

SWISS ALPS

Via Sanetsch, Tremola & Furka Pass (Aug 2025)



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Swiss Alps – Where the Mountains Touch the Sky!

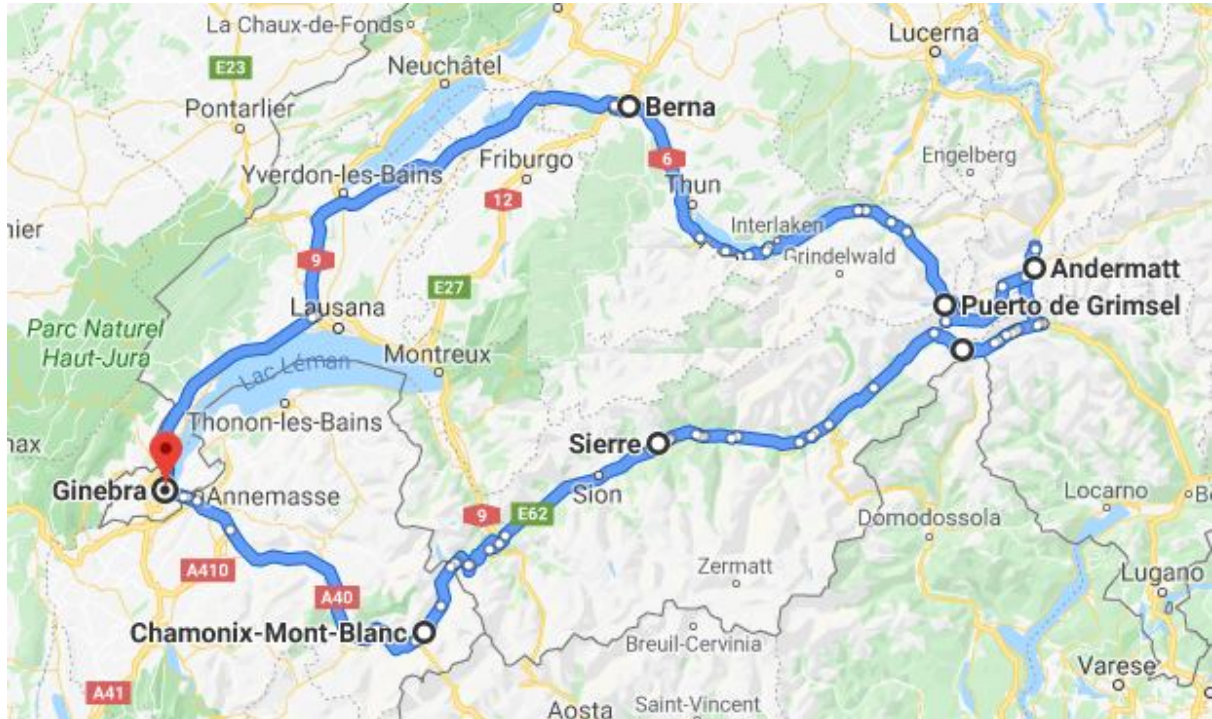


To expand on our successful collection of Epic cycling tours we are pleased to present our Swiss Alps cycling tour. This tour includes a great selection of rides that pass through the heart of the alps. The tour begins with Mont Blanc in your sights and at 4810m elevation it is Europe's highest mountain. The spectacular Eiger (aka 'Ogre') peak which is named thanks to its brutal 1800m high north wall of crumbling rock and ice also awaits. Amazing views are all around but when combined with beautiful valleys, pastoral land, forests and glaciers the cycling is going to be out of this world!

When compared against the Dolomites, French Alps and Pyrenees many of the Swiss climbs remain relatively unknown. The education will be swift though as in an instant you appreciate the iconic standing of climbs such as Sanetsch Pass, Nufenen Pass, Old Tremola Road / San Gottardo Pass, Furka Pass, Susten Pass and Gross Scheidegg.

This is the perfect trip for road cyclists who have explored France, Italy and Spain (the 3 pillars of road cycling) and are now looking forward to something truly spectacular!

Swiss Alps – Starting and Finishing in Geneva!



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Travel through the heart of the Swiss Alps
- Experience the Aiguille de Midi cable car to Mont Blanc
- Ride mountains, through valleys, national parks and up to pristine glaciers
- Test yourself on the most famous Swiss cols, including Sanestch, Nufenen, Tremola, Furka and Gross Scheidegg
- Enjoy breathtaking views with the famous mountain summits of Mont Blanc and Eiger all around!
- Finish in UNESCO Bern, an urban gem without equal!

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DAY ONE – Sat 16 August 2025 – Collect from Geneva (Switzerland)

We will meet you all at Movenpick Hotel & Casino Geneva (Geneva Airport) at 9:30am. Geneva is located on the boundary between the French and Swiss Alps. The tour begins with a 1hr drive through France to nearby Chamonix for what will be a very scenic lunch break as the towering Mont Blanc (4810m) awaits us all. The 20min cable car to Aiguille de Midi will lift you up to 3842m and deliver 360° views of the French, Swiss and Italian Alps! Following lunch another quick transfer in the vans to the Swiss border to set-up the bikes and get things going with a 35km valley ride through to the hotel. During dinner the program for the week ahead will be presented along with all the tour goodies.

