



Welcome to my round trips; sightseeing, map reading, navigation and difficult landings!

BushflyingDelight is offering you well documented round trips that can be experienced within Microsoft® FlightSimulator® (MSFS 2020).

All you need is to add the necessary scenery packages (mostly freeware) into your community folder and there you go (see under “Technical Instructions”)...

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Introduction

Welcome to my first (and quite personal) documented trip in Switzerland and our mountains. As I am a native Italian I will also make some little turns in North Italy. So select an Aircraft of your choice (I am doing it with my good old Baron 58, which makes STOL-attempts a thrilling experience!). Be aware, that you will have the opportunity to land under very demanding circumstances...

You will find all necessary links (required sceneries) for this trip in a table at the end of the trip description.

Leg # 1: Visit our Capital City; Bern

Start at the airport of Bern-Belp (LSZB).

TIP:

There is a scenery for LSZB from MXI Design, which makes a good impression (as it is not freeware I actually decided not to buy/install it).



Fly only a few miles in northern direction and visit the capital of Switzerland, Bern, with its characteristic old town incised by the river Aare.

TIP: The scenery of marktaylor requires high performance, so be aware that also the loading time of your flight may be longer as usual. As soon as you do not need it anymore I suggest to remove it from your community folder.

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The scenery enhancement of marktaylor is amazing and presents typical buildings in a very realistic manner; e. g. the Budeshaus (House of Parliament)...



...or the the high bridges (e. g. Kirchenfeldbrücke) and the Muenster of Berne.

Leg # 2: Lausanne and Geneva Lake

After having visited Berne turn into south-eastern direction and fly 45 miles over plain and smooth hills towards the Geneva Lake. This is the region, where the spoken language changes from German to French.

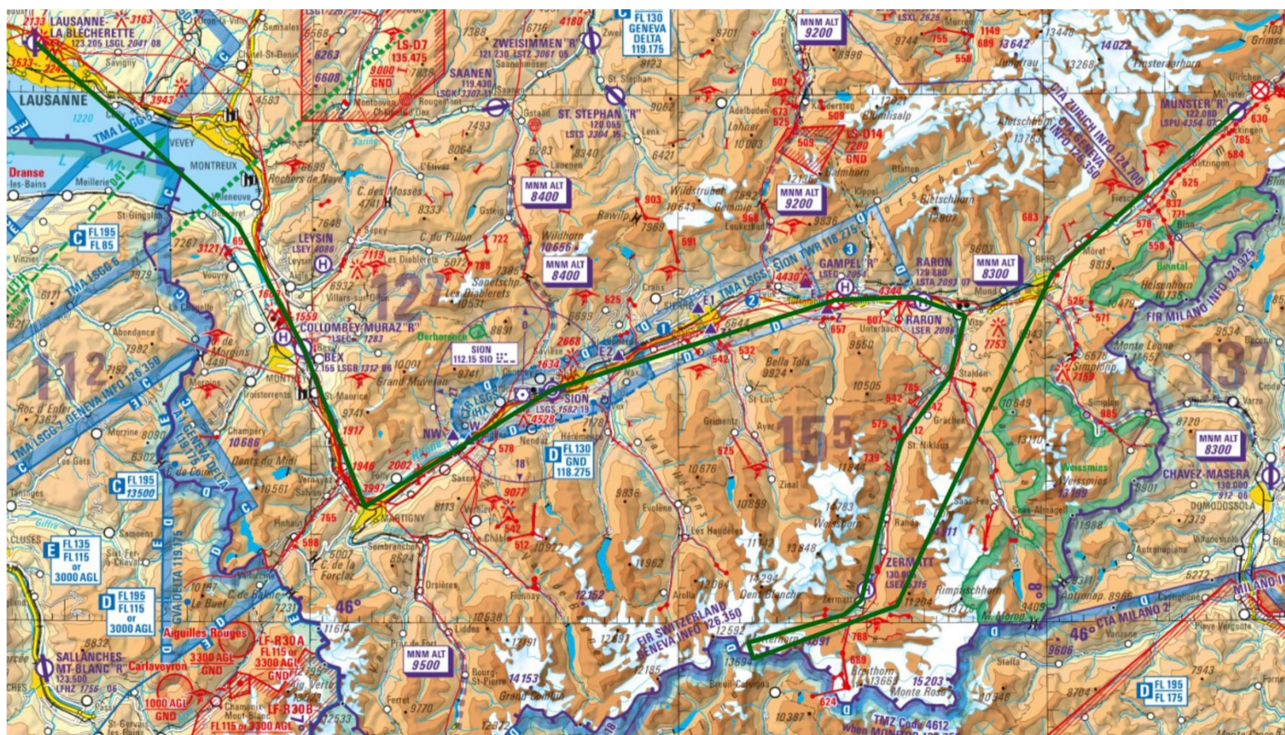


Tune LSGL into your Garmin as next waypoint. Land at Aéroport de Lausanne-Blécherette after having flown your base leg over the lake and final approach over the suburbs of Lausanne on runway 36.

