

Exchange Program in Switzerland (Hotel stay)

The Project



Highlights of the Project

Three geographical areas (the Jura, Plateau and the Alps), four national languages (German, French, Italian and Romansh), 26 cantons, as many small states, each with its idiosyncrasies, forming Swiss Confederation, one of the oldest countries in the world. In Switzerland, federalism is not just a word!

Our Strengths:

- Stay together in a hotel in Switzerland (7 nights)
- Improve your levels of European (German, French, Italian) languages with daily classes and get a certificate for the entire Exchange
- Learn about European culture from a European Milna person, who's with you during the entire Exchange
- Participate in various activities and discover the area in the afternoon and

over the weekend

- Stay 1 to 3 nights with a Swiss family (Optional and free)

Safety:

- We follow the **security instructions strictly, especially** when outdoors;
- We follow the [French law](#) protecting the youth while organizing a travel;
- A **Milna European person** is with the group during the entire Exchange, who's reachable at all times.

Responsible traveler:

We use the public transportation and limit the group detritus to reduce the impact of the carbon footprint caused by this project.

Detailed Program



This is an example itinerary based on flight landing in Zurich

Wherever you will go, you will do the local activities (countryside, mountain, city...) and you will also visit Zurich (St. Peter, Lindenhof, Lake Zurich, Swiss National Museum...)

Day 1: Flight India - Zurich. Check-in to the hotel and unwind for a while. Head out to explore the city till evening. Have dinner and end the day at a hotel in Zurich area.

Day 2: After breakfast at the hotel, we will leave for the hosting city and visit the host school. Night in a hotel in the hosting city.

Day 3-4-5: Get involved in the morning school activities (sports, giving a presentation of your country, teaching your language to the host students, music etc..) . Lunch in the school canteen. Explore the hosting city on bicycles or by walk! (Churches, parks, museums, mountains, countryside, shopping...) Dinner and night at a hotel.

Day 6: After breakfast at hotel, we'll leave for the school. Last day at school, saying goodbye to your new friends for life and perform at your farewell show. After lunch at the school, we'll head to Zurich.

Day 7: Have your breakfast at the hotel in Zurich and leave to explore Zurich

for the entire day (Swiss National Museum, Zürich Opera House, Lidenhof, Lake Zurich, shopping...) . Dinner and night in Zurich.

Day 8: Last visits in Zurich. Transfer to Airport and return to India.

Day 9: Arrival in India.

Note 1: According to the season and location of the hosting school, Skiing is a possible option. You can discuss with us further, if interested [contact us](#).

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Note 3: You are welcome to share the areas you prefer to have an exchange program with, we will do our maximum to fullfill it. [contact us](#).

Rates and Departure



Departure and rate per person

[The Terms and Conditions](#)

An exchange to Switzerland is possible throughout the year except the days mentioned in this [calendar](#).

For an Exchange Program (Hotel stay) in September or October, The Milna Booking Form has to be submitted before the 5th June to have enough time to get the confirmation of the school. (July and August, all the Swiss schools and their administrations are closed)

Duration up to 7 nights in hotel + a bonus of 1 to 3 nights with families (Subject to feasibility). The stay or not with families will have no impact on the total price. (Want a different duration? [Contact us](#))

120 days	90 days	60 days	30 days
Starting 1750 EUR*	Starting 1900 EUR*	Starting 2050 EUR*	Starting 2200 EUR*
7 nights	7 nights	7 nights	7 nights
2 nights in Zurich area			
/ hotels	**/** hotels	**/** hotels	**/** hotels
Double/triple occupancy	Double/triple occupancy	Double/triple occupancy	Double/triple occupancy
**Family stay free option (≤3 nights) Milna European team member	**Family stay free option (≤3 nights) Milna European team member	**Family stay free option (≤3 nights) Milna European team member	**Family stay free option (≤3 nights) Milna European team member
Book it!	Book it!	Book it!	Book it!

Rate including:

- Rate all included
- One teacher every 10 students
- Up to 7 nights stay in hotel
- Up to 3 nights with families (Optional, subject to availability, to be requested at the moment of the enrollment)
- Project starting and ending from the concerned departure airport
- Certificate for each participant

The rate does not include:

- Transfer to/from the starting concerned airport
- Personal expenditure

(*) The prices mentioned above are subject to availability. The official rates

are in Euros. The rate of exchange used for calculating cost in INR is subject to change and the final rate applied will be at the actual time of order on our "Shop" section. The final amount in INR will be displayed by selecting INR as currency.

Eventual options:

- [Swiss Pre-paid Sim card](#)
- Extra days in the country
- Excursion in a neighboring country (France, Italy, Germany, Liechtenstein etc.)
- Skiing in the Alps
- Stopover in another country (As per the airline stopover)

About the "120 days offer":

For the 120 days offer, we will do our maximum to respect your preferred date of departure, however, the dates of the project must be flexible +/- 7 days.

Practical Info



Formalities

Valid passport + [Visa](#) (As per your citizenship).

Health

- Our team has a pharmacy adapted to the destination.
- Anywhere you go in Europe, no vaccination is mandatory.
- A member of Milna is present with the traveling group during the entire length of the stay. He/ She will ensure the security and safety of the group.
- In case of an emergency, the traveler will be taken into care by the nearest hospital. If needed, he will be repatriated in the best conditions.



