



LAKES ROUTE



Lake Thun

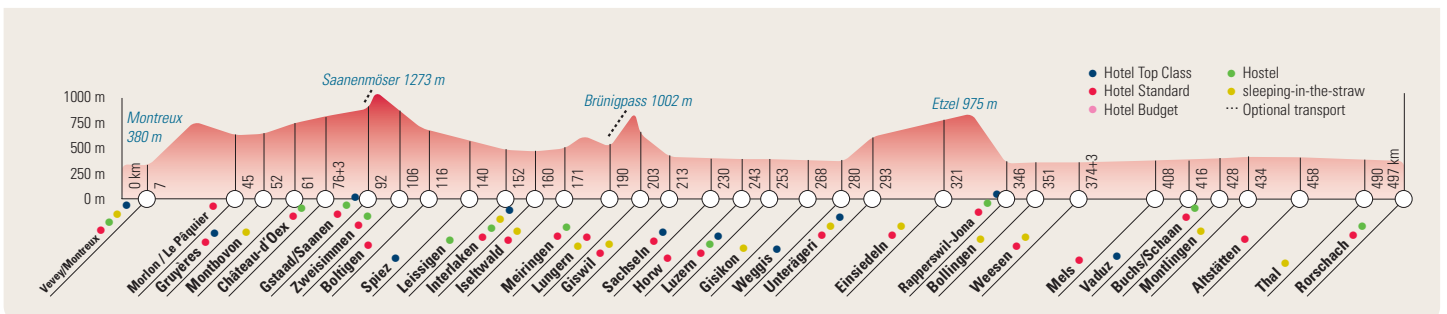
High Lights

- ★ **LAKE GENEVA**
THE «SWISS RIVIERA»
- ★ **PAYS D'ENHAUT VALLEY**
THE EPITOME OF SWISS DAIRY FARMING
- ★ **PRETTY PICTURE-BOOK CHALETs**
IN THE SIMMENTAL VALLEY
- ★ **INTERLAKEN / JUNGFRAU REGION**
- ★ **LUCERNE AND LAKE LUCERNE**
- ★ **EINSIEDELN**
FAMOUS PLACE OF PILGRIMAGE ON THE WAY OF ST JAMES
- ★ **RAPPERSWIL ON LAKE ZURICH**
THE CITY OF ROSES AND CHILDREN'S ZOO
- ★ **HEIDLAND**
AT LAKE WALEN WITH A MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAIN BACKDROP

MAP



ELEVATION PROFILE AND ROUTE STAGES



OVERVIEW

The Lakes Route is aptly named because from its start in Vevey on Lake Geneva in the south, the route skirts 16 lakes before reaching its destination at Lake Constance in the north.

To get from one lake to the other is not always a walk in the park ... you will have some hills to contend with – some of steeper and with less steep grades. Make no mistake. This route is a challenge both with regard to the total distance covered and to the topography encountered. But the great thing is that should the going get too tough you can always load your bike on to the train and take the comfortable way out. If you complete the Lakes Route you can pat yourself on the back and know that you've really experienced Switzerland.

ROUTE

VEVEY - LE PÂQUIER (MORLON / GRUYÈRES) 45 km

Leaving sparkling Lake Geneva behind your ride takes the old Cheese Route to Gruyères. This pretty village perched on its hill attracts thousands of tourists every year who all fall prey to its medieval charms.

SwissTrailsTip: Start this stretch taking the funicular vom Vevey up to Mount Pélerin followed by the panoramic trail to Châtel St. Denis.

LE PÂQUIER - BOLTIGEN (ZWEISIMMEN) 64 km

The clanking of cow bells will be your constant companion on this stretch in Saanen country and the Simmen valley. This is dairying country at its best.

BOLTIGEN - ISELTAL (MEIRINGEN) 73 km

Lake Thun and Lake Brienz are framed by the snowy peaks of the Bernese Alps – a panorama that doesn't get better than this! And as for Interlaken, the adventure capital of Switzerland, there's no shortage of choice.

ISELTAL - HORW (LUCERNE) 59 km

The Brünig Pass is an exciting challenge for some, a steep obstacle for others. Just as long as you know that the cable car at Meiringen can whisk you up to Hasliberg and from there it is pretty much a downhill ride all the way – along Lake Lungern and Lake Sarnen to the shores of Lake Lucerne.

HORW (LUCERNE) - UNTERÄGERI (ZUG) 45 km

A short section today. You will surely want

to stroll through Lucerne, enjoy the panoramic view from Mt Rigi or Mt Pilatus, or perhaps take a boat ride and discover the beauties of the lake. Later on, Lake Zug awaits with cherries in every variety and at Lake Aegeri we are reminded that here centuries ago the Swiss Confederates forced the occupying Habsburg army to flee.

UNTERÄGERI - RAPPERSWIL-JONA / SCHMERIKON 53 km

The Rothenturm high moorland is a precious tract of open countryside; Einsiedeln is Switzerland's most-frequented place of pilgrimage. Both of these are on your route today. From Lake Sihl it's down valley to the shores of Lake Zurich and your overnight stay in the charming town of Rapperswil – definitely a highlight on the Lakes Route!

RAPPERSWIL-JONA - BUCHS 82 km

A longer ride today, but a very level one along the shores of Lake Zurich and Lake Walenstadt – between towering rock faces on either side. In Sargans the Lakes Route leads into the Rhine valley and from now on it's plain sailing on the Rhine dam through the Principality of Liechtenstein and into Buchs.

BUCHS - RORSCHACH (WALZENHAUSEN) 69 km

A pretty and very pleasant finale to the tour – riding along the River Rhine to Lake Constance and your final Lakes Route destination of Rorschach.

SEASON 2011

15.04.-15.10.2011 (daily service)



Picture postcard landscapes waiting to be enjoyed!

The Lake Route brings together some of the superlative landscapes in Switzerland: Lake Geneva, Greyezerland, Saanenland, Simmental, Lake Thun and Lake Brienz with Interlaken, Lake Lucerne with Lucerne, pilgrim spot Einsiedeln, Rapperswil on the Zurich side of Lake Constance ...

RATES (in CHF, per Person, incl. VAT.)

Category	Start / Overnights / Finish	Days / Nights	Rate
A Top Class	Montreux ^{A)} - Gruyères - Saanenmöser - Spiez - Sachseln - Weggis - Unterägeri - Rapperswil - Vaduz - Horn ^{A)}	8 / 7	1348.–
B Standard Hotel	Vevey ^{B)} - Gruyères - Gstaad/Boltigen - Interlaken/Iseltal - Horw/Luzern - Unterägeri - Rapperswil - Buchs - Rorschach ^{B)}	8 / 7	1091.–
D Hostel	Montreux ^{D)} - Château d'Oex - Zweisimmen - Leissigen - Meiringen - Luzern - Zug - Rapperswil - Schaan - Rapperswil ^{D)}	9 / 8	852.–

Rates include: accomodation, breakfast, luggage transfer, travel documents, helpline. Additional night: D) Hostel: 45.–, B) Standard: 90.–, A) Top Class: 135.–