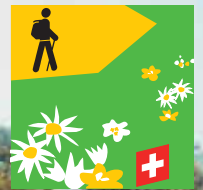


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# VIAJACOBI



Bridge of Ste-Appolline

ViaStoria  
CULTURAL ROUTES OF SWITZERLAND

**HIGH LIGHTS**

- ★ **VIAJACOBI**  
STAGES ON THE WAY TO SANTIAGO
- ★ **GENEROUS «CULTURE PACKAGE»**  
IN ADDITION TO ROUTE GUIDE
- ★ **CHURCHES, CHAPELS AND HOSTELS**  
BEAR WITNESS OF THE WAY OF ST. JAMES
- ★ **COLLABORATION**  
BETWEEN VIA STORIA – KULTURWEGE SCHWEIZ AND SWISSTRAILS



## Take a break

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

We recommend:

**Rapperswil-Jona**  
Hotel Speer (\*\*\*\*)

**Interlaken**  
Hotel Bernerhof (\*\*\*)

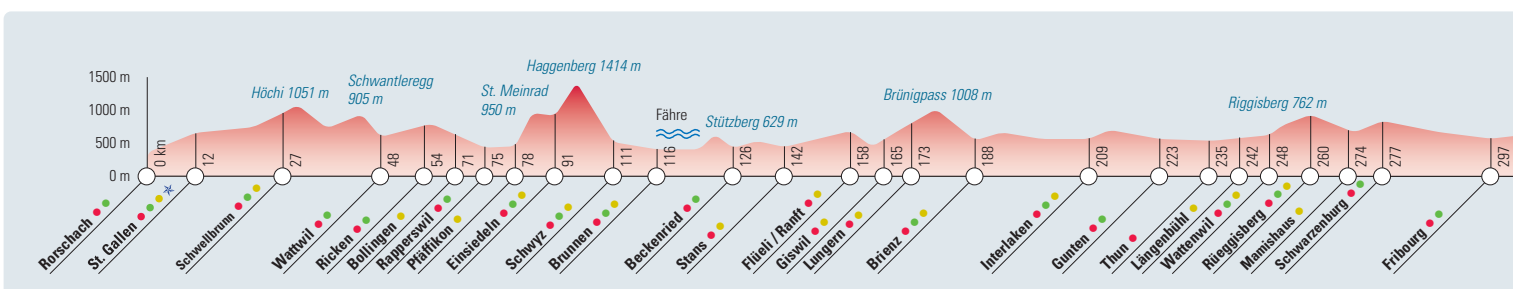
**Fribourg**  
Hotel de la Rose (\*\*\*)



## 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 forms part of the European Way of St. James and runs along the foot of the Alps from Lake Constance to Geneva – right through 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.

## ELEVATION PROFILE AND ROUTE STAGES



**PART A: «ST. GALLERWEG»****RORSCHACH – SCHWELLBRUNN**

Hiking time 6:30

After a short climb, you will reach the Sulzberg castle. From here, the route takes you along the Martinstobel gorge to St. Gallen.

**SCHWELLBRUNN - WATTWIL**

Hiking time 6:00

The route leads down to St. Perterzell, passed all the little courtyards. Particularly worth a visit in Perterzell is the old bath-house building, one of the best examples of a Rococo facade in the canton of St. Gallen.

**WATTWIL - RAPPERSWIL**

Hiking time 4:30

This walk takes you past the Iberg castle to the Laad trail through a landscape peppered with courtyards and gentle hillsides.

**RAPPERSWIL - EINSIEDELN**

Hiking time 4:30. Across the new boardwalk (laid in 2001) to Hurden. Over the Eztelpass to the pilgrimage site of Einsiedeln.

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

Hiking time 6:00

From Kreuzlingen via Ellighausen to Märsteten, home of the St. Jakobskirche church.

**MÜNCHWILEN - STEG**

Hiking time 7:00. After visiting the Benedictine abbey in Fischingen, the route takes you on the Hörnli peak. The view across the mountains is magnificent.

**STEG-HÖRNLI - RAPPERSWIL**

Hiking time 5:20

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

**RAPPERSWIL - ETZELPASS****- EINSIEDELN** Hiking time 4:30

Follow the wooden board walk, laid in 2001,

from Rapperswil to Hurden. Over the Eztelpass 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 Haggeneegg peak.

