



## E-Grand Tour of Switzerland with Tesla

Zürich – Bad Ragaz – St. Moritz – Lugano – Zermatt – Lausanne – Interlaken – Lucerne

### Electrifying – the E-Grand Tour!

It crosses five Alpine passes, runs alongside 22 lakes and takes in 12 UNESCO World Heritage sites, combining the cultural and scenic highlights of Switzerland – and from April 2017 it will also stand for eco-friendly touring: the E-Grand Tour.

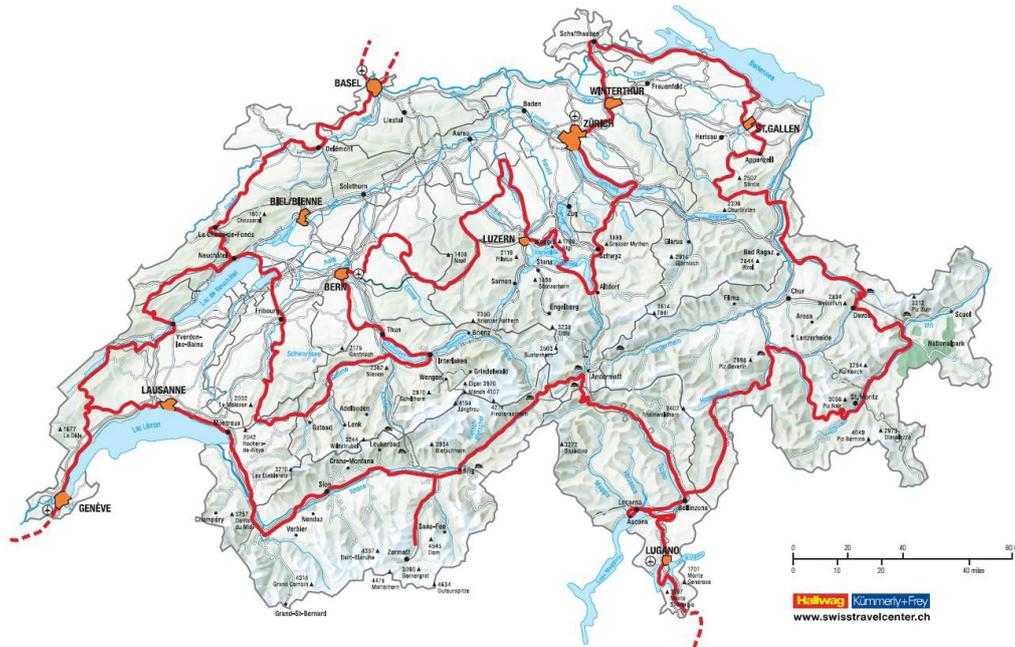
An extensive network of around 200 charging stations will electrify the whole route from April 2017, guaranteeing a comfortable and clean driving experience over more than 1,600 kilometers. Incidentally, the Grand Tour of Switzerland is the world's first official touring route that is fully accessible to electric vehicles.

This offer is certified with the myclimate label "carbon neutral journey": We offset all CO2 emissions of your e-Grand Tour of Switzerland journey, including overnight stays & ride, by supporting myclimate's high quality climate protection projects.



### Facts & Figures

- Most scenic routes combine the highlights of Switzerland in one single journey.
- Length 1643 km (~ 1000 miles) 1970 km with access roads
- Highest point: Furkapass, 2429 m.a.s.l.
- Lowest Point: Lago Maggiore, 193 m.a.s.l.
- Top-road infrastructure (road condition, loading stations, service stations)
- Motorways will be suggested only if they provide a useful alternative for the traffic routing.
- The route follows the most beautiful trails that require a longer travel distance than the direct way.
- More details on [www.MySwitzerland.com/e-grandtour](http://www.MySwitzerland.com/e-grandtour)



### Day 1: Arrival Zürich

After arrival at Zurich airport, individual transportation (private transfer can be arranged at extra cost) to Hotel Opera for car pick-up. As a «metropolis of experiences» by the water, with a magnificent view of the snowcapped Alps on the horizon, Zürich offers a unique mixture of attractions – over 50 museums and more than 100 art galleries, international fashion labels and Zurich designs, and the most flamboyant and lively nightlife in Switzerland. Recreational activities range from a visit to the riverside and lakeside bathing areas in the very heart of the city, to a spectacular hike on the Uetliberg mountain. One of the recommended Grand Tour attractions is the Grossmünster, which is an Evangelical Protestant church in the Old Town of Zürich, and is one of Zürich’s most famous landmarks. Construction of this Romanesque church was begun in 1100 and it has since been rebuilt and renovated several times. Overnight in Zürich, Hotel Opera (or similar 4\*).

