

Kat's Great Adventures

Switzerland - Jura Crest Trail Hiking Tour 2022
Self-Guided Tour
7 Days/ 6 Nights



The Jura Crest Trail is considered the classic among national long distance trails. Signs of the route, starting at Zurich and ending just before Genève, began as early as 1905. It links two major Swiss towns and as the name suggests, leads over the Swiss Jura heights. This makes a sweeping arc towards the northwest, so those hiking this trail go a little round the bend – and over the language boundary!

Itinerary Day to Day

Day 1: Arrival to Solothurn



Day 2: Solothurn – Biel 24 km + 700 m - 1415 m

Short train ride to Oberdorf and by cable car up to Weissenstein, where you reach the Jura Crest Trail. From the roof of Canton Solothurn, with views across the Jura arc to the Mittelland and snow-capped Alps and on through forests and typical Jura meadows. The first third is also a Planetenweg (planet path). Language border at Montagne de Romont.

Day 3: Biel - Nods 17 km + 1340 m - 270 m

From the low lying Schüss Valley to the crest of the Bernese Jura. An almost constant, yet comfortable climb to scale the Chasseral, already seen from afar. Sensational panoramic view with the Mittelland lakes: a feast for the eyes. From Chasseral transfer down to Nods.

Day 4: Nods - La Vue des Alpes 20 km + 760 m - 1000 m

In the morning transfer up to Chasseral where you continue your walk. A varied hike between the upper St. Imier Valley and the Val de Ruz Valley with the winter sports resort, Le Pâquier (hometown of ski ace Didier Cuche). The top of the Vue des Alpes pass is not far from watch metropolis La Chaux-de-Fonds.



Day 5: La Vue des Alpes – Travers/Couvet 20 km + 790 m - 1275 m

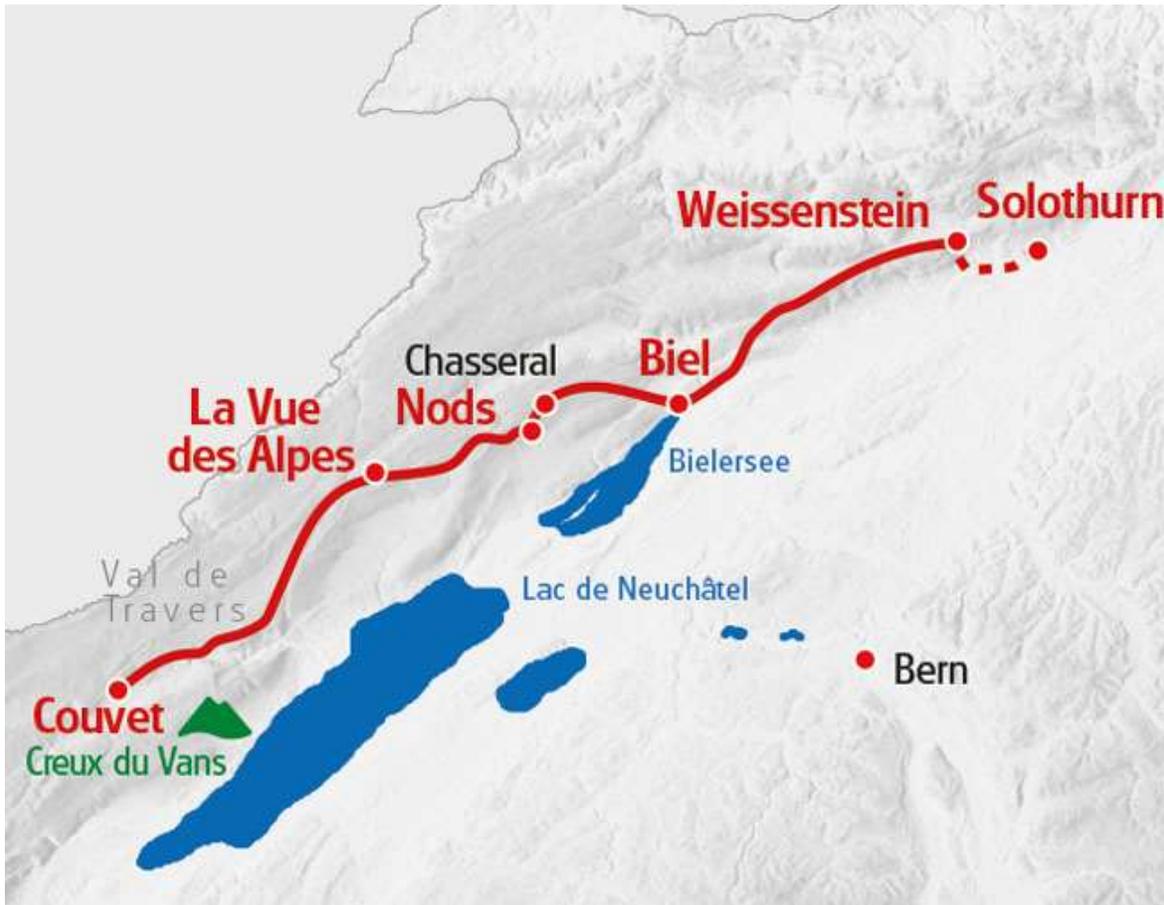
Enjoy the fantastic panoramic view from the high mountain chain with the Tête de Ran and Mont Racine peaks. The slabs of the rocky spur provide a breath taking view down to Lac de Neuchâtel, before making the steep descent to Noiraigue.

Day 6: Circular hike - Creux du Van 16 km + 915 m - 420 m

The perspiration at the start of this stage is well worth it: the highlight of the tour is the natural rock amphitheatre of Creux du Van, the Swiss equivalent of the Grand Canyon. From the heights you can enjoy wonderful views on the sparkling waters of Lake Neuenburg. You continue down to Couvet after your hike.

Day 7: Departure or extra nights

Route



Technical Characteristics:

Route Profile: Medium. For the steep ascents a good physical condition is needed. The trails are easy to walk, but they may be slippery on wet days.

Distance: 97 km

Travel Season: Departures daily from April 30 to October 16, 2022
Season 1: April 30 – May 20 and September 24 – October 16
Season 2: May 21 – September 23



Price per Person: in Swiss Francs

Season 1 Double Occupancy B&B	799.00
Season 2 Double Occupancy B&B	859.00
Single Room Surcharge	265.00
Extra Nights Solothurn Double Occupancy B&B	79.00
Extra Nights Solothurn Single Occupancy B&B	114.00
Extra Nights Couvet Double Occupancy B&B	89.00
Extra Nights Couvet Single Occupancy B&B	129.00

Accommodation:

3* hotels and local inns

Included:

- 6 overnight stays including breakfast
- Daily luggage transfers
- Transfers according to the programme
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents (1 x per room)
- GPS data available
- Service hotline

Not Included:

- Rides with public transport (approximately 35 CHF per person)
- Tourist taxes, payable locally