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HIKING HOLIDAYS VIA ALPINA BUCHS - MONTREUX

Hiking: Via Alpina

Vaduz – Montreux

The Via Alpina crosses 14 of the most beautiful Alpine passes. Across seven Swiss cantons, the hiker experiences a diverse culture, geology and topography. Quiet oases of relaxation alternate with prosperous tourist resorts. There is no better way to get to know Swiss Alpine culture in all its facets.





20 Days / 19 Nights



Self-guided tour

To the online version







ITINERARY

DAY
1

Arrival to Buchs | Vaduz – Sargans


Luggage drop-off in Buchs. The hike starts in Vaduz, the capital of Liechtenstein. The River Rhine and the border to Switzerland is crossed at Sevelen. The trail then leads along the foot of the mountain Gonzen through woodlands and meadows, with views over the Rhine Valley.

 approx. 4.5 h  approx. 18 km  505 m  480 m

DAY
2

Sargans – Weisstannen





The wide, steep and remote Weisstannental valley awaits with lovely hamlets such as Vermol and the wonderful Champensee lake. You climb high-level trails on the west flank of the valley towards the stage destination Weisstannen.

 approx. 4 h  approx. 13 km  790 m  270 m

DAY
3

Weisstannen – Elm





Milk from neighbouring alps is piped to Alp Siez. On Alpine pastures are followed by a narrow ridge of black slate. The terraced alp huts on the other side of the Foopass are an architectural rarity.

 approx. 7.5 h  approx. 22 km  1'385 m  1'400 m

DAY
4

Elm – Linthal

By cable car up to Aempächli. Elm lies in the GeoPark Sardona (UNESCO World-Heritage) where the Glarner main thrust fault clearly reveals the creation of the Alps. Surrounded by rock bastions, the silted-up Wichlensee lake, resembles an amphitheatre. After the steep Richetlipass, the lonely Durnachtal awaits.

 approx. 7.5 h  approx. 20 km  1'080 m  1'915 m

DAY
5**Linthal – Urnerboden**

From Linthal via a steep forest path up to the sunny terrain hollow of Braunwald and further over wooded rocky bands to the largest Swiss alp with 1'200 cows. Open, flat and wild terrain along the Fätschbach stream to the Urnerboden.

🕒 approx. 4.5 h 📏 approx. 13 km ⬆️ 815 m ⬇️ 300 m

DAY
6**Urnerboden – Unterschächen**

Simple alps and mobile bee boxes on the Klausen pass, fascinating high trail with mountain panorama above the Schächen valley, then steeply down to the valley floor below.

🕒 approx. 5.5 h 📏 approx. 17 km ⬆️ 850 m ⬇️ 915 m

DAY
7**Unterschächen – Engelberg**

Bus ride to Attinghausen and by cable car up to the Brüsti. Continue over the panoramic Alp Grat to the historic Surenenpass. The rock bastions on the Brunnistock and the basin of the Blackenalp are impressive. A varied valley path leads to the monastery village of Engelberg.

🕒 approx. 6.5 – 7 h 📏 approx. 20 km ⬆️ 910 m ⬇️ 1'415 m

DAY
8**Engelberg – Engstlenalp**

The trail leads over two altitude steps up to the spectacularly situated Trübsee lake at the foot of the Titlis, and further over the Jochpass into the Bernese Oberland. The destination is Engstlenalp, an idyllic place of power with a lake, nostalgic hotel and thousands of alpine roses.

🕒 approx. 5 h 📏 approx. 11 km ⬆️ 1'265 m ⬇️ 400 m

DAY
9**Engstlenalp – Meiringen**

Through alpine flora to Tannalp with a cheese dairy, inn and lake. The ridge hike over the Balmeregghorn impresses with magnificent views of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. Dwarf Muggenstutz and a sculpture garden provide variety on the way to Meiringen.

🕒 approx. 6.5 h 📏 approx. 21 km ⬆️ 715 m ⬇️ 1'940 m

DAY
10**Meiringen – Grindelwald**

By bus you get up to Rosenlaui where the hike starts. You walk up to the “Grosse Scheidegg” from where you have a magnificent view to the mountains “Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau”. From here you continue to Grindelwald.

🕒 approx. 4.5 h 📏 approx. 14 km ⬆️ 700 m ⬆️ 980 m

DAY
11**Grindelwald – Wengen**

The trail leads up to the „Kleine Scheidegg“ and continues over a sunny high trail. You soon leave the tourist hustle behind you and continue hiking on easy paths until you arrive to Wengen.

🕒 approx. 5.5 h 📏 approx. 17 km ⬆️ 1'155 m ⬆️ 915 m

DAY
12**Wengen – Griesalp/Pochtenalp**

Early in the morning the cable car brings you up to Mürren. In the early months of the summer there is often still snow on the alpine pass “Sefinenfurgge”. You walk past a breathtaking Alpine scenery.

