

# Europe Trip — Detailed Travel Plan (Oct 4–18, 2025)

## TICKETS STILL TO BOOK

Interlaken → Milan (Oct 7)	BOOKED — RE 4223 + EuroCity 65
Milan → Florence (Oct 8)	BOOKED — Italo 8143, Smart class
Florence → Rome day trip (Oct 10)	BOOKED — Italo 9907 + 9962, Prima class
Florence → Venice (Oct 11)	BOOKED — Italo 8914, Smart class
Venice → Salzburg (Oct 13)	BOOKED — ÖBB Railjet + WESTbahn
Salzburg → Munich (Oct 15)	BOOKED — WESTbahn 964
Zurich → Interlaken (Oct 4)	NEED TO BOOK — 2hr train journey
Interlaken day trips	BUY ON THE DAY — via SBB app
Munich → Airport S-Bahn (Oct 18)	NEED TO BOOK — S8/S1 line for 12:20 flight

## INTERLAKEN BASE HQ (Oct 4–7) — START HERE!

### Accommodation Details

**Address:** Centralstrasse 11, Interlaken  
**Nearest Station:** Interlaken Ost  
**Walking Distance:** 5-minute level walk from station  
**Perfect for:** Day trips to Lauterbrunnen, Grindelwald, Jungfrauoch

### Getting There from Zurich

- **By Car:** 3 hours direct drive
- **By Train:** Zurich Hauptbahnhof → Interlaken Ost (2 hours, departures every hour)

### Detailed Interlaken Day Plans

#### DAY 1 (Oct 5): Lauterbrunnen & Isenfluh Cable Car Adventure

1. **08:00** — Depart Interlaken Ost → Lauterbrunnen (20 min train, every 30 min)
2. **08:30** — Arrive Lauterbrunnen → catch Bus #141 to Isenfluh
3. **CRITICAL:** Check Bus #141 schedule — **INFREQUENT SERVICE!**
4. **Bus Tickets:** Buy at Lauterbrunnen station or via SBB Mobile app
5. **09:30** — Isenfluh → Sulwald via cable car (CHF 16 round trip/person)
6. **11:00-14:00** — Explore Sulwald mountain station
7. **14:30** — Return Sulwald → Isenfluh via cable car
8. **15:00** — Bus #141 back to Lauterbrunnen
9. **16:00** — Lauterbrunnen → Grindelwald (35 min train)
10. **17:00-19:00** — Explore Grindelwald village
11. **19:30** — Return to Interlaken Ost

#### DAY 2 (Oct 6): Jungfrauoch — Top of Europe

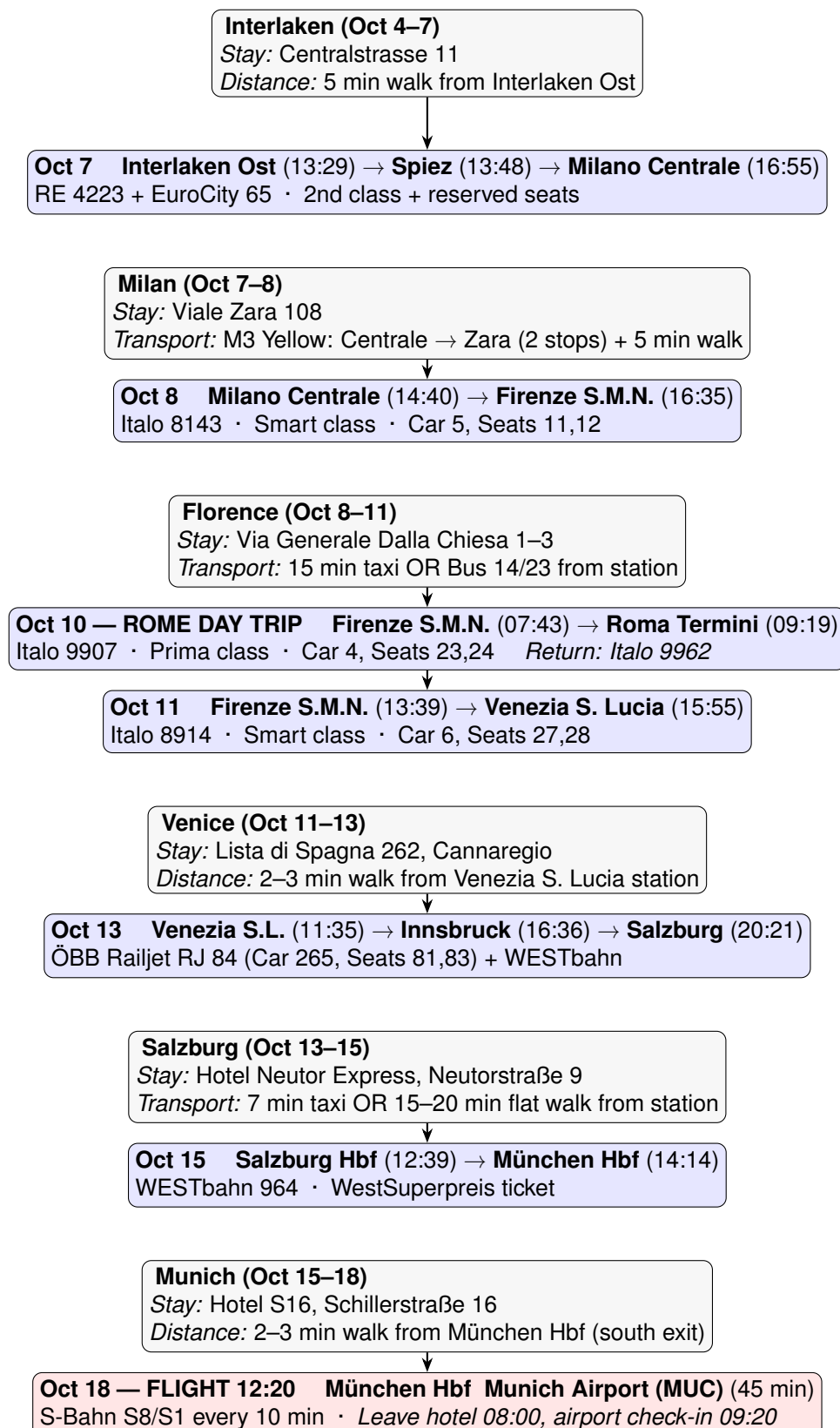
- **Departure:** Interlaken Ost → Jungfrauoch (1 hour via Lauterbrunnen/Kleine Scheidegg)
- **Cost:** CHF 100-150 with Half-Fare Card
- **Duration:** Allow 5-6 hours total round trip
- **Altitude:** 3,454m — **BRING WARM CLOTHES & SUNGLASSES!**

