



NORTH-SOUTH ROUTE



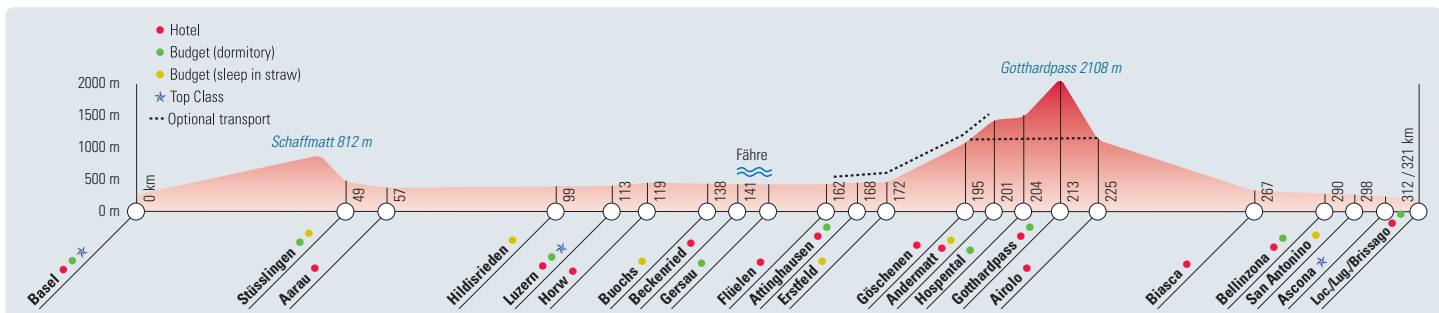
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HIGH LIGHTS



- ★ **BASEL**
COSMOPOLITAN CITY IN THE 3-COUNTRIES-REGION
- ★ **THE JURA MOUNTAINS**
THE GENTLE COUNTERPART TO THE ALPS
- ★ **LUCERNE AND ITS LAKE**
- ★ **URNERSEE**
HOME OF WILLIAM TELL AND A MECCA FOR WINDSURFERS
- ★ **THE GOTTHARD PASS**
VITALLY IMPORTANT ALPINE TRANSIT ROUTE BOTH PAST AND PRESENT
- ★ **TICINO**
ROUTE DESTINATION WITH PALM-LINED BEACHES ...

ELEVATION PROFILE AND ROUTE STAGES



CHARACTER

The classic route to Southern Switzerland – with the Lake of Lucerne, the Gotthard Pass and the Lago Maggiore as highlights – rated intermediate, ideal also for sporty families with older children. With regard to the elevation profile the North to South route presents medium-level challenges and once the Jura Ridge has been surmounted lovely level stretches in the Suhren Valley and along Lake Lucerne follow. But then the Gotthard Pass beckons – Generals with armies, elephants, road and tunnel builders and even the Devil himself have gone before you and found this a tough nut to crack! Your labours will be rewarded with a glorious downhill run from an altitude of 2108 metres to the mild climes of Lago Maggiore.

ROUTE**BASEL - AARAU / SUHR 60 km**

After leaving the suburbs of Basel with its chemical industry you will soon be captivated by the lush green of the Jura mountains. The Fricktal is famous for its cherry orchards.

AARAU - LUCERNE (HORW) 53 KM

The historical towns of Sursee and Sempach on the shores of Lake Sempach are today's highlights – not to forget the arrival in Switzerland's capital of tourism: Lucerne.

LUCERNE - FLÜELEN (ATTINGHAUSEN) 49 km

Today, Lake Lucerne is your faithful companion – you actually cross it by ferry from Beckenried to Gersau. The continuing ride alongside the lake and through the country of William Tell, with views of Treib and Seelisberg, Ruetli and the Tellsplatte, with the peaks of the Urner mountains as a backdrop, is rife with history and folk tales.

FLÜELEN - AIROLO 63 km

After a short ride through the initially flat Reuss countryside, the route gains height and you are faced with the challenge of crossing the Gotthard (2108 meters). Once arrived at the Hospiz, the rest is sheer pleasure: The descent is adventurous and enjoyable through the many hairpin bends of the Tremola Gorge down to Airolo. By the way, those who do not want to conquer the Gotthard heights by bike can take the train to Airolo through the Gotthard Tunnel (train tickets not included).

AIROLO - BIASCA (BELLINZONA) 44 km

The trail leads down all the time on the old Gotthard Road until shortly before Biasca. You have reached the golden south; the Leventina Valley embraces you, warmer winds blow. Typical Ticino «rustici» line the route and the slopes.

BIASCA - LOCARNO / ASCONA / BRISSAGO 43 km

(Lugano 52 km)
Bellinzona with its castles welcomes you and a small detour to the old part is a must. The fertile Magadino plain offers the ideal environment for a relaxing conclusion to the biking tour to Switzerland's southernmost region. Also enjoy the magnificent views today over lovely Lago Maggiore. In Locarno you have reached your destination.

SEASON 2009

15.04.-15.10.2009 (daily service)
Gotthard Pass opens approx. 01.06.



Gotthardpass / Leventina TI

**Take a break**

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

We recommend:

Basel
Hotel Merian (****)

Luzern
Hotel Krone (***)

Flüelen
Hostellerie Sternen (***)

Lugano
Hotel Federale (***)

Brissago
Hotel Eden au Lac (**)

SwissTrails**À la Carte**

Plan your own individual bike tour: the entire route from Basel to Locarno / Lugano 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	FLYER
A Relax	Basel - Locarno / Lugano	6 / 5	Aarau - Luzern - Flüelen - Airolo - Biasca	312	CHF 785 / € 503	CHF 550 / € 352	CHF 130 / € 84	CHF 224 / € 144
B Relax	Airolo - Locarno / Lugano	2 / 1	Biasca	87	CHF 218 / € 139	CHF 171 / € 109	CHF 59 / € 38	CHF 96 / € 62
C Power	Basel - Locarno / Lugano	4 / 3	Aarau - Flüelen - Airolo	312	CHF 509 / € 326	CHF 367 / € 236	CHF 98 / € 63	CHF 160 / € 103

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