

Swiss Alps

THE ITALIAN LAKES



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Inspiring Moments

A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm of these Swiss and Italian communities, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

► Witness majestic scenery carved by ancient glaciers aboard the **Bernina Express**, the highest rail crossing in the Alps.

► Indulge in the cosmopolitan ambience of **St. Moritz**, a jet-set resort town.

► Cruise on **Lake Como**, where golden sunlight dances across the water.

► Stroll through beautiful botanic gardens on the **Borromean Islands**.

► Wind your way over the stunning **Maloja Pass**, a canvas of pristine lakes and picture-perfect villages.

► Witness Leonardo's inspiring "**The Last Supper**" in Milan.

► Discover the secrets of northern Italy's cuisine during a **cooking lesson**.



Dear K-State Alumni and Friends,

From the splendor of St. Moritz, Switzerland, to the Italian Lakes tucked into Italy's Lombardy region — fall in love with two naturally beautiful, culturally distinct countries on this scenic eight-night journey.

Begin in cosmopolitan St. Moritz in the Engadin Valley, and breathe in the pristine mountain air while exploring postcard-perfect landscapes in the Alps. Traverse a canvas of dramatic mountains and quaint Swiss villages to Italy. Here, we'll encounter Stresa, revel in the sun-drenched Borromean Islands and stroll cobbled lanes in the lakeside villages of Bellagio and Como. Along the way, ride the Bernina Express, sail upon cerulean waters and witness the region's perennial highlights, including Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" in Milan.

This expertly planned itinerary features the perfect blend of guided excursions and time to enjoy the thrill of discovery on your own. Space is limited on this popular program, so please make your reservations without delay!

Sincerely,

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UNESCO World Heritage

1. Rhaetian Railway in the Bernina Landscape, Switzerland and Italy
2. Church and Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with "The Last Supper" by Leonardo da Vinci, Milan, Italy





Day 1 | In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Zürich, Switzerland. 🌐

Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | St. Moritz

Transfer 🚗 to St. Moritz and check in to the Hotel Schweizerhof.

Enjoy a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | St. Moritz | Zuoz

Enrichment: Essential Switzerland.

Discuss the unique elements of Swiss culture.

Discovery: St. Moritz and Zuoz Walking

Tours. Take a walking tour through the famous Alpine resort of St. Moritz, delighting in the pure mountain air. Appreciate jaw-dropping vistas of lake and mountains, and glimpse daily life at local shops. Travel via train to Zuoz, an endearing Upper Engadine village. A guided tour showcases its beautiful cobblestone main square adorned with flowers and bubbling fountains. While strolling along Zuoz's snaking streets, take note of the brightly painted buildings, many built in the 13th century. This quintessential Swiss setting is a visual treat!

Free Time: Discover the unique sights and sounds of the village during leisure time.

Day 4 | Bernina Express | Tirano, Italy | St. Moritz

Discovery: Bernina Express. Wind your way from craggy mountain peaks to palm-lined streets during a train ride to Tirano, Italy. The



Top: Lake St. Moritz | Above: Stresa

Bernina Express — one of Europe's most impressively engineered rail routes — traverses mountain passes and Alpine villages.

Enjoy lunch in Tirano before returning to St. Moritz by motor coach.

Enrichment: Meet the People. Learn about life in the Swiss Alps while talking with residents about their lifestyles and traditions.

Day 5 | St. Moritz

Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure.

Join your fellow travelers for a dinner of typical regional cuisine.

Day 6 | Stresa, Italy

Following breakfast, travel to Stresa, Italy.

Discovery: The Road to Stresa. Take in dramatic landscapes along the Maloja Pass, where sparkling glacial lakes and deep valleys are punctuated by attractive Swiss villages. Your drive takes you through breathtaking scenery, hairpin turns and switchbacks before arriving in Tremezzo, Italy, which sits on the



Lake Como

shore of Lake Como. Board a boat and cruise to Bellagio. From its inviting promenade lined with lime trees to the quaint cobblestone streets bordered by cream, peach and butter-scotch architecture, it's easy to see why poets and writers from every part of the world have found inspiration in Bellagio. After lunch in Bellagio, cruise to the town of Como, gliding by a shoreline flaunting vibrant flower gardens, wistful villas and forests of birch and fir trees. Disembark in Como; then travel to Stresa via motor coach.

Check in to the Hotel La Palma and learn about the area around your accommodation before gathering for a delicious Italian dinner.

Day 7 | Borromean Islands

Enrichment: Italy's Lake District.

Discover how this beautiful region became one of Europe's favorite retreats.

Discovery: The Borromean Islands.

