



The Footsteps of  
John Calvin & the Reformation in  
*Switzerland*



- 9 Days -

Zurich, Konstanz, Basel,  
Lucerne, Chillon & More!

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## Day 1 - Depart USA

Depart on your international overnight flight.

## Day 2 – Flight to Zurich

Arrive in Zurich, where our representative will escort you for your transfer to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 3 – Zurich (Walking Tour)

Zurich was home to Huldrych Zwingli, a contemporary of Luther and Calvin, leading the call for Reformation. Zwingli served as pastor of the Grossmünster (Great Church) in the 1520's. Two other churches here deserve attention. The Fraumünster (Our Lady's Church) has portions of architecture dating to the 13th century and boasts stained glass windows by Marc Chagall. Finally St. Peter's Church has the largest church clock face in the world. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 4 – Konstanz, St. Gallen and Liechtenstein

This morning, travel to the lakeside city of Konstanz (Constance). In 1414 - 1418, the Council of Constance challenged early reformers of the church. Visit Jan Hus' house. Wander the medieval streets and shops of this city untouched by World War II. Continue to St. Gallen, where Mayor Joachim von Watt introduced the Reformation movement to the city in 1526. Visit the Abbey of St. Gallen, whose library is one of the richest medieval libraries in the world. Over 2,000 of the 160,000 books are hand scribed, with 400 being over 1,000 years old. This afternoon, visit Liechtenstein, bordered by Switzerland and Austria. Not as urbanized as other countries its size, here you can step back in time and enjoy it's Old World charm. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 5 – Basel and Lucerne

Journey to Basel, located on the Rhine River and home to John Calvin. Visit the Munster, once a Catholic cathedral and now a

Reformed church. Buried here is Erasmus, a Catholic priest and contemporary of the Reformers. Visit the Marktplatz and see the Rathaus (originally a Renaissance palace). Continue to beautiful Lucerne. The 14th century city wall, boasting nine different watchtowers, is one of the best preserved fortifications in Europe. The painted panels of Lucerne's famous wooden Kappel Bridge depict the city's history. See the twin towered Jesuit Church. Visit the Hofkirche, built in the Renaissance style, and the Franciscan Church, which was built in the high-Gothic style. We will also view the sad and famous Lion Monument of Lucerne. Check into your hotel in Lucerne for dinner and overnight.

## Day 6 – Interlaken and the Alps

This morning travel to Interlaken, the heart of Switzerland. Flower-lined streets and the surrounding mountains will be familiar postcard images to you. See the towering peaks of the Jungfrau, Eiger and Monch. Enjoy free time to wander, shop and explore this town between two lakes. Travel across incredible Swiss mountain ranges, catching glimpses of glaciers. Then continue on to your Geneva area hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Day 7 – Geneva

Today explore the places and history of Geneva. John Calvin assisted in bringing the Reformation here, and with it, a theocratic form of government. Visit the Reformation Museum, home to artifacts and manuscripts from this epic period in church history. St. Peter's Cathedral next door is rich in Reformed church history as well. Also, visit the Reformation Monument, including the Pilgrim Roger Williams, and drive past the UN Palace and the Council of Churches, both headquartered here. Enjoy time to walk around the city to see such places as the flower wall clock. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.



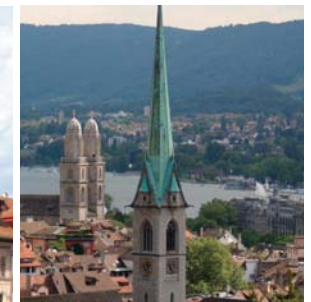
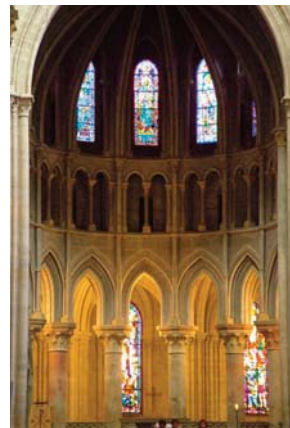
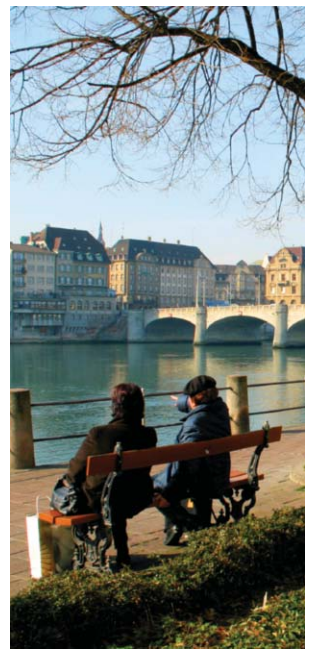


### Day 8 – Chillon and Lausanne

Journey south today to the seaside village of Chillon. At the castle here, Francois Bonivard was imprisoned. Lord Byron wrote the poem “the Prisoner of Chillon” in his honor. The castle overlooks Lake Lemman, and dates back to the 12th century. From here, continue to Lausanne for free time to explore and shop in the Old Town. Those ready for a climb can walk the stairs of the Cathedral Tower for a bird’s eye view of the city. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 9 – Return to USA

Return home with memories of the people and places of the Reformation in Switzerland.





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