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Mexico February 2024						
Cancun Mexico trip including:						
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The Netherlands American Cemetery December 2023

The Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial stands as the sole American military burial ground in the Netherlands. This site is steeped in history, situated close to the renowned Cologne-Boulogne road, originally constructed by Roman engineers. This road was historically significant, having been traversed by Julius Caesar during his military campaigns in the region. It also served as a route for notable historical figures such as Charlemagne, Charles V, Napoleon, and Kaiser Wilhelm II. In May 1940, this ancient route was overtaken by the forces of World War II, marking a significant advance into the Low Countries. By September 1944, the same road witnessed the retreat of German troops who had occupied these nations for four years.

October 2023 Lucerne, Berchtesgaden, Austria, and Davos

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- ZRH Hyatt: Convenient airport Hyatt.
- ZRH Zurich Airport Hyatt Regency Suite 920
- ZRH Zurich Airport Hyatt Regency Suite 535
- Area History
- Alders Hotel Innsbruck: Nice hotel with great location but has black mold issues.
 Alders Hotel 704
-
b>Ameron Hotel in Davos One of our favorites.
- Suite 309

September 2023 Lucerne and Zermatt Switzerland

Burgenstock Resort: Early fall visit to the Burgenstock. Burgenstock Palace Suite 2321 2023 Fall

ZRH Hyatt: Convenient airport Hyatt. ZRH Zurich Airport Hyatt Regency Suite 531

Riffelalp Resort: Wonderful Riffelalp experience just before the fall closure until winter. Zermatt Riffelalp 2222 Suite 101

Hyatt Regency at the Zurich Airport: Super comfortable and modern hotel at the airport. ZRH Zurich Airport Hyatt Regency Suite 713

Late Summer 2023 Olbia Sardina and Davos

Hilton Airport Amsterdam 2023 August: Hilton Honors AMEX with Diamond card benefits to get upgrades. Early checkin and breakfast included with access to executive lounge. Short visit day prior to Sardinia. Review

Sardinia Olbia Felix Hotel: In the middle of the city. Review

 Cala Cuncheddi Olbia: NIce resort with some drawbacks. Review

Davos Ameron Hotel: Another fantastic stay at modern hotel with wonderful rooms and buffet. Great Pinza for dinner. Review

 Suite 438 and 436 Review

Summer 2023 Including Rhodes | Dalaman | Ankara | Zermatt | Interlaken | Davos

Hilton Airport Amsterdam 2023 July: Hilton Honors AMEX with Diamond card benefits to get upgrades. Early checkin and breakfast included with access to executive lounge. Short visit day prior to Rhodes. Review

Rhodes Greece Atrium Plantinium Resort: Seaside resort just outside of the port of Rhodes. Review

Ankara Turkey: Hilton Diamond Status with free upgrades, access to lounge and free breakfast. Business meeting for renewable energy. Wonderful Turkish hospitality with lower prices than Europe. Stayed using Hilton Honors Points. Review

Zurich Airport Hyatt Regency: My favority hotel located at ZRH with easy access to airport supermarkets, and Swiss rail service. Stayed there three times including business meetings. Suite 509 Review

 Suite 438 and 436 Review

Zurich Airport Hilton: Outdated Hilton with poor buffet. Stayed using Hilton Honors Points. Review

Swiss Travel Pass and Half Fare Card: Used both 8 day Swiss Travel Pass and Half Fare Card. Barely used full Swiss Pass over 8 days, but recovered half fare card within first use. From now on will use half fare card which gives you most flexibility (but must purchase rail tickets day prior for SuperSaver fares, which are then half price, compared for standard point-to-point fares.

