



A 360° wraparound view of the public transport summer 2019.

Hiking in scenic nature, strolling through bustling cities, or savouring the view from impressive mountain summits: Train, bus and boat take you there. Even better, public transport turns every journey into a memorable experience. The new Excellence Class of the Glacier Express or the excursion on the Chocolate Train are but two such examples. That's how the public transport summer 2019 will get: enjoyable and amazing – but also relaxing.

Summer highlights of the Swiss Travel System 2019

By train, bus and boat straight to the hiking adventures.



Stepping off, taking a deep breath of mountain air, ready to go: Hiking in Switzerland can be so simple. Thanks to train, bus, boat and mountain railway, the starting point of any given hiking trip is always within easy reach – whether in the Grisons National Park or at the Matterhorn glacier paradise. It's that easy to get to Swiss mountain summits. Walks, family hiking trails or mountain tours are therefore one and all perfect companions of public transport. So: hiking boots on, Swiss Travel Pass packed and off into the mountains!

[Look up here](#) twelve hand-picked hikes that can be optimally combined with public transport. All of them take under three hours to complete and are well suited for people who prefer easy hikes.

Bustling city centres and pristine nature – side by side.



Swiss towns and cities captivate visitors with their picturesque old towns, decorative boutique shops and numerous restaurants. How convenient that they are so quick and easy to reach! From the neighbouring countries, trains arrive right in the heart of Swiss cities at regular intervals. And thanks to modern features such as comfortable seats, power-outlets and onboard restaurants, passengers arrive in a relaxed and rested state.



The journey does not end abruptly at the station, either: Trams, buses, urban trains and (river) boats take visitors further – maybe to one of the many interactive museums or to a scenic outpost. Yes, almost every town or city has its own “local mountain” offering a wonderful view onto the city and the surrounding area.

Swiss towns and cities are usually either nestling in a lovely, green landscape of hills or are surrounded by imposing mountain chains. City trips are thus perfect in combination with an excursion into the Swiss mountain world. Nature is always only a short train, bus or boat ride away. Those who prefer to stick with strolling through city streets travel just as easily from one city to the next. Between the large Swiss city centres, trains operate at half-hour intervals. The Swiss public transport network is truly one of a kind.

Taking a deep breath – at Swiss mountain summits.



Mountains as far as the eye can see – that’s actually quite a common landscape feature in Switzerland. How fortunate that they are so easy to reach. Mountain railways take travellers straight to the summits. The journey is just as breathtaking as the view that awaits visitors. Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) holders enjoy a 50% discount on most mountain railways and get 100% clear, crisp mountain air. Taking a look at the world from above is well worth it.

All mountain excursions at: mystsnet.com/mountains



Guests rejoice! As of spring 2019, a new attraction will open on the Pilatus: the Dragon Glider. At twelve kilometres per hour, adventurers glide downwards between the trees. It feels just like flying! The new highlight is located right next to the rope park at the Fränkmüntegg and can be reached by bus from Lucerne to Kriens and then by gondola lift to Fränkmüntegg.

More information: pilatus.ch



Starting this winter, the Valais mountains offer an adrenaline kick as well: The newly-built 3S cableway (three-cable system) leading to the Matterhorn glacier paradise has four very special cabins. At around 170 metres above ground, the opaque glass floor of the Crystal Ride cabins suddenly clears and in a matter of seconds opens up a magnificent view onto the glacierscape below. Passengers can enjoy the ride in these cabins, embellished with thousands of Swarovski® crystals, for a surcharge of CHF 10.

More information about this glamour adventure:

matterhornglacierparadise.ch

Travelling can be so easy.



Travelling by public transport is not only easy but also diverse, even spectacular. Panoramic trains take passengers on a ride through pristine nature, past impressive glaciers and through deep ravines. For those who have a taste for more, there’s a dinner in the panoramic cabin of a cableway called the “restaurant in the sky” or a ride on the world’s steepest cog railway. Many additional reasons to explore Switzerland by train, bus and boat can be found at mystsnet.com/reasonwhy

News from Swiss Travel System

Glacier Express Excellence Class.



