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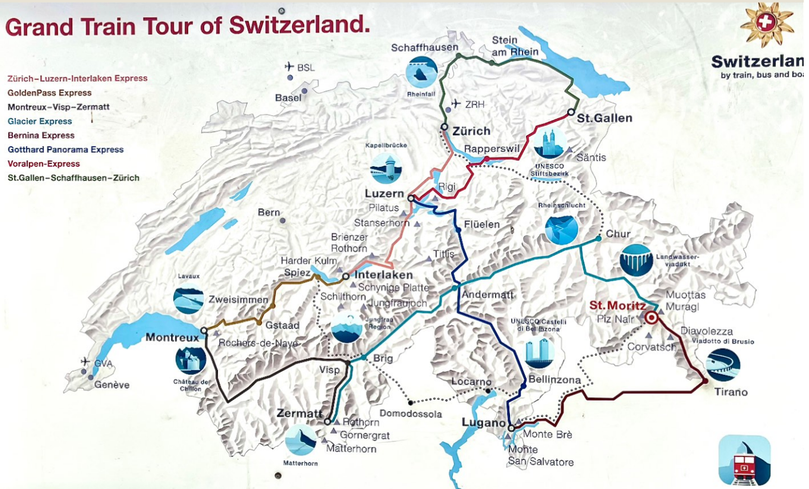
Grindelwald



Our Itinerary:
At 98 years old David wanted to ride the trains in Switzerland before he got old! We rode the 4 main panoramic trains; the **Golden Pass Express**, the **Glacier Express**s, the **Bernina Express**, and the **Gotthard Panorama Express**. The Matterhorn Gotthard Bahn took us toward the mountains and the Gornergrat Bahn took us up the mountain to see the Matterhorn Peak.

Cities we stayed in:
Grindelwald (in Jungfrau Region) - Montreux - Zermatt - St. Moritz - Lugano - Lucerne

Transportation we used:
Airplane (2), Shuttle (5), Train (11), Paraglider (2), Bus (2), Taxi (3), Ferry (3), Wheelchair (4), Ambulance (1), Funicular (1), Gondola (1), Walking Sticks (2)






JUNGFRAU
TOP OF EUROPE
First
2168 m 7113 ft





















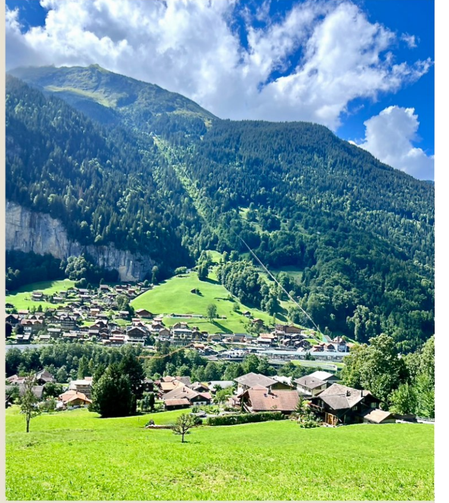




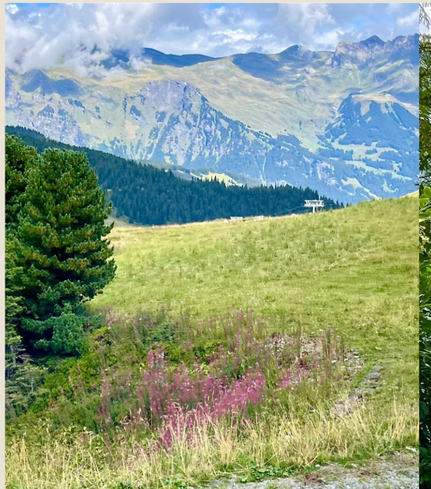








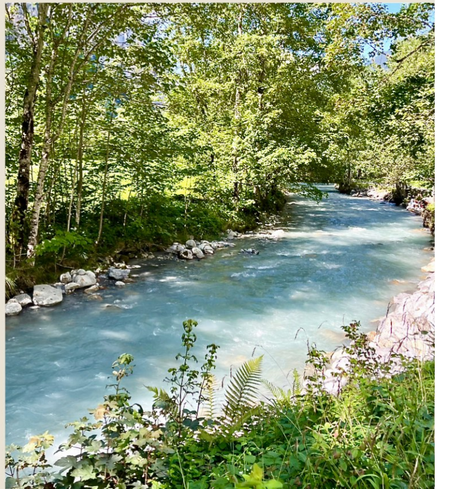






Grindelwald, Wengen, Kleine Scheidegg









Trummelbach Falls in Lauterbrunnen is fed by 3 melting glaciers with 20,000 liters per second roaring through the mountain crevices.





















