



BRANDYWINE VALLEY SKI ASSOCIATION

Presents:

Crans-Montana, Switzerland (With Zurich and Zermatt)

February 23 – March 3, 2024



\$2,875.00 p.p. Double

\$3,299.00 p.p. Single

TOUR PRICES INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- Round trip air transportation between PHL and Zurich (ZRH) via American Airlines nonstop flights.
- Round trip transfers between Zurich Airport and Crans-Montana via private motor coach
- Seven night accommodations in Crans-Montana at the 3 Star Hotel Ad'eldorado <https://www.hoteleldorado.ch/>
- Welcome Drink Upon arrival at the hotel.
- Full breakfast buffet daily.
- Dinner for 4 evenings plus one evening Pizza party (gives you 2 nights out on your own!)
- One evening wine tasting (can be combined with dinner or pizza party).
- One night accommodations at the 4 Star Radisson Blue Zurich Airport Hotel including breakfast buffet <https://www.radissonhotels.com/en-us/hotels/radisson-blu-zurich-airport>
- One afternoon and evening in Zurich to sightsee and enjoy the city.
- Current air taxes and fuel surcharges of \$509.00 per person (subject to change until ticketed).
- **** NEW ** R/T ground Transportation to Zermatt for one day of Ski/Board or sightsee (Ikon Pass)**

FLIGHT SCHEDULE: (Times subject to change)

23 FEB	AA 0092	PHL / ZRH	7:15PM – 8:50AM
03 MAR	AA 0093	ZRH / PHL	10:50AM – 2:00PM

For more details, please see: <https://bvsa.wildapricot.org/event-5287894>

LIFT TICKET OPTIONS (this is NOT an Ikon or Epic Mountain)

You do not need to purchase your lift tickets through the tour operator. You can buy them through many online vendors or the mountain using this link https://mycma.ltibooking.com/en/products/pass-dynamic-4-day-lift-ticket?type=1&start_date=2024-02-25.

Crans-Montana uses a dynamic pricing schedule. The more tickets they sell, the higher the price. Right now, you can purchase tickets online for less than our tour operator is offering, but that will change as we get closer to the winter. The website also states, "This product is valid for the specified date only, it is personal, non-transferable and non-refundable."

As with most European resorts, these are consecutive days tickets. To optimize your Crans-Montana multi-day lift ticket, the trip to Zermatt will be on Friday, March 1.

If you opt to purchase your ticket through the tour operator, the prices are below. Please include the proper amount in your 9/23 (Purchase before 10/30) or 11/23 (Purchase after 10/30) payment.

<u>Consecutive days:</u>	<u>Purchase before October 30, 2023</u>	<u>Purchase after October 30, 2023</u>
1 days	\$64.00 pp	\$69.00 pp
2 days	\$123.00 pp	\$133.00 pp
3 days	\$181.00 pp	\$195.00 pp
4 days	\$236.00 pp	\$254.00 pp
5 days	\$289.00 pp	\$311.00 pp
6 days	\$335.00 pp	\$361.00 pp

Crans-Montana Skiing: At an altitude ranging from 1,500 to 3,000 meters, the Crans-Montana ski area offers breathtaking views from its 140 kilometers of marked pistes. With pistes suitable for all levels, which stretch from the mountaintops which tower above the Plaine Morte Glacier to the golf course on the 'Haut-Plateau' below, the ski area is varied and promises unforgettable days of skiing for all levels. Crans-Montana is also host to the FIS women's Downhill and Super-G races each year. In 2024 this will occur the week before we will be there.

Hotel Ad'eldorado: Perfect little 3 Star Hotel located in a great location in Crans-Montana. A six minute (600 meter) walk to the nearest gondola station and near to shops and restaurants in the village. This hotel offers cozy rooms and a nice bar with large lobby for relaxing after a day on the slopes.

Radisson Blu Hotel, Zurich: Due to the flight times, a night in Zurich is required to avoid crazy early morning wake up calls. The Radisson Blu is a 4 star hotel located above the train station directly at the airport. While here, you have easy access to downtown Zurich as well as just being able to wake up the next morning and walk to the check-in counter for your flight.

***** NEWLY ADDED *** Zermatt Skiing/Boarding and or sightseeing.** We have been successful in negotiating a day trip to Zermatt included in your trip cost!!! This will only include R/T ground transportation. While in Zermatt, you have your choice of the following to get a birds-eye view of the Matterhorn.

- skiing or snowboarding (<https://www.zermatt.ch/en/winter>)
- taking a funicular (<https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-us/experiences/sunnegga-rothorn/>)
- taking a cog railway (<https://www.gornergrat.ch/en/>)
- taking a tram (<https://www.matterhornparadise.ch/en/Experience/Peaks/Matterhorn-glacier-paradise>)

Zermatt is an Ikon Pass Mountain, so if you have an Ikon Pass it will cover the fees for all these options, if not, you can purchase individual tickets on your own.

Zermatt is also a very picturesque town. You may opt to simply walk around town enjoying the numerous bars, restaurants, or sights it has to offer.

Payment Schedule:

- \$2875 per person double occupancy, **\$725 due at sign-up**
 - 2 payments of \$725 due 7/23/23 and 9/23/23
 - Final payment of \$700 due 11/23/23
- \$3299 per person single occupancy, **\$825 due at sign-up**
 - 2 payments of \$825 due 7/23/23 and 9/23/23
 - Final payment of \$824 due 11/23/23
- \$2030 per person double occupancy land only, **\$510 due at sign-up**
 - 2 payments of \$510 due 7/23/23 and 9/23/23
 - Final payment of \$500 due 11/23/23
- \$2454 per person single occupancy land only, **\$615 due at sign-up**
 - 2 payments of \$615 due 7/23/23 and 9/23/23
 - Final payment of \$609 due 11/23/23
- Include lift ticket amount in 9/23/2023 or 11/23/2023 payment as appropriate.
- Full refund, except lift tickets, up to 11/23/2023

Send checks (payable to BVSA, memo: Switzerland 2024) and completed **BVSA Trip Application** and **Data Sheet** and copy of your Passport photo page to:

Bob Zeolla, 804 Carlson Ave West Chester, PA 19382.

