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A World of Discovery

Enchanting Switzerland is yours to behold, from its snowy summits to winding footpaths and piercing cobalt skies. Drink in the region's storybook beauty, fascinating culture and laid-back ambience. With a bevy of adventures, this thrilling journey is sure to create lifelong memories!

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI's unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world's people, places and cultures, especially at this important time in history. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic experiences, AHI invests in each destination, its people and local ways of life. Enriching and transformative, our journeys deliver new insights as we rediscover a global community more eager than ever to engage.

The value of the AHI journey is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI's Travel Directors. These thoughtful professionals create a welcoming atmosphere while handling every last detail so you can focus on the wonder before you. We also partner with knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines

Designed for you, the curious Traveler, this AHI journey invites you to open a new chapter in Switzerland. Our first page is Interlaken, a celebrated lakeside town.

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Experience Switzerland's sublime beauty by **train, bus, boat and foot.**
- ▶ Feast your eyes on the one-of-a-kind scenery of the **Bernese Oberland.**
- ▶ Surround yourself in the unspoiled natural wonders of the **Lauterbrunnen Valley.**
- ▶ Sip light, crisp wine at a vineyard in **Lavaux**, one of the world's most celebrated and captivating wine regions.
- ▶ Cruise on **Lake Geneva** and see Château de Chillon, a medieval fortress.
- ▶ From sweet to savory, tempt your palate with chocolate and cheese in **Gruyères.**
- ▶ Travel by steam train up the Brienzer Rothorn, reveling in the unforgettable panoramas of the **Bernese Alps.**

Dear Texas Ex,

Please join our Flying Longhorns group on a spectacular eight-night journey to experience Switzerland's limitless charms, including stays in Interlaken and Vevey! Travel by cogwheel, train and gondola to visit the region's coveted treasures and follow scenic walking paths to breathtaking viewpoints. This alluring program calls to the active traveler!

Begin in gorgeous Interlaken, tucked in the heart of the Bernese Oberland, and venture out to discover the country's best scenery and lauded sights. Dive into local culture and explore picture-perfect cities pulled straight from storybooks. Visit lakeside Montreux, stroll ancient castle ramparts and cruise upon shimmering Lake Geneva. Plus, delight your senses with incredible Swiss chocolates and cheese, and sip fine vintages at a Lavaux winery. From quintessential Alpine views to unfettered blue skies, this memorable journey immerses you in the abundance of Switzerland!

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

On this remarkable trip, delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries. This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience rich history and culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly. Please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800/594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org with questions or to make a reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at 512/672-6134.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team:
Shelley, Janice, & Leslie

800-594-3900

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Interlaken

Day 1 | In Transit

Depart for Zürich, Switzerland. 🚗

Day 2 | Zürich, Switzerland | Interlaken

Upon arrival, transfer 🚗 to Interlaken and check in to the Hotel Carlton-Europe.

Discovery: Welcome to Interlaken!

Photogenic Interlaken is nestled between Lake Brienz and Lake Thun. Join your Travel Director for an introductory walk around the magical streets of this culture-rich town.

Later today, gather for a Welcome Reception, followed by a Welcome Dinner.

Day 3 | Kandersteg | Oeschinensee

Enrichment: Mountaineering. Learn about Switzerland's tradition of mountain climbing, which draws enthusiasts eager to tackle the challenging peaks of the Swiss Alps.

Discovery: Lake Oeschinen. The Bernese Oberland is a portrait of shimmering lakes, cotton-ball clouds and rugged mountains. Journey by train to Kandersteg, followed by a gondola ride toward Lake Oeschinen. Stretch your legs on a gentle hike to the glacial lake, passing meadows filled with grazing cows and sheep. Take in the glorious views before you and inhale the sweet scent of wildflowers.

Back in Kandersteg, unwind over a hearty lunch; then travel via train back to Interlaken.