🕒 approx. 7.5 h 📏 approx. 22 km ⬆️ 1'315 m ⬆️ 1'415 m

DAY
13**Griesalp/Pochtenalp – Kandersteg**

The ascent to the Blüemlisalp is the most spectacular stage on your hiking tour. After a long and steep walk up to 2'843 meters you may enjoy an excellent meal at the Swiss mountain pasture “Blüemlisalphütte”. From there the trail leads over the “Hohtürl” and glacier moraines down to Lake Öschinen. Now, Kandersteg is only a short walk away. (easy option: ride with the cable car down into the valley).

🕒 approx. 7 h 📏 approx. 17 km ⬆️ 1'450 m ⬆️ 1'685 m





DAY
14**Kandersteg – Adelboden**

By cable car up to “Allmenalp” from where you hike to “Bonderchrinde”. The view on the surrounding peaks is breathtaking. Afterwards, you hike down into the valley to Adelboden.

🕒 approx. 4.5 h 📏 approx. 12 km ⬆️ 835 m ⬆️ 1'220 m



DAY
15**Adelboden – Lenk**

From the widely-known village of Adelboden you walk towards the Hahnenmoospass. Wonderful views and the peak of mount Wildstrubel guide you down to the valley Simmental. You will spend one last night in the Bernese Oberland.

 approx. 4 h  approx. 13 km  725 m  975 m

DAY
16**Lenk – Gstaad**

From Lenk over gentle alpine meadows, up into the lynx territory, through a damp limestone area with a wide horizon. Over the Trüttlisberg Pass and through the long Turbach Valley with its varied history down to sophisticated Gstaad.

 approx. 7 h  approx. 22 km  1'105 m  1'120 m





DAY
17**Gstaad – L'Etivaz**

A panoramic high-altitude trail, past the Berghaus Eggli and the lime-cart area of Wilde Bode to the language border at Col de Jable. Many traditional Alpine huts with large shingle roofs and Chupferchessi (Copper pot) cheese production high above L'Etivaz.

 approx. 6.5 h  approx. 16 km  1'250 m  1'160 m

DAY
18**L'Etivaz – Rossinière**




The gently sloping route follows the torrent "La Torneresse" for several kilometres until it reaches the valley of the Gorges du Pissot. Then the landscape offers a view of the large valley of the Pays-d'Enhaut. After Châteaux-d'Oex the descent leads to Rossinière.

 approx. 3.5 h  approx. 14 km  280 m  560 m

DAY
19

Rossinière – Montreux

From Rossinière over a bridge from 1650 to the Col de Solomon. After the descent into the Hongrin Valley, climb to the Col de Chaude with its fantastic view of Lake Geneva. Continue uphill to the stop of the Rochers de Naye rack railway. Ride by rack railway to Montreux.

 approx. 7.5 h  approx. 19 km  1'900 m  800 m

DAY
20

Departure or extension

TOUR CHARACTER

Surefootedness, head for heights and good physical condition for alpine hikes are necessary. Shortcuts by bus/cable car are partly possible.

The Via Alpina on Switzerland Mobility

- [Details about the route](#)

PRICES & DATES

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: BUCHS SG

Season 1	Season 2
31.08.2024 - 15.09.2024 Arrival daily	29.06.2024 - 30.08.2024 Arrival daily

Via Alpina, 20 days, CH-OSWBM-20X

Base price	3'295.-	3'429.-
Surcharge single room	985.-	985.-

Category: simple middle class hotels & mountain guesthouses (some may have shared toilets and showers)

ADDITIONAL NIGHTS

PLACE OF ARRIVAL: BUCHS SG

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

Buchs SG

Double room p. P. Cat. A	99.-	99.-
Surcharge single room	35.-	35.-

Montreux

Double room p. P. Cat. A	79.-	79.-
Surcharge single room	45.-	45.-

Prices per person in CHF

SERVICES & INFORMATION

Services

Included:

- Accommodation in your selected category incl. breakfast
- Halfboard on Engstlenalp
- Daily luggage transfer
- Costs for luggage pick-up at the station (for direct arrival)
- Subsidy for arrival by train
- Cable car Elm – Aempächli
- Cable car Attinghausen - Brüsti
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Travel documents (1 x per room)
- Navigation app and GPS data available
- SwitzerlandMobility-Plus subscription for one year
- Service hotline

Note:

- Rides on post bus, mountain railways and cable cars (approx. CHF 140.-, depending on the rides used)
- 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 Buchs. Drop off your luggage at the luggage counter by 10:00 a.m. at the latest.
- Departure by public transport from Montreux.

Arrival by train:

Leave the car at home! For every bike, biking or hiking tour in Switzerland, you will receive an SBB coupon per participant, **which you can use to deduct CHF 10 from the ticket price for traveling by train.** The reduction can be obtained in the SBB online store or in the SBB app. On many trips, we use the luggage counters at the stations at the beginning and at the end to hand over the suitcases. You can conveniently combine this right away when you arrive by train. **If you are a GA owner, you can provide this information when booking. We will credit you the amount on the invoice.** If you don't need the coupon for the trip itself, you can use it during the year. Unfortunately, a retroactive refund is not possible for administrative reasons.

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