



SWISS UNIQUE JOURNEY

ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCE 1 · Foroglio & the Bavona Valley Stone villages, waterfalls and one of Ticino's most authentic valleys.

Departure with private transfer in the morning from Morcote, Montagnola or Gandria, heading towards the remote and unspoiled Val Bavona.

Upon arrival in Foroglio, the experience begins with a guided visit of the village, discovering its stone houses, traditional architecture and the unique character of a valley that has preserved a deep connection with nature. The walk also introduces the history of the valley and the iconic Foroglio waterfall, a striking natural landmark shaped by glacial forces.

A gentle panoramic walk along an easy trail leads to scenic viewpoints and quiet corners immersed in nature, offering time for photography and relaxation.

Lunch is enjoyed at Ristorante La Froda, set in a panoramic position overlooking the waterfall and the village. Time is left free to relax and enjoy the atmosphere of the valley.

In the afternoon, the experience continues with a visit to the Foroglio waterfall, reaching panoramic viewpoints and spending time at its base, surrounded by one of the most impressive natural settings in the region.

Return to the accommodation is planned for the early evening, leaving time to rest and unwind before dinner.

Experience highlights

- Authentic alpine village and waterfall
- Easy walks and panoramic viewpoints
- Nature, culture and storytelling combined
- Ideal as a **full-day interchangeable experience with**



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ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCE 2: Foroglio Trek & Alpine Picnic

A more active exploration of the Bavona Valley, combining trekking and alpine landscapes.

Morning departure from **Morcote, Montagnola or Gandria**, heading towards **Foroglio**, where the day begins with a short **briefing with the guide**.

The experience continues with a **panoramic trekking route from Foroglio to Puntid**, offering time for observation, photography and immersion in the surrounding nature. From here, the walk progresses towards **Sabbione and Alpe Garina**, following an alpine trail with gradually changing landscapes.

Along the way, a **picnic-style aperitif and lunch** is included, enjoyed in a scenic natural setting.

In the afternoon, the route gently returns towards the valley. The experience concludes with a **guided visit of the village of Foroglio and its waterfall**, including time for photography and quiet observation of one of the valley's most iconic landmarks.

Return to the accommodation is planned for the late afternoon.

Dinner at the local restaurant.

Experience highlights

- Active alpine trekking experience
- Scenic trails and elevated viewpoints
- Picnic aperitif and lunch included
- Authentic villages and natural landmarks
- Ideal as an **active full-day alternative experience**



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ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCE 3: Ascona Classic & Brissago Islands *Artistic heritage, lakeside elegance and subtropical gardens.*

Departure for Ascona at around 8:30 a.m. by private transfer.

The morning is dedicated to a cultural walk through the historic village of Ascona, exploring its charming alleys, former fishermen's houses and the Church of Saints Peter and Paul. Along the way, the guide shares insights into Ascona's. Time is also left for photography and relaxed moments along the elegant lakeside promenade.

Lunch is enjoyed at a local restaurant in Ascona, offering regional cuisine in a refined yet informal setting.

In the early afternoon, the journey continues by ferryboat towards the Brissago Islands. The walk unfolds through exotic botanical species, panoramic viewpoints and carefully curated paths.

Later in the afternoon, a boat return to Ascona allows time for a relaxed aperitif on the lakeside, enjoying the atmosphere of the village as the day winds down.

Return to the accommodation is planned for the early evening.

Dinner can be arranged at a local restaurant or enjoyed quietly at home, according to your preferences.

Experience highlights

- Historic village of Ascona
- Subtropical botanical gardens of the Brissago Islands
- Cultural storytelling and free time
- Boat navigation on Lake Maggiore
- Ideal as a **cultural and scenic alternative experience**



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ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCE 4 · Riva San Vitale & Monte San Giorgio **Ancient heritage, alpine views and timeless landscapes.**

The day begins with a personal guide accompanying you for the entire day, followed by a private transfer to Riva San Vitale, one of the most historically significant villages in southern Ticino.

The morning is dedicated to a guided visit of Riva San Vitale, including the remarkable Baptistery of San Giovanni, dating back to the 5th century, and the nearby Church of Santa Croce.

Lunch is enjoyed at Grotto Pojana, a traditional setting known for authentic Ticino cuisine and a relaxed atmosphere.

In the afternoon, the journey continues with the ascent to Monte San Giorgio by rack railway, one of the most scenic and iconic mountain experiences in the area. From the summit, panoramic views extend across lakes, valleys and alpine landscapes, offering a peaceful and elevated perspective on the region.

Later in the day, a return transfer brings you back to your accommodation. The evening concludes with dinner at a local restaurant, offering a calm and convivial end to the experience.

Experience highlights

- Traditional grotto lunch
- Scenic rack railway ascent
- Panoramic mountain viewpoints
- Ideal as a **cultural and scenic alternative experience**



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ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCE 5: Milan & the Duomo

Iconic architecture, culture and the vibrant rhythm of Italy's design capital.

The day begins with a personal guide accompanying you for the entire day. A private transfer takes you to Lugano FFS station, where you will board a first-class train to Milan Centrale, departing in the morning and arriving late morning in the heart of the city.

Upon arrival, the experience unfolds with a guided exploration of Milan, moving easily through the city thanks to a day pass for public transportation. Time is dedicated to discovering Milan's atmosphere, architecture and everyday life, with space to enjoy the contrast between Swiss calm and Italian energy.

Lunch is arranged at a local restaurant, offering a relaxed pause before the cultural highlight of the day.

In the afternoon, a guided visit of the Duomo of Milan reveals one of Europe's most extraordinary Gothic landmarks, from its monumental interiors to its rich artistic and architectural details.

Depending on timing and pace, the experience may also include a visit to the courtyards of the Castello Sforzesco, offering additional insight into Milan's historical heritage.