Day 4 | Brienz | Rothorn

Discovery: Brienz and the Rothorn. Brienz is world-renowned for its enchanting backdrop, charming wooden chalets and centuries of wood-carving tradition. Witness the Brienz Rothorn Railway station, built in 1892. Board a steam train for a nostalgic train journey along the shores of Lake Brienz all the way up to the lofty summit of the Brienz Rothorn. Your panoramic windows reveal breathtaking vistas of the Bernese Alps and sparkling lake.

At the top, relax amid the fresh mountain air and take in gorgeous panoramas during lunch with your fellow travelers.

Return to Brienz and cruise back to Interlaken.

Day 5 | Lauterbrunnen Valley | Mürren

Discovery: Lauterbrunnen Valley. Board a train to the small town of Lauterbrunnen, a visually stunning region with tumbling waterfalls and striking cliffs. Continue via cable car to Grütschalp; then hike along a gentle forest path to Winteregg and on to Mürren, a quiet, car-free village. With craggy mountaintops and endless emerald valleys, the views from Mürren

🚶 Active Travel for Cultural Explorers

This **active program** is designed for people who are in good health and can comfortably participate in a demanding daily schedule of physical activities. The itinerary may feature full days of ongoing activities. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available.

Excursions on this program require:

- ▶ walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- ▶ getting on/off motor coaches, gondolas and/or trains
- ▶ climbing in/out of excursion boats
- ▶ tolerating varying climatic conditions



Lauterbrunnen Valley

will thrill any budding photographer! On a clear day, you may witness the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau peaks looming beyond. Take a moment to slow down and truly delight in the storybook views before you! Your descent from Mürren via aerial cable car reveals more quintessential Swiss settings.

 **AHI Connects: Local Culture.** Tonight, enjoy a wonderful, culture-steeped dinner. During your meal, a local folkloric singing group entertains you with folk songs and alphorn music.

Day 6 | Gruyères | Vevey

Transit the Jaun Pass, a high mountain pass on your way to Gruyères, one of Switzerland's most whimsical villages.

Discovery: Gruyère Cheese. Visit a dairy farm to watch a demonstration on making artisanal Gruyère cheese. Created with recipes handed down from generation to generation, this firm, aromatic Swiss cheese is made from whole cow's milk. Enjoy tasting this specialty!

Free Time: Make your own discoveries in Gruyères and soak up its old-world ambience.

Discovery: Swiss Chocolate Factory.

Continue your discovery of local flavors during a visit to a Swiss chocolate factory. During an interactive tour, learn about the history of how chocolate came to Europe and see how the raw ingredients of cocoa beans and cocoa butter become delicious concoctions of milk, dark and white chocolate. Indulge in samples of the premium confectionery!

Discovery: Welcome to Vevey! Join your Travel Director for an enjoyable walk around Vevey, perched idyllically along Lake Geneva.

Day 7 | Montreux | Lavaux

Discovery: Montreux. Stylish Montreux, with its Belle Époque-era buildings and laid-back charm, has inspired artists, musicians and literati for centuries. Discover the area's glorious beauty while cruising on Lake Geneva. See Château de Chillon, a 13th-century castle that housed the dukes and counts of Savoy throughout the Middle Ages. Noted as one of the most visited historic buildings in Switzerland, the castle features fantastic wall paintings, three courtyards and subterranean vaults.



Château de Chillon, Montreux



Matterhorn near Zermatt

INCLUDED FEATURES



UNESCO World Heritage

1. Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch
2. Lavaux, Vineyard Terraces

Discovery and Enrichment: Lavaux Wine Region.

Drive through the fertile Lavaux vineyard region. Switzerland's largest contiguous vineyard area is spectacular with sun-kissed hills, century-old farmhouses and the sweet smell of grapes. Visit a winery to learn about the region's viticulture, sample crisp wines and settle in for a delicious lunch.

Free Time: The balance of the day is yours to craft your own adventures.

