



**THE PERFECT
SWISS TRAIN PASS**

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INTRODUCTION

Choosing the ideal Swiss train travel pass for your vacation can be both complex and confusing.

I have done this for dozens of people like you and seen almost every scenario imaginable.

With all of this experience, I have found that the choice of travel pass often boils down to a few simple decisions and understanding the benefits and coverage of each pass.

That is what this quick guide on travel pass selection is all about.

NOTE ON PRICES

The prices and examples in this guide are subject to change and are for example purposes only. I try to keep up to date with changes and adjustments but cannot take responsibility for the exact figures outlined in this guide as a result of changes from the companies involved in the passes.

A Quick Overview of Travel Passes in Switzerland

Here is a quick overview:

- **Eurail/Interrail:** If you have the Eurail Global pass (which includes Switzerland), you can use it on Swiss trains and a few boats (around the Interlaken, Zug, and Constance areas). City transport, such as buses, trams, and trains, is not included. This is ideal for those of you who are going to more than just Switzerland.
- **Swiss Travel Pass:** This pass allows you to travel anywhere on the Swiss Travel System for free (no tickets are required). It also provides big discounts on mountain transport and free entry to 500 museums.
- **Half Fare Card:** This card is cheaper and gives you 50% off travel on the Swiss Travel System and very similar mountain transport discounts to the Swiss Travel Pass. However, you still need to buy tickets in every case with this card.
- **Regional Passes:** A range of regional travel passes combine ground and mountain transport and offer local discounts. Areas such as the Interlaken, Lucerne, and Zermatt regions have these specific passes and are worth considering if you spend more than a day there.
- **Saver Day Pass:** Useful for a single day when you travel long distances or multiple journeys. Great for things like the Glacier Express in one day.