Travel program 2 (May 23rd – 27th, 2022)

Monday, May 23rd

Travel with the train from Lugano through the Ceneri and Gotthard Base Tunnels (NEAT) to Lucerne (hourly direct connections). Check-in at the Ameron Hotel Flora in Lucerne (from 4 p.m.), within walking distance of the train station (5 - 10 minutes).

Tuesday, May 24th

10:00 Guided tour and visit to the old town of Lucerne (approx. 1-2 hours).

12:00 Lunch at the venerable "Chateau Gütsch" (optional).

16:00 Meeting point at the reception in the hotel. We walk to the train station and take the train along the lake to Küssnacht am Rigi. There we visit the "Hohle Gasse", where, according to legend, the Swiss national hero "Wilhelm Tell" ambushed bailiff "Gessler".

18:00 Aperitif and diner in the restaurant.

Regular train connections from Küssnacht to Lucerne in the evening (20 min).

Wednesday, May 25th 08:30 meeting point at the reception in the hotel. We walk to the train station and take the train over the Brünig Pass and along the Lake Brienz to Interlaken. Arrival in Interlaken 10:55. After a short walk we reach the valley station of the funicular, which takes us to the Harder Kulm at 1322 meters in 8 minutes. Once at the top, we have an impressive view of the Bernese Alps with the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau. A fine lunch awaits us in the restaurant, which we can enjoy accompanied by the spectacular panorama.

> In the afternoon we go back to the funicular. Back in the valley, we stroll through the main street of Interlaken. We have the opportunity to visit the Kurhaus, the casino, one of the famous inns or go shopping.

17:00 Return journey with the Brünigbahn in the direction of Central Switzerland. Arrival in Lucerne at 19:00.



View from the terrace oft the restaurant "Harder Kulm"

Thursday, May 26th

10:00 Meeting point at the reception in the hotel. Ride by **steamship** across Lake Lucerne to Vitznau. There we change to the cog railway (built in 1871) and drive up the **Rigi**. During the leisurely ride, we catch great views of the beautiful mountains of Central Switzerland. Arrival at Rigi Kaltbad 12:30.

Walk to the "Chänzeli" (30 minutes return), from which Queen Victoria already enjoyed the fantastic view in 1868, or rest at the "Regina Montium" or "Alpina" restaurant (optional).

13:35 Continue with the cog railway to the summit, the **Rigi Kulm** (13:50). During our stay we can marvel at the great view, and there is again the opportunity to stop for a break in the mountain restaurant (optional). At 15:15, another cogwheel train brings us back into the valley to Goldau. Arrival in Goldau 16:00. Short walk to the **museum "Bauernhof"** (15min).

16:30 Welcome at the museum "Bauernhof". Guided and individual tour of the museum.

17:30 Aperitif and diner in the "Bauernhof". Regular train connections from Goldau to Lucerne in the evening (30 min).



View from the Mount Rigi towards "Chänzeli" und lake Lucerne

Friday, May 27th

Check-out at the hotel. Individual home or onward journey from Lucerne main station. Hourly direct connections to Zurich Airport.

Option: Before we travel back home, we treat ourselves to an unforgettable excursion to the Mount Pilatus with the "Golden Tour". On the one side of the mountain, the "Dragon Ride" cable car takes us to lofty heights with a spectacular view, while on the other side we go down with the steepest cogwheel train in the world. The ship takes us back to Lucerne.

Optional registration and payment upon arrival by May 24th.