

## **Post Trip: Chamonix → Zurich → Amsterdam**

### **Overnight stop in Grindelwald**

**Dates:** July 28 to 30, 2026

**Theme:** Alpine drive + overnight train

**Style:** Scenic road trip + Swiss alpine stay + Nightjet sleeper

### **Our Plan**

We will shuttle from Chamonix to Geneva, then rent vans and drive through Switzerland to Grindelwald for an overnight stay in the Alps.

The next day, we will drive to Zurich, and from there we will go with the flow depending on everyone's plans. Some may head to the airport, while others will continue on to the Nightjet train to Amsterdam.

For those continuing to Amsterdam, we will board the Nightjet sleeper train from Zurich and arrive on the morning of July 30 in time for WorldPride check in.

We would also like to get this post trip finalized soon. I currently have **two Mercedes Vito vans reserved** for the Geneva to Grindelwald to Zurich portion. These seat six, but **five people per van is more realistic with luggage**, so if we have **more than five people joining**, we will plan to use both vans.



**Pick-up: Tue, Jul 28, 2026, 01:00 pm**

**GVA - Geneva International Airport**

**Drop-off: Wed, Jul 29, 2026, 01:00 pm**

**ZRH - Zurich Airport**

**Driver: CHRISTOPHER LAYTON SMITH**

**Free cancellation until Sat, Jul 25, 2026, 12:59 pm**

[Rules, policies and cancellations](#)

If you are interested in joining this post trip, please also join the **WhatsApp group** so we can keep planning simple and communicate easily:

[Join the post trip WhatsApp group](#)

Please note this WhatsApp group is **specifically for post trip planning**. We will create a separate WhatsApp group for the full Mont Blanc trip closer to departure.

## ✓ Action Items Needed

1. **Let us know if you are committing** to the post trip from Chamonix to Grindelwald to Zurich.
2. **Make sure you have your hotel booked in Grindelwald** if you plan to join. If you would like a roommate or want to coordinate rooming, please join the WhatsApp group and connect there.
3. **Make your transportation plans from Zurich**, whether that means heading to the airport, taking the Nightjet to Amsterdam, or making other arrangements.

### Also helpful:

- Join the **post trip WhatsApp group** here: [Post trip WhatsApp chat](#)
- If you have not yet sent your flight information, please send it to **tripsupport@prideadventures.com**
- If you want to join the optional **Mount First / Firstbahn** activity, consider booking that in advance

## Day by Day Itinerary

### Day 1 | Tuesday, July 28

Chamonix → Geneva → Grindelwald

#### Morning

- Shuttle from Chamonix to Geneva, about 1.5 hours
- Pick up rental vans in Geneva

#### Midday / Afternoon

- Scenic drive through Switzerland toward Grindelwald
- Optional stops may include Lake Geneva, Montreux, or Château de Chillon
- Arrive in Grindelwald and explore the alpine village

#### Evening

- Nice dinner and overnight in Grindelwald

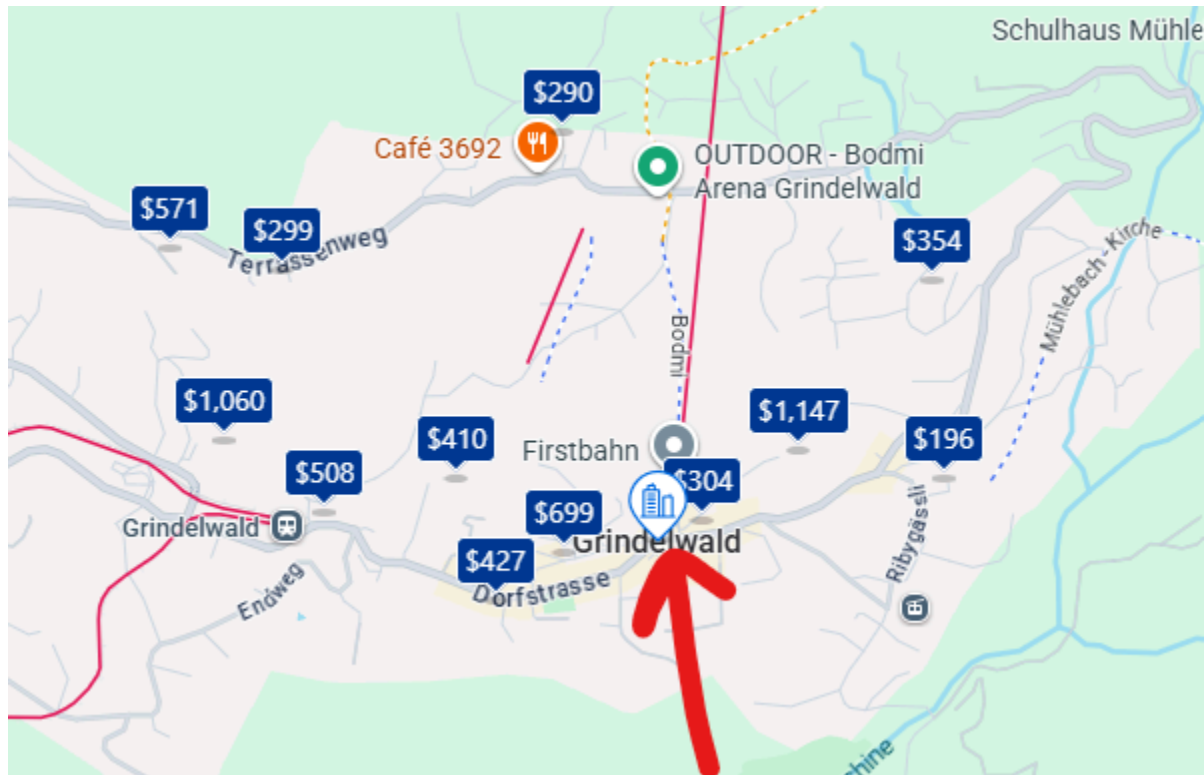
### Hotel

#### **Bergwelt Grindelwald | Alpine Design Resort**

**Address:** Bergwelt 4, 3818 Grindelwald, Switzerland

I will be staying here with Jeff Masino.

