stroll along the picturesque, tree-lined promenade or take a funicular up Mont Pèlerin to take in views of Lake Geneva. Toast to your adventure at a Farewell Dinner.

Day 10 | In Transit

Transfer to the Geneva airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- 4 nights in Interlaken, Switzerland, at the first-class Hotel Carlton-Europe.
- 4 nights in Vevey at the first-class Astra Hotel Vevey.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Join a walking tour of Interlaken.
 - Admire beautiful Lake Oeschinen.
 - Travel by steam train to the Rothorn.
 - Explore the Lauterbrunnen Valley, including a hike to Mürren.
 - Savor Swiss cheese and chocolate.
 - Get to know the pretty town of Vevey.
 - Visit Montreux and taste fine wines at a Lavaux vineyard.
 - Enjoy the charming town of Zermatt.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
 - Free time to pursue your own interests.
 - Welcome Reception to mingle with fellow travelers.
 - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
 - Tipping of guides and drivers.
 - Included regional train pass.
 - Complimentary travel mementos.

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



Hotel Carlton-Europe | Interlaken



Astra Hotel Vevey | Vevey (pictured above)



Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.

Majestic Switzerland ~ Interlaken & Vevey

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Call our Travel Experts at 800-492-8155 to reserve your place (preferred registration method).

Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office. Once this request is received in our office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

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I/we would like to request _____ place(s).

Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

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Date of Birth

Email Name you would like on your name badge

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Date of Birth

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Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$850 (limited availability).
- I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Flights

- Yes, I/we are requesting the AHI FlexAir to Zürich, Switzerland, with a return from Geneva, to depart from:

Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

- First Class Business Class Premium Economy
- No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **March 17, 2023** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by Bank Transfer, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. If paying by check, please call for details before submitting.

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: May 31 – June 9, 2023

Land Program dates: June 1-9, 2023

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$4,545	\$250	\$4,295

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$850 (limited availability).

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.

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with AHI FlexAir.**

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace of mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHI Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

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Brienzer Rothorn Railway

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Discover Switzerland's wondrous landscapes, sweet towns and fascinating heritage!

AHI Travel's mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers.

With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



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