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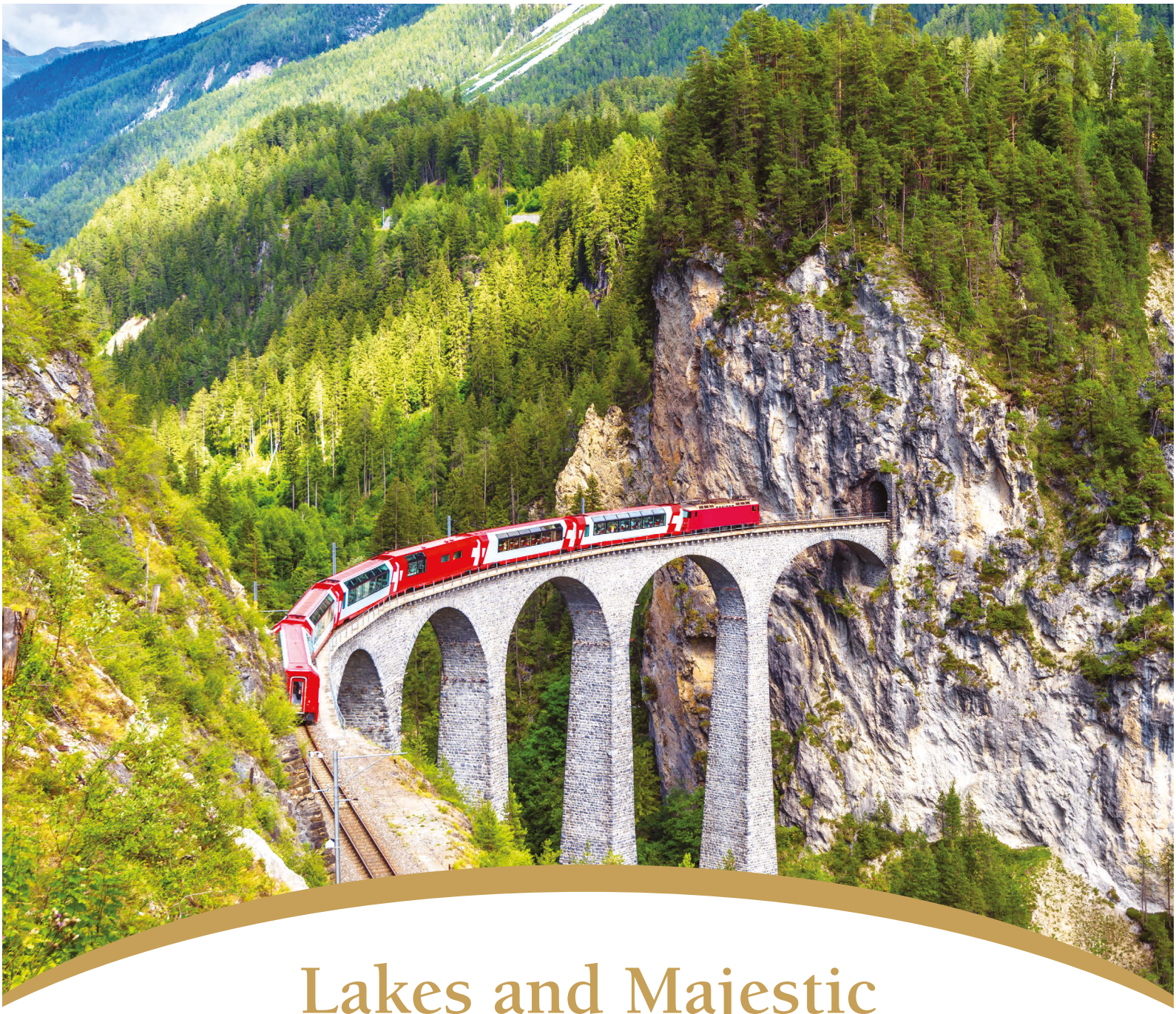

Lakes and Majestic Mountain Adventures

featuring Italy, France, and Switzerland

Tour Dates: October 3 – 12, 2023

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Visit the Duomo of Milano in Milan, Italy

Bellagio, known as the 'Pearl of Lake Como'

DAY 1 Depart the USA: Depart the USA on an overnight flight to Milan, Italy.