Meals: Dinner included

Destinations: Mont Blanc

Today's Ride: 35km cycling

Accommodation: Sion (Swiss Alps)

DAY TWO – Sunday 17 August 2025 – Sanetsch Pass (Swiss Alps)

Road cycling is often focused around the main passes used in the big races like the Giro d'Italia and Tour de France. But today will prove that it should not always be that way with the spectacular climb to Sanetsch Pass. The mountain road is basically used for access by hikers and a few local workers only so you can expect quiet roads during the 25km climb. The cycling begins by climbing through the Swiss vineyards and as the road continues rising up and up one begins to take in the big mountain views with the Diableret glacier a major feature! The descent includes some beautiful gorge cycling before encountering the hairpins which will deliver you to the valley floor and the conclusion of a great day on the bike.

Meals: Breakfast included

Destinations: Col du Sanetsch

Today's Ride: 90km cycling (2000m elevation gain)

Accommodation: Sion (Swiss Alps)

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DAY THREE – Monday 18 August 2025 – Nufenen Pass & Old Tremola

Most tourists visiting the Swiss mountains skip Nufenen Pass in preference for the nearby Grimsel Pass and Furka Pass. But for the road cycling enthusiast Nufenen Pass is another must! Standing at 2478m altitude it is the second highest asphalted mountain pass in Switzerland after only Umbrail Pass (2501m). It is also a regular pro cycling feature and is frequently used during the Tour of Suisse. The 13km climb has a constant 8.5% grade up to a high plateau with impressive views over to Finsteraarhorn at 4275m elevation.



From Airolo those who love adventure and history will be in their element. The Tremola Pass historically was the only way to get over the grand San Gottardo Pass. As one gets high on fresh mountain air you will enjoy scaling the 37 switchbacks and granite cobblestones that were laid back in 1827. Just another 12.5km at 7% average grade to finish off what will be a truly memorable day!

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Nufenen Pass & San Gottardo

Today's Ride: 90km cycling option (2250m elevation gain)

Accommodation: Andermatt (Swiss Alps)

DAY FOUR – Tuesday 19 August 2025 – Furka Pass or Rest Day

It is difficult to say that things just keep getting better but what can you say about the opportunity to ride Furka Pass (2436m). This is one of the most beautiful high passes in the Swiss Alps and is the fourth highest paved road in Switzerland. As you climb Furka you might just remember footage of James Bond and the sniper scene from Goldfinger. Once at the summit we will also continue riding to check out the famous Hotel Belvedere switchback and the Rhone Glacier! Seeing the first two days on tour have been extremely solid, today is simply a morning ride up and down Furka Pass. This gives everyone the chance to also enjoy the small ski village Andermatt which is a favourite amongst guests.



Meals: Breakfast included

Destinations: Furka Pass

Today's Ride: 40km cycling (1250m elevation gain)

Accommodation: Andermatt (Swiss Alps)

DAY FIVE – Wednesday 20 August 2025 – Susten Pass & Lake Brienz

Rolling out from Andermatt and we head in search for yet another classic Swiss Alps climb. It might not have the same name as some of the other big climbs in the region but Susten Pass will be one to truly remember. The climb measures 17.8km and its 7.6% average grade will make you work all the way to the summit. There are many small rock tunnels which provide amazing views along the way. The descent down towards Lake Brienz is full of twists and turns which when followed by a flat 20km ride through the valley round out yet another fantastic day of cycling! Post-ride there will be a 30 minute van transfer to your lakeside hotel and home for the next three nights!

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Lake Brienz

Today's Ride: 75km cycling (1500m elevation gain)

Accommodation: Lake Thun (Switzerland)

DAY SIX – Thursday 21 August 2025 – Lake Thun (Switzerland)

After several very challenging days on the bike one can encounter a 'gentler' ride on the shores of Lake Thun. This impressive alpine lake which measures 17.5km long by 3.5km wide still offers a number of impressive vantage points. The 65km route will first take you out towards Interlaken and the base of our only climb for today; Beatenberg (8.4km at 7.5% average grade). Enjoy a fun descent through the woodlands and down to Lake Thun! Back at the tour hotel and enjoy your prime position on the lake for a well-deserved rest and refreshing swim.