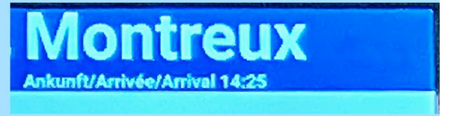


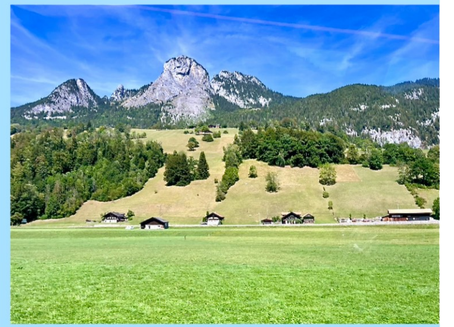
From the northern German-speaking region of Jungfrau where Grindelwald is, we headed west taking the first train to Interlaken Ost and transferring to the second train, the **Golden Pass Express** to Montreux in the French-speaking region on Lake Geneva.

Famous for wines from the Lavaux Vineyards, the vine terraces can be traced to the 11th century.







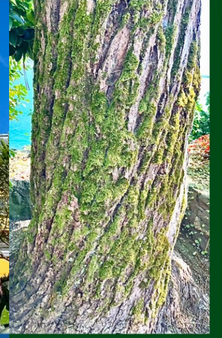




















Montreux

Our fourth floor room had a beautiful balcony where David stayed overlooking Lake Geneva while Jose and Cindy took a walk along the promenade where local city gardeners meticulously plan and maintain the Chemin Fleuri. Jose admired the variety of trees. Cindy admired the artwork!







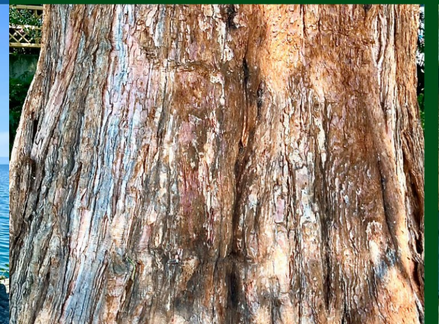




















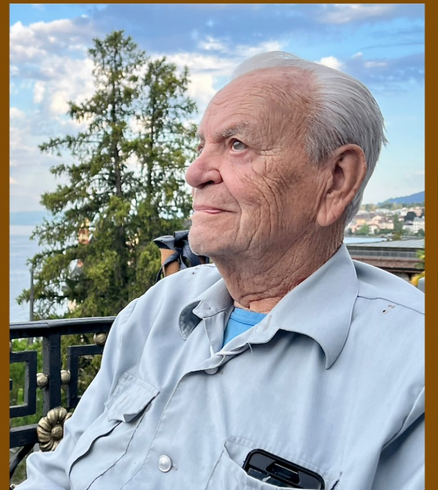




Dinner and breakfast on the terrace.



















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PE30	08:43 Fontanivent Chernex Gstaad Zweisimmen	5	
IR 90	08:49 Vevey Lausanne Genève-Aéroport ✈	1	
RE33	08:51 Villeneuve Aigle Bex St-Maurice Martigny	3	
R2	08:58 Territet Veytaux-C. Villeneuve Roche Bex	3	
R2	09:01 Clarens Burier Lausanne Grandson	1	
RE33	09:08 Vevey Lausanne Genève Annemasse	1	
IR 90	09:10 Aigle St-Maurice Martigny Sion Brig	3	
RE4	09:16 Montreux-Collège Vuarennes Chernex	4	
RE33	09:21 Villeneuve Aigle Bex St-Maurice	3	
IR 95	09:23 Vevey Lausanne Genève-Aéroport ✈	1	

Préinformation travaux: La circulation des trains sur la ligne Lausanne - Brig est

SBB Schweizerische Bundesbahnen
CFF Chemins de fer federaux suisses
FFS Ferrovie federali svizzere

Swiss Federal Railways honors 3 main languages; German, French, Italian

















Zermatt

Zermatt is a small luxurious, car-free mountain resort. Many hotels made from wood have withstood the weather without paint or treatment, just pure wood. Our hotel chalet had typical balconies with flowers AND a view of the Matterhorn peak! While often shrouded in clouds, the next morning it was clear as a bell. Historic climbers are honored.


























Zermatt color and train station to the Matterhorn!

