



# ALPINE PANORAMA ROUTE



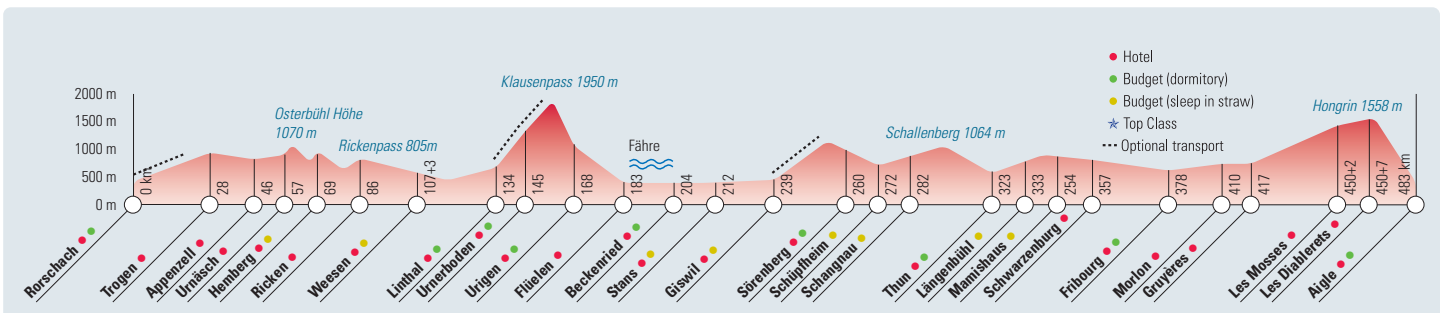
Urnerboden / Klausenpass



- ★ **APPENZEL**  
A LITTLE KINGDOM RULED BY MILK AND CHEESE
- ★ **KLAUSEN PASS**  
A CHALLENGE NOT ONLY FOR THE PROFESSIONALS
- ★ **LAKE LUCERNE**  
RELAX AND GO SIGHTSEEING IN WILLIAM TELL COUNTRY
- ★ **GLAUBENBIELEN**  
«THE WALL» ON THE WAY INTO ENTEBUCH AND THE EMMENTAL
- ★ **FRIBOURG**  
THE PICTURESQUE TOWN ABOVE THE CRAGGY BANKS OF THE SAANE RIVER
- ★ **THE VAUD ALPS**  
FROM CHEESE TO WINE



**ELEVATION PROFILE AND ROUTE STAGES**



## CHARACTER

This route is the «King of Kings» in Veloland Switzerland! Between Lake Constance and Lake Geneva the Alpine Panorama Route takes you up to 2 000 meters above sea level and crosses several major and minor mountain passes. This is the only long-distance cycling route in the Veloland Switzerland network that is paved the entire way and so you can also do it on a racing bike. A real treat for the sporty cyclist!

This route has a very challenging elevation profile – at the summit of the Klausen Pass the maximum altitude of 1950 m is reached; the route continues to cross the breathtaking mountain passes of Glaubenbielen, Schallenberg and Col des Mosses. And should you start to flag, take comfort in the fact that most of the major steep ascents can be done for you by loading your bike on to the postal bus or train. (Reservation required – see Route Guide for details.)

## ROUTE

### RORSCHACH - HEMBERG (URNÄSCH) 60 km

If you want to avoid the climb from Lake Constance to Heiden, you can load your bike on to the train and be at 800 meters a.s.l. in a jiffy. The tour through Appenzell countryside is absolutely delightful, and this stretch to Hemberg affords glorious views of the Mt Säntis Massif.

### HEMBERG - LINTHAL (GLARUS) 68 km

Today you're in the Toggenburg and Glarner regions. Cycling over Ricken Pass shouldn't be any problem, and after that you're cycling along the River Linth valley which is as flat as a pancake. When you get into Canton Glarus you'll be continually encountering indications of what used to be a flourishing industry based on hydro-electric power.

### LINTHAL - BECKENRIED 69 km

The Klausen Pass is one of the highest on the way to Lake Geneva. At an altitude of 1950 m it virtually reaches into the glacier world; but should you not wish to reach this altitude using your own pedal power, the postal bus from Linthal will happily transport you and your bicycle. (Not included in package price). From the summit, the ensuing ride along the shores of Lake Lucerne is pure pleasure and a welcome respite. The car ferry from Gersau will take you across the lake to Beckenried.

### BECKENRIED - SÖRENBERG 61 km

The first part of today's route along Lakes Alpnach and Sarnen is child's play compared with what is still to come ... At Giswil the climb starts in earnest: in only 10 kilometers will you gain an altitude difference of 1000 meters! Ufff! to reach the pass summit at Glaubenbielen (1611m). Naturally, the pass can also be conquered by postal bus. From the top it's downhill all the way to Sörenberg.

### SÖRENBERG - THUN 61 km

Entlebuch and Emmental are regions of outstanding pre-alpine scenery with picturesque farmhouses, masses of flowers in window-boxes and gardens, and the farms look like those in a picture book of yesteryear! In Thun the cycle route reaches the Bernese Oberland.

### THUN - GRUYÈRES (MORLON) 95 km

Plenty of up and down on the route today as it takes you into the country of the mountain rivers Sense and Saane. But you are continually accompanied on your ride by glorious views of the Bernese Alps. Halfway along, the charming elevated medieval town of Fribourg with its Gothic-fronted houses beckons you to come take a closer look.

### GRUYÈRES - AIGLE 66 km

This last stretch on the Alpine Panorama route runs down through the rich alpine pastures of La Gruyère, home of milk, cheese and double cream, and back up into rugged hills and Lake Hongrin, to reach the pass summit of Col des Mosses. Postal bus transportation is available. An exhilarating ride down into the mildness of the Rhône valley and on to the winegrowing town of Aigle is a fitting finish to this route.

### SEASON 2009

15.05.-15.10.2009 (daily service)



Appenzellerland



## SwissTrails

### Take a break

Why not spend a rest day and stay for 2 nights at the same place?

We recommend:

**Flüelen**  
Hostellerie Sternen (\*\*\*)

**Thun**  
Hotel Elite (\*\*\*)

**Fribourg**  
Hotel de la Rose (\*\*\*)

**Les Diablerets**  
Hotel les Sources (\*\*\*)

### À la Carte

Plan your own individual bike tour: the entire route from Rorschach to Aigle as well as all the stage destinations listed in the «elevation profile» are available to you with SwissTrails à la carte. You can choose the duration of the trip as well as the start and end destinations and accommodation (hotel and budget).

Pricelist see pages 48 / 49.

## RATES 2009 (in CHF / Euro, per Person, incl. VAT.)

OPTIONS	START AND FINISH	DAYS / NIGHTS	OVERNIGHTS	DISTANCE	BASIC RATES HOTEL	BASIC RATES BUDGET	RENT A BIKE
<b>A</b> Relax	Rorschach - Thun	5 / 4	Hemberg - Linthal - Beckenried - Sörenberg	323	CHF 647 / € 415	CHF 459 / € 294	CHF 192 / € 123
<b>B</b> Power	Rorschach - Aigle	7 / 6	Hemberg - Linthal - Beckenried - Sörenberg - Thun - Gruyères	483	CHF 953 / € 610	CHF 670 / € 430	CHF 236 / € 151

\* Included in the price: supplements / reductions see page 5. All other options see SwissTrails à la Carte, page 48 / 49.

Additional night possible at start and end destination and all stage destinations / Top Class: top class hotel (usually \*\*\*) at selected stage destinations (see Elevation Profile)