

Between elegance & nostalgia



18 to 21 September 2026

When history gains steam: an emotional journey back to the roots of the Rhaetian Railway

The **Alpine Classic Pullman-Express** is far more than a means of transport – it is both a luxurious indulgence and an immersive Alpine experience. In the historic carriages of the early 20th century, we travel in elegance, surrounded by the enchanting **Art Déco style**. It is not only the comfortable armchairs, the bay windows, the delicate tables or the precious teak wood that highlight the elegance; it is the harmonious overall composition and the unique atmosphere that make this experience truly exceptional.

With just 32 seats per carriage, the Pullman coaches provide the perfect setting for refined travel on the network of the Rhaetian Railway. We travel in style along the **UNESCO World Heritage Albula line**, crossing the famous Landwasser Viaduct and journeying through the majestic mountains of Graubünden, reliving the golden age of the **Belle Époque**.

A deeply moving moment awaits us on Sunday at Schiers station in the Prättigau: the ceremonial inauguration of the **restored steam locomotive G 3/4 No. 1 “RHÆTIA”**. After several years of comprehensive overhaul, this historic engine from 1889 – the very first locomotive of the former Landquart–Davos Railway – returns to its original condition. It is the homecoming of a legend, making the pioneering spirit of Graubünden tangible and taking us back to the very roots of a great railway history.

Friday, 18 September 2026

Individual arrival at the booked hotel in **Bad Ragaz or Chur**.

Saturday, 19 September 2026

Shortly before 9 a.m., we take our seats in the **luxurious 1930s-style compartment** and enjoy a fascinating journey through constantly changing scenery. From our **guaranteed window seat**, we travel along the **Albula line from Thusis via Bergün to St. Moritz** – a railway route of the Rhaetian Railway that is rightfully listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**.

As an aperitif is served on board, we immerse ourselves in the history of construction and the rich railway culture of Graubünden.



In Bergün, railway enthusiasts disembark to visit a very special highlight: the **Albula Railway Museum**. Spread over more than 1,300 m² of exhibition space, this interactive museum offers in-depth insights into the pioneering achievements of railway engineering, presented in a particularly vivid way during a **guided special tour**.

In the afternoon, the hearts of technology enthusiasts beat faster as the impressive **Bergün–Preda model railway** layout in the local museum brings the legendary route to life in miniature form. Later in the afternoon, the return journey from Bergün to the capital of Graubünden is once again enjoyed in the Pullman carriage.

As an attractive alternative, the day may also be spent in **St. Moritz** instead of disembarking in Bergün. After a leisurely extended walk, we enjoy a fine Graubünden platter with regional specialities at the renowned **Hotel Waldhaus am See**. The return journey to Chur takes place shortly after 3 p.m., once again in the elegant **Pullman carriage**, with arrival in Chur expected at around 5 p.m.



Sunday, 20 September 2026

The **morning** is at your disposal for **individual activities**. Take the opportunity for a relaxing walk or to explore the region on your own before travelling by public transport to Schiers in the Prättigau around midday.

This weekend, Schiers railway station is dedicated to an exceptional anniversary. The station area is transformed into a fascinating time capsule, inviting visitors to immerse themselves in the **pioneering era of Graubünden's railway history**. The highlight is the **ceremonial re-inauguration** of the meticulously restored steam locomotive **RHÆTIA (RhB No. 1)** from 1889.

After years of restoration, this significant piece of **technical heritage** returns to the rails, bringing an important **chapter in the history of the Rhaetian Railway back to life**.

A special **cultural highlight** of this journey is the **“Operetta at the Tracks”**, for which the best seats are already included in the travel arrangement. This specially created musical theatre production uniquely combines railway history, acting, choral singing, and live music. The performance takes place directly at Schiers station and uses the historic steam locomotive and a nostalgic train as an impressive original backdrop. This creates an authentic atmosphere that transports visitors straight back to the era of the railway pioneers.

At the centre of the story is the Dutch **railway pioneer Willem Jan Holsboer**, whose vision and entrepreneurial spirit were crucial to the development of the **railway connection between Landquart and Davos**. The operetta tells of the challenges, visions, and achievements of that era while painting a vivid picture of the origins of the Rhaetian Railway in the Prättigau. With charm, humour, and musical diversity, the beginnings of railway construction in Graubünden and the people behind this important chapter of Swiss transport history are brought vividly to life.

The production is carried by dedicated amateur performers and musicians. In particular, the “Tschoo-Tschoo Singers” and numerous other participants in historical costumes lend the performance an authentic and lovingly crafted character. Colorful scenes, captivating melodies, and the unique setting on the railway tracks create an overall atmospheric experience that goes far beyond a traditional theatre performance.

The **“Operetta at the Tracks”** is not only a tribute to the long-standing history of the Rhaetian Railway, but also a feast for all the senses. Railway enthusiasts, culture lovers, and friends of regional history can look forward to an extraordinary performance that conveys historical events in an entertaining and moving way. The combination of music, theatre, and genuine railway romance makes this afternoon an unforgettable experience.

Monday, 21 September 2026

After a leisurely breakfast and check-out from the hotel, it is time to say goodbye and begin your individual journey home.

In your luggage, you also carry lasting memories of a journey through the railway history of Graubünden—from the luxurious carriages of the “**Orient Express of the Alps**” of the 1930s to the ceremonial return of the **steam locomotive RHÆTIA**.

Prices per person, plus 0.25% risk contribution for the guarantee fund

Hotel Freieck* Chur**

CHF 1,390. - double room Superior

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Sorell Hotel Tamina** Bad Ragaz**

CHF 1,490. - double room Deluxe

CHF 1,925. - single Deluxe

Grand Hotel Quellenhof*** Bad Ragaz**

CHF 2,680. - Junior-Suite Deluxe

CHF 4,545. - Junior-Suite Deluxe for single use

What's included

Three nights' accommodation in the hotel of your choice, including breakfast and the tourist tax, as well as an excursion aboard the “Alpine Classic Pullman-Express” either to Bergün with a guided tour of the Albula Railway Museum and a visit to the local village museum, or to St. Moritz with a light lunch included.

The package also includes a reserved window seat in a Pullman carriage (for guests staying in Bad Ragaz, transfers to and from Chur are included), a ticket for individual return travel by public transport from/to Chur or Bad Ragaz to Schiers, a good seat for the open-air performance “Operetta at the Tracks” in Schiers, documentation materials, and guided tour services.

Grand Hotel Quellenhof Bad Ragaz: Free use of the 6,050-m² thermal spa area including sports pool, indoor pool, garden pool, sauna, sanarium, steam bath and fitness centre. Admission to the 7,300-m² Tamina Therme thermal baths complex.

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.