- **Book:** Reserve tickets online in advance (popular route)

### Optional: Mürren Village

- **Route:** Interlaken → Lauterbrunnen → Grütschalp (cable car) → Mürren
  - **Perfect for:** Scenic mountain village, elderly-friendly flat walking
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## Rail Journey Flowchart



# City Highlights & Must-Do Activities

## Zurich (Oct 7 — before departure)

- Old Town (Altstadt) walking tour
- Lake Zurich waterfront promenade
- Bahnhofstrasse shopping street

## Milan (Oct 7–8)

- **Duomo Cathedral** + rooftop terraces (book ahead!)
- **La Scala Opera House** (guided tours available)
- **Navigli District** (canals & aperitivo)
- **Quadrilatero della Moda** (luxury fashion district)

## Florence (Oct 8–11)

- **Brunelleschi Dome** (book timed entry in advance!)
- **Duomo Cathedral** (Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore)
- **Campanile di Giotto** (bell tower climb)
- **Palazzo Vecchio** (former Florence city hall)
- **Piazza della Repubblica** (main square)
- **Piazza della Signoria** (outdoor sculpture museum)
- **Mercato di San Lorenzo** (leather shopping paradise)
- **Basilica di Santa Croce** (Michelangelo's tomb)
- **Transport:** Bus tickets via ATAF mobile app or at tobacco shops (tabacchi)

## Rome Day Trip (Oct 10) — Optimized Route

**Early Morning (09:30-11:00):** Trevi Fountain → Pantheon

**Late Morning (11:00-13:00):** Colosseum (book skip-the-line!)

**Afternoon (13:00-15:00):** Roman Forum → Spanish Steps

**Late Afternoon (15:00-17:00):** Piazza Navona → Castel Sant'Angelo

## Venice (Oct 11–13) — **GONDOLA DREAM!**

- **GONDOLA RIDE** — **MUST DO for Boys Over Flowers moment!**
- **St. Mark's Square** (Piazza San Marco) — arrive early to avoid crowds
- **Doge's Palace** (book fast-track entry)
- **Bridge of Sighs** (best viewed from Ponte della Paglia)
- **Campanile di San Marco** (panoramic city views)
- **Rialto Bridge & Market** (morning fish market)
- **Murano & Burano Islands** (half-day boat trip)

## Salzburg (Oct 13–15)

- **Mozart's Birthplace** (Getreidegasse 9)
- **Salzburg Cathedral** (Dom)
- **Hohensalzburg Fortress** (take funicular up)
- **Mirabell Palace & Gardens** (Sound of Music filming locations)
- **Old Town UNESCO World Heritage Site**

## Munich (Oct 15–18) & Epic Day Trips

### In Munich:

- **Marienplatz** (central square with famous Glockenspiel)
- **Viktualienmarkt** (gourmet food market)
- **English Garden** (larger than Central Park!)
- **BMW Museum & BMW Welt**

### Day Trips:

- **Neuschwanstein Castle** (2 hrs by train+bus — book castle tickets online!)
  - **Berchtesgaden** (3 hrs away — Alpine paradise)
  - **Romantic Road: Rothenburg ob der Tauber** (1 hr — medieval perfection)
  - **Harburg Castle** (combine with Romantic Road)
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## Essential Apps & Tips

<b>SBB Mobile</b>	Swiss train tickets & real-time schedules
<b>Trainline</b>	European train bookings & mobile tickets
<b>Citymapper</b>	City navigation in all major cities
<b>Google Translate</b>	Download offline language packs!
<b>Cash</b>	Essential in Switzerland — many places don't take cards
<b>Power Bank</b>	Long travel days require backup power
<b>Printed Tickets</b>	Always have physical backup for important journeys

**Packing Essentials:** Warm layers (Jungfrauoch is freezing!), comfortable walking shoes, European power adapter, rain jacket

**Pro Tip:** Book major attractions in advance (Neuschwanstein, Brunelleschi Dome, Colosseum) — they sell out quickly!