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# HIKING HOLIDAYS VIA SUWOROW AIROLO - ILANZ

## Hiking Via Suworow

### On the tracks of the General

The Russian General Suworow led an army of 21'000 men from the south to Switzerland to end the rule of France. The result of this campaign was a wild hunt through the Swiss mountains. Countless skirmishes and stratagems sapped the morale of the Russian troops.

Considering the adverse circumstances, the General can be forgiven for not having an eye for the beauty of the world of Swiss mountains. He must, however, be congratulated for his selection of the route, because a challenging hiking tour awaits you following the footsteps of the General, taking you over the most beautiful passes in Central Switzerland.



11 Days / 10 Nights



Self-guided tour

### To the online version



# ITINERARY

DAY  
1

## Arrival to Airolo | Airolo – Gotthardpass

Arrival to Airolo and luggage drop-off. After a steep climb through the Tremola, views open up to the Totenkapelle (Chapel of the Dead) and the Susten on the Gotthardpass. The pass head is «conquered» via the old trading route, just as Suworov and his troops did after the French retreated.





 approx. 3 h     approx. 7 km     950 m     20 m

DAY  
2

## Gotthardpass – Göschenen

The descent into the Urserental valley leads through the rugged Gotthardeusstal valley, mainly along the old trading route. Suworow set up his quarters in Hospental in the Hotel St. Gotthard (formerly Ochsen). The route continues along the valley floor to Andermatt.





Taking the route through the Schöllenen Schlucht gorge today is much easier than in Suworow's time. He and his soldiers had to force the French troops back down the valley. However, he was given a memorial at the Teufelsbrücke (Devil's Bridge) for his pains.

 approx. 4.5 h     approx. 18 km     150 m     1'135 m

DAY  
3

## Göschenen – Amsteg





The wonderful cultural landscapes with medieval buildings and stone arch bridges are a joy to behold along the route through the lower Reusstal valley. Totally in contrast to Suworow and his troops, who only had French soldiers in sight.

 approx. 4.5 h     approx. 16 km     435 m     965 m

DAY  
4





## Amsteg – Altdorf

Constant pinpricks accompanied the general on his way to Lake Uri. Compared to the narrow gorges through which the Russians had previously fought their way, however, the way through the Reuss plain was child's play. The hiker of today will find today's stage to be the same way.

 approx. 4.5 h     approx. 17 km     360 m     415 m

DAY  
5**Altdorf – Biel-Chinzig**





At the Urnersee lake, Suworow was unable to proceed any further as the French had seized all boats. So the ViaSuworow follows the route of the Russians from Altdorf into the Schächental valley, where cobbled cattle tracks bordered by drystone walling lead to Biel-Chinzig.

 approx. 4.5 h     approx. 10 km     1'250 m     100 m

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DAY  
6**Biel-Chinzig – Muotathal**





The Chinzigpass awaits with bizarre rock formations and views of the Alps in the Chinzer and Hürital valleys. Unfortunately, Suworow's troops saw little of these as they had to scale the pass with their heavy field guns on a dull, rainy day.

 approx. 5 h     approx. 15 km     500 m     1'500 m

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DAY  
7**Muotathal – Klöntal**





With views of the primeval forest reserve of Böldmeren, through which Suworow marched in flight from the French, the route leads from Muotatal along alp trails and an impressive stone-slab path in Schluecht over the Pragelpass to Richisau in the hinteren Klöntal valley.

 approx. 6 h     approx. 19 km     1'100 m     880 m

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DAY  
8**Klöntal – Glarus**





The trail leads alongside the Klöntalersee (lake) between mighty cliff faces down to Glarus. Anyone chancing a dip in the Klöntalersee may find the Russian war chest. It's reputed to have been sunk in the lake as the French attacked.

 approx. 4 h     approx. 15 km     240 m     620 m

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DAY  
9**Glarus – Elm**

With the French in pursuit, Suworow's troops marched southwards in snowfall towards Elm. The easy hike leads to Schwanden alongside the river Linth and then partly above, partly along, the river Sernf via Engi and Matt to Elm.

 approx. 6 h     approx. 21 km     680 m     180 m

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DAY  
10**Elm – Pigniu**





From Elm the ViaSuworow continues over the Panixer pass, which led to Suworow's troops suffering disastrous losses in the snow. The route leads through the Jetzbachschlucht gorge up to the pass and then over alp Mer and alp Ranasca down to Pigniu.

 approx. 8 h     approx. 23 km     1'650 m     1'300 m

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DAY  
11**Pigniu – Ilanz | Departure or extension**

Several attractive churches and chapels line the route from Pigniu down into the valley of the Vorderrhein. The ViaSuworow ends at Ilanz, the first town on the Rhine, which the weakened Russian troops reached on 7 October 1799.

