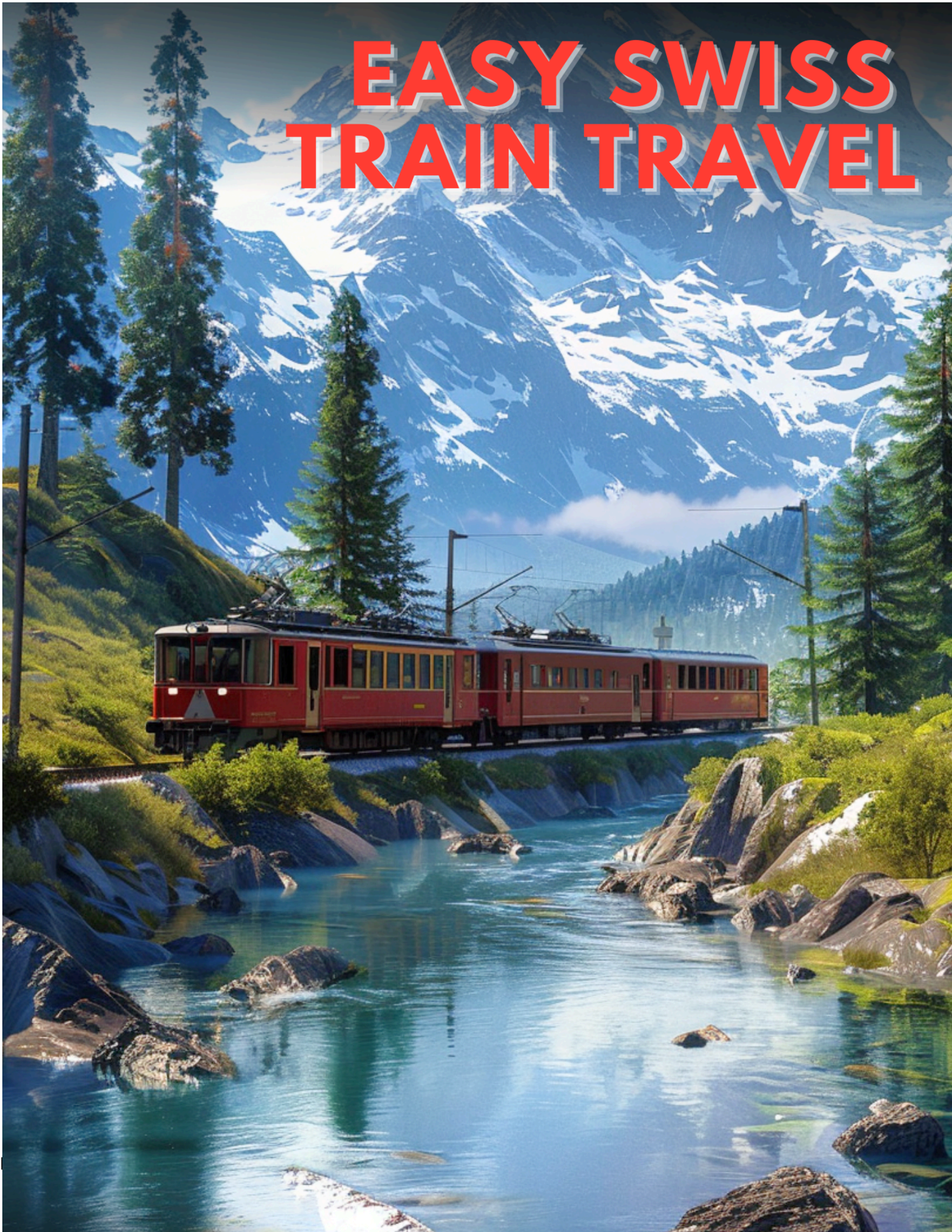


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Introduction

The Swiss train network is one of the most advanced, efficient and punctual in the world. And it is a great way to get around Switzerland while you sit back and soak up the views.

However, visitors are often overwhelmed by all the new things they have to learn, navigate, and figure out in order to travel by train.

So, after countless questions from people on my travel consulting calls and Facebook group, I decided to collect all of my knowledge in one simple guide to make your train travel experience in Switzerland a pleasurable one!

Everything is sorted into sections and headings to help you find the necessary information to answer your most pressing questions.

Of course, there may still be something you cannot find, feel free to email me (hello@switzerlanding.com).

In case you need more help:

I also offer [1-1 video consultations](#) to help people plan their trips, understand the travel passes and much more. I also offer [train pass selection service](#) to help with that complex process as well. And at the end of this guide I have also linked all of my other helpful [Switzerland guides](#) and itineraries too.

So, without further ado, let's dive into all things train travel in Switzerland.

Have a great trip to Switzerland!

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Buying Tickets

Figuring out how, where, and when to buy tickets for Swiss trains is a complex topic. In this section, I will explain it in detail so you feel comfortable traveling around.

When Do You Need A Ticket

You need a valid ticket before you get on any form of transport: train, bus or tram. The exception is that you can buy tickets on board boats.

Fines: Do not be tempted to get on a train and buy a ticket after you get on. It may work if you have the SBB Mobile App, but if you get caught, you will be fined. Ticket inspectors love dishing out fines, so only get on public transport with a valid ticket. Otherwise, it can cost you more than \$100 in fines.

Exception: If you have a train pass such as a [Swiss Travel Pass](#) or Regional Pass ([Berner Oberland Pass](#), [Jungfrau Pass](#), [Tell Pass](#)) then these passes cover trains and only need to be valid on the day you get on the train.

If you have a [Half Fare Card](#), you still need to buy a ticket. This pass simply discounts the ticket price by 50%.

Note: If you are still unsure about travel passes you should consider my [guide on the topic](#).

Where Can You Buy Tickets

There are a variety of different ways and places you can buy train tickets:

- SBB Mobile App
- Ticket machine at the train station
- Ticket office at the train station
- Online - on the [SBB website](#)

The simplest method is to use the [SBB Mobile App](#). So, I recommend you download it and become familiar with it, even if it is just for the timetables it provides.