Meals: Breakfast included

Destinations: Interlaken

Today's Ride: Min. 65km cycling (1000m elevation gain)

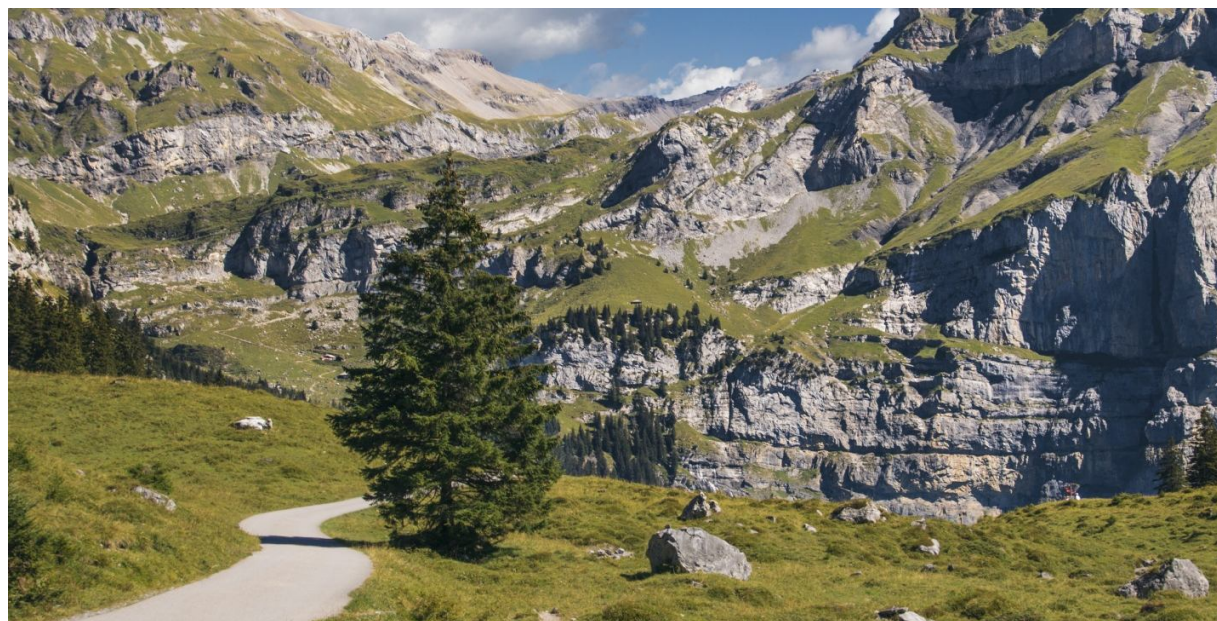
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DAY SEVEN – Friday 22 August 2025 – Gross Scheidegg wonderland!

Today begins with some easy kilometres around Lake Thun and back towards Interlaken. The next section of our cycling route though starting from Grindelwald has to be seen to be believed! The perfectly asphalted road narrows and only cyclists and the occasional postal van have access up the Gross Scheidegg Pass (1960m elevation). One of the features of this climb are the alpine pastures with surrounding views to some of the biggest European mountains including the Jungfrau and north face of the renowned Eiger (aka Ogre). The Eiger tops out at 3960m elevation and its north face is a 1800m vertical wall of crumbling rocky limestone and ice. Another day where the roads have been built for cyclists only!



Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Gross Schiedegg

Today's Ride: 100km cycling (1750m elevation gain)

Accommodation: Lake Thun (Switzerland)

DAY EIGHT – Saturday 23 August 2025 – Gantrisch Nature Park

The tour hotel is located on the edge of the Gantrisch Nature Park and we will spend the day cycling beautiful mountain loops before descending down to Bern. The 90km ride today passes through expansive forests up to the Gurnigel Pass. You will have earned your lunch break after cycling this 11.5km climb (average grade of 7%). After lunch the ride continues north with the fun descent down to UNESCO Bern. The historic old town dates back to the 12th Century where it was built on a hill overlooking the Aare River. Its grand 15th Century arcades and 16th Century fountains provide the perfect location to celebrate what has been a tour full of amazing mountains, glaciers and alpine lakes.



Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included

Destinations: Gantrisch Nature Park

Today's Ride: 90km cycling (1750m elevation gain)

Accommodation: Bern (Switzerland)

DAY NINE – Sunday 24 August 2025 – Goodbyes - Geneva

Following breakfast the Sierra guides will be available to transfer you 2hr to Geneva International Airport. From here we will say our goodbyes before you continue on your own adventures. Thanks for joining us through the Swiss Alps!

Meals: Breakfast included

TRIP DETAILS

REGION: SWISS ALPS (Switzerland)

PRICE: 3850 €p.p. (twin share)

TOUR DATES: 16-24 AUGUST 2025

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: 750 €

DURATION: 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Carbon Road Bike Hire (Di2): 500 €

HOTELS: Sion (x2), Andermatt (x2), Lake Thun (x3), Bern (x1); 3/4 Star Hotels

INCLUDED

Van transport (incl. arrival / departure)
8 nights accommodation (twin share)
8 breakfasts
5 dinners (with beer & wine included)
8 guided cycling stages with van and mechanic
Food & drinks during cycling stages
Commemorative Sierra cycling jersey

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares & Train Tickets
Pre or post Tour Accommodation