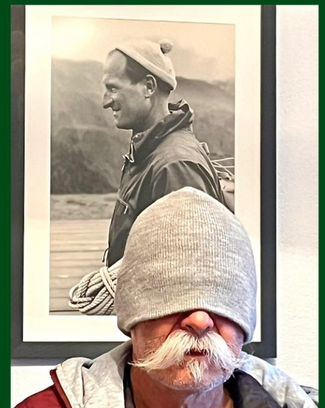














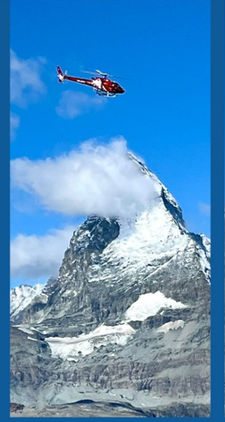








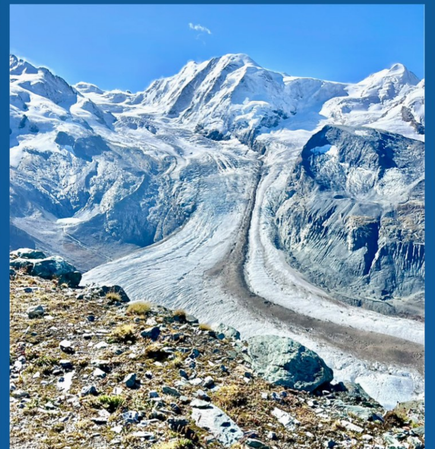









Matterhorn summit, train station, hotel, restaurant, glaciers and views!









Dinner in Zermatt was Aperol Spritz with bruschetta, lobster bisque and shrimp salad. Then, an early morning view of the sunrise lighting up the Matterhorn peak!



















Glacier Express early departure. Just 8 hours to St. Moritz!















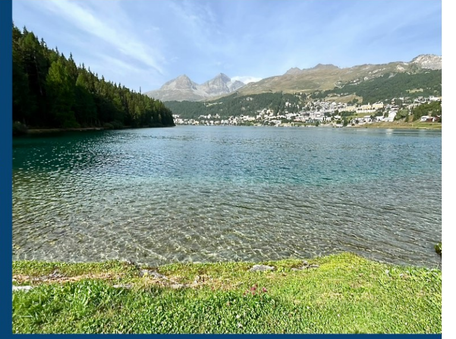




















St. Moritz

Cindy and Jose walked around Lake St. Moritz while David stayed on the balcony overlooking the lake. Public escalator very helpful to reach the lake 230’ below.

















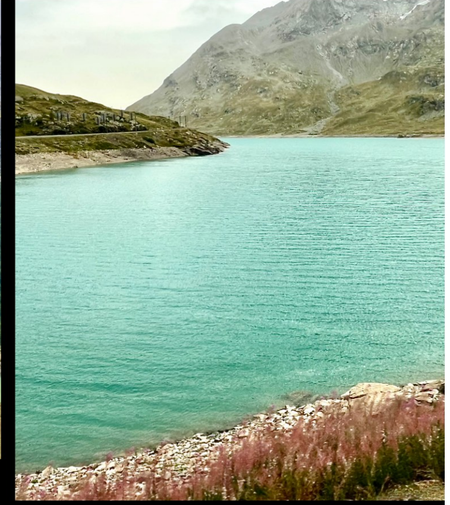








Bernina Express pass at 7,391’















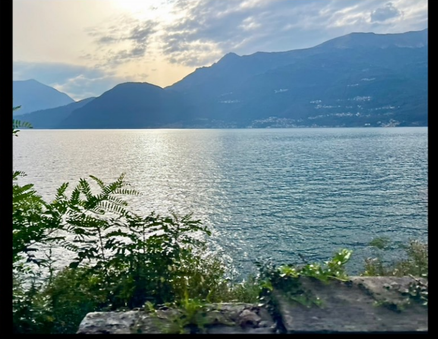












Tirano - Lugano

Bernina ended in Tirano. A shuttle took us past terraced vineyards to Lake Como in Italy where we boarded a car ferry, heading to Lugano at sunset.





































