



BIKE SWITZERLAND

For non-riders

Although Bike Switzerland is a cycling tour, we do understand that some of our guests may have non-riding spouses with an interest in seeing Switzerland. We therefore encourage them to join us and to share in the Swiss experience.

The members of our team are Swiss travel experts and will be able to offer non-riders advice, help with transportation arrangements and trips to and from the train station on each day. Non-riders, however, are expected to be independent-minded since they will have to manage much of their daily travel by themselves. That said, they should not feel intimidated because Switzerland is one of the safest and most tourist-friendly countries in the world.

Non-riders are given a cell phone so as to remain in contact with the group at all times. Depending upon the day and our plans, non-riders may be able to picnic with the bikers. Normally, however, non-riders will probably choose to travel and have lunch with other non-riders in our group (should there be any).

As a non-rider, Bike Switzerland will pay for all transportation including boat cruises and train travel. Non-riders, however, are expected to pay their own entrance fees at museums and for meals taken outside the group.

Cyclists hit the road around 8:30 a.m. and are expected to arrive at the hotel at sometime between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.. Non-riders should make the most of this time and may consider some of the possibilities below.

Riding Day One : Geneva → Vevey

- Spend a free day in Geneva to see the United Nations or Red Cross Museum.
- Take the train to Lausanne for shopping or to visit the Olympic museum.
- Take a boat cruise from Geneva to Vevey.
- Get to the hotel early to explore the village of Chexbres and make the most of the jacuzzi and sauna.

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Riding Day Two: Vevey → Chateau d'oex

- Take the train to the medieval village of Gruyères and wander through its 16th century castle.
- Discover how Gruyère cheese is made in the village's world-renowned cheese museum.
- Get to Chateau d'oex early for a day of hiking.
- Sun yourself in the massive yard in front of our chalet/hotel.

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Riding Day Three: Chateau d'oex → Interlaken

- Spend the morning window shopping and spotting the celebrities in the famous resort town of Gstaad.
- Take the cable car in Gstaad to the top of Mont Eggli for a walk through alpine pastures.
- Get to the hotel early for a swim or paddleboat ride. We're directly on the lake !

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Riding Day Four: Interlaken → Lucerne

- Take a leisurely lake cruise from Interlaken to Brienz.
- Ride the winding trains up and over the Brunig pass.
- Have a nice long, flat walk along Lake Sarnen and then relax in the town's beer garden.
- Get to the hotel early for more swimming. We're directly on the lake...again !

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Riding Day Five: Lucerne → Rapperswil

- Spend the day sightseeing in Lucerne, thought by many to be Switzerland's most beautiful city.
- Take the train to Zug and eat fresh fish from the lake.
- Stop in Ensiedeln and tour its medieval monastery.

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Riding Day Six: Rapperswil → Sax

- Window shopping is a pleasure on Rapperswil's cobblestone streets.
- Take a long, but flat hike to Schmerikon along the lake's path.
- Meet us on the Walensee lake for a picnic.
- Take the train over the border to Austria to explore the small city of Feldkirch.

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Riding Day Seven: Sax to → Romanshorn

- Take the train to St. Gallen to visit it's museums and library of illuminated medieval manuscripts.
- Take a train to Lake Constance and board a boat to Germany.
- Get to our hotel early for more swimming !!! Once again on the lake.

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