

1 DAY ITINERARY ON LAKE BRIENZ



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INTRODUCTION

Lake Brienz is one of those lakes that will capture your heart!

With its striking turquoise blue waters, fed by glaciers higher up in the Bernese Oberland, it is hard to imagine until you see it.

A day out on Lake Brienz is full of highlights, including a ride on one of the local ferries, a trip up the historic steam train to the Brienzer Rothorn, a visit to the memorable Giessbach Falls, and a short jaunt to the cute Swiss village of Iseltwald.

For those with more time, there are plenty of other highlights in and around Brienz, including the historic woodcarving, for which the town is renowned.

Of course, if you want to see even more of the Interlaken area, check out my [other guides](#) and itineraries.

For now, sit back and dream of the Swiss Alps!

Enjoy!

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ITINERARY HIGHLIGHTS

Below are all the things you should visit on this full day out on Lake Brienz.



Brienzer Rothorn

Time Required: 3 hours+

Attractions: Steam train to the top of the Brienzer Rothorn. Views over Lake Brienz. Short hikes around the top.

The train to the top of [the Brienzer Rothorn](#) is a unique, historic mountain steam train that slowly climbs to the top of this 2,350 m (7700 ft) peak. The views from above the lake, with the jaw-dropping ridge zig-zagging along to Interlaken, is out of this world.



Brienz (Town)

Time Required: 1 hour+

Attractions: Lakeside promenade, Brunngasse (historic houses), Wood carving museum & shops, Wildpark, viewpoint from the church

With it's stunning lakeside location, Brienz is a joy to explore both along the lake and the cute, flower-filled, wooden chalets in the back streets, especially [Brunngasse](#). The town is also renowned for its woodcarving - both the [museum/school](#) and the shops are worth a visit, as well as [the shoreline trail](#).



Giessbach Falls

Time Required: 2 hours+

Attractions: Boat ride to the falls, the historic funicular and Grand Hotel, walks around and under the falls.

The [Giessbach Falls](#), dropping 500m, are a series of 14 cascades in the forest, with the final part falling straight into Lake Brienz, right by the docks. You can reach the upper falls by hiking up, or shortening it with a fun historic funicular from the lakeside. Highlights include breathtaking views from the landmark Grandhotel Giessbach, easy walking paths through lush forests, and a dramatic footbridge passing behind the falls for a wet experience.

BRIENZ TOWN MAP

