



People who enjoy cruising over Alpine passes will love this tour.
This mountain route promises pure Alpine romance while connecting the three passes Grimsel, Furka and Susten. Experience a thrill at the wheel and enjoy a unique view over impressive glaciers, water reservoirs, deep canyons, and romantic little villages.



3 mountain passes route

Highlights



Lake Thun

Your journey to the breathtaking Swiss passes will first take you along the coastal route "Seestrasse" along the shore of the deep blue lake Thun, then all the way up to the charming village of Brienz. Then simply head towards Haslital.

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Gelmer funicular, Innertkirchen

People seeking a thrill will find one here in the Haslital valley on the Bernese side of the Grimsel Pass - with a 106% inclination, the Gelmer funicular is the steepest open funicular in Europe. If time permits, take a hike around the turquoise lake Gelmer (2 hours).

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Grimsel pass* – water reservoir (2164 m)

The Haslital is one of the largest transverse valleys in the Alps and the origin of the Aare River. The route passes through a wild mountain landscape and there is an impressive underground power plant, that can be visited from June to November.

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Grimsel Hospice, Guttannen

Have a well-deserved lunch at the historical Grimsel Hospice at the top of the route with the best view over the water reservoir. The hospice is a slice of Swiss history, it was mentioned already in 1142 as the first inn in the country on the Piedmont-Burgundy trade route. In 1932 it was the first electrically heated hotel in Europe.

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Grimselwelt, Guttannen

The so-called Grimselwelt offers an interesting walking tour around a hydro power plant, starting at the Grimsel hospice and heading deep under Lake Grimsel to the breathtaking crystal grotto at Gerstenegg (2 hours walk, advance reservation required).

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Furka pass* – glacier impressions (2429 m)

The journey continues to Valais! Drive down to Gletsch and stretch your legs a little. The Rhone Glacier and the ice grotto can be admired right next to the Hotel Belvédère. For all nostalgia fans: the intermediate stop at the Furka station takes travellers to the route's highest train stop at 2160 m altitude.

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Andermatt

Cross the Furkapass like James Bond in "Goldfinger", on his way to Realp and Andermatt. Treat yourself to a so-called z'Vieri (an afternoon snack) at the legendary hotel The Chedi. Fun fact: four important water sources have their origin at the Gotthard mountains in the Andermatt region - namely the Rhine, the Reuss, the Ticino and the Rhone.

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Devil's Bridge – Schöllenen Canyon

The legendary and historical Devil's Bridge leads over the wild Schöllenen Canyon and is a highlight of the pass route. In the early Middle Ages the canyon was impossible to cross and, according to a legend, the valley dwellers asked the devil to build the bridge for them.

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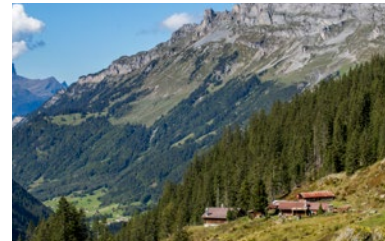


Suvorov Monument – Schöllenen Gorge

Right next to the Devil's Bridge there is the Suworow monument which commemorates the Russian soldiers who died here in the fight against Napoleon's troops over 200 years ago.

It was here that former Russian President Medvedev visited in Switzerland in 2009.

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Susten pass (2260 m)

On the way to the Susten pass you cross no less than 25 bridges and drive through 25 tunnels. The spectacular pass road connects the Reusstal in Uri with the Haslital valley in the Bernese Oberland. While driving down, you can enjoy the stunning views of the Gadmental with its Steinen glacier.

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