Best of Arts and Landscapes of Switzerland – POS 1

Geneva – Grande Dixence Dam – Chillon Castle – Paddle Steamer to Lausanne – Bern – Basel – Zurich

June 24-26, 2023
3 days / 2 nights
**June 24 ♀**

**Geneva - Grande Dixence Dam - Chillon Castle - Paddle Steamer to Lausanne**

Depart Geneve for nearby Wallis canton for a tour of the Grande Dixence, the world's highest gravity dam.

Guided tours with slide shows and films take place in the interior of the dam. A cable car carries visitors up from the car park and bus terminus to the top of the Dixence dam, where you can enjoy an impressive panoramic view of the Valais mountains and over the long lake.

Enjoy wine tasting and lunch in Fully, in the middle of the vineyards of Wallis.

Then a short drive will conduct you at the start of Leman Lake to visit the famous Chillon Castle.

From the Chillon pier, take a cruise on “LA SUISSE” Belle Epoque - the most beautiful paddle steamer in the world! - along the famous Lavaux vineyards (Unesco Heritage) for an hour cruise to the city of Lausanne.

In the background, the imposing Alps that one could contemplate without ever getting tired. on the right, Montreux, then the typical small wine-growing villages surrounded by their terraced vineyards, Lavaux, listed as a UNESCO World Heritage list.

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**June 25 ♀**

**Lausanne - Bern - Basel**

Departure with your private van for a full-day Architecture and Art excursion in Bern and Basel.

Starting with Bern, you will visit the Zentrum Paul Klee: With about 4,000 paintings (40% of his oeuvre) by the famous painter Paul Klee, the Zentrum Paul Klee houses the largest collection of its kind. The unusual building has a wave-like structure and was designed by the Italian architect Renzo Piano. Apart from art exhibitions, the Zentrum Paul Klee also offers a platform for music, theatre, dance, and literature.

Continuing the journey to Basel, the city of culture for connoisseurs which has the highest concentration of museums in the country. Basel also has a beautiful Old Town, and modern architecture.

The afternoon will be spent at the Beyeler Foundation: An uplifting experience right from the start. The aesthetically pleasing construction by the Italian architect Renzo Piano surrounded by an idyllic park with trees and sculptures on the green carpet of grass exudes a contagious, peaceful mood. But even inside the Fondation Beyeler building you meet with a relaxed atmosphere.

The 250 masterpieces of 20th-century art of the Hildy and Ernst Beyeler collection enjoy plenty of space in bright rooms with artists such as Monet, Cézanne, Van Gogh, Warhol, Lichenstein, Bacon, Hodler, without forget Picasso.

Admire at ground floor, reserved for high-profile temporary exhibitions, BASQUIAT.

Overnight in Basel
Basel–Zurich
Morning at the Basel Kunst Museum who exhibit Encountering Böcklin
Alongside Hans Holbein the Younger, Arnold Böcklin (1827–1901) is one of the ‘patron saints’ of the Kunstmuseum Basel. The museum holds over 90 paintings and sculptures by the artist, making it the most important collection of his works in the world. In the late 19th century, Böcklin, who was born in Basel, achieved enormous fame in the German-speaking lands and is now seen as one of the key exponents of Symbolism.
Even during his lifetime, Böcklin was a controversial figure. Some saw him as an innovator, whilst others (such as the influential art critic, Julius Meier-Graefe) accused him of being a reactionary force, impeding progress in the arts.
Drive in the afternoon with your private van to Zurich airport
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**Post tour Highlights**

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Payment via: [Payment link](#)

Tour will go ahead with maximum 12 participants (min 8)

The tour can be reversed upon request.

**The price includes**

- Transportation by private van
- English-speaking guide
- Accommodation in 4*/5* hotels on a double room basis with breakfast
- Visits mentioned in the program

**The price does not includes**

- Drinks and meals (unless specified)
- All services not mentioned in the program
- Luggage allowance in hotels and airports
- Single room supplement