

DOLCE VITA IN TICINO

TRAVELLING ON THE PRESTIGE CONTINENTAL EXPRESS



Saturday, 5 to Sunday, 6 September 2026

A Journey Beyond Time: To Ticino aboard the “Prestige Continental Express”

Imagine the rhythmic clatter of the rails becoming the soundtrack of a long-lost golden age. On 5 September 2026, as we leave everyday life behind on the platform, we are not simply boarding a train — we are stepping into a **world of elegance** and *art de vivre*.

In the faithfully recreated saloon coaches “**Le Salon Bleu**” and “**Le Rubis Noir**”, the spirit of the legendary **Grands Express Européens** comes alive once more. Surrounded by fine woods, exquisite fabrics, and the **luxurious atmosphere of the 1920s**, we are pampered while some of the most beautiful Alpine panorama’s glide past our windows.

Enjoy refined cuisine at beautifully laid tables and immerse yourself in the world of the *Belle Époque*, which provides the glamorous setting for this unique travel experience. This journey is a tribute to the **golden age of travel**, when the journey itself was already the destination.

Our destination is **Locarno**, where **late summer on Lake Maggiore** welcomes us with palm trees and Mediterranean flair. Come aboard and enjoy a weekend that combines nobility, indulgence, and the longing for the South in the most beautiful way imaginable.

Saturday, 5 September 2026

We begin our journey to Ticino aboard this special train. In the elegant dining cars of the “**Prestige Continental Express**”, styled after the legendary “**Orient Express**”, we experience the romance of rail travel from a bygone era. These luxuriously arranged, air-conditioned coaches offer the highest level of comfort at tables for two or four passengers.



Shortly **after 9:00 a.m.**, we depart from **Zurich Main Station**. Our route takes us through the Limmat Valley and the Freiamt region, before continuing via **Arth-Goldau (boarding possible)** onto the legendary **Gotthard panoramic route**, where we experience Swiss history at first hand. As the fascinating **Alpine scenery** unfolds outside our windows, we enjoy a **freshly prepared lunch** while travelling via Airolo to Bellinzona. After this culinary highlight, we continue by scheduled first-class train service to our destination, **Locarno**.

Upon arrival, we check into our residence in a privileged elevated position above Locarno. At the **Hotel Belvedere****Superior**, elegant **rooms with magnificent lake views** and sweeping panoramas of Lake Maggiore and the Ticino mountains await us. This exceptional retreat offers not only breathtaking scenery, but also outstanding cuisine: the hotel’s **restaurant, awarded 14 Gault Millau points**, delights guests of the highest level and invites you to enjoy an unforgettable individual dinner experience in the evening. Here, every moment becomes a treasured memory. The **remainder of the day** can be enjoyed **entirely at your leisure** amid the Mediterranean flair of southern Switzerland.

Sunday, 6 September 2026

After a leisurely breakfast, we take a walk to the boat landing stage in Locarno. A **scheduled boat cruise** carries us gently across the lake to the **Brissago Islands**. There, an exclusive **private guided tour** through the botanical gardens awaits us, offering fascinating insights into the subtropical world of plants. Afterwards, we enjoy a **light lunch** directly on the island, surrounded by this unique and enchanting setting.



After returning by **scheduled boat service to Ascona**, we continue by first-class train to **Bellinzona**. There, we once again board our special train, the “**Prestige Continental Express**”. As we travel north along the spectacular Gotthard panoramic route, an **exquisite early dinner** is served in the luxurious saloon coaches. **Shortly after 8:00 p.m.**, we arrive at **Zurich Main Station via Arth-Goldau (disembarkation possible)**, carrying with us unforgettable memories of a weekend filled with elegance, culture, and memorable highlights.

Prices per person, plus 0.25% risk contribution for the guarantee fund
CHF 1,480 Superior double room, balcony, lake view
CHF 1,640 Superior single room, balcony, lake view

What's included

Travel on the Prestige Continental Express from Zurich to Bellinzona and back, reserved seats in the dining car, welcome drink, one lunch and one dinner served on board, travel by scheduled train in first-class from Bellinzona to Locarno and back, overnight stay at the Hotel Belvedere**** Superior in Locarno including breakfast and city tax in a superior chic room with balcony and lake view, excursion to the Brissago Islands as described with a private guided tour and light lunch, beverages served with the included meals, documentation, general tips, tour manager.

Programme, routes and rail traction subject to change. The organiser's general information and conditions of travel apply. A minimum number of travellers is required for the trip to take place.