Panoramic view, comfort, enjoyment. Those things are naturally associated with the breathtaking ride on the Glacier Express. Add now an extra dash of luxury – in the new premium class of coaches, the Excellence Class.

The Excellence Class convinces with its high-quality, full-service offer as well as its modern design. Guests are treated to an exceptional experience of travelling across the Alps while enjoying the stunning panorama. Excellence Class offers not only personal travel guidance and a beautifully designed bar area but also a premium multi-course lunch. Pure exclusivity.

The coach provides seats for 20 passengers. In addition to a valid 1st class ticket, a surcharge of CHF 420 applies. Excellence Class sees its maiden voyage on 02 March 2019. mystsn.com/glacierexpress

New museums included in the Swiss Museum Pass – visitor centre Chocolat Frey.



The Swiss Travel Pass is like a ticket to a leisure park: In addition to train, bus, boat and tram, the all-in-one ticket also includes the Swiss Museum Pass. Travellers thus can visit more than 500 interactive, fascinating and impressive museums as the whim takes them. As of 2019, this includes among other highlights the visitor centre Chocolat Frey – an adventure world full of sweet temptations. Guests receive interesting information about the chocolate-making process, mould their own chocolate and sample tenderly melting cocoa mass. This sweetest of museums can be reached by train and bus.

75-year anniversary of station clocks.



One minute is exactly 58.5 seconds long – at least according to the station clocks at Swiss railway stations. But why? In 1944, Hans Hilfiker developed the SBB station clock that is still determining the rhythm of the passengers today. In his own words, “punctuality is the railway’s trademark.” A real problem was the fact that not all station clocks showed the same time. That’s what Hans Hilfiker had to rectify. In 1943, he tested a clock with a red seconds hand at Zurich main station. The clock is powered by an electronic motor and completes a minute-cycle in 58.5 seconds. Then, the red hand waits a moment in order to start the next minute-cycle in complete synchronisation with the main clock. The impulse to start the next cycle is sent to all station clocks – making them all run in strict synchronisation since 1944.

Chocolate Train 2019 – a combination of Belle Époque and bus.



Delicious, tenderly melting cocoa mass – Swiss chocolate is that good! On the day trip with the Chocolate Train, this cultural asset is the real star.

Guests travel from Montreux to Montbovon on the **Golden Pass MOB Belle Époque**. From there, the journey now continues by bus. Everything is included in the fare: coffee and chocolate roll on the train, admission to the show dairy “La Maison du Gruyère” with cheese sampling, and of course admission to the chocolate factory “La Maison Cailler”. Nibbling strictly allowed!

More information and fares at mystsnet.com/schokoladenzug

Modernisation of GoldenPass MOB panoramic trains.



The Golden Pass MOB panoramic trains launch into a new era. In addition to technical adjustments of the door and buckeye coupling systems, the appearance has also changed. True to the MOB logo, the panoramic coaches shine in new blue-and-white splendour as of summer 2019. Photo material will be created and distributed in the course of spring 2019.

News from the Swiss Travel System AG

Further development of the Swiss Travel Guide app.



STS AG remains focused on digitalisation in 2019. The Swiss Travel Guide launched in 2018 is being developed further and equipped with many new useful features. Apart from an editorial brush-up and the integration of multi-media content, users can look forward to new game design elements. Thus, the app will become even more interactive. All novelties tie in with the benefit – and the USP – of the Swiss Travel Guide: Never miss a highlight!

New look: mystsnet.com.



As of January, the website mystsnet.com will appear in an even fresher getup. In addition to product information, news as well as picture and video material, media and trade representatives will find many inspiring stories. Under the new header “STS Stories”, travel accounts, route suggestions and stories told by tourists can be found. Stop by!

The website provides the most up-to-date Media & Trade kit at all times. Factsheets as well as news can be found there just as theme texts and picture material. Also, backgrounders with detailed information about the panoramic trains and selected mountain excursion as well as the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland will now be available.

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Pictures are ready for download [here](#).

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