

## 7. Heidi's enchanting journey from Zurich to Bad Ragaz, St. Moritz, Ascona, Lugano, Lucerne and back to Zurich

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

**10 days/9 nights/8 rounds of golf, from/to Zurich**

***Zurich - Bad Ragaz - St. Moritz – Ascona- Lugano - Lucerne - Zurich***

### **Day 1 - Zurich. Individual arrival in Zurich**

You collect your rental car and spend the night in Zurich. The day is free for you to enjoy, for example with a visit to the beautiful historic part of the town or a relaxing cruise on Lake Zurich.

### **Day 2 – Zurich/Bad Ragaz - Heidi Village (100 kilometers / 60 miles)**

Short Drive to Bad Ragaz, where you check into your hotel. You will be playing on the 103 year old splendid Golf Course Bad Ragaz (18 hole „Championship“, Par 70, length 5700 m). The only Championship Course owned by a hotel is rich in tradition and located right in the heart of „Heidiland“. Here the trees were given more than a hundred years to grow freely and this makes the course rather wild, not just a stroll through the park from hole to hole. At least Donald Harradine didn't go overboard during his redesigning in the early 1930s, so the wealthy clientele remained happy. But even with a missed score you won't feel upset, because it's actually quite relaxing to look for a lost ball in this majestic scenery. Enjoy the great views over the mountain ranges and the famous vineyards of Graubünden, spotted with some pretty historic little townships, Maienfeld with its world known Heidi village and the picturesque settlements Malans, Fläsch and Jenins. This night you spend in Bad Ragaz.

### **Day 3 - Bad Ragaz/St. Moritz (110 kilometers / 72 miles)**

A very impressive drive over the Julier Pass (2284 m above sea level) with everchanging spectacular scenery. Then cruise along beautiful Lake Sils into the world famous Engadin valley. In the afternoon a wonderful round of golf on Engadin Golf Samedan (18 hole „Championship“, Par 72, length 6217 m) awaits you. You will spend two nights in the world renown St. Moritz, the international, elegant top spot in the Engadin Valley. British tourism and Swiss hospitality visionaries led to the historic early foundation of the Golf Club in 1983. But also the design of this club, the oldest in Switzerland and third oldest in Europe, matches this special aura. This magnificent course with its timeless elegance, brilliantly uses every angle and corner of the terrain which is rather flat, despite its altitude of 1738 m above sea level. You will be astonished by the beautiful larches more than 700 hundred years old, the meandering rivulets, the fantastic light and especially by the towering mountain Muottas Muragl.

### **Day 4 - St. Moritz**

Today in the morning you will play on the golf course St. Moritz Kulm (9 hole, Par 27, length 2865 m). This pretty course is presented to you as a delightful golf appetizer. It belongs to the famous Kulm Hotel, a flag ship in the legendary fleet of 5-star hotels located in St. Moritz, where once upon a time the first light bulb in Switzerland was lit up! After playing the hilly, short parcours you will also take home as a trophy the unforgettable impressions of spectacular scenery and landscape. Then enjoy an afternoon of shopping or take a spectacular ride on the aerial cable car, high up to Piz Nair (3057 m above sea level) in the Corviglia area.

### **Day 5 - St. Moritz/Ascona (177 kilometers / 110 miles)**

This is your longest day of driving where you leave the Engadin, passing through gorgeous valleys along the very impressive mountain ranges down to the southern part of Switzerland. Ascona is a well known holiday destination, nestled on the shores of the large lake Lago Maggiore. There is a marvellous old golf course with many trees, lovingly looked after and with excellent well set up infrastructure (18 hole, Par 71, length 5933 m). In Ascona you have a room reserved for two nights.