Day 8 | Zermatt

Discovery: Zermatt. Drive from Vevey to Täsch; then travel via train to Zermatt, located approximately 5,000 feet above sea level. Zermatt belongs in a fairy tale with its wooden chalets and pretty shopfronts. You may see the dramatic pyramid of the Matterhorn rising in the distance. The town's pièce de resistance is an impressive backdrop!

Day 9 | Vevey

Free Time: Enjoy a full day at leisure in Vevey. You may wish to visit the interactive Charlie Chaplin museum, stroll along the picturesque, tree-lined promenade or take a funicular up Mont Pèlerin to take in views of Lake Geneva. Toast to your Swiss adventure at a Farewell Reception, followed by a Farewell Dinner.

Day 10 | In Transit

Transfer to the Geneva 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.

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- 4 nights in Interlaken, Switzerland, at the first-class Hotel Carlton-Europe.
- 4 nights in Vevey at the first-class Astra Hotel Vevey.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers during the Land Program.

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

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 24 guests.
- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Join a walking tour of Interlaken.
 - Admire beautiful Lake Oeschinen.
 - Travel by steam train to the Rothorn.
 - Explore the Lauterbrunnen Valley, including a hike to Mürren.
 - Savor Swiss cheese and chocolate.
 - Get to know the pretty town of Vevey.
 - Visit Montreux, a 13th-century castle and a Lavaux vineyard.
 - Enjoy the charming town of Zermatt.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.
- **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.
 - Included regional train pass.
 - Complimentary travel mementos.

AHI Travel Expertise

From your reservation to your return home, we're 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** | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **Travel Information** | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:

Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you'll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed, enthusiastic local 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, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



Hotel Carlton-Europe | Interlaken



Astra Hotel Vevey | Vevey (pictured above)



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 services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to enjoy your stay fully.

Ready to reserve? Contact the Flying Longhorns team via phone, email or fax!

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Please have the information outlined below available to share via phone or include it in your email.

Once your request is received in our Flying Longhorns office, an AHI Travel Expert will contact you within one business day to discuss deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

If you prefer, you may also complete this Reservation Request and submit it to our office.

Please have the information outlined below available to share with our AHI Travel Experts.

Send to Texas Exes, P. O. Box 7278, Austin, TX 78713

Membership in The Texas Exes is a requirement for all participants in the Flying Longhorns travel program. Alumni, friends of the University, UT faculty and staff, and parents of current UT students are welcome to join. Our dues are 80% tax-deductible and memberships start at just \$50.

I/we would like to request _____ place(s).

Deposit amount is \$600 per person.

Full Legal Name *(exactly as it appears on passport)*

1) _____
Title First Middle Last

_____ Date of Birth Email Name you would like on your name badge

2) _____
Title First Middle Last

_____ Date of Birth Email Name you would like on your name badge

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Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Sharing with _____
Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

- I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$695 (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.

Flights

Yes, I/we are requesting the AHI FlexAir to Zürich, Switzerland, with a return from Geneva, to depart from:

_____ Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

- First Class Business Class Premium Economy
- No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by **March 25, 2022** (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.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available on our website, texas.ahitravel.com, on the trip page. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: June 8-17, 2022

Land Program dates: June 9-17, 2022

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$4,505	\$250	\$4,255

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

VAT is an additional \$295 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 \$695 (limited availability).

Let us arrange your flights!

AHIFlexAir

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.

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with AHIFlexAir.**

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace of mind, we've fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- ✓ **Included AHIFlexAir Travel Assurance** covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- ✓ Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- ✓ **Home support staff and ground team** communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- ✓ Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHIFlexAir's health and safety protocols.
- ✓ A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- ✓ **Enhanced sanitization practices** for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- ✓ Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- ✓ Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

Alphorns



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for details



Brienz Rothorn Railway

Lavaux Wine Region

Discover Switzerland's wondrous landscapes, sweet towns and fascinating heritage!

Please call or refer to our website for the most current program information, discounts and pricing.

AHI Travel's mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers.

With AHI you can rely on:

- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.



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