

5 Scenic Train Trips to Book Now

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Sometime after the golden age of train travel (around the turn of the last century), getting around by rail lost some of its shine. But today, thanks to a spate of new scenic routes with plush accommodations, rail travel is suddenly chic again, recalling glamorous old movies like *North by Northwest* and *Shanghai Express*. And best of all, there's no waiting in line at security or taking off your shoes at the airport. Here are some of our favorites, showcasing the vistas of Canada, cutting through the heart of the Australian outback, passing the picturesque peaks of Switzerland, and more.

Switzerland: Lakes, Alps, and Panoramic Trains

A new Cox & Kings nine-day Switzerland itinerary combines scenic daytime alpine train rides with luxury hotel stays. The trip starts with two days at the Palace Luzern hotel and a ride to the top of Mt. Rigi on Europe's oldest cogwheel train (with ridged wheels meant for steep climbs). Additional stops include Montreux on the shores of Lake Geneva, with a dinner of Swiss fare and wines from the surrounding region, and ski resort Zermatt, with stunning views of the Matterhorn. Then the *Glacier Express*—famous for its 291 bridges and 91 tunnels passing through alpine gorges, peaks, and valleys—zips to Andermatt, before a final stay at the Park Hyatt in Zurich.