

Switzerland - North-South Bike Tour (2025) Individual Self-Guided 8 Days/7 Nights



The North South Route connects two of the most beautiful cities of Switzerland. It starts at the trip point in Basel and crosses the Jura Mountains to Lucerne. On it goes through central Switzerland and up towards the Gotthard pass. Then you roll past the castles of Bellinzona and continue up to Monte Ceneri with a marvellous view of Lago Maggiore. The last kilometres take you on quiet roads to the sparkling waters of Lago di Lugano.



Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival in Basel

Day 2: Basel - Aarau 58 km

Basel, Liestal and the Ergolztal: a bustling, self-confident agglomeration. In contrast: tranquillity and charming countryside in the Baselbiet Jura. On through Aargau's Jurapark hills, followed by a racy descent down the southern Jura slopes to Aarau.

Day 3: Aarau - Lucerne 57 km

From Aarau the way leads to the idyllic Suhrental river valley; with views of the Alps spotted south and Jura chain north. Through rich orchards and fertile fields alongside Lake Sempach, this stage finally takes you to Lucerne.

Day 4: Lucerne - Amsteg 42 km

The Vierwaldstättersee is one of Switzerland's largest and most beautiful lakes. Its many arms link the Mittelland and Alps. When the fierce föhn wind blows, the lake reveals its wilder side! The Urnerland, an incessant, nervously pulsating transit corridor.

Day 5: Amsteg - Gotthardpass 35 km

The trip continues through the canton of Uri where the wild Reuss plunges down through the Schöllenenschlucht (gorge), subdued only by sheer mountain walls and the Teufels Brücke (Devil's



Bridge). If by horse, by train or by car, everyone always wanted and still wants to cross the Gotthard southwards.

Day 6: Gotthardpass - Bellinzona 77 km

The Leventina has been a transit corridor since ancient times. The further south, the milder the climate. An easy ride along the waters of the Ticino, soon passing chestnut trees and vineyards. Bellinzona, called "La Turrita" because of its many castles.

Day 7: Bellinzona -Lugano 37 km

You cycle to Cadenazzo and take the train up to Rivera Bironico. From Monte Ceneri a clear view of the Piano di Magadino vegetable fields and Lago Maggiore. Lago di Lugano s' picture-postcard beauty marks the end of this tour.



Day 8 - Departure or extension





Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Average. Challenging in the beginning in the hills of Jura and smooth during the ride through the Mittelland and past Lake Lucerne. Uphill from Amsteg towards the pass and downhill over the cobblestones of Tremola road. Some traffic around the urban centres.

Distance: 280 km

Travel Season: Daily arrival: 13.06. - 27.09.

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Price per Person: in euros-all prices subject to confirmation on booking

Season 1 Double Occupancy B&B	€ 1590
Season 2 Double Occupancy B&B	€ 1715
Single Supplement	€ 615
Rental Bike	€ 192
E-bike Rental	€ 360
Extra Nights Basel	On request
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Accommodation: 3* hotels, and 4* on Gotthardpass, all rooms with shower/WC

Included:

- Overnight stays according to the program incl. breakfast
- Daily luggage transfers
- Costs for luggage pick-up at the station (for direct arrival and departure)
- Subsidy for arrival by train
- Ticino Ticket with numerous inclusive services and discounts (upon request at the hotel)
- Boat ride Beckenried Flüelen (bicycle included)
- Travel documents (1 x per room)
- Navigation app and GPS data available
- SwitzerlandMobility-Plus subscription for one year
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Rides with the public transport during the tour (Göschenen Andermatt, Cadenazzo –Rivera-Bironico)
- Tourist taxes, payable locally





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