

WALKING TOURS IN SWITZERLAND 2004

Walking Grades: E/M = Easy to Medium, M = Medium, ST = Strenuous.
Meals: HB = Half board (Bed, breakfast & dinner) B+B = Bed & breakfast only

Tour Style: PP = Point to Point continuous walking trail; Expl. = Single based explorer walks; B 2/3/4 = Two or more locations.

Location or Tour Name	Code	Nights	Meals	Tour Style	Walking Grade	Operates between or starting date	AUD \$	Sing. Supl.	Start / ends
HOTEL BASED SELF GUIDED WALKING TOURS									
With 3/4 star accommodation and breakfast, maps and selected walking routes with full notes.									
Langenbruck	CHSGLAN	4	B+B	Expl.	E/M	01/04 - 30/11	\$800	\$190	Langenbruck
Engelberg	CHSGENG	4	B+B			24/04 - 31/10	\$850	\$220	Engelberg
Ausserberg	CHSGAUS	4	B+B			01/5 - 31/10	\$850	\$220	Ausserberg
Maloja	CHSGMAL	4	B+B			01/5 - 31/10	\$800	\$200	Maloja
GUIDED WALKING TOURS Expertly led by English speaking Swiss Guides.									
Tours include accommodation in hotels, mountain hotels and/or alpine huts, dinner and breakfast, transfers, cable cars, rail transport, guiding, baggage transfer between hotels, entrance fees and local taxes as per program.									
Valaisian Waterways 3 Star hotel in Brig	CHLDBRI	7	HB	Expl.	M	24/07-31/07, 11/09-18/09	\$1,847	\$253	Brig
	This tour is based in the mountain town of Brig, in the Rhone Valley. Brig is the gateway to the southern Swiss Alps, the Simplon Pass and the vineyards of the upper Rhone. This fantastic week of walking spotlights the wonderful system of irrigation channels and sluices built into and on the mountainsides during the 18th century, to harness mountain streams for wine cultivation on the lower slopes. Participants will be rewarded by the brilliant views of snow capped peaks - easy contoured walking by the water channels and through lush alpine meadows.								
Valaisian Side Valleys 2/3 Star mountain hotels, continuous tour	CHLDVSV	7	HB	PP	M/ST	10/07-17/07, 04/09-11/09	\$2,443	\$238	Visp / Verbier
	Experienced walkers will enjoy this more demanding tour at higher levels making full use of mountain railways and cable cars. The walk commences at 2000m at the base of the highest of the Swiss Alps in high alpine pasture then drops down into the idyllic Turtmanntal. Now up through the Meidenpass into the French speaking part of the Canton - Val d'Anniviers and Val d'Herence - with an easy stretch by a high level irrigation channel and alpine lakes the walk is completed in Verbier. High level walking in Valais provides an excellent opportunity to see ibex, marmots and other wild life.								
Walking from Valais to Ticino 5 nights in 1/3 star hotels, 2 nights in mountain huts with shared accommodation	CHLDVTI	7	HB	PP	M/ST	31/07-07/09, 21/08-28/08	\$2,189	\$0	Brig / Intragna
	A high level tour commencing at 1900m and walking on ancient tracks built by the Walser people who migrated to the area from Germany in the 16th century. The route climbs up the Binntal and over the International border to green lake Vannino. Passing the old Walser settlements the path descends by the Tosa falls into the lovely Valle Formazza. Leaving this Italian idyll, the route then climbs steeply to cross the Guriner Furka pass into Switzerland, offering a mighty view of the Italian Alps. Continuing along the ridges below the border, the route descends to the seldom visited Campo valley and finally to the romantic Centovalli above Locarno.								
Ticino and Lake Lugano 6 nights 3 star hotel in Lugano	CHLDLUG	6	HB	Expl.	E/M	03/10-09/10, 30/10-05/11	\$2,115	\$268	Lugano
	Experience the milder climate, beautiful colour and atmosphere of autumn walking in Ticino, the Italian speaking canton in the south of Switzerland. Our family run hotel, situated close to the Lugano lake promenade, is an excellent starting point for many walks and sightseeing trips, including picturesque Morcote, the artists village of Carona, the unforgettable panoramic view from San Salvatore, the baptistry of Riva San Vitale and the wonderful mansions at Mendrisiotto. Lake steamers will transport the group to typical villages, to walk through rich chestnut and beech woods in the Lugano hinterland.								
Central Switzerland and Lake Lucerne 6 nights 4 star hotel in Hergiswil	CHLDHER	6	HB	Expl.	E/M	04/07-10/07, 11/07-17/07	\$2,323	\$209	Hergiswil
	Essential Switzerland for beginners.....the classic centre; near to the shores of Lake Lucerne the founding fathers took the oath in 1291 and William Tell shot his famous arrow! The lake area is full of mystery, its wide northern shore softened by lush meadow while the narrow southern tip is hemmed in by some of the highest mountains in the alpine chain. With easy to medium walking and time to enjoy the snow capped peaks from the lake steamers en route, this tour will appeal to everyone interested in magnificent scenery, good exercise and fresh air. Tour includes Rigi and Pilatus via mountain railway.								
Engadin National Park 6 nights 3 star hotel in Scuol, 1 night shared accom. in mountain hut	CHLDSCU	7	HB	B2	M/ST	26/06-03/07, 14/08-21/08	\$1,981	\$74	Scuol
	Until the 20th century the Engadin Valley was remote, cut off from the rest of Switzerland by the mountains to the north. A similar mountain range to the south blocked access to Italy. Bequeathed by Roman legions who controlled the passes and settled the area, the Engadin has retained its very distinctive character and unique language. Rugged and formerly inaccessible mountains have sheltered an abundance of plant and wild life, now highly protected and the envy of many alpine countries. This tour provides a real insight into this wonderful pristine region.								
Alpine Traverse Adventure 7 nights in small hotels, 1 night in simple mountain hut with shared accommodation	CHLDATA	8	HB	PP	ST	17/07-25/07, 28/08-05/09	\$2,726	\$119	Lucerne / Locarno
	For the experienced and sure footed walker, this strenuous graded tour crossing the roof of Switzerland will have enormous appeal. The tour begins with a boat trip from Lucerne city to Fluelen followed by a cable car ride - a magnificent introduction to set the central alpine scene! You will soon be walking amongst the mighty 3000'ers. Now its down to Disentis, then up again over the European Dividing Range, where water flows to the North Sea and Adriatic and the language changes from German to Italian. Skirting the head of the Valle Leventina the walk meanders gradually down to Lake Maggiore and Locarno.								
RESIDENTIAL CENTRE BASED GUIDED WALKING TOURS									
Les Diablerets 7 nights 3 star hotel accommodation with choice of guided walks	CBDIAB	7	HB	Expl.	E/M	05 - 26 June	\$1,316	\$211	Les Diablerets
						03 & 10 July	\$1,392		
						21 & 28 August	\$1,392		
						04 & 11 September	\$1,316		

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