

Planning on extending your holiday in Switzerland and looking to travel abroad?

Do you want to explore more of the country's bustling cities and popular sights, serene lakes and beautiful snow capped mountains? Then this pass is ideal for you.

A Swiss Half Fare Card entitles you to an unlimited number of tickets on most trains, buses, and boats at a 50% reduction rate and is valid for one month.

Features

- Purchase unlimited number of tickets for most trains, buses, boats, city and mountain transport at a 50% reduction rate.
- 1 month validity.
- Children under the age of 16 travel free if accompanied by an adult travelling with a Swiss Family Card.

Why purchase a Swiss Half Fare Card?

- The Swiss Half Fare Card suits itineraries with smaller journeys. *Example:* The following itinerary contains a few short journeys (all under 2 hours): Zurich - Lucerne - Interlaken- Bern - Lausanne - Geneva. After calculating the cost of the Swiss Half Fare Card + the train tickets at the 50% reduction rate, and comparing to a Swiss Travel Pass or point to point tickets, the Swiss Half Fare Card works out to be the most cost effective option for this itinerary!
- Not only are you entitled to 50% off the price of your train tickets, you can also use your Swiss Half Fare Card for 50% off buses, boats, city and mountain transport. A great reason to choose a Swiss Half Fare Card over point to point tickets!

Free Swiss Family Card

For or families travelling together, the free Swiss Family Card allows all children under 16 years to travel free of charge when accompanied by a parent (including step and foster parents) excludes reservation fees.

- Children aged 6 - 15yrs inclusive who are not members of the family qualify for a 50% reduction on all Swiss Travel System tickets.

Conditions

- Residents of Switzerland & Liechtenstein are not eligible to purchase or use a Swiss Travel System product.
- Passes are pre-validated. Rail Europe will request a start date at the time of booking; this will be the first day of validity of the rail pass.
- Seat reservation fees are an additional charge and not inclusive in the cost of the pass.
- Comprehensive conditions of use can be found on the ticket cover.
- For some tickets, the discount is less than 50%, especially on very short (urban) routes.

Amendments

- Rail Europe can amend the start date printed on your pass to an **earlier** date. It is not possible to amend to a date that is later than the start date printed on your pass.
- Passes must be returned to Rail Europe by 7 days prior to the pass start date. Within 7 days of the start date, no changes can be made.
- A \$20 per pass, per person amendment fee applies.

Refunds

- **If you are still in Australia** - passes must be returned to Rail Europe unused by 3 days prior to the pass start date (listed on the pass). Within 3 days of the pass start date, the pass is non-refundable & non-exchangeable.
- **If you decide to cancel when you are in Switzerland** - you must have your pass endorsed as unused at a Swiss train station prior to your nominated start date and returned to Rail Europe within 60 days. If the pass is not endorsed by the start date then it becomes non-refundable, non-exchangeable. No partial refunds.
- A \$30 per pass fee + Carrier Penalty applies.
- Swiss Passes cannot be refunded or reissued if lost or stolen

All bonuses require the use of a travel day on your rail pass. All bonuses are handled locally and are subject to change.

- [Click here for a list of the Museum bonuses](#)

Swiss Travel Pass compared with Eurail/Interrail.

The following tables show the discounts granted to holders of the different passes on products of Swiss public transport.

Premium panoramic trains	Swiss Travel Pass	Eurail/Interrail®
Bernina Express®	100%	100%
Chur/Landquart/Disentis/St. Moritz - Poschiavo - Tirano	100%	100%
Glacier Express®	100%	100%
Zermatt - Visp/Brig - Chur - Davos/St. Moritz	100%	100%
Gotthard Panorama Express®	100%	50%
Lucerne - Seon - Flakollen	100%	100%
Flakollen - Bellinzona - Lugano	100%	100%
Luzern - Interlaken Express	100%	100%
Lucerne - Brünig - Pfäfers/See Ot	100%	100%
MOB Panorama/MOB Belle Époque®	100%	100%
Montreux - Zweisimmen	100%	100%

Scenic routes	Swiss Travel Pass	Eurail/Interrail®
Lake Lucerne Cruises	100% ^a	50% ^b
BLS Navigation services on Lakes Thun and Brienz	100% ^a	100% ^a
Lago Maggiore Express	-	-
Lötschberg Mountain Route and Central	100%	100%
Palin Express	100%	-
Central Alps Passes PostBus Route	100%	-
Verobahn Express	100%	-
St. Gallen - Lucerne	100%	100%

Mountain excursions	Swiss Travel Pass	Eurail/Interrail®
Gomrat - Meet the Matterhorn	50%	-
Jungfraujoch - Top of Europe	25%	25%
Rigi - Queen of the Mountains	100%	50%
Schiltorn - Pic Gloria	100%	25%
Bauherr, Zermatt	50%	-
Brianzer Rothorn	50%	-
CasO Stanshorn	100%	25%
Glacier 3000 - Les Balcons - Gstaad	50%	-
Grindisledj First - Top of Adventure	50%	25%
Horler Kuhn - Top of Inntal	50%	25%
Matterhorn glacier paradise	50%	-
Monte Genesio	50%	-
Piadas	50%	50%
Rochers-de-Naye	100%	-
Montreux - Haut-de-Caux	50%	-
Haut-de-Caux - Rochers-de-Naye	50%	-
Schynge Platte - Top of Swiss Tradition	50%	25%
Sunnegga, Zermatt	50%	-
Tina	50%	25%

Public waterway services	Swiss Travel Pass	Eurail/Interrail®
BLB - Lakes Thun and Brienz	100%	100%
BGG - Lake Biel	100%	50%
COG - Lake Geneva	100%	50%
LMG - Lakes Neuchâtel and Murten	100%	50%
SBS - Lake Constance (Bischof part)	100%	50%
SOB - Lake Hallwil	100%	-
SOV - Lake Lucerne	100%	50%
SOZ - Lake Zug	100%	-
SRN - Lake Lugano	100%	-
URB - Lower Lake Constance and Rhine (Kreuzlingen - Schaffhausen)	100%	50%
ZBG - Lake Zurich	100%	50%

Other public transport buses	Swiss Travel Pass	Eurail/Interrail®
All Swiss PostBus routes	100%	-
Baselbahn - Baselberg	100%	-
Interlaken Ost - Grindelwald/Interlaken/Wengen	100%	25%
Lauterbrunnen/Steckelberg - Mörnan	100%	25%
Ligerz - Pilates	100%	25%
Limbach - Braunwald	100%	-
Lugano - Ponte Tresa	100%	-
Mürren - Jungfraujoch	100%	-
Rapperswil - Unterholzli	100%	-
Schynge/Merschach - Stoss	100%	-
Sierre - Crans-Montana	100%	-
St. Imier - Mont-Sollat	50%	25%
Stöckalp - Melchsee-Fruot	50%	25%
Zürich HB - Sihlwald/Lütliberg	100%	-

Urban public transport networks	Swiss Travel Pass	Eurail/Interrail®
Public transport network in more than 30 towns and cities, e.g. Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Lucerne, Lugano, Zurich	100%	-

^a Available only to persons permanently resident outside Europe.
^b Available only to persons permanently resident in the Swiss Alps.
^c Certain train offers are subject to reservation fees and/or exchange. Such fees are not included in the pass price.
^d 50% on all scheduled boats. Discount for special rates on request.

Swiss Half Fare Card Fact Sheet

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