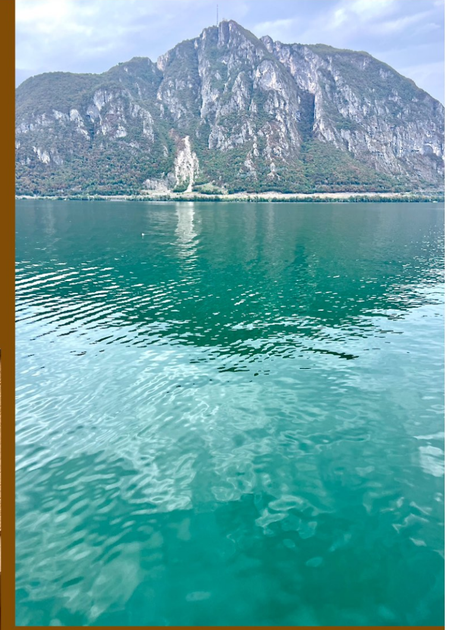


Lugano

Dinner and breakfast at the hotel was very good! The ferry on Lake Lugano took us to Marcote, a picturesque village famous for narrow cobblestone alleys and Scherrer Park, a garden with subtropical flora. We were greeted with 15 minutes of a downpour upon arrival, which cleared up quickly.

















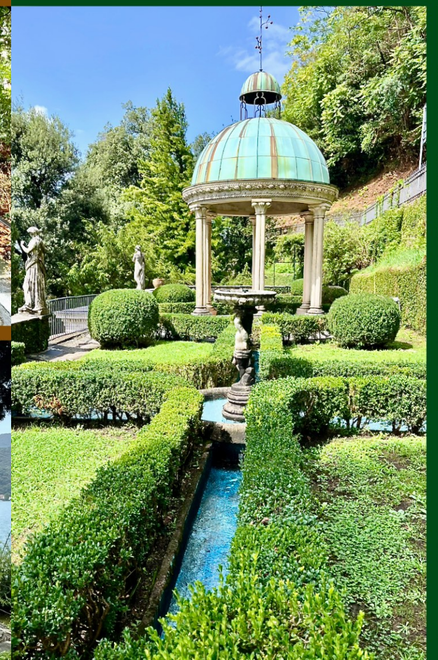




We also stopped at Porto Ceresio looking for dinner but all restaurants were closed for siesta.







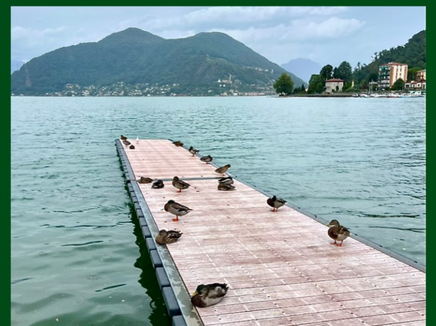
















Lasagna, pizza, and spaghetti with clams for our last dinner on the Italian border. The **Gotthard Panorama Express** was our last train ride, transferring to a ferry in Fluelen. But, the last leg ended up being a quick trip to the Stans hospital to be sure David's hip wasn't broken after a quick fall and sharp pain.
Just a bad bruise, all A-OK!









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9 08	S90	**Giubiasco** via Lamone-Cadempino–Taverne-Torricella–Mezzovico	
9 09	S60	**Ponte Tresa** via Sorengo–Bioggio–Agno	2
10 9 18	PE	**Arth-Goldau** via Flüelen	R 1 Z
		[Gotthard Panorama Express]	
11 9 24	S60	**Ponte Tresa** via Sorengo–Bioggio–Agno	2
9 25	S10	**Biasca** via Giubiasco–Bellinzona	
9 25	RE80	**Chiasso** via Paradiso–Mendrisio	







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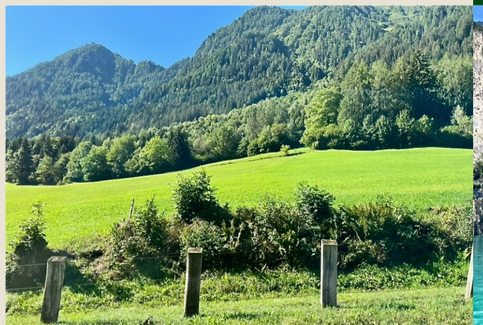
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Gotthard Panorama Express
Direction Luzern Bahnhofquai

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Lucerne

The Reuss River meets Lake Lucerne separating Old Town from the modern downtown. The Water Tower was built in 1300, Chapel Bridge around 1333. Old Town buildings have painted facades. Lots of swans in the lake! The shaded promenade invites visitors from around the world to walk.





























Auf wiedersehen
Au revoir
Arrivederci
A revair

A fondue dinner to say goodbye to Switzerland in their four national languages; German, French, Italian and Romansh.
We enjoyed your trains and your scenery!