Swiss Travel Pass ZRH to Brunnen, Rutli, and Fluelin Switzerland: One of my favorite day excursions from Zurich airport. Review

Interlaken Merkur Hotel: Overpriced and awful stay next to train station. Review

Davos Ameron Hotel: Wonderful stay at modern hotel with wonderful rooms and buffet. Review

Zermatt Riffelalp Resort: Two stays within a week at the wonderful Riffelalp located high above Zermatt on

Europe Spring 2023

Hilton Airport Amsterdam 2023: First time in a while not on Diamond Status - so applied for AMEX with Diamond card benefits to get upgrades. Charged me 45 Euro for early checkin under Gold Status. Short visit touring Amsterdam prior to Lisbon cruise. Review

Venice Hilton Molino Stucky 2023: Diamond Status with free upgrades, access to lounge and free breakfast. Toured Venice. Review

Beau Rivage Weggis Switzerland Suite 304 2023: Finally a good break in the weather for this wonderful hotel in the heart of Switzerland. Fantastic breakfast and great service. Perfect location for lake boats, Mt. Rigi and Lake Lucerne. One of my favorite hotels in Switzerland. Review

Hyatt Place Suite 857 Zurich Airport 2023: More expensive and less quality than Hyatt Regency at same location. Review

Swiss Travel Pass Weggis and Rutli Switzerland: Touring local Lake Lucerne destinations. Review

Swiss Travel Pass ZRH to Brunnen to Andermatt Switzerland: One of my favorite day excursions from Zurich airport. Review

Lake Lucerne Switzerland Steam Powered Uri Paddlewheel Boat: Vintage steamer from Lucerne to Fluelen.
 Review

MSC Fantasia Suite 131126 Embarkation: Boarding the cruise in Lisbon. Review

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Mexico February 2023

Cancun Mexico trip including:

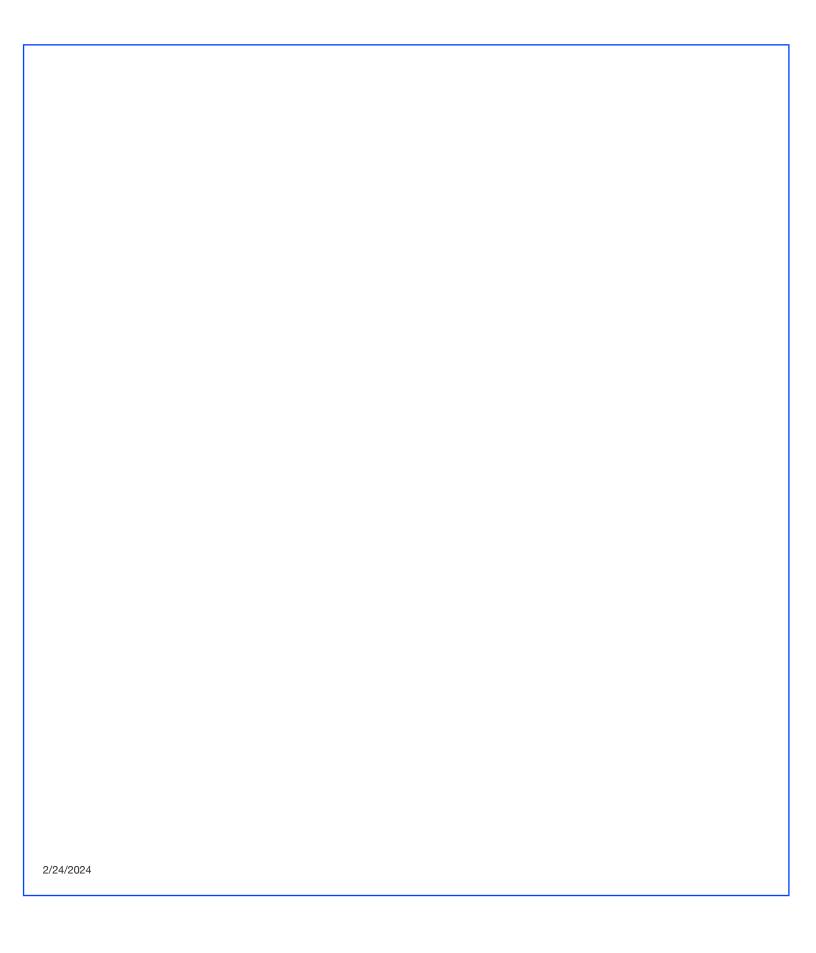
Conrad Tulum resort review: Wonderful stay at this resort which is only one year old. Conrad has a very consistent quality of product and service. Review

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Hotels.com website: I tried to write a review on the website and was unable to. I spend and hour with Hotels. com staff online chat and on the phone. They were unable to locate any link other than website feedback. They were unable to tell me where the review link was. They staff gave me Google as a place to write a review. All I can say is that the Hotels.com reviews are either fake, or they are not able to substantiate where they come from. Shame on you Hotels.com Review.