Located in the turquoise waters of Lake Maggiore, the Borromean Islands are named after the family who has owned them since the 15th century. Begin your outing with a cruise on Lake Maggiore aboard a private motorboat to Isola Madre, the largest of the Borromean Islands. Enjoy a guided visit of the island's English-style gardens filled with flowers, rare plants and ancient trees. You may also spot a variety of peacocks, parrots and pheasants! Travel on to discover the sweet, rustic charm of Isola dei Pescatori; then cruise to Isola Bella, the "Beautiful Island." Explore a 17th-century baroque palace and summerhouse that is home to a mosaic grotto and an astounding collection of art and antiques. Cap off the excursion with a relaxing walk through the island's hanging gardens.



Duomo, Milan

Enrichment: Golden Age of the Renaissance. Delve into the true genius of Michelangelo and da Vinci and trace their profound influences on sculpture and painting.

Day 8 | Milan

Discovery: Exploring Milan. On a journey to Italy's economic powerhouse, visit the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie to see Leonardo's "The Last Supper." Painted on the wall of a dining hall in the monastery's refectory, this masterpiece is one of the artist's greatest paintings. Next, discover the world of opera at La Scala Museum where Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" and Verdi's "Otello" were first performed, and visit the Duomo, built by artisans from across Europe.

Free Time: Craft your own path through Milan during leisure time.

Day 9 | Stresa

AHI Connects: The Piedmontese Kitchen. Journey to the hills to a family-owned restaurant and learn how to prepare authentic Piedmontese dishes, traditional cuisine that is based around using local produce and ingredients. Tuck into a tasty meal, complemented by a view of the lake.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **4 nights** in St. Moritz, Switzerland, at the first-class Hotel Schweizerhof.
- **4 nights** in Stresa, Italy, at the first-class Hotel La Palma.

Transfers

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program, plus baggage handling.

Extensive Meal Program

- 8 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 4 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Get to know glamorous St. Moritz.
 - Admire the pristine Alpine scenery during a ride on the Bernina Express.
 - Travel through the Maloja Pass, one of the most scenic Alpine roads.
 - Cruise from Bellagio to Como.
 - Visit the pretty Borromean Islands of Lake Maggiore.
 - Explore Milan, Italy's fashion capital and home to "The Last Supper."
 - Savor authentic local flavors during a lesson in preparing regional cuisine.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.



Free Time: Enjoy a final afternoon in the Italian Lakes District. Sip a refreshing Moscato, thrill to one last scarlet sunset or simply relax along the lake, listening to church bells echoing from afar. Your Travel Director will be available to suggest activities and excursions.

Tonight, celebrate the end of a wonderful journey at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 10 | In Transit

Transfer to the Milan airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That's why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, boats and trains



Terrace, Hotel Schweizerhof



Terrace, Hotel La Palma



Bernina Express

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF | ST. MORITZ



HOTEL LA PALMA | STRESA



Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the superior quality of the accommodations, services and amenities, allowing you to fully enjoy your stay.

Reserve your Switzerland & Italy trip today!

Trip #:13-25301W

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Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____

2) _____
Title First Middle Last Date of Birth

Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home: (_____) Cell: (_____)

Sharing with _____ (Form sent separately)

I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Zürich, Switzerland, with return from Milan, Italy, to depart from:

Departure City

Land Program

I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$495 (limited availability).

I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **June 12, 2020** (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI Travel.

Enclosed is a deposit of _____ (\$600 pp required) to reserve _____ place(s).

Accept my check made payable to **AHI Travel**.

Charge my: MasterCard Visa Discover Amex

Card # _____

Expires _____ / _____

(Signature as it appears on credit card)

Please note: Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: August 26 – September 4, 2020

Land Program dates: August 27 – September 4, 2020

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$3,945	\$250	\$3,695

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.

VAT is an additional \$395 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$495 (limited availability).

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- ▶ **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- ▶ arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates.
- ▶ **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- ▶ **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays.
- ▶ **flight insurance** worth up to \$250,000, subject to policy terms.

Travel stress-free with AHI FlexAir.



ULTIMATE FLEXIBILITY-The AHI Travel Passenger Protection Plan offers an **Any Reason Cancellation** feature. Don't worry! Travel happy!

NOT INCLUDED-Fees for passports and, if applicable, visas; entry/departure fees; personal gratuities; laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in this brochure under included features; travel insurance; airport transfer costs for those not participating in AHI's FlexAir; all items of a strictly personal nature.

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VARIATIONS TO THE GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. Passengers who choose to make their own airline reservations independently will be wholly responsible for arrival and departure transfers, and any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s).

BAGGAGE-Baggage restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

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St. Moritz

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- An exceptional travel value.
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