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2025 SCENIC SWITZERLAND BY TRAIN PLUS ROMANTIC RHINE RIVER CRUISE TOUR #4

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**16 Nights / 19 Days • Escorted from Honolulu • Avalon View
Travel to Zürich, Switzerland & Return from Amsterdam, Netherlands**

Tour #4: May 09 – 27, 2025 • Tour Manager: Michael Lindo

COUNTRIES: Switzerland, Germany, France & the Netherlands

RIVERS: Rhine River

This Scenic Switzerland by Train tour is the perfect way to see Switzerland's breathtaking mountains, charming mountain resorts, fascinating old towns, and beautiful lakes — all while you relax aboard Switzerland's famous trains. You'll overnight in Zürich, Lucerne, Lausanne, the Zermatt area, and St. Moritz. One of the highlights of this Switzerland train tour is the train journey aboard the Glacier Express from Zermatt, a picturesque cluster of rustic chalets beneath the majestic Matterhorn, to glitzy St. Moritz, one of the world's most famous resorts. From your carriage windows, marvel at the thundering waterfalls, impressive snow-capped peaks, glacial ice fields, lush meadows, and picture-perfect villages. Another highlight of this Switzerland train tour is the journey aboard the Bernina Express from St. Moritz to Tirano, Italy. Traveling on the highest railway across the Alps, you'll witness glistening glaciers, stunning mountain streams, and alpine scenery, through tunnels and over bridges that are engineering masterpieces! But that's not all...in Zermatt you'll also experience the Gornergrat open-air cog railway, Europe's highest. You'll cross remarkable bridges, pass through tunnels along rocky ravines and beautiful lakes. The views of the Matterhorn from the top are nothing short of spectacular! Other rail journeys you'll experience on this tour through Switzerland are the Golden Pass Panoramic train to Montreux, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva and known as the "Swiss Riviera." You'll feel like you are immersed in the landscapes passing you by. Stunning scenery and thrilling train rides...there's no better way to see scenic Switzerland! So grab your camera and get ready for an amazing, value-minded adventure!

CRUISE OVERVIEW: One of Europe's most legendary rivers awaits you on this exciting journey along the Rhine River, which begins in Switzerland and visits France, Germany, and Holland! Board your Avalon Suite Ship® in Basel, Switzerland, then head for Breisach, Germany, at the foot of the Kaiserstuhl Mountain on the French-German border. Here you'll find the gateway to Germany's Black Forest, an area of unrivaled natural beauty, best known for Black Forest ham, cherry cake, and the cuckoo clock. Continue your river cruise to Strasbourg, France, and marvel at the red-sandstone Gothic-style cathedral with ancient murals and the fascinating astronomical clock. Stroll through the lovely La Petite France District with its quaint shops, delightful bistros, and peaceful waterfront promenade. Visit the ruins of Heidelberg Castle, towering magnificently over the city, or stop in Mainz for a guided walk and a visit to the captivating Gutenberg Museum. Sail to the charming wine town of Rudesheim, and a visit to the unique Siegfried's Mechanical Musical Instrument Museum, then pass through the dramatic Rhine Gorge — the most beautiful view of the Rhine River where ancient castles stand on cliffs 400 feet above the water. Last stop in Germany is Cologne — a 2,000-year-old city known for its Gothic-style architecture and famous twin-spired cathedral.

At the conclusion of your Rhine River cruise, you'll spend time in colorful Amsterdam. See the treasures of this 700-year-old city on an included canal cruise along the elegant grachten lined with homes dating back to the city's "Golden Age." Spend free time discovering world-famous museums, and an abundance of restaurants in the vibrant, modern capital of the Netherlands.

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Day 1: Fri, May 09 – HONOLULU. Depart Honolulu.

Day 2: Sat, May 10 – IN TRANSIT.

Day 3: Sun, May 11 – ZÜRICH, SWITZERLAND. Welcome to Zürich! After completing arrival formalities, meet your Globus representative and transfer by coach to the hotel in Zürich. The rest of the day is free for you to explore Zürich. Tonight, meet your Tour Director and Travel Companions. IBIS ZURICH CITY WEST or similar (1 Night) (D)

Day 4: Mon, May 12 – ZÜRICH – LUCERNE. Board the train for your journey from Zürich to Lucerne. Lucerne is one of Switzerland's most idyllic medieval cities, surrounded by a beautiful lake and nestled amidst snow-capped Alps. The rest of the day is at leisure to discover the delights of this charming city such as the famous wooden bridge or the picturesque town centre. Alternatively, sign up for an optional excursion. DREI KOENIGE or similar (1 Night) (B)

Day 5: Tue, May 13 – LUCERNE – INTERLAKEN – GOLDENPASS MOAB – PANORAMIC TRAIN TO MONTREUX – LAUSANNE. Depart Lucerne on the Lucerne-Interlaken Express. Cross Brunig Pass en route to Interlaken and spend some time strolling through the quaint streets. From Interlaken, take the GoldenPass panoramic train for your unforgettable journey to Montreux, then continue to Lausanne. ALPHA PALMIERS or similar (1 Night) (B)