Switzerland December 2022

Winter trip to Switzerland in December using 6-day Swiss Travel Pass and the Swiss Travel Pass App to show savings.
Winter has arrived in Switzerland
The Chedi Resort in Andermatt Switzerland
Burgenstock Palace Hotel near Lucerne Switzerland Winter Holidays



Switzerland October 2022

Annual fall trip to Switzerland in October using 4-day Swiss Travel Pass and the Swiss Travel Pass App to show huge savings. Typically in the fall, the SBB offers a Swiss Pass Autumn discount. Standard price for 4-day Swiss Travel Pass for 1st Class is 447 CHF. Discounted price is 317 CHF. For my 4 day journey throughout Switzerland, I was able to accumulate 666 CHF of value.

Burgenstock Palace Hotel near Lucerne Switzerland Fall Colors

Lake Lucerne cruise and Vitznauerhof in Vitznau Switzerland

Hyatt Regency The Circle in ZRH and quick visit to Bern Switzerland

Using the Swiss Travel Pass over Four Day SBB Autumn Promotion showing savings using App

Switzerland September 2022

Annual fall trip to Switzerland in September using 6-day Swiss Travel Pass and the Swiss Travel Pass App to show huge savings. Beautiful fall weather and even some snow up in Zermatt on 17 September. Beautiful Lauterbrunnen Valley with spectacular views of the alps.

Burgenstock Palace Hotel near Lucerne Switzerland

Riffelalp Resort Suite 203 Zermatt Switzerland

Oberland Hotel 7 in Lauterbrunnen Switzerland

Zermatt to Lauterbrunnen using the Swiss Travel Pass by train and lake boat

Lauterbrunnen to Geneva using the Swiss Travel Pass

Using the Swiss Travel Pass over Six Days showing savings using App

Using the Zermatt Matterhorn Peak Pass over three days showing savings using App

Swiss Travel Pass App

The Swiss Travel Pass App runs on FilemakerGO (free) for your iPhone.

The purpose of the App is to allow you to keep track of your Swiss Travel Pass savings.

What is a Swiss Travel Pass? It is a pass which allows you to travel the Swiss transportation system (rail, bus, and lake boat), including free admission to many museums and some cablecar rides. The Glacier Express and some other scenic rides require seat reservations (additional purchase) but for the most part, is an incredible access for one price.

This app allows you to compare savings in advance, to see if the pass is worth its weight in gold.

I developed this app for my own use, but quickly found it so useful, that I am making it available for free to my website viewers.

This app is the basis of my HyperTravel, where I try to make out the rail and discounts over the validity of the pass. There are some days where I'm saving hundreds of dollars.

Paris and Switzerland then Greek Islands August 2022

Annual July trip to Paris for the Tour de France, then TGV up to Geneva-Villenueve-Zurich-Lucerne, then over to London, and then a flight from Bristol to Venice, Italy for a Celebrity cruise through the Greek Islands. Post cruise Swiss Travel Pass up to Zermatt, Zurich, and Lucerne.

Paris Tour de France 2022 Marriott Courtyard 211 Gare de Lyon

Hotel Warwick Geneva Switzerland

Villeneuve Switzerland

Pre Cruise:

Hilton Bristol Airport

A La Locanda di Orsaria in Venice Italy

Palazzo Bezzi Ravenna

Celebrity Constellation Cruise:

Celebrity Constellation Suite 3014 Embarkation

Celebrity Constellation Full Cruise Photos from Day 1 to 11

Post Cruise:

Riffelalp Resort Suite 501 Zermatt Switzerland

Grischa 216 in Davos Switzerland

Hyatt Regency The Circle Room 709 Switzerland

Lake Lucerne Cruise Down the Magical Valley

The Best Kept Secret in Europe

Welcome to the Riffelalp Resort. With the Best View in the World The Riffelalp Resort at 2222 meters above Zermatt, Switzerland.

The most amazing view in Europe, of the iconic Matterhorn. Resort is above Zermatt. Located half way up the Gornergrat, it has the best view of the western sky and sunset than anywhere in the region.

