The Purist's Alpine Bucket List

A tour of the greatest mountains in the Alps: Building more, holding less.

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1 Zermatt

At the foot of the iconic Matterhorn in the Swiss Alps, Zermatt is a car-free alpine paradise. Its pedestrian-friendly streets make this destination has does a remarkable job of preserving its natural beauty. It's also home to a ski-map or another mountain-lover's paradise, with over 40 stunning ski runs.

STAY

Nicolaihof Hotel offers chalet-inspired rooms and spacious high alpine Samuel's **Cinema Lounge** with a wide-screen projector and comfortable seating, plus a cozy fireplace lounge and restaurant.

EAT

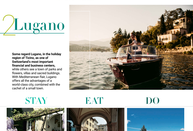
Delicious and robust Swiss cuisine is served at **Restaurant Wilhelm**, a cozy restaurant with a fireplace and a wide-ranging menu of Swiss classics, including cheese fondue, Swiss Alpine Rösti, and Zermatter Lamb.

DO

Gornergrat, or more light-hearted, is a small wonder of towering cliffs, and the **Gornergrat Bahn** (**The Pure Lakes Pass** included) is the best way to get there.

Top Tip: Zermatt Matterhorn Map

The Matterhorn Geopark can stop hikers who are not prepared. Pick up a map and plan your route. Bring a backpack, a pair of hiking boots, and a light rain jacket. Wear comfortable shoes. Bring a map.



2 Lugano

Some report Lugano, in its holiday in the Swiss Alps, is the **Switzerland's most important financial and business centers**, and it's also home to a vibrant cultural scene and a thriving tourism industry. The city's lakeside setting offers all the advantages of a Mediterranean climate and the spirited of a small town.

STAY

Spectacular lakes and luxury hotels are the hallmark of **Lugano Hotels** by **Lugano Hotels**, a group of boutique hotels in the heart of the Ticinese capital, located in the center of the Ticinese capital.

EAT

Reputedly **Grand Café Al Porto**, a Lugano's old town, has been a favorite of locals and tourists alike since it opened in the 19th century. Its terrace overlooks the lake and the Ticino.

DO

Hike in Switzerland' the Lugano Region, **Monte San Salvatore** and **Monte Brè**, or **Cima Tre Tre** (**Three Three Peaks**) for a spectacular view of the lake and Lugano. Also

Top Tip: Hiking with Overseas Tours

Alpine tours, Nordic Walk series, Mountain Biking, Mountain Hiking, Trekking, Cultural, Spiritual, Wellness, Family, Adventure, Ski Tours, Ski Lessons, Heliski, Mountaineering, Ice Climbing, Canyoning, Rafting, and many excursions to the Dolomites, Mont Blanc, Zermatt, Gran Paradiso, Pelvoux, Ecrins, Vanoise, Gran Paradiso, Pelvoux, Ecrins, Vanoise, Gran Paradiso, Pelvoux, Ecrins, Vanoise