Day 6: Wed, May 14 – LAUSANNE – MONTREUX – TASCH – ZERMATT AREA. Depart for the delightful Swiss mountain region of Zermatt. En route, stop to visit the town of Montreux, situated on the shores of Lake Geneva, surrounded by vineyards against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps. Enjoy some free time or maybe join an optional guided excursion to Chillon Castle before continuing by train to Zermatt. HOLIDAY HOTEL or similar (2 Nights) (B, D)



Day 7: Thur, May 15 – ZERMATT – GORNERGRAT EXCURSION. An included excursion takes you to the famous Gornergrat, traveling on board Europe's highest rack railway. The views of the Matterhorn from its summit are nothing short of spectacular. The rest of the day is at leisure in Zermatt – with a variety of interesting shops, cafés, bars, and picturesque streets to explore. (B)

Day 8: Fri, May 16 – ZERMATT AREA – GLACIER EXPRESS – ST. MORITZ. The train journey today aboard the spectacular Glacier Express is without a doubt one of the main highlights of the tour. Enjoy unforgettable views as you make your way through the unspoiled natural beauty of the Alps on the direct route to the world-famous mountain resort of St. Moritz. This picture-perfect town is more than just a holiday resort. It was also the birthplace of Alpine winter tourism (in 1864) and has twice hosted the Winter Olympics. Stretch your legs this evening, and admire the beautiful chalets decorated with gorgeous geraniums. HOTEL BAEREN or similar (2 Nights) (B, D)

Day 9: Sat, May 17 – ST. MORITZ – BERNINA EXPRESS EXCURSION TO TIRANO, ITALY. Take the Bernina Express train (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) to Tirano and back for one of Europe's most spectacular and breathtaking train rides. Travel across the lofty Bernina Pass via the Swiss Poschiavo area to Tirano in the Italian Valtellina, witnessing an array of beautiful mountain streams, glaciers, and alpine scenery along the way. (B)

Day 10: Sun, May 18 – ST. MORITZ – ZÜRICH. Leave St. Moritz for the journey back to Zürich. Enjoy some time at leisure and take a stroll around the city center. Perhaps indulge in some chocolate tasting or follow the course of the river Limmat until it reaches the banks of Lake Zurich. IBIS ZURICH CITY WEST or similar (2 Nights) (B)

Day 11: Mon, May 19 – ZÜRICH. The day is at your leisure. (B)

Day 12: Tue, May 20 – ZÜRICH TO BASEL – EMBARK AVALON VIEW – CRUISE TO BREISACH, GERMANY. Motorcoach transfer from Zürich to Basel. **Board the Avalon View.** Guests must be onboard ship by 5:00 pm. Enjoy dinner and explore the ship on your first night on board. Cruise to Breisach, Germany. (B, D)



Day 13: Wed, May 21 – BREISACH – EXCURSION TO BLACK FOREST. Visit the **Adventure Center** for today's activities with your Adventure Host.

🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION: Enjoy the view on a relaxing bike ride along the Rhine with your Adventure Host, OR:

🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Join a full-day guided tour to the magical **Black Forest** to experience the **Vogtsbauernhof Open Air Museum**, visit an authentic **water mill**, and see a **traditional butter-making demonstration**, OR:

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a guided tour to explore **Freiburg's medieval city center**, sheltered by the Black Forest amid vineyards and gardens of the Upper Rhine Valley.

You may choose to join a guided optional excursion to visit the charming village of Colmar in the morning, with its half-timbered medieval and early renaissance buildings. Cruise to Strasbourg. (B, L, D)

Day 14: Thur, May 22 – STRASBOURG, FRANCE.

🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION: Discover Strasbourg by **bike** with your Adventure Host, OR:

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Join a city sightseeing tour, including **Strasbourg's Gothic, stained-glass cathedral** with its celebrated ancient murals and **astronomical clock**, as well as the magical **La Petite France District**.

You may also choose to join a guided optional excursion to the historic Maginot Line – the pre-WWII fortifications designed to protect the eastern border of France, or visit Alsace's wine country today. Alternatively, take some free time in Strasbourg to visit a museum, or stroll across the city center. Cruise to Mainz. (B, L, D)

Day 15: Fri, May 23 – MAINZ, GERMANY – EXCURSION TO HEIDELBERG.

🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION: Join your Avalon Adventure Host for an inspiring walk in Heidelberg, the **Philosophers' way**, OR:

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Enjoy a guided tour to **Heidelberg Castle** to see the ruins of the magnificent renaissance treasure towering above the city, and its famed **Great Vat**, the **"World's Largest Wine Barrel,"** OR:

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Enjoy a guided city walk in Mainz, including a visit to the **Gutenberg Museum** to see the captivating history of printing.

Enjoy **live entertainment** on board your ship this evening. The ship will be docked in Mainz overnight. (B, L, D)



Day 16: Sat, May 24 – RÜDESHEIM – RHINE GORGE – KOBLENZ.

🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION: Enjoy a **hike** with your Avalon Adventure Host through the picturesque **vineyards of Rüdesheim**, OR:

🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Take a guided tour of the incredible **Mechanical Music Museum** for a one-of-a-kind instrumental experience; enjoy a tasting of the authentic **Rüdesheimer coffee**.

En route to Koblenz, sail through the **Rhine Gorge** (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Take in the breathtaking views of ancient castles perched on cliffs 400 feet above the water, and pass the legendary **Rock of the Lorelei** – where the mythological siren's songs lured ill-fated sailors. Enjoy free time in Koblenz before a relaxing evening on board with dinner and **live entertainment**. The ship will be docked in Koblenz overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 17: Sun, May 25 – COLOGNE. Join your Adventure Host for today's special activities.

🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION: Enjoy a **bike ride like the locals** in Cologne with your Adventure Host, OR:

🚲 DISCOVERY EXCURSION: Choose a guided walking tour of **Cologne's important Jewish heritage sites**, OR:

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Take a guided **city walk of Cologne** – with its soaring twin-steepled gothic cathedral.

Spend free time over a glass of Kölsch pale lager – locally brewed for over 100 years! Cruise to Amsterdam. (B, L, D)

Day 18: Mon, May 26 – AMSTERDAM, NETHERLANDS.

🚶 ACTIVE EXCURSION: Start your day joining your Adventure Host on an **early morning walk in Amsterdam**, OR:

📷 CLASSIC EXCURSION: Explore the iconic waterways of Amsterdam on a guided **canal cruise** past stately homes of Amsterdam's "Golden Age."

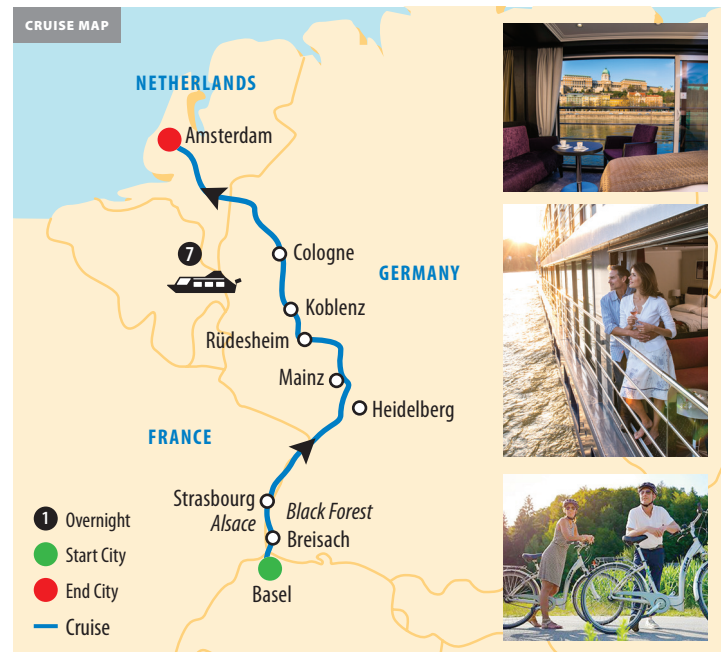
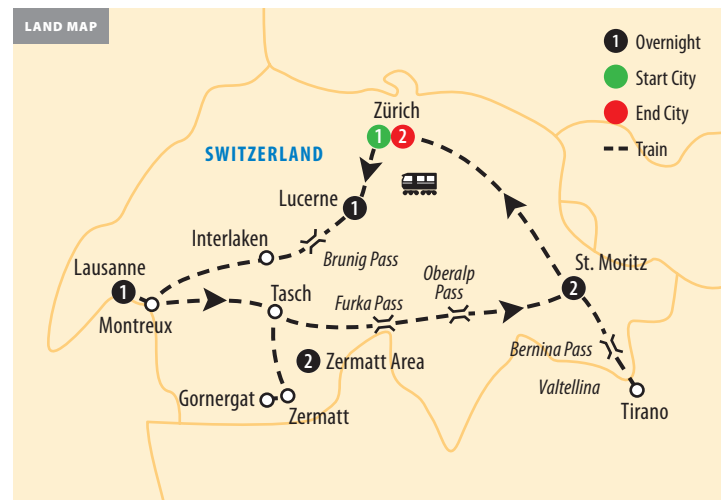
Join a guided optional excursion to Zaanse Schans to see historic windmills and charming Dutch houses. You may also choose an optional biking tour to discover the countryside. Take some free time to explore Amsterdam's colorful streets and canal houses, galleries, and shops. The ship will be docked in Amsterdam overnight. (B, L, D)

Day 19: Tue, May 27 – AMSTERDAM – DISEMBARK AVALON VIEW – HONOLULU. Bid farewell to the Netherlands as you prepare for your homeward flight. Arrive Honolulu. Aloha and welcome home!

INCLUDED FEATURES:

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