

Surprising and sophisticated: the public transport winter 2018/19.

Winter 2019 promises to be glamorous: The new Excellence Class of Glacier Express carries passengers away on a premium journey across the Alps. Along the way, a Christmas market stopover or an overnight stay in an igloo is almost a must. Preferring spontaneous decisions? The new public transport app draws attention to the local highlights and continuously provides relevant facts about the region.

Glacier Express Excellence Class.



Panoramic views, comfort and delight. These are the things automatically associated with the magnificent ride on Glacier Express. Add an extra dash of luxury from now on – in the new premium coaches of “Excellence Class”.



Excellence Class captivates passengers due to its high-quality, comprehensive service and its modern design. Guests are treated to a superior experience on their journey across the Alps, savouring the imposing scenery along the way. Thanks to comfortable lounge seating, every passenger enjoys a window seat. Apart from personal travel guidance and a trendy bar area, Excellence Class also offers a delicious, top-quality, multi-course lunch. Pure exclusivity.

The coach offers seating for 20 passengers per ride. In addition to a valid 1st class ticket, a surcharge of CHF 420 applies. Excellence Class rolls as of 2 March 2019. mystsnet.com/glacierexpress

Winter sleep the different way – on Alp Engstligen.



Fondue is typically Swiss. So are snow-covered mountains. And what do the Swiss do? They combine the two! Right on the Schilthorn, at an altitude of 2,677 metres, an igloo village has been built. The igloo bar and the restaurant offer a "warm" welcome with excellent wine and delicious fondue – all against the impressive backdrop of Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau.

schilthorn.ch



On Alp Engstligen in the Bernese Oberland, guests even get the unique opportunity to stay overnight in their private igloo. This overnight stay of the special kind can be booked from 13 January to 08 April 2019 from Wednesday to Sunday respectively. Comfy winter atmosphere included.

engstligenalp.ch

Even the journey there is spectacular: From every Swiss city as well as neighbouring countries, the igloos are easily accessible by public transport. Train or PostBus take travellers to the valley station. From there, cableways take guests to dizzy heights – safely and at regular intervals.

Christmas markets along the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland.



It's back – the most beautiful time of the year: snow-covered hills, frozen lakes, and festively illuminated Christmas markets. No sooner have guests stepped off the train than the sweet scent of mulled wine and cinnamon fills their sinuses. The ideal start for travellers on the Grand Train Tour of Switzerland – not least thanks to direct connections from abroad. From Milano or Paris for example. Many Christmas markets are located right there at the railway stations, which turns them into perfect companions for the round trip. **To the Christmas markets.**

Swiss Travel Guide app.



The Swiss Travel Guide is the ideal public transport app for tourists and is an indispensable companion for travelling across Switzerland by train, bus and boat.

With an integrated map, the app draws attention to local highlights, which can be added to the personalised travel cockpit. Also, the app continuously provides relevant facts and important information around the Swiss Travel Pass and all included services. Other useful features are: direct access to the SBB timetable, interactive railway station maps and digital coupons with attractive offers and discounts.

The Swiss Travel Guide can be downloaded free of charge via App Store and Google Play Store. It is available only in English for the time being. **mystsnet.com/swisstravelguide**

Preview 2019

Update Gotthard Panorama Express 2019.



This unique journey, a combination of boat cruise and panoramic train, delighted a great number of guests last year. In 2019, the ride turns top-class – in the truest sense of the word: The Gotthard Panorama Express now exclusively offers 1st class panoramic coaches on the Gotthard route between Flüelen and Lugano. Bookings in 2nd class are no longer available. Travellers with a 2nd class Swiss Travel Pass need to buy a class upgrade for respective section. Also, a flat rate surcharge of CHF 16 per passenger is required.



Guests who want to explore the route in a historical setting start their journey from Lugano/Bellinzona to Lucerne. From Flüelen, the steamer "Uri", dating back to 1901, cruises towards Lucerne. Travellers who rather prefer to couple the ancient Gotthard line with innovation take the opposite direction and travel from Central Switzerland towards Ticino. From Lucerne, the state-of-the-art motor vessel "Diamant", built in 2017 and offering underwater views and a glass dome, glides towards Flüelen, where passengers change to the panoramic train.

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Swiss Travel System prices & product range 2019.

The Swiss Travel System ticket range is being streamlined for next year. This means a product range adjustment as well as the integration of mountain railways into the Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) at a 50% discount (except for Mount Rigi, which is fully included). The Swiss Half Fare Card and the Swiss Family Card remain unchanged.

Prices 2019.



The Swiss Travel System ticket range is aligned with the individual requirements of travellers. Swiss Travel Pass holders thus enjoy a number of benefits: unlimited travel by train, bus and boat throughout Switzerland, up to 50% discount on mountain excursions and free admission to more than 500 museums across the country.

The prices of all variants of this attractive and highly popular all-in-one ticket will be raised by an average of 5 percent in 2019. The Swiss Half Fare Card and the Swiss Family Card are not affected by this change. Children up to their 16th birthday continue to travel free of charge on the entire route network.

To the prices 2019.

Product range adjustments 2019.



The Swiss Transfer Ticket will be for sale until 31 December 2018 only. Afterwards, point-to-point tickets will be available as an alternative to the Swiss Transfer Ticket. These adequately cover the present customer requirements.

On many routes, passengers even benefit from better value-for-money. Guests travelling from Zurich to Interlaken and back, for example, receive the same service at a slightly lower fare when buying a 1st class point-to-point ticket together with a Swiss Half Fare Card (CHF 123 + 120) than with the Swiss Transfer Ticket (CHF 247).

The Swiss Half Fare Card (valid for one month, onetime cost CHF 120) halves not only the fare to the destination but also the fares on most means of public transport at the vacation destination. Thus, there is a double benefit since rides on bus, train and boat lines as well as numerous mountain railways are also available at half price. Bargain hunters can find various additional savings offers (supersaver tickets and saver day passes). These are only valid for certain trains on certain days and therefore offer particularly attractive fares. **To the STS product range.**

Area of validity Swiss Travel Pass.



As of next year, holders of a Swiss Travel Pass and Swiss Travel Pass Flex are eligible for a 50% discount on all mountain railways. The only exceptions are Jungfrauoch offering a 25% discount and Mount Rigi offering a 100% discount. Thus, guests can still enjoy the highly popular excursion onto the Queen of the Mountains for free. Just step on and set off!

Apart from the adjustments regarding mountain excursions, the offer of the Swiss Travel Pass (Flex) remains unchanged. Travellers can still explore Switzerland on 3, 4, 8 or 15 days by train, bus and boat.

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

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