As evening approaches, dinner at a local restaurant concludes the day, allowing time to enjoy Milan's culinary scene before the return journey.

Experience highlights

- First-class train journey from Lugano to Milan
- Guided visit of the Duomo of Milan
- Cultural landmarks and historic city center
- Ideal as a **cultural city-break alternative experience**



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ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCE 6 • Boat Tour & Monumental Morcote

A day of exclusive navigation, history and timeless villages.

After breakfast, the day begins with a private transfer from Gandria to Morcote, accompanied by a personal guide for the entire day.

The morning is dedicated to a guided visit of Monumental Morcote, one of the most picturesque villages in Switzerland. Highlights include the monumental staircase of Santa Maria del Sasso, the Renaissance church with frescoes, the monumental lakeside cemetery, and the historic medieval village, where architecture, history and landscape blend seamlessly.

Following the visit, enjoy a lakeside aperitif at I Sorsi di Morcote, featuring bruschette and local wines in a relaxed and authentic setting.

A light lunch at Barcaioli, a traditional lakeside restaurant, is included before continuing the journey by water.

In the afternoon, embark on an exclusive private boat tour, navigating the lake for approximately three hours while returning towards Lugano. This intimate experience offers a unique perspective on the shoreline, villages and surrounding landscapes.

In the evening, a dinner at Grotto Tinera, known for its traditional Ticino cuisine, concludes the day.

A private transfer will then take you back to your accommodation.



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ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCE 7 · Gandria, Olive Tree Trail & Monte Brè

A day of panoramic walks, nature and lakeside relaxation.

After breakfast, we go with private transfer to begins with a guided panoramic trekking experience along the renowned Olive Tree Trail, walking from Gandria to Castagnola through ancient olive groves and breathtaking views over Lake Lugano.

From Castagnola, you will ascend to Monte Brè by funicular, one of the most scenic viewpoints in Switzerland, offering wide-open panoramas across the lake, the city of Lugano and the surrounding mountains.

A lunch at a panoramic restaurant on Monte Brè is included, followed by free time to explore the charming village of Brè, known for its artistic spirit and relaxed atmosphere.

In the early afternoon, a private transfer will take you from Castagnola to Lido San Domenico, where you can enjoy a relaxing afternoon by the lake. Time to unwind on the beach, swim, or enjoy an aperitif by the water.

Later in the day, a private transfer will bring you back to your accommodation.

The evening is left free, with dinner arranged at a traditional restaurant in Gandria, allowing you to enjoy local cuisine in an authentic setting.



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ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCE 8 • Monte Bar & E-Bike Adventure **A day of movement, nature and panoramic landscapes.**

After breakfast, a private transfer from your accommodation will take you to the starting point of the e-bike tour, where you will be equipped with a fully equipped e-bike and accompanied by an expert guide.

The experience unfolds over a four-hour guided ride, following panoramic routes through mountains, forests and vineyards, with regular stops to enjoy the views and take photos overlooking the lake.

Along the way, a scenic picnic is included, set in a carefully chosen location surrounded by nature.

After returning to Lugano, a private transfer will bring you back to your accommodation.

The remainder of the afternoon is left free, allowing time to relax, enjoy the lake or simply slow down.

In the evening, a private chef will prepare dinner directly in the apartment, offering an exclusive culinary experience in an intimate and relaxed setting.



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ALTERNATIVE EXPERIENCE 9 • Hidden Gems & Lakeside Trek **A day combining city life, hidden villages and scenic walking by the lake.**

The experience begins directly from your accommodation, heading towards Lugano for a relaxed start to the day. Breakfast is enjoyed at Pasticceria Porto, a refined café in the heart of the city, known for its quality and atmosphere.

After breakfast, time is left free to explore Lugano at your own pace, strolling through the city, along the lakefront or simply enjoying the rhythm of daily life.

Lunch is arranged at a traditional local grotto in the city, a unique and authentic place that offers a different perspective on Lugano's culinary culture.

In the early afternoon, the journey continues with a private boat transfer across the lake to Caprino, a hidden village accessible only by water or on foot. Here, you will visit a traditional lakeside house, followed by time to relax and enjoy the sun on the terrace overlooking the lake.

From Caprino, a moderate and accessible trekking route begins, following scenic paths towards Gandria Cantine. The walk takes approximately two hours and unfolds along the lake, offering panoramic views and a strong sense of immersion in the landscape.

The experience concludes with dinner at a lakeside grotto in Gandria, before returning by boat to Lugano and a private transfer back to your accommodation.

Experience highlights

- Lugano city life and local gastronomy
- Private boat navigation to a hidden village
- Lakeside trekking between Caprino and Gandria
- Authentic grotto dining by the water
- Ideal as a **nature & discovery alternative experience**



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CONDITIONS

Alternative experience.

Alternative Experiences offered by Swiss Unique Journey are designed to provide a high level of flexibility and personalization within the all-inclusive packages.

Daily experiences may be adjusted, replaced or adapted according to guests' preferences, availability and compatibility with the overall travel itinerary.

Depending on the selected experiences, their duration, the level of service required (such as guides, transportation, entrance fees or private activities) and seasonality, an additional cost may apply compared to the base package.

For this reason, the final package price will be communicated exclusively through a personalized proposal, prepared after the selection of the desired experiences. Guests are therefore invited to always refer to the final cost proposal before confirming the journey.

Swiss Unique Journey reserves the right to:

- suggest equivalent alternative experiences in case of unavailability
- adapt the program for organizational, weather-related or logistical reasons
- ensure that all experiences remain consistent with the brand's quality standards

All alternative experiences are subject to final confirmation and are considered valid only if explicitly included in the proposal approved by the client.