Entry Requirements:

- All U. S. Citizens are required to have a valid U.S. Passport valid for at least 6 months *beyond* the return date of the tour. The Airlines will not let you board the aircraft if your passport is EXPIRED OR WILL BE EXPIRING WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF YOUR SCHEDULED RETURN FLIGHT
- Any non-U. S. Citizens participating in this tour must check with the appropriate consulate for all countries being visited and transited, to ensure that they have met all entry requirements.

Trip Cancellation / Interruption Insurance:

Trip cancellation insurance is available and is highly recommended. The premium depends on the amount of coverage desired and is based on the tour cost as indicated and will cover all non-refundable amounts in the event of a covered cancellation or trip interruption up to the amount of coverage selected. Please see the link below to sign-up for insurance.

<http://www.travelinsured.com/agency?agency=48424>

Exchange Rates:

The tour price is based on **1.11 USD to 1.00 CHF**. Changes in the relative values of the currencies could affect the final price.

Land Only Passengers

In the event participants choose air that is not part of the air arrangement as offered in the package, then the following conditions will apply. It is imperative that all participants arranging their own air be fully aware of the following facts pertaining to the tour program:

1. Transfers between airports and hotels are always arranged for the main group and are coordinated with the main group's flight itineraries.
2. The transfers also pick up and drop off only at airport terminals that are in the main group's itineraries. Transfers do not stop at alternate terminals for pick-ups or drop offs.
3. It is the responsibility of such passengers to coordinate their flights with the group and for them to be at the appointed place and time that the group is being picked up.

4. There can be no special arrangements made for passengers for alternate pickups or drop offs by the transfer companies involved.
5. All of the above is equally applicable to any luggage for such passengers.
6. BVSA cannot offer credit for transfers that are not being used in our packages.

Possible Excursions from Crans-Montana:

- Lausanne – Sightseeing and visit to Musee Olympique
- Montreux/Vevey – Sightseeing and visit to Chaplin's World Museum and Chateau de Chillon
- Aletsch Glacier – Gondola ride to the Glacier
- Chamonix – Gondola to Aiguille du Midi or a day of skiing (Ikon Pass)
- Bern – Sightseeing on your own in Bern.

Other Activities in Crans-Montana:

- **Hiking & Snowshoeing** - In Crans-Montana, there are a thousand and one ways to enjoy winter and the snow. Numerous paths await walkers and families, from short strolls around the resort, to more remote excursions at altitude. https://www.crans-montana.ch/en/activities_/hiking_snowshoeing
- **Ski Touring** - Crans-Montana is offering 15 ski touring routes for all levels with over 40 km of marked and secure paths. https://www.crans-montana.ch/en/activities_/randoparc
- **Cross-country skiing** - There are no lack of opportunities to enjoy this Nordic sport in Crans-Montana, with three routes that enable you to discover beautiful natural areas in the heart of the resort, or on the glacier at an altitude of 3,000 meters. https://www.crans-montana.ch/en/activities_/cross_country_skiing
- **Paragliding** - It will be an emotionally charged event when at an altitude of 2,600 meters you take off from rocky Bella Lui. A long flight awaits you, which will take you down to the resort of Crans-Montana, your eyes marveling at the unique views. https://www.crans-montana.ch/en/ski_lifts/paragliding
- **Heritage** - Crans-Montana is a destination that is overflowing with history and Valais popular traditions which visitors can find out about at the Grand-Lens Museum as well as at the Colombire alp ecomuseum. <https://www.crans-montana.ch/en/culture/heritage>
- **Shopping** - Everyone will find their joy amongst the many shopping possibilities which make Crans-Montana a real open-air shopping centre in the heart of the Alps.

Sightseeing in Zurich:

- From the historic old town to the young and vibrant Zürich-West, from the inviting blue waters of Lake Zurich to snow-capped mountains - there are plenty of amazing things to do in Zurich. <https://www.zuerich.com/en/visit/sightseeing>
- Zurich's Old Town - The historic heart of the city beats on both sides of the Limmat river. Here guild houses, churches, historic squares, and hidden-away places nestle alongside each other. <https://www.zuerich.com/en/visit/old-town-attractions>
- Top 10 Places to Visit in Zurich - Sightseeing in Zurich: These are the 10 must-see spots and sights in Zurich. <https://www.zuerich.com/en/visit/top-10-tourist-attractions>
- Zurich Restaurant Guide - Zurich is the food mecca of Switzerland. Are you ready to eat to your heart's content? <https://www.zuerich.com/en/visit/restaurants>
- Zeughauskeller - For dinner, I can personally recommend the Zeughauskeller Restaurant. <https://www.zeughauskeller.ch/home>

Tentative Itinerary (all times local)

- Friday February 23 – depart PHL on AA flight 0092 at 7:15 PM
- Saturday February 24 – arrive Zurich at 8:50 AM, board bus to Crans-Montana, welcome drink at hotel.
- Sunday February 25 – on your own
- Monday February 26 – on your own
- Tuesday February 27 – on your own
- Wednesday February 28 – on your own
- Thursday February 29 – on your own
- Friday March 1 – day trip to Zermatt
- Saturday March 2 – board bus in AM to Zurich, afternoon and evening on your own
- Sunday March 3 – depart ZUR on AA flight 0093 at 10:50 AM, arrive PHL 2:00 PM