

“Calvin, Cheese & Chocolate in the Swiss Alps”
Flint River Presbytery trip to Switzerland
Sept. 2-11, 2025 (*Updated dates*)

Anticipated costs and what’s included:

- Estimated cost (excluding airfare): \$3,000 per person, double occupancy (*+approximately \$525 single supplement*); *final costs likely will be determined in late October 2024.*
- High-quality, centrally located hotel accommodations
- Daily breakfasts + Welcome and Farewell Dinners
- All in-country group transportation
- All entrance fees (castles, factories, museums)
- Guided tours in Lucerne, Chillon, and Geneva
- Daily 10-minute reflections from a church historian about our Reformed heritage

Your responsibility:

- Air transportation into Zurich and out of Geneva
- Lunches and most dinners
- Managing your luggage
- Adequate fitness for walking tours (up to 2 hours) and climbing a flight of stairs

Next steps:

- Complete the [online participant registration form](#)
- Send deposit to secure your spot on the tour:
 - \$250 per person
 - *Make check payable to South Georgia Travel*
 - *Mail check to*
South Georgia Travel
P.O. Box 3065
Valdosta, GA 31604-3065
 - ***Deadline: Sept. 1, 2024 or when the group reaches capacity at 20***
 - *Deposit is refundable through Oct. 15, 2024*
- Second deposit of \$250 per person is due by Nov. 1, 2024
- Balance due (exact amount TBD) by July 1, 2025

Please contact tour organizer Jay Wilkinson (jaypwilkinson@gmail.com) with any questions.

Anticipated Itinerary

Day 0 (*Tues., Sept. 2*): Depart home airport in the U.S. for Zurich, Switzerland

Day 1 (*Wed., Sept. 3*): Routing: Arrive to Zurich, then train from Zurich to Lucerne. Upon arrival to Lucerne, walk less than 5 minutes to the hotel and get settled in.

Meals included: Welcome Dinner

Overnight city: Lucerne

Day 2 (*Thurs., Sept. 4*): Sightseeing included: morning walking tour, the rest of the day is yours to explore.

Meals included: breakfast

Overnight city: Lucerne

Day 3 (*Fri., Sept. 5*): Routing: Afternoon train from Lucerne to Grindelwald

Sightseeing included: Morning boat ride on Lake Lucerne, then cog railway to Mt. Pilatus. In the mid-afternoon, say goodbye to Lucerne and take the train to Grindelwald. Have dinner together at our hotel.

Meals included: breakfast & dinner

Overnight city: Grindelwald

Day 4 (*Sat., Sept. 6*): Sightseeing included: Take train and gondola from Grindelwald up to Jungfrauoch either early morning or late afternoon, depending upon weather conditions; the other part of the day is open for walking/exploring/relaxing on your own.

Meals included: breakfast

Overnight city: Grindelwald

Day 5 (*Sun., Sept. 7*): Routing: Grindelwald to Vevey

Sightseeing included: Take the mid-morning GoldenPass Express scenic train to the French-speaking Swiss Riviera. After checking in at the hotel, take a 10-minute train ride along the vineyards to Chexbres for wine tasting with a local winemaker.

Meals included: breakfast; cheese, sausage, and bread snack with wine in the late afternoon

Overnight city: Vevey

Day 6 (*Mon., Sept. 8*): Routing: Vevey to Gruyères, to Broc, and back to Vevey

Sightseeing included: Tour cheese and chocolate factories and visit medieval town of Gruyères.

Meals included: breakfast

Overnight city: Vevey

Day 7 (*Tues., Sept. 9*): Routing: Afternoon train from Vevey to Geneva

Sightseeing included: Boat ride on Lake Geneva to Chateau du Chillon for a guided visit of the castle. In the mid-afternoon, take the train from Vevey to Geneva.

Meals included: breakfast

Overnight city: Geneva

Day 8 (*Wed., Sept. 10*): Sightseeing included: Walking tour focused on John Calvin and early Presbyterian Church history followed by a guided visit to the Reformation Museum. Free afternoon to visit a museum, stroll along the lakeshore, [visit CERN](#), or do some final shopping.

Meals included: breakfast, Farewell Dinner

Overnight city: Geneva

Day 9 (*Thurs., Sept. 11*): After breakfast, take the train to Geneva Airport for departures to the U.S.

Meals included: breakfast