What is an Exchange program (Hotel stay) and what happens in an Exchange program?

An Exchange program is an opportunity for students to experience the life in another country while studying, traveling, learning and sharing their knowledge with others. Students attend a school in the morning where they do different academic and extra-curricular activities. In the Afternoon, they visit the local city and its famous attractions and some organizations. In the evening all the students and adults spend time together in a hotel. This program continues with a different schedule each day. 1 to 3 extra nights can be spent with the family, usually the weekend (Subject to feasibility). An Exchange program (Hotel stay) lasts 7 nights maximum in hotel + 1 to 3 optional nights family stay.

What do we do about the visas?

Milna India will facilitate the visa formalities of the participants and the teachers. Our team will provide you the list of required documents for the visa. Please make sure that all the documents in the list are submitted with us as soon as possible or within the duration communicated to you.

What about health insurance?

Travel and health insurance is mandatory for each participant. Milna takes care of it.

At which place (city / region) will the participant be placed?

The Exchange Program (Hotel Stay) can take place anywhere in Switzerland. If your school has any particular preferred area, then it has to be requested for, at the time of enrollment and we'll do our best to find a school in that area matching your preferences.

What will the participant eat?

The participant will be enjoying local delicacies that will be respecting his/her diet and preferences that has been mentioned in the "I'm going!" form.

Where will the participant stay?

Each student will be staying with the group in the same hotel in Switzerland. If the group wishes, we can provide, as a free option 1 to 3 nights stay with the Swiss families from the Swiss school doing the exchange program with us (Family stay is subject to feasibility). If the optional family stay is chosen, each student will be provided one Swiss host family according to the student's age and gender. For ex: A 12 years-old-boy lives in a family of 12 years-old Swiss boy. A girl is also placed in a family of a girl of the same age. All efforts are put in order to put the students in a family according to their age and gender.

Where will the teacher stay?

The teacher accompanying the group will be staying in the same hotel, in his/her own room. In case, if the optional family stay is chosen, then the teacher is hosted by a teacher of the host school.

What happens when my child arrives in the host country and how will I know if she/he has arrived?

Milna maintains a 'Before/During/After the Exchange program' blog in which we mention the itinerary and the calendar of the students. During the exchange program we put our best efforts to update the parents about each activity of students through articles, pictures and videos on our blog. The blog's name would be communicated to all the students and their families.

Will my child be alone Or with his/her friend, at the Swiss family's home? (If the optional nights with family stay is chosen)

Each student lives alone with one Swiss family. We do not put two participants together in one Swiss family unless we have less hosting families. It is for the benefit of the Exchange Program, that each student lives alone with a family, as two participants in one Swiss family will just communicate with each other instead of conversing and sharing their knowledge with their Swiss correspondent student and its family.

Who will take care of my child?

In most cases the language teacher of your children shall accompany them to Switzerland. In other cases if the language teacher cannot go, then any other teacher chosen by your child's school shall go along with one Milna person. Our Milna person knows Switzerland and its culture very well and stays with the group during the entire Exchange. Your child can contact teacher and the Milna person for any assistance at any time.

Does the Swiss Family speak English? My child doesn't speak any European language or little.

Most Swiss people are not so good at English. But by agreeing to host a foreign participant in their family, they already cross the barrier of language. Generally, such families speak English or at least, one parent i.e. The Father or the Mother of the family speaks English. And even if not them, then for sure the Swiss correspondent (student/child) of the family speaks English as he/she learns it at school. Hence, even if your child knows very little Swiss or no Swiss, it is never a problem.

Who will the host family be? Please send full details about the host family.

The host family would be the parents of the Swiss student studying in the Swiss school who hosts/invites the group. All the host families are selected by the Swiss school in collaboration with Milna. The full details of your child's respective host family will be given to you, before the departure.

Should my child bring a gift for the host family and siblings?

Yes, the host family will be happy to receive something from India as a gift. It is not necessary to buy an expensive one. Anything representing your country will do. Otherwise, simply you may ask the host family.

Do I have to host my Swiss partner if he comes to my India?

A real exchange program is supposed to be like that. However, if you can't host your Swiss partner during his possible visit to India with his school, we will have no problem with that. We will always be able to get him a new partner from your school.

How much pocket money should my child carry?

For sake of your child's private expenditure (shopping etc.), you can give pocket money. It all depends on what your child would like to buy from Switzerland. In general, we believe that 15 Euros per day is largely enough to fulfill the normal shopping desires.

How does the payment deadline work?

The principle is simple: The earlier you book your project and pay, more you will save. By paying us in advance, we can book the accommodation, transportation etc in advance.

We get them for a competitive price so we make you benefit from this saving, hence the different deadlines.

Let's say you select the 90 days' deadline, it means, that 100% of the payment needs to reach us no later than 90 days before the departure. If you have already paid 10% with the Milna Booking Form, the remaining payment will be 90% to send us no later than 90 days before the departure. If your payment is not reaching us before the 90 days' deadline, then the 60 days' deadline will apply which usually represents few thousand INR extra. (Check our rates to know the exact amount) If today is the 91st day before the departure and you want the 90 days' deadline, you have to send us 100% of the amount to respect the deadline and avail the 90 days special offer, but no later than that.

What if my question was not answered here?

Please feel free to [contact us](#).