



VIAJACOBI



Flüeli-Ranft

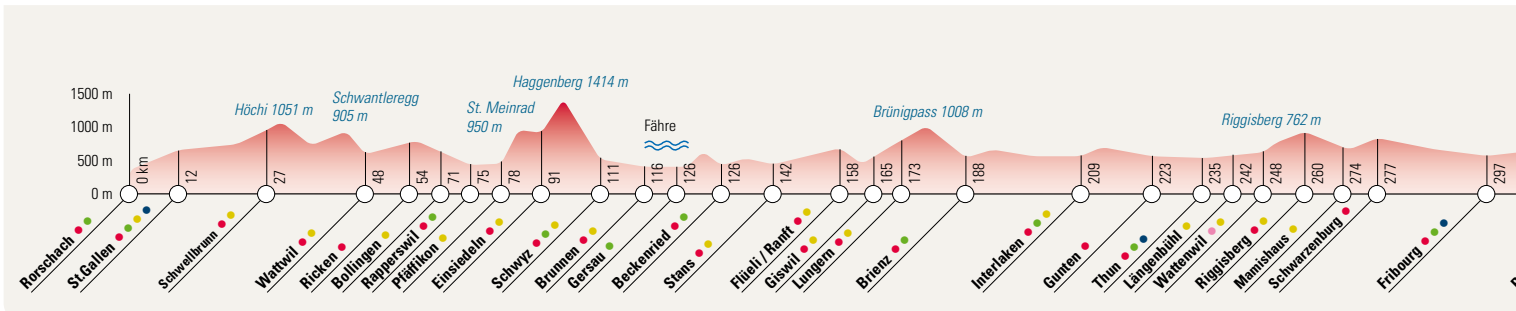


OVERVIEW

The pilgrimage route to the grave of Saint James in Santiago de Compostela (Northern Spain) is one of Europe's most important spiritual traditions. The ViaJacobi is part of the European Way of St. James and runs along the foot of the Alps from Lake Constance to Geneva, right across Switzerland. The ViaJacobi runs primarily through the foothills of the Alps and the Swiss Mittelland region. The topography and height variations are not particularly challenging. Nevertheless, the length of the daily stages requires good general fitness.

- ★ **VIAJACOBI**
OVER HISTORIC TRAILS AND BRIDGES
- ★ **GENEROUS «CULTURAL PACKAGE»**
- ★ **CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND HOSTELS**
STAND TESTIMONY TO PAS AND PRESENT ALONGTHE WAY OF ST. JAMES
- ★ **COLLABORATION**
BETWEEN VIA STORIA – CULTURAL ROUTES AND SWISSTRAILS

ELEVATION PROFILE AND ROUTE STAGES



PART A: «ST-GALLERWEG»

- RORSCHACH - ST.GALLEN 4:15
- ST.GALLEN - SCHWELLBRUNN 4:45
- SCHWELLBRUNN - WATTWIL 5:15
- WATTWIL - RAPPERSWIL 7:35
- RAPPERSWIL - EINSIEDELN 5:05

PART B : «SCHWABENWEG»

- KREUZLINGEN - MÜNCHWILEN 7:40
- MÜNCHWILEN - STEG 6:30
- STEG - RAPPERSWIL 5:45
- RAPPERSWIL - EINSIEDELN 5:05

PART C: «BRÜNIGWEG»

EINSIEDELN - SCHWYZ 6:05
The route leads through the beautiful high Alpine valley and over the Haggeneegg peak.

SCHWYZ - BRUNNEN (BOAT) - TREIB - BECKENRIED 6:00
Take the boat from Brunnen to Treib. The changing and varied views of Lake Lucerne and the surrounding Alpine landscapes during the walk are simply breath taking.

BECKENRIED - STANS 3:00
Along Lake Lucerne to Stans where the churches of St. Peter and Paul with the Romanic bell tower is located.

STANS - FLÜELI-RANFT 4:55
After the climb, you can enjoy impressive panoramic views of Lake Lucerne and the mountain peaks.

FLÜELI-RANFT - LUNGERN 4:55
From Flüeli to Sachseln, the ViaJacobi

follows the «Path of Visions». This route comprises 6 sculptures representing the six visions of Brother Klaus.

LUNGERN - BRIENZ 4:50
The route takes you along the old Brünigweg and over the Brünig Pass. From the Brünig Pass, fantastic panoramic views of the mountains unfold including the high peaks of the Bernese Oberland.

BRIENZ - INTERLAKEN 6:00
Along Lake Brienz through small villages to the former monastery site of Interlaken.

INTERLAKEN - GUNTEN 5:30
The highlight of today's stage are the Beatushöhle caves, once a place of pilgrimage for Saint Beatus.

GUNTEN - THUN 3:15
The castle built by Duke Berchthold V of Zähringen in 1190 towers high above Thun.

