

## 5. Heidi's enchanting journey from Zurich to Lucerne, Interlaken, Gstaad, Crans Montana, Zermatt, Lucerne and back to Zurich

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**Self drive / Group tours / Guided private tours**

**8 days/ 7 nights/ 5 rounds of golf from/to Zurich**

***Zurich- Lucerne- Interlaken- Gstaad- Crans Montana- Zermatt- Lucerne***

### **Day 1 – Zurich**

After picking up your rental car, you will spend the first night in Zurich. The day is at your disposal to explore the beautiful old part of the city or enjoy a boat trip on Lake Zurich.

### **Day 2 – Zurich/Lucerne (55 km)**

A short drive will take you to Lucerne. The picturesque old part of the town and the view of Mount Pilatus (2,132 m) and Lake Lucerne are bound to put you in a holiday mood. After your check in at the hotel, the beautiful course of Sempachersee (2x18 hole championship courses, par 72, length 6,161 m) awaits you. Enjoy the lovely view of the Alps and the Lake of Sempach.

### **Day 3 – Lucerne/Interlaken (70 km)**

A very interesting short drive through the pre-alpine countryside will take you in the direction of the Bernese Oberland. Passing numerous small lakes, the road leads across the Brünig Pass and through Brienz to the shores of Lake Brienz. The world-famous Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau tower above the town of Interlaken. The golf course between Brienz and Thun is, although absolutely flat, nevertheless interesting – blended into the landscape with great delicacy (18 holes, par 72, length 5,758 m). You will spend the night at the well-known resort of Interlaken with its imposing view of the Bernese Alps.

### **Day 4 – Interlaken/Gstaad (133 km)**

You start off by driving along the Lake of Thun and then continue through the beautiful Valley of Saanen in the direction of Gstaad. Numerous historical Bernese chalets, idyllic villages, lush meadows and fresh mountain brooks accompany you on your way to the famous summer and winter resort. After arriving in Gstaad, there will be the opportunity to enjoy a pleasant round on the fairly short but varied golf course at an altitude of about 1,000 m (18 holes, par 70, length 5,365 m). The night will be spent in Gstaad, which is surrounded by an impressive mountain panorama.

### **Day 5 – Gstaad/Crans Montana (133 km)**

Today, you are heading for the French-speaking part of Switzerland, on the other side of the Alps. Passing the Col des Mosses, you will reach the Lake Geneva region, where you drive through beautiful wine-growing areas. In the Canton of Valais, too, vineyards and mountains set the tone of the splendid view. Crans Montana is situated on a sunny plateau high above the Rhône Valley and is considered to be a top destination in both summer and winter. At an altitude of 1,500 m, the golf balls will fly a little further. Every year, the golf course, founded in 1906, is host to the tournament with the highest prize money in Switzerland. The championship course was redesigned by Severiano Ballesteros and offers spectacular views and especially fast greens (18 holes, par 72, length 6,341 m). Right next to it, the varied 9-hole Jack Nicklaus course invites golfers to a supplementary round (par 35, length 2,779 m). Golf carts are available on request.

### **Day 6 – Crans Montana/Zermatt (76 km)**

The journey continues in Valais. Driving down to the valley in the direction of Visp, you will pass through breathtaking ravines and typical Valais villages as you head towards the world-famous Matterhorn (4,478 m). Play a round of golf on the course of the same name, the Matterhorn Golf Club (9 holes, par 36, length 2,931 m). The course, although fairly new, provides a very pleasant round of golf. The rest of the day will be at your disposal. You will spend the night in Zermatt, right at the foot of the Matterhorn. The village is car free but can easily be reached by train (car park in Täsch).

### **Day 7 – Zermatt/Lucerne (190 km)**

Back to central Switzerland. Enjoy the beautiful alpine panorama of Valais and central Switzerland again. A good way to end your holiday is a trip on a historic paddle steamer on Lake Lucerne and a traditional evening at a cellar-restaurant.

### **Day 8 – Lucerne/Zurich (60 km)**

After a final night in Lucerne an hour's drive takes you to Kloten, Zurich's airport. After returning the rental car, it's time to check in for your return flight.

#### **The package price includes:**

- accommodation in a double room with breakfast
- reserved tee times with green fees
- rental car cat. D (VW Passat, or similar), incl. all insurances
- travel documents incl. guide, road maps and stroke saver

#### **The package price does not include:**

- meals
- petrol
- parking fees
- train tickets, mountain railways, boats
- trolleys and clubs (available everywhere)
- carts (where available)

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