### Day 2: Zürich – St. Gallen – Appenzell – Bad Ragaz (ca. 260 km)

After breakfast drive to St. Gallen with a stopover at the Rhine Falls, Europe’s largest waterfall, feeling the roar and vibration of the water over one’s entire body - this can be experienced at the Rhine Falls near Schaffhausen. Continue to St. Gallen. The compact metropolis of eastern Switzerland between Lake Constance and Appenzellerland has a charming, traffic-free old town. Colourfully-painted oriel windows are a town feature. The Abbey precinct with the cathedral and Abbey Library has been accorded UNESCO World Heritage listing and belongs to the top attractions along the Grand Tour. On your way you will pass the village of Appenzell that is situated in a singularly beautiful landscape of rolling hills. The Appenzell region is known for rural customs and traditions such as the ceremonial descent of the cattle in autumn and cultural events such as folk music and rustic dances, as well as hiking tours in the Alpstein region. Drive to Bad Ragaz and visit the Highlights along the route. Overnight in Bad Ragaz, Grand Resort Bad Ragaz (or similar 5\*).

### Day 3: Bad Ragaz – St. Moritz (ca. 155 km)

Today you will drive from Bad Ragaz to St. Moritz. Continue your drive and have a stopover at ‘Heidi’s Village’ in Maienfeld. The town lies in the distinctive Bündner Herrschaft region of Graubünden and inspired the poetess Johanna Spyri to write her novel Heidi. In the Heidi village, the story of this cheerful, nature-loving little orphan girl comes to life at the original locales of the story. Continue your drive to Davos. After enjoying lunch in Davos continue your journey to St. Moritz. Overnight in St. Moritz, Hotel Schweizerhof (or similar 4\*).

### Day 4: St. Moritz – Lugano (ca. 267 km)

On your way to Lugano in the south of Switzerland you have several possibilities to experience the Grand Tour attractions. Tip: Relax on a train ride on the most beautiful Alpine train, the Bernina Express. The cross-border Albula and Bernina Lines between Thusis and Tirano owe their 2008 inscription into the UNESCO World Heritage list to stunning scenery such as the Schyn Gorge, Morteratsch Glacier and Brusio spiral viaduct. If you prefer to be active do the hike on Mount Muottas Muragl near Pontresina. The entire Upper Engadine region lies at your feet when you are perched on the hiking mountain high above the Inn River Valley. The breathtaking views of the four lakes and the world-famous resort town of St. Moritz extend far beyond the mountain ranges into the distant horizon. Continue to Lugano. Overnight in Lugano, Hotel Dante (or similar 4\*).

### **Day 5: Lugano – Zermatt (ca. 215 km)**

Leaving Lugano to Zermatt one must visit Monte Brè. Since 1912 a funicular rail has been making its way from Cassarate by Lugano to the scenic mountain above Lake Lugano. Trips up there are worthwhile if just for the views! The romantic little Brè village with its grottos has succeeded in maintaining its original character of country settlement – further embellished by numerous works of art.

On your way and just a footstep away lies Ascona. The city is famous for its mild climate, its Old Town and a lake promenade which is dotted with street cafés and boasts a Latin ambience. Further north and also on your way you can visit beautiful Bellinzona. With its castles, walls, towers, battlements and gates, this impressive fortress is a source of wonder and amazement and UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2000.

Depart Mediterranean Ticino, heading north to cross the famous St. Gotthard Pass and Furka Pass and continue into the region Valais. Here lies the Aletsch Glacier - the biggest glacier in the Alps, with a length of 23 km. To explore the Aletsch Glacier is a magnificent journey into a stunning world of ice and rocks, Alpine flowers and forests. Continue moving down to Täsch, last stop for your car before you continue by train on to Zermatt.

Overnight in Zermatt, Romantik Hotel Julen (or similar 4\*).

### **Day 6: Zermatt – Lausanne (ca. 180 km)**

Take time this morning to walk through Zermatt, at the foot of the Matterhorn: traditional shops and wooden clad houses creating a charming place to explore. A morning trip up the exhilarating open air Gornergrat railway is not to be missed, for unrivalled views over the 4000m peaks surrounding Zermatt.

After making your way back down to Täsch to collect your car, your route begins with a stunning drive up through the Valais, views dominated by amazing peaks. The river and forests accompany you as you enter French speaking Switzerland, heading through Sierre and Sion. After travelling through Martigny, your final leg takes you up through Aigle and along the shores of Lake Geneva to Montreux, one of the most popular holiday resorts in the Lake Geneva region. One must not miss a visit to the famous Castle Chillon. The castle is located on a rock on the banks of Lake Geneva. The water castle is the most visited historic building in Switzerland. For nearly four centuries Chillon was the residence and profitable toll station of the Counts of Savoy. After visiting the castle continue to the surrounded orchards and terraced vineyards of the Lavaux and further to Lausanne, the second-largest city on Lake Geneva. Sports and culture are given a high profile in the Olympic capital. Make sure you visit the Olympic Museum.

