

# Eurotrek



## HIKING HOLIDAYS VIA SUWOROW AIROLO - ILANZ, 13 DAYS TO

### 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, who in the end, after a march over the snow-covered Panixer Pass, were defeated on the long way back to Russia.

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.



13 Days / 12 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version



# ITINERARY

DAY  
1

## Arrival to Airolo

DAY  
2

## Airolo – Gotthardpass

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 Suworow and his troops did after the French retreated.

 approx. 3 h     approx. 5 km     950 m     20 m

DAY  
3

## Gotthardpass – Göschenen

The descent into the Urserntal valley leads through the rugged Gotthardreusstal 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 Schöllenschlucht 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. 20 km     150 m     1'135 m

DAY  
4

## 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. 15 km     435 m     965 m

DAY  
5**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. 15 km     360 m     415 m

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DAY  
6**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  
7**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  
8**Muotathal – Klöntal**

With views of the primeval forest reserve of Bödmeren, 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. 20 km     1'100 m     880 m

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DAY  
9**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  
10**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. 20 km     680 m     180 m

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DAY  
11**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. 25 km     1'650 m     1'300 m

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DAY  
12**Pigniu – Ilanz**

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. 10 km     380 m     950 m

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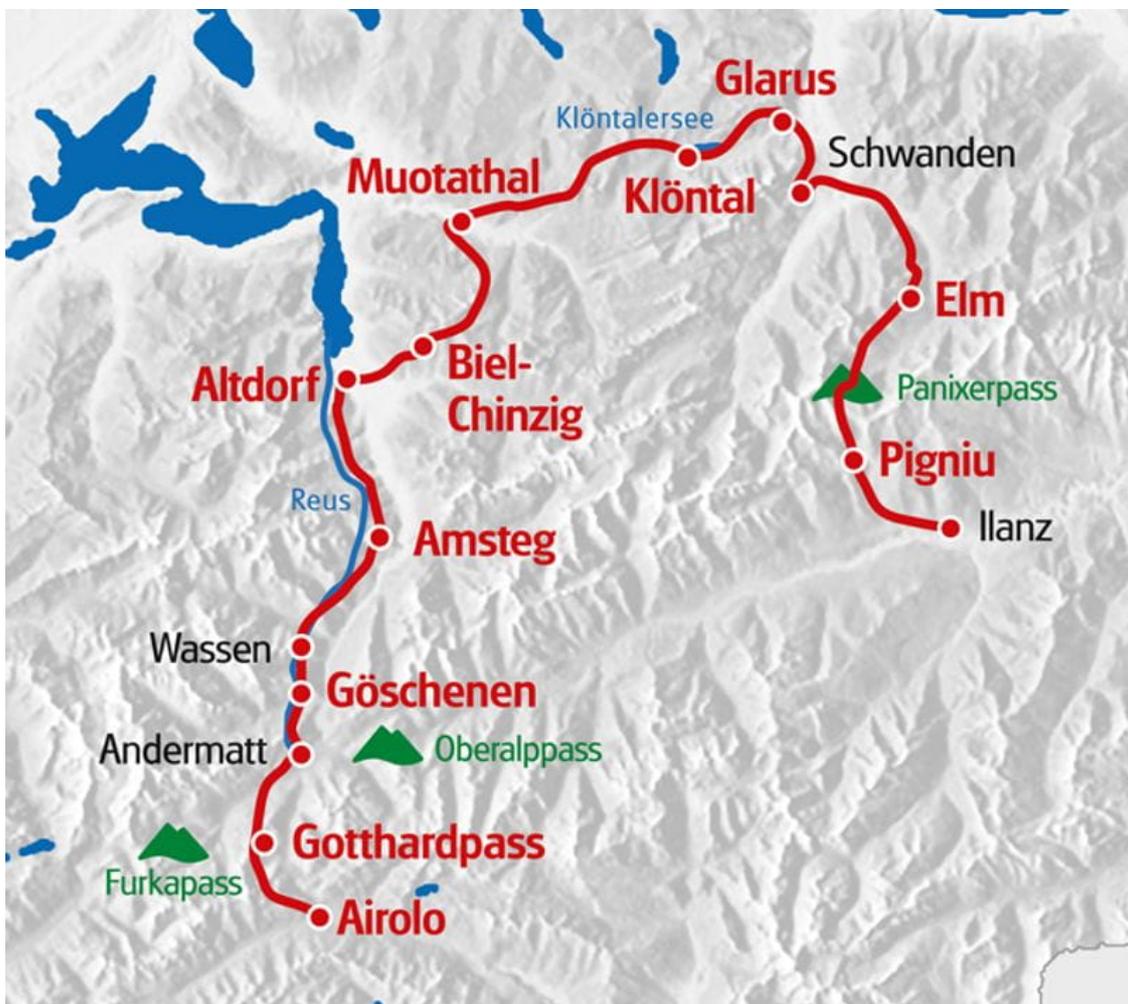
DAY  
13**Departure or extension**

# TOUR CHARACTER

The Via Suworow poses a challenge for mountain climbers, even without the French resistance. 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](#)
- [Detail map at SwitzerlandMobility.](#)



# PRICES & DATES

## PLACE OF ARRIVAL: AIROLO

### Season 1

27.06.2021 - 03.07.2021 | 18.09.2021 - 26.09.2021 |  
every day

### Season 2

04.07.2021 - 17.09.2021 |  
every day

Via Suworow Airolo - Ilanz, 13 days TO, CH-ZSWAI-13X		
Base price	1'649.-	1'729.-
Surcharge Single Room	515.-	515.-

**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

Jun 27, 2021 - Jul 3, 2021 | Sep 18, 2021 - Sep 26, 2021 |  
every day

### Season 2

Jul 4, 2021 - Sep 17, 2021 |  
every day

Airolo		
Extra night double room (BB)	85.-	85.-
Extra night single room (BB)	135.-	135.-
Ilanz		
Extra night double room (BB)	79.-	79.-
Extra night single room (BB)	119.-	119.-

Prices per person in CHF

# SERVICES & INFORMATION

## Services

### Included:

- 12 overnight stays incl. breakfast
- Daily luggage transfers
- Carefully elaborated route
- Detailed travel documents (1 x per room)
- GPS data available
- Service hotline

### Please note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!

## Information

### Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Parking at Airolo station. CHF 5 per day.
- Return journey by train via Disentis and Andermatt to Airolo. Duration: approx. 3 hours.

## Travel documents

### Travel documents "analogous"

By default, your travel package includes a set of travel documents, which we will transmit you in advance. The following documents will inform you about your tour:

- Travel program with all organizational details.
- Official guidebook «Cycling Switzerland»
- maps for your biking and/or hiking routes
- Detailed maps about your stage locations
- Detailed programme day-by-day

### Travel documents "digital"

If you select the option "digital travel documents" when booking, we will provide you with all documents for your trip in a digital form. You will receive a small set of documents with the following content:

- Manuals for the use of necessary apps
- luggage tags
- eventual vouchers

En route you will inform yourself easily with the app of SwitzerlandMobility and other free apps. Background information and all other documents are electronically assigned and can be downloaded to your mobile phone in advance.

Since this option saves resources and costs, a **discount of CHF 30.- per room** is offered.

# CONTACT & BOOKING

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.

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