DAY 2 Milan, Italy: Upon arrival into Milan's Malpensa Airport, you'll be met by a representative of Mayflower Cruises & Tours and transferred to the hotel. The day is free for you to relax and become acquainted with your new surroundings. This evening, join your Tour Manager and traveling companions for a welcome dinner. **Meal: D**

DAY 3 Milan – Lake Como: The day begins with a discovery tour of Italy's fashion capital. Your local guide leads you on a walking tour through the heart of the city, seeing some of the main sites and monuments. Stroll through the Brera District, home to art museums and galleries; the *Teatro alla Scala*, one of the world's most famous theaters, is among the highlights of the Piazza della Scala, along with the monument to Leonardo da Vinci, a former resident of Milan. Visit the Duomo of Milano, Italy's largest cathedral and the largest Gothic cathedral in the world. After free time for shopping and lunch, depart by coach for Lake Como, home for the next three nights. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 4 Lake Como: Discover the beauty and charm of the area, starting with a short boat ride across the lake to Bellagio. Known as the 'Pearl of Lake Como', stroll along the main street of the town, lined with shops and restaurants. Wander through the cobblestone alleyways, visit the waterfront promenade and see the Basilica di San Giacomo in the town center, famous for its Romanesque exterior and gold-accented interior. Return by boat to the hotel area and after free time for lunch on your own, journey to the picturesque lakeside town of Como, the birthplace of Pliny the Elder and the Younger. Eclectic architecture, a glittering waterfront and magnificent mountain scenery await your discovery. This evening, enjoy dinner in the scenic ambiance of a crotto – a restaurant built into the surrounding rock. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 5 Lake Como / St. Moritz, Switzerland via Bernina Express: Depart the hotel by coach for Tirano where it's *"all aboard"* the *Bernina Express*, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Sit back and relax as you experience the journey of a lifetime along this single-track railway through the magnificent Alps. Spiral up dramatic inclines, over sky-high bridges and through mountain tunnels as the landscape transforms from glaciers and lakes to mountains and forest. Cross the highest point on the rail line at approximately 7400 feet above sea level and traverse the Bernina Pass all while witnessing breathtaking scenery showcasing its alpine splendor. Upon arrival in St. Moritz, enjoy free time to wander through this glitzy Swiss-mountain resort town, home to two former winter Olympics. Browse in the shops and boutiques and dine on local specialties for lunch while surrounded by beautiful scenery. After an exhilarating adventure into Switzerland, return to Lake Como by coach for an evening at leisure. **Meals: B, D**

DAY 6 Lake Como – Zermatt, Switzerland: The Swiss journey begins with a departure by coach from Italy and Lake Como and one final lake visit. Travel to Stresa where you'll embark on a short boat ride on Lake Maggiore to Isola dei Pescatori, the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands. Enjoy an included brunch in this tiny, ancient village before returning to Stresa and continuing to Zermatt, home for the next two nights. **Meals: B, Brunch**

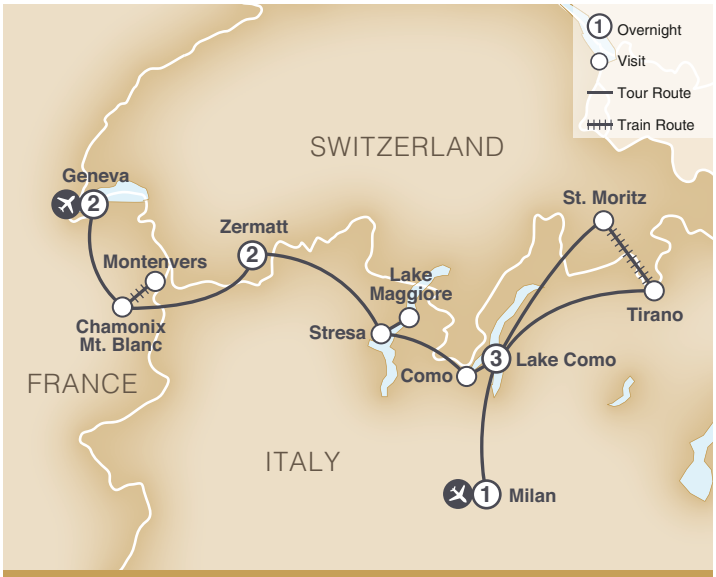
DAY 7 Zermatt: Today's highlight is the ascent to the Matterhorn Glacier Paradise, the highest cable car station of the Alps. Ascend via cable car to a height of 12,740 feet above sea level for spectacular views of the Matterhorn, the world's most

