



## **New, innovative, elegant – the winter season 2019/20.**

**Innovation is the cornerstone of Swiss public transport and essential for a positive, carefree travel experience. So, our engineers put their heads together to come up with new services and designs, resulting in an elegant Voralpen-Express with a bistro zone, classy wood panelling on the Glacier Express and a station that combines train, bus and mountain railway. Come along towards the future!**

### **Voralpen-Express: Transforming old into new.**



Turning old into new: That's one way to describe the transformation of the Voralpen-Express. This winter, the new train will be introduced on the route between Lucerne and St. Gallen. The exterior presents itself in copper-coloured splendour. The interior offers comfortable seating and plenty of storage space. To top it all off, hungry travellers can visit the separate bistro zone and help themselves to coffee and snacks from vending machines. The small guests have not gone forgotten either: At the rear of the train, a unique family section provides large tables and hidden object games for an all-around enjoyable ride. [voralpen-express.ch/en/traverso](http://voralpen-express.ch/en/traverso)

### **Opening of Männlichen Cableway.**



True to the visionary pioneering achievements of the Jungfrau Railways, the V-Cableway is currently under construction and expected to be finished before the end of 2020. It arguably represents the most innovative of all construction projects under way in the Alps at the moment. Its name derives from the v-formation of the two new cableways leading to two different summits. While the 3S-Cableway from Grindelwald to the Eiger Glacier will not open before December 2020, the **10-Cableway from Grindelwald up to the Männlichen** will go into operation already this winter.

Starting December 2019, guests will save plenty of time thanks to the latter: The ride up to the Männlichen will be shortened by all of 23 minutes. Not only will this increase the capacity, it will also guarantee year-round access to the excursion mountain. [v-bahn.jungfrau.ch/en/facts-figures](http://v-bahn.jungfrau.ch/en/facts-figures)

### **“Public transport in a nutshell”: The new hub at Fiesch.**



It's not by chance that Swiss public transport is among the best in the world. Then as now, the Swiss have worked meticulously at energy-efficient railway systems and innovative mountain railways – and, of course, at stations that bring everything together. This December, such a public transport hub will be opened at Fiesch. This landmark project includes a new station with adjoining bus terminal and direct access to the cableway onto Fiescheralp. Thus, train, bus and cableway all meet at the same location – a real added value for all winter sports enthusiasts, hikers and touring guests. [aletscharena.ch/oev-hub](http://aletscharena.ch/oev-hub)

## New look for the Glacier Express.



Classy wood panels, a modern entertainment system and new signatures on the seats: Both 1st and 2nd class of the Glacier Express will receive a face-lift in the course of next year. The Glacier Express Excellence Class is regarded as the showpiece of the new style. The other coaches are being redesigned in the same fashion. More Swiss elements, more wood ornaments, more character.

## Preview 2020+

### Ceneri Base Tunnel: Straight through the Alps.



Just over four years after the inauguration of the world's longest railway tunnel – the Gotthard Base Tunnel – the next big tunnel opening is already lined up for 2020. By the end of that year, the first trains to and from Italy are planned to pass through the 15.4-kilometre-long Ceneri Base Tunnel. Thus, a continuous flat railway passage from Altdorf to Lugano is being realised: Thanks to two base tunnels, trains can traverse the Alps at the base – thereby employing top speeds of up to 250 kilometres per hour. Naturally, this will have a bearing on the travel time: Within 3.5 hours, passengers will travel from Zurich to Milan; a full hour less than before.

[alptransit.ch/en/ceneri](http://alptransit.ch/en/ceneri)

### Matterhorn Fusion: “Alpine Crossing” becomes a reality.



Last year the 3S-cableway to the Matterhorn glacier paradise was inaugurated. It was but the beginning of a grand vision: Another new cableway connection is already under construction. This one will connect the Matterhorn glacier paradise (3,821 m a.s.l.) with the Testa Grigia (3,458 m a.s.l.). An Alpine crossing that is being excitedly looked forward to.

Unbelievable but true: In the course of a roughly hour-long panoramic ride, guests travel from Zermatt to Breuil-Cervinia in Italy and back again by this direct connection. Negotiating a total altitude of 4,000 metres, this will be the cableway connection with the greatest altitude difference in Europe.

The new 3S-cableway (tri-cable gondola lift) is scheduled to open **already in autumn 2021**.

[matterhornparadise.ch/en/alpine-crossing](http://matterhornparadise.ch/en/alpine-crossing)

## Swiss Travel System prices & product range 2020.

2020 will see no changes of either the Swiss Travel System product range or prices. Starting August 2019, the Swiss Travel Pass Flex became available as e-ticket, making the entire STS standard product range e-ticketable.

### Ticket range, prices and area of validity 2020.



The Swiss Travel System ticket range is individually tailored to the guests' wishes. In this way, Swiss Travel Pass holders benefit from numerous advantages: unlimited travel by train, bus and boat throughout Switzerland, up to 50% discount on mountain excursions and free admission to more than 500 museums nationwide.

As of 01 January 2020, a new mountain excursion, the Klewenalp with its magnificent view onto Lake Lucerne, will be included in the area of validity of the Swiss Travel Pass. The discount for the Schilthorn is being adjusted back to 50% (currently 100%). Excursions to the Brunnli, Rigi, Stanserhorn, and Stoos will continue to be fully covered by the Swiss Travel Pass.

[mystsnet.com/swisstravelpass](https://mystsnet.com/swisstravelpass)

### Adjustments as of 2020: Market test group luggage.



The market test will again be prolonged for another year. Presently, groups of 10 or more persons can book the offer "group luggage express door-to-door" until 31 December 2020 and check-in a maximum total of 50 pieces of luggage. The net rate is now CHF 300. The increase in price is necessary in order to improve the cost coverage and ensure the possibility to maintain this offer on a long-term basis. The attractive service offers groups more flexibility with their daily program – reducing hustle and bustle while changing transportation as well as time-consuming temporary storage. [mystsnet.com/gruppengepaeck](https://mystsnet.com/gruppengepaeck)

### Now available: Swiss Travel Pass Flex as e-ticket.



The Swiss Travel Pass has been available as e-ticket since mid-August 2019. It is issued via AgentClient and SBB WebService. Also, the SBB ticket shop (B2C) and SBB business travel (B2B) offer the STPF as e-ticket.

With the purchase of an STPF e-ticket, customers get a receipt and then activate each freely selectable travel day via [activateyourpass.com](https://activateyourpass.com) prior to the first ride on the respective travel day.

Pictures are ready for download [here](#). For further information as well as picture and video material please visit our media and trade platform: [mystsnet.com](https://mystsnet.com)

     #swisstravelsystem

For media & trade: [mystsnet.com](https://mystsnet.com) / [media@swisstravelsystem.com](mailto:media@swisstravelsystem.com)

Website to be communicated in publications: [MySwitzerland.com/swisstravelsystem](https://MySwitzerland.com/swisstravelsystem)