

Switzerland

Swiss Travel Pass



What is a Swiss Travel Pass?

A Swiss Travel Pass (STP) in its various forms is a pass that allows the holder to ride trains, buses, trams and boats throughout Switzerland for a specified number of days over a specific time period.

There are some restrictions, as some transportation services are privately owned and operated, but it will likely cover the majority of your transportation needs. Additionally, for many of the services that aren't covered, discounts are available for holder of a STP

It is only available to individuals living outside of Switzerland and Liechtenstein.

Advantages of using a Swiss Travel Pass

- Free travel by train, bus and boat
- Free travel on premium panorama trains (seat reservation required or surcharges apply)
- Free use of public transportation in more than 90 urban areas
- Free admission to over 500 museums throughout the country
- Included mountain excursions to: Rigi, Schilthorn and Stanserhorn
- Up to 50% discount on other mountain excursions
- STP and Youth STP are available as print@home versions
- With the complimentary family pass, children between ages 6 and 16 who are accompanied by at least one parent holding a valid STP travel free.
- Children under the age of 6 who are accompanied by a holder of a valid STP travel free

Types of passes available:

Swiss Travel Pass

Validity: 3, 4, 8 or 15 consecutive days

Allows you to ride on most trains, buses, trams and boats an unlimited amount for the number of consecutive days indicated on your pass.

Swiss Travel Flex Pass

Validity: 3, 4, 8 or 15 freely selectable days within one month.

Allows you to ride on most trains, buses, trams and boats an unlimited amount for the number of days indicated on your pass within a one month period. The month begins on your first day of travel, not the first day of the calendar month.

Half-fare Pass

Validity: 3, 4, 8 or 15 consecutive days

Allows you to ride on most trains, buses, trams and boats an unlimited amount for the number of consecutive days indicated on your pass at 50% of the regular full fare.

Half-fare Flex

Validity: 3, 4, 8 or 15 freely selectable days within one month.

Allows you to ride on most trains, buses, trams and boats an unlimited amount for the number of days indicated on your pass within a month period at 50% of the regular full fare.

Swiss Travel Pass Youth & Swiss Travel Pass Flex Youth

Same as the basic Swiss Travel Pass and the Swiss Travel Pass Flex, except it costs 15% less.

How to purchase your pass:

Online Purchase:

Head to the Official Swiss Rail Website: <https://www.sbb.ch>

Click on BUY, and then start the process.

First you'll need to decide what kind of pass you want.

Next you'll need to decide the number of days you want the pass to be valid; and whether you want consecutive days or flexible days.

You'll need to have your passport available, as well as knowing the day you want your pass to be valid from.

Fill out the required personal information as well as your payment information.

No photo is needed, but you'll want to keep your passport available when using the pass.

Purchase at the train station:

At a train station, you can purchase your pass at the ticket counter.

You'll need the same information as above to make the purchase.

How to use your Swiss Travel Pass:

Using your pass is easy. When you purchase your pass or use it for the first time, you'll need to write in the date on your pass. Then, depending on the type of pass you are using, you just use it for transportation for the duration of the pass or, in the case of the flex passes, you write in the date each day you use the pass.

While traveling, you may be asked by the conductor, driver or boat captain to show your pass. In that case you will need to present your pass and a picture ID. They will likely scan in the pass or just view it to insure that it's valid.

IMPORTANT: Be sure to write down the date info each time you use it or you may be fined when you present it, even though it is valid.

Other than that item, it's really that easy to use the pass. Fill it in and keep it with you.

Cost

Prices will change, but as of 1 Sep 2018 the costs are as follows:

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Product	Price in CHF in	
	2nd class	1st class
<u>Swiss Travel Pass 3 days</u>	225	358
<u>Swiss Travel Pass 4 days</u>	270	429
<u>Swiss Travel Pass 8 days</u>	398	631
<u>Swiss Travel Pass 15 days</u>	485	765

Swiss Travel Pass Flex

Product	Price in CHF in	
	2nd class	1st class
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Flex 3 days in 1 month</u>	259	412
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Flex 4 days in 1 month</u>	310	493
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Flex 8 days in 1 month</u>	445	706
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Flex 15 days in 1 month</u>	532	840

Swiss Travel Pass Youth

Product	Price in CHF in	Price in CHF in
	2nd class	1st class
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Youth 3 days</u>	192	305
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Youth 4 days</u>	231	366
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Youth 8 days</u>	340	538
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Youth 15 days</u>	416	654

Swiss Travel Pass Flex - Youth

Product	Price in CHF in	Price in CHF in
	2nd class	1st class
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Flex Youth 3 days in 1 month</u>	221	351
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Flex Youth 4 days in 1 month</u>	265	421
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Flex Youth 8 days in 1 month</u>	380	602
<u>Swiss Travel Pass Flex Youth 15 days in 1 month</u>	456	718