Zermatt, Switzerland at the foot of the famed Matterhorn

photographed mountain and symbol of Switzerland. From the viewing platform at the summit, fresh mountain air and awe-inspiring views across the Swiss Alps await! Return to the base of the mountain via cable car and relax in town for the remainder of the day. **Meal: B**

DAY 8 Zermatt – Chamonix Mt. Blanc, France – Geneva, Switzerland : Departing Zermatt, travel to the final destination of Geneva, with a visit to France en-route. Upon reaching the town of Chamonix Mt. Blanc, board the nostalgic rack-and-pinion railway for a scenic journey through the French Alps to Montenvers. At the summit, approximately 6300 feet above sea level, you are rewarded with incredible views of the legendary peaks of the Drus and Grandes Jorasses mountains, and the Mer de Glace glacier below. Visit the Glaciorium's interactive exhibits to learn about the history and formation of this amazing glacier, and how it has receded and been affected by climate change. Returning to Chamonix, reboard the coach and continue to Geneva, home for the final two nights. **Meal: B**

DAY 9 Geneva: Become acquainted with this cosmopolitan city on a morning orientation tour. Home to the European headquarters of the United Nations, see the highlights including the Opera House, United Nations building, Jet d'eau (fountain) which is the symbol of Geneva, and the beautiful Flower Clock made up of over 6,500 flowering plants. This clock commemorates Geneva's role in the watch-making industry and pays tribute to the multitude of parks and floral displays throughout the city. The remainder of the afternoon is left free of planned activities for your independent exploration. This evening, join your Tour Manager and traveling companions for a farewell dinner. **Meals: B, D**



Tour Highlights

- 14 meals: 8 breakfasts, 1 brunch, 5 dinners
- Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours
- Visit Italy's fashion capital of Milan
- Relax in the tranquil surroundings of Lake Como
- Discover the charms of Bellagio and Como
- Experience a scenic rail journey on the *Bernina Express*
- Explore the resort town of St. Moritz, Switzerland
- Enjoy a brunch on Isola dei Pescatori on Lake Maggiore
- Ascend to the Matterhorn Glacial Paradise via cable car in Zermatt, Switzerland
- Ride aboard a rack-and-pinion rail excursion to Montenvers, France
- Tour of Geneva

DAY 10 Geneva / USA: After breakfast, depart on the transfer to the airport as you say goodbye to Italy and Switzerland and return home with wonderful memories of your lake, rail, and mountain adventures. **Meal: B**

Itinerary is subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day 2 – Hotel Antares Concorde, or similar, Milan, Italy
Days 3 through 5 – Grand Hotel Cadenabbia, Lake Como, Italy
Days 6 and 7 – Hotel Simi*, Zermatt, Switzerland
Days 8 and 9 – Hotel Royal, Geneva, Switzerland
*Aug 31, Sept 11 and Oct 17 at Hotel Sonne, Zermatt, Switzerland

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Geneva's Flower Clock pays homage to their watch-making history

2023 Departure	Per Person Twin	Single Room add
April 18, 25	$4,799	+ $899

Pricing includes roundtrip airport transfers from Berne and roundtrip airfare from Ft. Wayne.

Air itineraries may not be available until documents are received. Air seats are assigned by the airline for the entire group. Seat changes can only be attempted upon receipt of tickets and documents at which time availability may be limited. If specific seat assignments are vital to your reservation, we recommend individual air reservations rather than booking air with the group.

UPGRADE YOUR FLIGHTS TO BUSINESS CLASS FOR AN ADDITIONAL $4,600 PER PERSON*

*Upgrades must be purchased **at least 120 days prior to departure** and are subject to availability. Some domestic flights within the United States and Europe may require travel in Economy class. If our contracted levels of business class are sold out, we will advise of the price of published fares, if available, at time of confirmation and before purchase. Business Class must be ticketed immediately and is non-refundable.

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

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EASY ENERGETIC

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) – $299 per person (optional)
This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Cruises & Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

• 91 days or more	Deposit Amount
• 90 to 45 days prior	20% of tour cost
• 44 to 15 day prior	30% of tour cost
• 14 to 1 day prior	40% of tour cost
• Day 1 of departure or early departure from tour	100% of tour cost
• No refund on unused portions of the tour	

PASSPORT REQUIRED

Exclusions: Mayflower Cruises & Tours reserves the right to alter its refund and cancellation policy when a substantial amount of cancellation or postponement of travel is attributable to: conditions resulting from an act of God, natural or man-made disaster, fire, government action, civil disorder, war, hostilities between nations, or unavailability of transportation through no fault of Mayflower Cruises & Tours.

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