The Matterhorn is in the foreground. Please follow the link below to read about this epic resort.

Updated in August 2022 stay in Room 501.

Still the best. Amazing staff, location, and suites.

Travel Blogger Software							
Need to get organized?							
We are now making available our software apps to travel bloggers. Based on Filemaker platform (Mac, Windows, and Mac IOS Filemaker Go), we have developed some industry specific apps that will increase your efficiency, reduce time, and give you valuable heads-up time while doing reviews, blogs, and video blogs.							
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Europe Spring 2022

My first spring trip to Europe started in Venice, then continued up to Lake Garda, Lake Como, Lake Maggiore, then over the alps in a private helicopter to Lucerne, another wonderful stay at the Burgenstock Resort, and then a flight from Zurich to Naples, Italy for a MSC Seaview cruise through the Mediterranean. Post cruise and departure from Rome, Italy.

- ORD FRA Lufthansa 747 Business Class Spring 2022
- Hilton Stucky Hotel in Venice Italy Spring 2022
- Venice Day Two Spring 2022
- Piccola Vela Hotel and Lake Garda Italy
- Desenzano and Lake Garda Spring 2022
- Hilton Como and Lake Como Italy
- Lake Como Italy and Mandarin Oriental Spring 2022
- Eden Roc and Lake Maggiore in Ascona in Ticino Switzerland
- Swiss Helicopter over the Alps from Lugano to Lucerne Spring 2022
- Radisson Blu and Lake Lucerne Spring 2022
- Burgenstock Palace Hotel Suite 2402 Easter Spring 2022
- Burgenstock Palace Hotel Suite 2402 Easter Weekend 2022
- MSC Seaview Cruise Spring 2022
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How to HyperTravel

Have you ever wanted to travel to the max in the shortest amount of time? We're all limited in time, but with huge price increases in the travel industry, making the most of your travel time has become even more important.

The goal of HyperTravel is to see as much as you can, and then you can revisit the places you like the most when you have more time.

In this case, my first HyperTravel was in Switzerland, where I could take advantage of the amazing Swiss Travel Pass, which allows you to take advantage of unlimited transportation (rail, boat, bus) and many lifts (or at a huge discount) and 500 museums. Events not included are generally at a 50 percent discount.

Day One: Lucerne Home Base to Zermatt Matterhorn

Day Two: Lucerne Home Base area alps and museums

Day Three: Lucerne Home Base to Engelberg and Zurich

More details are at the dedicated HyperTravel page link below.

Top Pick for World's Best: The Burgenstock Resort

This is my all-time favorite resort, located above Lake Lucerne in Switzerland.

After undergoing a multi-hundred-million dollar facelift and renovation, the result is nothing short of spectacular. The staff is the best in the world.

The views, food, atmosphere and wonderful feeling will leave you spellbound. The hiking and views from around the resort are world class and provide stunning vistas of the alps and nature.

Updated after late spring visit at the WaldHotel 2022.

Burgenstock WaldHotel Suite 4512 and 4801 May 2022

Burgenstock Palace Hotel Suite 2402 Easter Spring 2022

Burgenstock Palace Hotel Suite 2202

Burgenstock Palace Hotel Suite 2222

Burgenstock Palace Hotel Suite 2309

Burgenstock Hotel

Switzerland and London May and June 2022

Quick one week in Switzerland to try out the WaldHotel and HyperTravel, then over to the UK to visit London. Spring weather was cool and sometimes rainy in the UK. Exploring Switzerland using HyperTravel and the Swiss Pass was exciting and exhausting at the same time. Tourists are coming back to both locations quickly as prices are also increasing. Staff shortages will be leading to a decrease in service in all sectors. These shoulder seasons are a great time to visit Europe.

Burgenstock WaldHotel

HyperTravel Lucerne base to Zermatt Matterhorn

HyperTravel Klewenalp Weggis Transport Museum Stanserhorn

HyperTravel Engelberg Mt Titlis Lucerne Zurich May 30 2022

Hyatt Zurich The Circle 805

Hilton Heathrow 8017

HyperTravel London 9 June 2022

United Business Class Upgrade from London Heathrow LHR to Chicago Ohare ORD UA 929