PART D: «LUZERNERWEG»

LUCERNE - WERTHENSTEIN 5:45
Lucerne is home of the world-famous Kapell bridge. Its series of paintings date back to the days of the counter-reformation and promote Catholicism and a pious lifestyle.

WERTHENSTEIN - WILLISAU 3:35
Well-worth a visit: the Ringlihus café in Willisau on the Hauptgasse.

WILLISAU - HUTTWIL 4:30
In the Middle Ages, Huttwil was a traffic hub where the arterial roads from Bern and Solothurn came together.

HUTTWIL - BURGENDORF 6:30
The most important key points on the Via-Jacobi routes are located between Huttwil and Burgdorf.

BURGENDORF - BOLL / WORB 6:15
The remains of Roman baths (bath tubs!) were found in the Boll region in 1699 and 1795.

BOLL / WORB - RÜEGGISBERG 7:15
The route to Rüeggisberg offers views of the mostly snow-capped Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau peaks across the forests.

PART E: «FREIBURGERWEG»

THUN - WATTENWIL 5:15
A visit to the Amsoldingen church en-route with its impressive crypt is worthwhile.

WATTENWIL - SCHWARZENBURG 6:05
From Wattenwil, the route climbs up to Burgstein. The Burgstein castle was re-built following its destruction in a local war of 1336.

SCHWARZENBURG - FRIBOURG 5:20
This stage passes through the Sensegraben, a very popular recreational area and nature reserve.

FRIBOURG - ROMONT 7:45
This stage takes you across the St. Apoline bridge. Alongside the bridge is the St. Apoline chapel which dates back to the 16th century.

ROMONT - MOUDON 3:45
The canton boundary between Freiburg and

Waadt is crossed via a mountain crest route, offering fantastic views on both sides till as far away as Curtilles.

MOUDON - LAUSANNE 7:50
From Moudon, follow the Broye river where you will eventually come to an area of bridges in Bressonanz.

PART F: «WAADTLÄNDERWEG»

LAUSANNE - MORGES 3:05
Time to enjoy a drink at a lake-side café or take a refreshing dip in the lake.

MORGES - AUBONNE 5:10
Walk to the mediaeval town of Aubonne along the banks of the lake, through fields and meadows and past castles and villas.

AUBONNE - COINSINS 6:35
A morning of beautiful views through the vineyards and wine-growing villages – and an afternoon of shade walking along the Serine stream.

COINSINS - CHAVANNES-DE-BOGIS 3:15
The backland areas between Lake Geneva and Jura with their dreamy villages, old castles, babbling brooks and bright oak forests.

CHAVANNES-DE-BOGIS - GENEVA 6:35
Pure nature along the mountain streams of Versoix and a well-deserved break on the outskirts of Geneva!

SEASON 2012
01.04. - 15.10.2012 (daily service)

RATES (in CHF, per Person, incl. VAT.)					
Part	Category	Start / Overnights / Finish	Days / N.	Rate	
St.Gallerweg	B Standard Hotel	Rorschach ^{B)} - St.Gallen - Schwellbrunn - Wattenwil - Rapperswil - Einsiedeln ^{B)}	5/4	647.–	
	E sleep-in-straw	Rorschach ^{E/D)} - St.Gallen - Schwellbrunn - Wattwil - Bollingen - Einsiedeln ^{E/B)}	5/4	395.–	
Schwabenweg	B Standard Hotels	Kreuzlingen ^{B)} - Münchwilen/Weinfelden - Steg - Rapperswil - Einsiedeln ^{B)}	4/3	509.–	
Brünigweg	B Standard Hotel	Einsiedeln ^{B)} - Brunnen - Beckenried - Stans - Flüeli - Lungern - Brienz - Interlaken - Gunten - Thun ^{B/A)}	9/8	1229.–	
	E sleep-in-straw	Einsiedeln ^{E)} - Schwyz - Beckenried - Stans - Flüeli - Lungern - Brienz ^{D)}	6/5	484.–	
Luzernerweg	B Standard Hotel	Luzern ^{B)} - Werthenstein - Willisau - Huttwil - Lueg - Burgdorf ^{B)}	5/4	647.–	
Freiburgerweg	B Standard Hotels	Thun ^{B)} - Wattenwil - Schwarzenburg - Fribourg - Romont - Moudon - Lausanne	6/5	785.–	
	E sleep-in-straw	Thun ^{D)} - Wattenwil - Mamishaus - Fribourg ^{D)}	3/2	229.–	
Waadtländerweg	B Standard Hotels	Lausanne ^{B/A)} - Morges - Aubonne - Duillier/Nyon - Chavannes-de-Bogis - Genève ^{B/A)}	5/4	647.–	

Rates include: accomodation, breakfast, luggage transfer, travel documents, helpline.
Additional night: E) sleep-in-straw: 35.–, D) Hostel: 45.–, B) Standard: 90.–, A) Top Class: 135.–