**Google Maps:** [Bergwelt Grindelwald on Google Maps](#)



Please note that if you plan to join this post trip, you will need to reserve your own hotel in Grindelwald. This is a busy time of year, so I recommend checking availability before committing. Vishal is planning to stay at a different hotel, which is completely fine since Grindelwald is a small area.

If you are looking for a roommate or want to coordinate with others staying nearby, please use the **post trip WhatsApp group**:

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## Day 2 | Wednesday, July 29

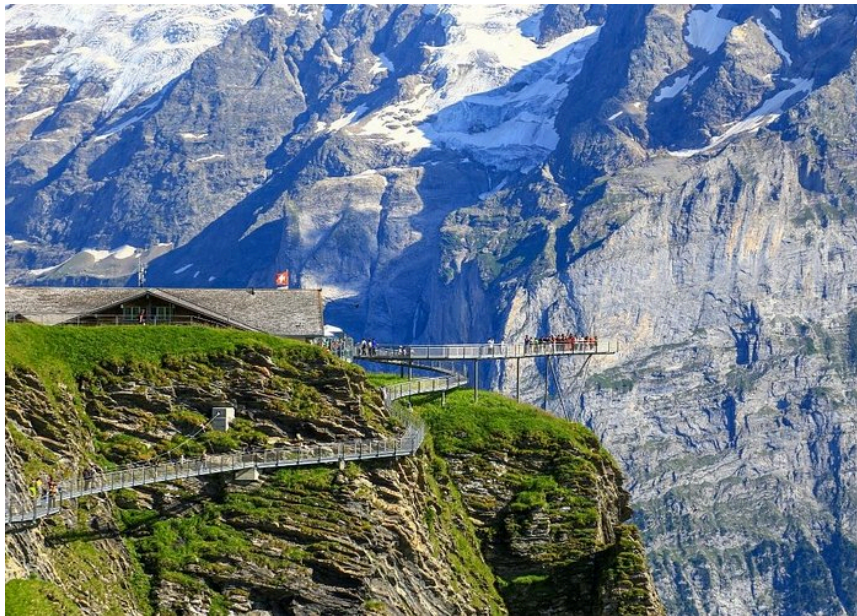
Grindelwald → Zurich → Nightjet

### Morning

Breakfast in Grindelwald.

9am Meet at [Mount First / Firstbahn](#) (optional)

If you would like to join us, the plan is to have breakfast in Grindelwald and then head up to **Mount First / Firstbahn** for a scenic mountain experience before driving to Zurich later that day. Chris has already purchased his ticket.



Because this activity can sell out, you may want to reserve your ticket in advance using the link below. It is first come, first served for ride times, and we expect the experience to take a few hours total before we continue on to Zurich.

If you prefer not to join, that is completely fine. You are also welcome to wait and check availability the day of, but please be aware that this is a very busy time of year.

Tickets booked through this link allow **free cancellation until July 28, 2026**.

**Booking link:** [Mount First / Firstbahn ticket](#)

### Afternoon

- Drive from Grindelwald to Zurich, about 2.5 hours direct
- Optional scenic detour via Lake Brienz and Susten Pass if timing allows
- Arrive in Zurich and go with the flow depending on everyone's plans
- Some may head to the airport, while others may continue on to the train

## Evening

- Return rental vans
- For those continuing to Amsterdam, board the Nightjet sleeper train from Zurich

## Train

- Nightjet sleeper cabin
- Departs Zurich HB around 20:30
- Arrives Amsterdam Centraal around 09:30 the next morning

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## Day 3 | Thursday, July 30

### Amsterdam Arrival

#### Morning

- Arrive in Amsterdam around 09:30
- Taxi or Uber to hotel for WorldPride check in
- Begin Amsterdam adventures 🌈

## Budget Estimate Per Person

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| Item                                 | Estimated Cost      | Notes   |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| Rental vans, Geneva to Zurich        | About \$300 per van | Mercedes Vito vans, divided by the number of people joining |
| Fuel / tolls                         | €70 to €90          | Highways and alpine driving                                 |
| Grindelwald hotel, 1 night           | €300 to €500        | Depends on hotel booked                                     |
| Meals                                | €60 to €100         | Swiss prices  |
| Nightjet Zurich to Amsterdam sleeper | €275                | Estimated for shared cabin                                  |

#### Planning note

Total post trip cost will vary depending on how many people join, especially for the vans, since the rental cost will be split among participants. Nightjet cost applies only to those continuing from Zurich to Amsterdam.

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## Why this is a great option

- Beautiful alpine drive through Switzerland
- Overnight in Grindelwald
- Time to explore the village and enjoy a nice dinner
- Optional mountain outing at Mount First
- Flexible arrival into Zurich depending on everyone's travel plans
- Unique overnight train experience to Amsterdam
- Arrival in Amsterdam in time for WorldPride check in

## Stay Connected

If you are joining or considering joining, please hop into the **post trip WhatsApp group** so we can coordinate hotels, rooming, transportation, and general planning:

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