

4 VIAJACOBI



Bridge of Ste-Appolline

ViaStoria
CULTURAL ROUTES OF SWITZERLAND

HIGH LIGHTS

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



CHARACTER

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.

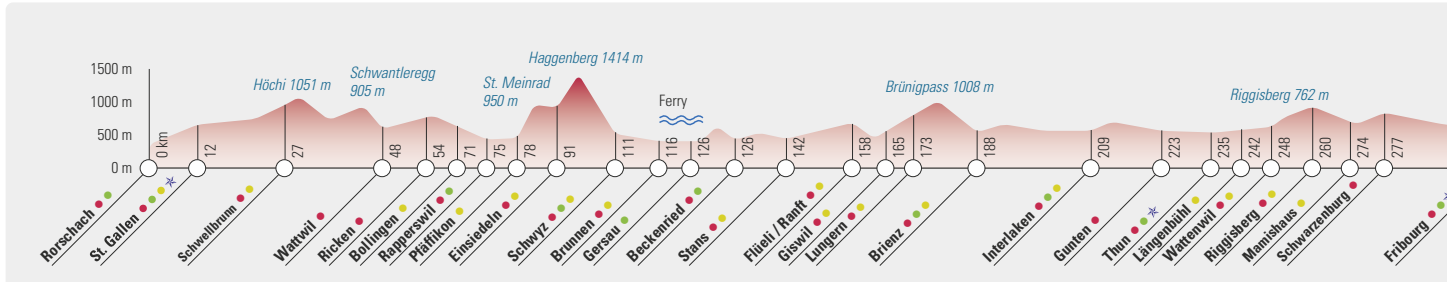
PART A: «ST.GALLERWEG»

RORSCHACH - ST.GALLEN
Hiking time: 4:15
After a short climb, you will reach the Sulzberg castle. From here, the route takes you along the Martinstobel gorge to St.Gallen.

ST.GALLEN - SCHWELLBRUNN
Hiking time: 4:45
A visit to the Convent of St.Gallen (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and then to the five bridges across the Sitter could well be the highlights of this stage.

SCHWELLBRUNN - WATTWIL
Hiking time: 5:15
The route leads down to St. Perterzell, past individual farms. Particularly worth a visit in Perterzell is the old bathhouse building, one of the best examples of a Rococo facade in the canton of St. Gallen.

ELEVATION PROFILE AND ROUTE STAGES



WATTWIL - RAPPERSWIL

Hiking time: 7:35

This walk takes you past the Iberg castle to the Laad trail through a landscape peppered with individual farms and gently undulating hillsides.

RAPPERSWIL - EINSIEDELN

Hiking time: 5:05.

Across the new boardwalk (laid in 2001) to Hurden. Over the Etzelpass to the pilgrimage site of Einsiedeln.

PART B: «SCHWABENWEG»**KREUZLINGEN - MÜNCHWILEN**

Hiking time: 7:40

From Kreuzlingen via Ellighausen to Märstetten, with a visit to the church of St. James.

MÜNCHWILEN - STEG

Hiking time: 6:30. After visiting the Benedictine abbey in Fischingen, the route takes you on the Hörnli peak. The view across the mountains is magnificent.

STEG - RAPPERSWIL

Hiking time: 5:45

Archaeological discoveries have revealed that the area at the narrowest point of Lake Zürich has been populated for at least 5000 years.

RAPPERSWIL - ETZELPASS**- EINSIEDELN** Hiking time: 5:05

Follow the new wooden board walk, laid in 2001, from Rapperswil to Hurden. The route continues over the Etzelpass to Einsiedeln with its world-famous monastery.

PART C: «BRÜNIGWEG»**EINSIEDELN - SCHWYZ** Hiking time: 6:05

The route leads through the beautiful high Alpine valley and over the Haggenegg peak.