Overnight in Lausanne, Hotel Alpha-Palmiers by Fassbind (or similar 4\*).

### **Day 7: Lausanne – Interlaken (ca. 400 km)**

Today you have one of your longest drives but also a very fascinating one with interesting sights to see along your way to Interlaken. Continue your drive to Freiburg, which is nestled on a rock promontory and surrounded on three sides by the Saane River. It is one of the largest medieval towns in Üechtland. Over 200 unique Gothic facades from the 15th century impart incomparable medieval charm to the Old Town. Drinking a cup of coffee in a leisurely fashion, admiring the old facades and beautiful fountains, listening to two local languages or gazing from the 74-meter spire of the Cathedral far into the countryside - this is an experience enjoyed in Fribourg. Further on your way you will pass the Greyerzer (Gruyère) region, with its rolling green landscape, it's peaks of the Fribourg Pre-Alps and which is home to the world-famous Gruyère cheese. The picture-book little medieval town of Gruyères is perched atop a small hill. Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the chalet village Gstaad, which attracts countless stars and starlets. Continue your drive to Interlaken. From Interlaken you can experience the majestic Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau summits, together with close-up views of the longest glacial flow. The Jungfrau railway travels from the heart of the mountains to Europe's highest lying mountain station at 3454 meters altitude.

Overnight in Interlaken, Lindner Grand Hotel Beau Rivage (or similar 5\*).

### **Day 8: Interlaken – Bern – Lucerne (ca. 167 km)**

If you have some time left before you head to Lucerne, spend some time on the lake and visit Bern. Enjoy a lake cruise on the turquoise Lake Brienz and neighbouring Lake Thun that are situated in the spectacular mountain setting of the Bernese Oberland. The city of Bern has managed to retain their historic features quite as successfully as Bern, the capital of Switzerland. The old town of Bern is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and thanks to its 6 kilometres of arcades - the locals refer to them as ‚Lauben‘ - boasts one of the longest weather-sheltered shopping promenades in Europe.

Overnight in Lucerne, Continental Park (or similar 4\*).

### **Day 9: Departure Lucerne - Zürich (ca. 140 km)**

You will spend your last day in one of the nicest cities in Switzerland. Lucerne is the gateway to central Switzerland at Lake Lucerne and it is embedded within an impressive mountainous panorama. Thanks to its attractions, its souvenir and watch shops, the beautiful lakeside setting and the nearby excursion mountains of Rigi, Pilatus and Stanserhorn, the town is a destination for many travel groups and individuals on their journey through central Switzerland. One of the highlights along the Grand Tour lies in Lucerne - the Chapel Bridge. The covered, wooden pedestrian walkway on the Chapel Bridge was built in the 14th century. In 1993 the bridge burned down but it was reconstructed true to the original. This large fire hit the international headlines. Do visit this landmark bridge. Return to Zurich for car drop-off at Hotel Opera. Individual transportation to Zurich airport (private transfer can be arranged at extra cost).



### Included services

- 8 x overnight stays with breakfast in Zürich, Bad Ragaz, St. Moritz, Lugano, Zermatt, Lausanne, Interlaken, Lucerne (1 night per destination)
- Tesla Model S for 9 days
- Parking at hotels included (except in Zermatt/Täsch and St. Moritz - public parking)
- Taxi service Täsch - Zermatt - Täsch
- Grand Tour of Switzerland Road Map from Hallwag
- Grand Tour of Switzerland Travel Guide
- Swiss Coupon Pass with 100 exclusive „2 for 1“ - Dine & Discover offers en route worth over CHF 4'500.-

### Good to know

- Most hotels selected provide charging stations free of charge or at a small cost.
- With your e-car you save more than CHF 350.- of gas cost.
- The Grand Tour attractions in the day to day itinerary are a selection, in total there are 44 attractions to explore.

### Swiss Coupon Pass

Let yourself be inspired by our selection of "2 for 1"-offers for restaurants, entrance to attractions and souvenirs along the Grand Tour of Switzerland or the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland. Save up to CHF 4'500.- with 100 discount coupons available across 11 famous tourist destinations in Switzerland. Destinations: Basel | Bern | Geneva | Interlaken | Lucerne | Lugano | Montreux | St. Gallen | St. Moritz | Zermatt | Zurich

<b>Tourcode FI153: E-Grand Tour of Switzerland</b>	<b>double room</b>
<b>Price per person in CHF</b>	<b>2'550</b>

Low season: 07.04. - 31.10.2017

Hotels and price is subject to availability at the time of booking.

During events, fairs and congresses price on request.

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