



# **Experience New Year in the heart of Switzerland**

#### Explore the mighty mountains, towns, and villages of the Bernese Oberland

Ride on panoramic trains and funiculars up massive mountains across ravines and snow-laden valleys. Visit historic Bern and lakeside Thun, the ski resorts of Grindelwald, Mürren, Wengen and delightful Lauterbrunnen. Take stunning cable car rides over the Männlichen ridge and up the extraordinary Schilthorn mountain peak for a 'Schilthorn Brunch'. Fly down a mountain on a zip line, experience a suspended cliff-clinging walk, try snowshoeing and ice curling and watch the New Year's Day fireworks explode and echo through the mighty, snowy peaks.

- Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach
- A complimentary wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners
  Welcome drink in Luzern
  12 meals including buffet breakfast daily (B), 1 lunch (L) and 4 evening meals (D)
- Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)
  7 nights authentic, specially selected hotel accommodation
  Hotel porterage of 1 bag per person (where available)
- Local guides as described

  ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides

  Travel by coach, scenic trains and cable cars as described

  Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager
- ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described



# Luzern, welcome drink and dinner

Day 1

Hotel Schweizerhof, Luzern



Your tour commences this evening in Luzern with a welcome drink and dinner.

#### Panoramic train ride to Interlaken

Day 2



Hotel Interlaken, Switzerland



Your morning is at leisure in Luzern's old town. Early afternoon we will board the Zentralbahn Panoramic train for an unforgettable journey deep into the Bernese Oberland, to Interlaken. Sitting beside large panoramic windows we pass crystal-clear lakes, waterfalls and cross over the magnificent Brünig mountain pass. After checking in to our hotel, we will enjoy an orientation walk through delightful Interlaken. Nestled between two lakes, and surrounded by soaring peaks, Interlaken makes a great base for our adventures over the next six nights.

# Jungfrau Mountain ride

Day 3



Hotel Interlaken, Switzerland



Let the adventure begin! Boarding a local train we climb high into the mountains to Kleine Scheidegg. Changing on to the Jungfrau Railway we travel into a tunnel which takes us through the inside of the north face of the Eiger, and up to the Jungfraujoch – the highest rail station in Europe. At 3,454 metres (11,332 ft) the views down onto the Aletsch Glacier are magnificent. You will find several restaurants, an Ice Palace and the Lindt Swiss Chocolate Heaven display. You can also take a lift another 100 metres higher to the dramatic Sphinx lookout point. Your evening is at leisure in lively Interlaken.

#### New Year's Eve fondue, medieval Bern and Thun

Day 4



Hotel Interlaken, Switzerland



Following the lakeside of Thunersee, we reach Bern, Switzerland's capital city set on a spectacular bend above the River Aare, and a UNESCO World Heritage landmark. Here we have 'My Time' to explore the medieval cobblestoned streets with their sheltered arcaded shopping ways, and the famous 'Bärengraben' bear pits. In the afternoon we also stop to visit the pretty town of Thun. This evening join us as we celebrate with a traditional New Year's Eve Chinoise Fondue dinner in our hotel.

### New Year's Day, Mürren and the Schilthorn Summit

Day 5



Hotel Interlaken, Switzerland



Passing through the delightful village of Lauterbrunnen, flanked by 300 metres (1,000 ft) high, sheer cliffs, we take the cable car from Stechelberg up the rockface to the pretty village of Mürren. Here we take the incredible cable car up to the glass floored observation deck of the Birg restaurant. Around the entire peak is the Skyline Thrill Walk – a metal walkway suspended over a sheer drop below. Thrilling indeed! Then onwards and upwards by cable car to the Piz Gloria, a revolving restaurant set on top of the Schilthorn summit. With astonishing 360-degree views we have included a buffet lunch. This was also the setting for the evil Blofeld's secret mountain hideout in the James Bond film 'On Her Majesty's Secret Service'. Make sure you visit Spyworld and the 'Walk of Fame' that pays tribute to the cast and behind-the-scenes contributors to the iconic

This evening Interlaken is in festival mode, especially around the ice-skating rink. Make sure you watch the impressive New Year's Day fireworks display. What a spectacle as fireworks explode against a backdrop of snowy mountains and the explosions echo through the Alps!

### Picturesque Wengen, snowshoe walk & ice curling

Day 6



Hotel Interlaken, Switzerland



A leisurely start. In the picturesque ski village of Wengen, we do snow shoes, split into smaller groups, and enjoy the experience of a guided snow shoe walk into the snow-laden fields. Later, back in Wengen, we visit the ice-skating rink to try our hand at the fun sport of Ice Curling! Your evening is at leisure in Interlaken.

### Grindelwald, the First Flyer and a Zip Line ride

Day 7



Hotel Interlaken, Switzerland



Another glorious day in the mountains. This time to the world-famous village of Grindelwald by train, and then by cable car up to the First lookout. Time for an incredible experience as we 'harness up' for an exhilarating zip line 'flight' down the mountain side. It is very easy and so much fun! Later, free time to explore the shops and cafés of this delightful ski resort, and perhaps take a ride on the Männlichen cable car. Tonight, we celebrate with a farewell glass of schnapps and dinner at our hotel.

## **To Zurich**

Day 8



This morning, we will transfer you by coach to Zurich Airport and the city centre.

We recommend that you book flights or trains that depart Zurich after 2 pm today.

# **Hand Selected Experiences**

These are just a few of the very special hand selected experiences that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always



Zentralbahn **Panoramic train Unforgettable Train Journey** 



Jungfrau Railway Journey to the Roof of the World



**Explore this UNESCO World Heritage Site** 



**New Year's Eve Swiss Fondue** Chinoise



**Schilthorn Summit** Cable Car & **Schilthorn Brunch** 



Mürren **Alpine Village** 



**New Year's Day Fireworks Display** Interlaken



Wengen **Snowshoe Walk & Ice** Curling



**Grindelwald Zip** Zip Line down the mountain

#### **Dates and Prices**

#### Correct as of 13:52 on 13th September 2025

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart	
28 Dec 2025	04 Jan 2026	AUD\$5,987	AUD\$7,287	<b>✓</b>	<b>©</b> Sold Out
28 Dec 2026	04 Jan 2027	TBC	ТВС		<b>₽</b> re-Register

<sup>\*</sup> Dates, prices, itineraries and hotels shown may be subject to change on specific departures. Please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

## **Tour Suitability**

- Our Christmas, New Year and Northern Lights tours travel throughout the European winter months. The weather can get cold, and roads and pathways can be slippery. When outdoors, please take extra care when navigating slippery surfaces.
- We recommend sturdy waterproof shoes, thick socks, a woollen beanie, thermal underclothes, gloves and sunglasses. You will be comfortable when travelling as your first class coach is fitted with heaters and double glazed windows. Once you arrive at your hotel you will be greeted with a warm and comfortable atmosphere.
- Due to the nature of some of the included excursions on this tour, and the altitude of some destinations, this tour may NOT be suitable for anyone with mobility limitations.
- Thinking about what to wear? Please read our blog on Wardrobe essentials: https://www.albatrosstours.com.au/news-nest-travel-blog/wardrobe-essentials-for-a-winter-wonderland-tour-in-europe/

Please refer to our Tour Suitability section for more information.

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