 approx. 3.5 h     approx. 12 km     380 m     950 m

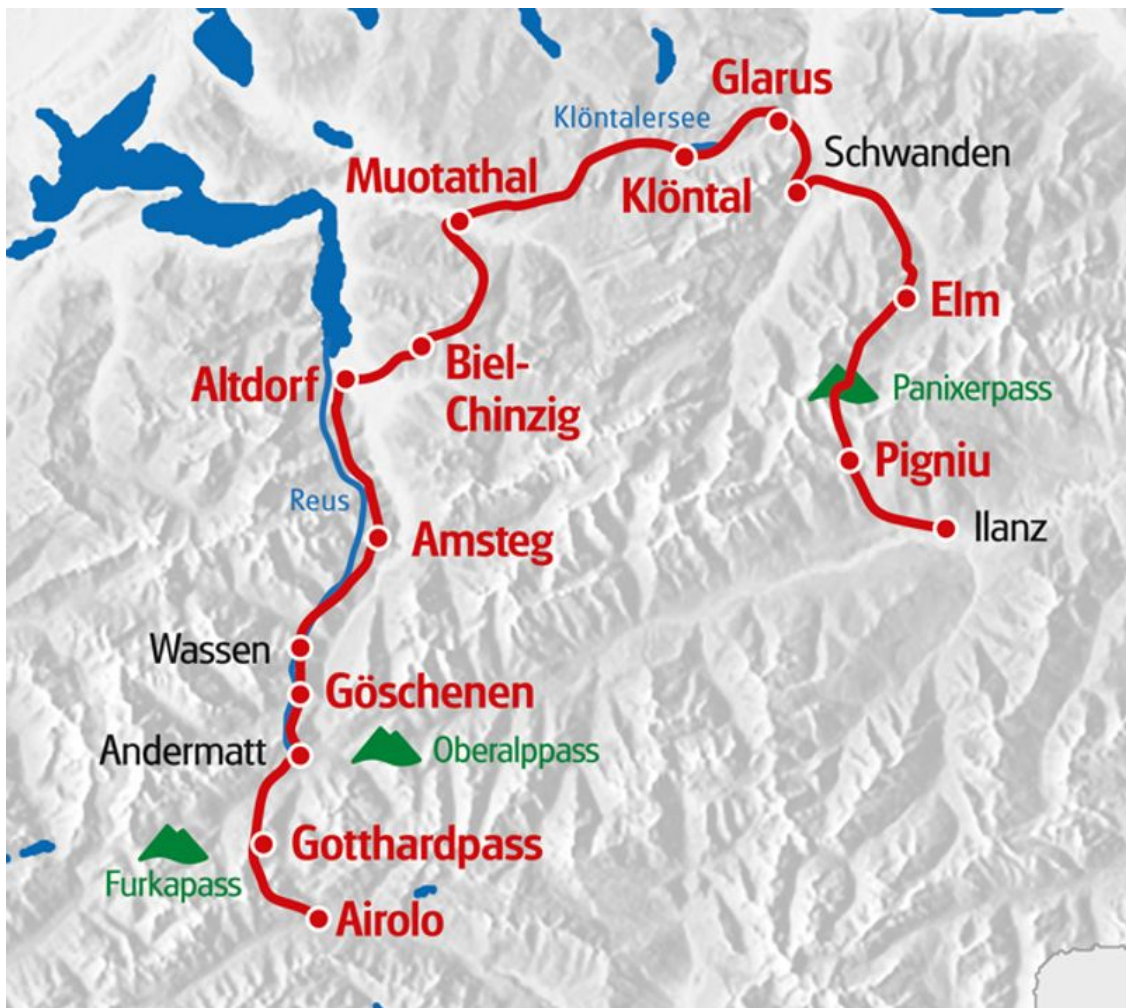
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# TOUR CHARACTER

Sure-footedness and good physical condition are necessary to master the stages that are sometimes quite long. The king's stage is the long march over the Panixer pass, which is one of the hardest passages in the hiking country of Switzerland.

## The ViaSuworow at SwitzerlandMobility

- [Details about the route](#)



# PRICES & DATES

## PLACE OF ARRIVAL: AIROLO

Season 1	Season 2
31.08.2024 - 15.09.2024   Arrival daily exept Wednesday	29.06.2024 - 30.08.2024   Arrival daily except Wednesday

Via Suworow, 11 days, CH-ZSWAI-11X

Base price	1'919.-	1'979.-
Surcharge single room	415.-	415.-

**Category:** middle-class hotels and mountain guesthouses (in certain stage towns shower/toilet are only available on the corridor, dormitory in Biel-Chinzig)

# ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

## PLACE OF ARRIVAL: AIROLO

Season 1	Season 2
Aug 31, 2024 - Sep 15, 2024   Arrival daily exept Wednesday	Jun 29, 2024 - Aug 30, 2024   Arrival daily except Wednesday

Airolo

Locarno	95.-	95.-
Surcharge single room	55.-	55.-

Ilanz

Doppelzimmer p.P.	89.-	89.-
Surcharge single room	50.-	50.-

Prices per person in CHF

# SERVICES & INFORMATION

## Services

### Included:

- 10 overnight stays incl. breakfast
- Daily luggage transfers
- Costs for luggage pick-up at the station (for direct arrival and departure)
- Subsidy for arrival by train
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents (1 x per room)
- Navigation app and GPS data available
- SwitzerlandMobility-Plus subscription for one year
  
- Service hotline

### Note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Reservation fee of CHF 20.- per adult (incl. legally required customer money protection)

## Information

### Arrival/Departure:

- Arrival by public transport to Airolo. If you arrive directly, hand in your luggage at the partner hotel by 10 a.m. at the latest.
- Departure by public transport from Ilanz. In case of direct departure, your luggage will be returned to the luggage counter by 05 p.m. at the latest.

### Arrival by train:

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- Any vouchers

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