### **Day 6 - Ascona**

In the morning you play on the close-by golf course Losone (18 hole, Par 71, length 6250 m). In comparison, this course is quite new, rather challenging but very interesting. It really is quite astonishing how a golf course only ten minutes away from the Patriziale parcours could be totally opposite in landscape. This naturally treeless terrain was the inspiration for Peter Harradine's creation of the Losone course. With its edges and craters, speedy and highly interesting, undulating greens this is a great achievement in the art of golf course design. The ladies on the European tour regularly play there in spring to win the money from the German Bank, which sponsors this event. Towards the North your view captures the Campanile of Intragna, the highest church tower in the Tessin and all around you see mountains with dense woods. Then in the afternoon enjoy the wonderful little town of Ascona with its special Mediterrean flair.

### **Day 7 – Ascona/Lugano**

After a short drive and check-in to your hotel you play on the very famous, traditional golf course Lugano (18 hole, Par 70, length 5575 m). The course was opened back in 1925, and its Mediterrean fauna, old trees and lots of water confirm the expectations a visitor has of the Tessin. This course is a wonderful balance between culture and nature. The unpredictable, sometimes quickly rising creek Magliasina follows your play along the 8 holes. The redesign of the parcours by Ca. Robinson contributed some lakes and modern greens. In the afternoon we suggest a cruise on the very inviting Lake Lugano, or, whatever else attracts you? This night you spend in Lugano.

### **Day 8 – Lugano/Lucerne (168 kilometers / 110 miles)**

From the southern part of Switzerland you drive through breathtaking scenery right into the heart of this magical country, to Lucerne, another highlight and world famous city. Shortly before Lucerne you will play on the relatively easy golf course on Bürgenstock (9 hole, Par 33, length 2098 m) high above Lake Lucerne. From the very cultivated hotel village you reach the golf course after a short, ten-minute leisurely walk, which former German president Konrad Adenauer once stated was „the most charming stroll on earth“. The course is situated in a fairy tale forest that still exists today. It surprises you with ever changing perspectives, from the close by dragon mountain Pilatus, to the bulky Stanserhorn and also over to the Alps of Uri on the far horizon. A true idyll where the flow of time seems slower but touches you longer. You will stay two nights in Lucerne.

### **Day 9 - Lucerne**

Enjoy this very spectacular, fascinating old historical town. The view of Mt. Pilatus (2132 m above sea level) and the glorious Lake Lucerne will thrill you! To finish your trip we have another highlight organised for you. The golf course Lake Sempach which is the only one in Switzerland that offers two complete 18 hole courses, plus the wonderful view of the Alps and Lake Sempach (2x18 hole „Championship“, Par 72, length 6161 m). Exactly here on the shores of the peaceful Lake Sempach, which is surrounded by meadows and fruit trees, one of the most important battles in the history of Central Switzerland took place in 1386. And now you find one of the largest golf settings in Switzerland, located on the „sunny balcony of Switzerland“ with 36 Holes and championship character. The wide fairways are comfortable to play, but the undulating approach areas and the difficult to read greens make the whole matter quite tricky. And you can easily be distracted by the pleasant views either across the plain towards the pretty lake or towards the impressive mountain ranges on the horizon. Your holiday's last evening can easily be spent in Lucerne where you can choose from sightseeing, cultural activities, inviting restaurants and bars.

### **Day 10 – Lucerne/Zurich Airport (60 kilometers / 40 miles)**

After your last night in Lucerne it's just a one hour drive to Zurich Airport where you hand over your rental car and check in for your flight back home.

#### **Included in the package price are:**

- Stay in double room including breakfast
- Pre booked tee-times with green fees
- Daily departures with a minimum of 2 people
- Rental car category D, Volkswagen Passat or similar including insurances
- Travel documents with guide book, road maps, stroke saver

#### **Not included in the package price are:**

- Meals besides breakfast
- Petrol
- Parking fees
- Costs for transport on railways, cable cars, cogwheels, ships, park entrance fees etc.
- Hiring costs of trolleys and clubs (available everywhere)
- Carts normally don't exist on Swiss golf courses

#### ***Rates in Swiss francs per person on request***

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