**SCHWYZ - BRUNNEN (BOAT) - TREIB****- BECKENRIED** Hiking time 5:00

Take the boat from Brunnen to Treib. The ever-changing and varied views of Lake Lucerne and the surrounding Alpine landscapes during the walk are simply intoxicating.

**BECKENRIED - STANS** Hiking time 5:00

Along Lake Lucerne to Stans where the churches of St. Peter and Paul is located.

**STANS - FLÜELI RANFT**

Hiking time 4:50. After the climb, you can enjoy impressive panoramic views of Lake Lucerne and the mountain peaks.

**FLÜELI RANFT - LUNGERN**

Hiking time 4:30

From Flüeli to Sachseln, the ViaJacobi follows the «Visionenweg». This route comprises 6 plastic sculptures representing the six visions of Brother Klaus.

**LUNGERN - BRIENZ**

Hiking time 5:00. The route takes you along the old Brünigweg and over the Brünigpass. From the Brünigpass, fantastic panoramic views of the mountains unfold including the high peaks of the Bernese Oberland.

**BRIENZ - INTERLAKEN** Hiking time 5:00

Along the Brienzensee lake through small villages to the former monastery site of Interlaken.

**INTERLAKEN - GUNTEN**

Hiking time 4:15. The highlight of today's stage are the Beatushöhle caves, once a place of pilgrimage for Saint Beatus.

**GUNTEN - THUN** Hiking time 4:00

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 of paintings date from 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 main street.

**WILLISAU - HUTTWIL** Hiking time 4:30

Int the Middle Ages, Huttwil was a traffic interchange where the main roads to Berne and Solothurn came together.

**HUTTWIL - BURGENDORF**

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

**BURGENDORF - BOLL**

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

**BOLL - RÜEGGISBERG** Hiking time 6:50

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

It is well-worth visiting the Amsoldingen church en-route with its impressive crypt.

**WATTENWIL - SCHWARZENBURG**

Hiking time 6:05

From Wattenwil, the route climbs up to Burgistein. The Burgistein. The Burgistein

castle was re-built following its destruction in a local war of 1336.

**SCHWARZENBURG - FRIBOURG**

Hiking time 5:20. This stage leads on through the Sensegraben, a 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 from 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 as far away as Curtilles.

**MOUDON - LAUSANNE**

Hiking time 7:45

From Moudon, follow the Broye river where you will eventually come to an area of bridges in Bressonanz.

**PART F: «WAADTLÄNDERWEG»****LAUSANNE - ROLLE**

Hiking time 6:35. The walk through the vineyards and wine-growing village of Perroy as well as the views of the lake are both captivating and liberating.

**ROLLE - COPPET**

Hiking time 6:55. Above the shores of the lake, the route takes you through vineyards, woods, meadows and villages - with views of the lake and Alps throughout.

**COPPET - GENEVA**

Hiking time 4:20

This stage mostly runs along the slopes which run down towards the lake, where most of settlements are located.

**SEASON 2009**

01.04. - 15.10.2009 (Daily service)

**RATES 2008** (in CHF / Euro, per Person, incl. VAT.)

OPTIONS	START AND FINISH	DAYS / N.	HIKING DAYS	OVERNIGHTS	BASIC RATES HOTEL	BASIC RATES BUDGET
<b>A</b> St. Gallerweg	Rorschach - Einsiedeln	4 / 3	4	Schwellbrunn - Wattwil - Rapperswil	CHF 509 / € 326	CHF 367 / € 236
<b>B</b> Schwabenweg	Kreuzlingen - Einsiedeln	4 / 3	4	Münchwilen - Steg - Rapperswil	CHF 509 / € 326	CHF 367 / € 236
<b>C</b> Brünigweg	Einsiedeln - Thun	9 / 8	9	Brunnen - Beckenried - Stans - Flüeli - Lungern - Brienz - Interlaken - Gunten	CHF 1229 / € 787	CHF 852 / € 546
<b>D</b> Luzernerweg	Luzern - Rüeggisberg	6 / 5	6	Werthenstein - Willisau - Huttwil - Burgdorf - Boll	CHF 785 / € 503	CHF 550 / € 352
<b>E</b> Freiburgerweg	Thun - Lausanne	6 / 5	6	Wattenwil - Schwarzenburg - Fribourg - Romont - Moudon	CHF 785 / € 503	CHF 550 / € 352
<b>F</b> Waadtländerweg	Lausanne - Genf	3 / 2	3	Rolle - Coppet	CHF 356 / € 228	CHF 262 / € 168

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

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)