SCHWYZ - BRUNNEN (BOAT) - TREIB**- BECKENRIED** Hiking time: 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 Hiking time: 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

Hiking time: 4:55. After the climb, you can enjoy impressive panoramic views of Lake Lucerne and the mountain peaks.

FLÜELI-RANFT - LUNGERN

Hiking time: 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

Hiking time: 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 Hiking time: 6:00

Along Lake Brienz through small villages to the former monastery site of Interlaken.

INTERLAKEN - GUNTEN

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

GUNTEN - THUN

Hiking time: 3:15

The castle built by Duke Berchthold V of Zähringen in 1190 towers high above Thun.

PART D: «LUZERNERWEG»**Lucerne - Werthenstein**

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

Werthenstein - Willisau

Hiking time: 3:35

Well-worth a visit: the Ringlihus café in Willisau on the Hauptgasse.

Willisau - Huttwil Hiking time: 4:30

Int the Middle Ages, Huttwil was a traffic hub where the arterial roads from Bern and Solothurn came together.

Huttwil - Burgdorf

Hiking time: 6:30. The most important key points on the ViaJacobi routes are located between Huttwil and Burgdorf.

Burgdorf - Boll / Worb

Hiking time: 6:15. The remains of Roman baths (bath tubs!) were found in the Boll region in 1699 and 1795.

Boll / Worb - Rüeggisberg

Hiking time: 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** Hiking time: 5:15

A visit to the Amsoldingen church en-route with its impressive crypt is worthwhile.

Wattenwil - Schwarzenburg

Hiking time: 6:05

From Wattenwil, the route climbs up to Burgstein. The Burgstein castle was rebuilt following its destruction in a local war of 1336.

Schwarzenburg - Fribourg

Hiking time: 5:20. This stage passes through the Sensegraben, a very popular recreational area and nature reserve.

Fribourg - Romont

Hiking time: 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

Hiking time: 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

Hiking time: 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**

Hiking time: 3:05

Time to enjoy a drink at a lake-side café or take a refreshing dip in the lake.

Morges - Aubonne

Hiking time: 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

Hiking time: 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

Hiking time: 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

Hiking time: 6:35

Pure nature along the mountain streams of Versoix and a well-deserved break on the outskirts of Geneva!

SEASON 2010

01.04. - 15.10.2010 (daily service)

RATES 2010 (in CHF / Euro, per Person, incl. VAT.)

OPTIONS	START AND FINISH	DAYS / N.	HIKING DAYS	OVERNIGHTS	BASIC RATES HOTEL	BASIC RATES BUDGET
A St. Gallerweg	Rorschach - Einsiedeln	5 / 4	5	St.Gallen - Schwellbrunn - Wattwil - Rapperswil	CHF 647 / € 431	CHF 459 / € 306
B Schwabenweg	Kreuzlingen - Einsiedeln	4 / 3	4	Münchwilen - Steg - Rapperswil	CHF 509 / € 339	CHF 367 / € 244
C Brünigweg	Einsiedeln - Thun	9 / 8	9	Schwyz / Brunnen - Beckenried - Stans - Flüeli - Lungern - Brienz - Interlaken - Gunten	CHF 1229 / € 819	CHF 852 / € 568
D Luzernerweg	Luzern - Rüeggisberg	6 / 5	6	Werthenstein - Willisau - Huttwil - Burgdorf - Boll / Worb	CHF 785 / € 523	CHF 550 / € 352
E Freiburgerweg	Thun - Lausanne	6 / 5	6	Wattenwil - Schwarzenburg - Fribourg - Romont - Moudon	CHF 785 / € 523	CHF 550 / € 352
F Waadtländerweg	Lausanne - Genf	5 / 4	5	Morges - Aubonne - Nyon - Chavannes-de-Bogis	CHF 647 / € 431	CHF 459 / € 306

* Included in the price: Accommodation / breakfast, luggage transport, guide book / documentation, Helpline.

Additional nights possible at start and end destination and all stage destinations / Top Class: top class hotel (usually *****) at selected stage destinations (see elevation profile)