This is a small civil airport with no scheduled commercial traffic and is used for general aviation. Take a breath before starting for the next, longer leg into the Swiss Alps.



Leg # 3: Majestic Mountains, Glaciers and Airports in Narrow Valleys



This scenic journey will take you from the Geneva Lake into the River Rhône Valley. We will make a little detour into the Matter Valley to visit the most famous mountain, the Matterhorn. Then you will fly back to the north-eastern Rhône Valley called Goms.

Tip:

If you want you can use the freely accessible ICAO map of Switzerland, click this link:

<https://map.geo.admin.ch/?topic=ech&lang=de&bgLayer=ch.swisstopo.pixelkarte-farbe&layers=ch.bazl.luftfahrtkarten-icao&catalogNodes=687,702>



After having seen the northern shore of the Geneva Lake with its vineyards you will head south-east and access the Rhône Valley.



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Fly at a low level with about 1'000 to 1'500 feet above ground to gain a good impression of the landscape.

There are several small airports such as Collombey Muraz east of the industrial town Monthey and then, after having changed flight direction from formerly heading south towards eastern direction, the bigger airfield in Sion (LSGS) called the airport at the heart of the Alps.

Tip:

You can find a payware scenery for LSGS from RedWing Simulations



Further east into a more and more narrowing valley you will overfly the old Turtmann military airport in Gampel (no more in use) and Raron (LSTA).

The spoken language here has changed back to German.

If you like pattern flying in constricted valleys, you may practice this here. Make a stop in Raron and check your aircraft, you will have to climb now!



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After taking off from LSTA head east and over the next little town, Visp, turn south into the Matter Valley. Then, at the crotch, take the right hand valley and continue climbing. You will have to reach 11'000 feet!

Do not forget anti-ice measures.



The Matterhorn, you can't miss it! The big mountain is famous in the whole world and you certainly will experience a déjà-vu. Just think of the intro in movies of Paramount Pictures or the Swiss chocolate named Toblerone.

Fly around that handsome rock and make a tour over the Gorner Glacier. You will notice the railway coming up from the Matter Valley and the Hotel Gornergrat Kulm enthroning the glacier and offering a beautiful sight to the mountain and its shadow on the eternal ice.





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When you have seen enough fly back heading 20°. You may overfly the mountains or descend smoothly along the valley. When you are down again at the River Rhône head east and smoothly climb the valley into the north-eastern end of it, called the Goms. Watch out for the little airfield in Münster (LSPU). Land and make a rest there before starting for the next leg.

Leg # 4: Important Pass Roads and Ticino, the Sunny Southern State of Switzerland



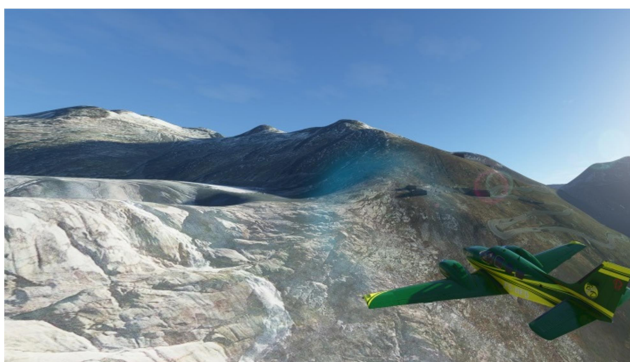
After taking off in north-eastern direction you will arrive at the end of the Goms Valley. Throw an eye on the important pass roads Grimsel (north to south axis)...

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...with the Totensee Lake and the Berghotel Grimselblick at pass height...

... and the most impressive pass Furka (east to west axis) with direct view over the Rhône Glacier.

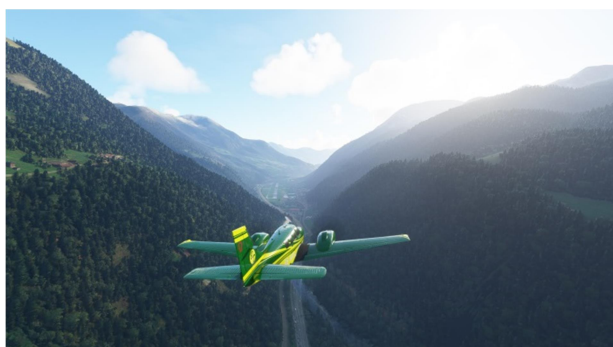


Fly back and a 1.5 miles before Münster you have to head 60° and follow the road to the Nufenen pass (with its wind turbines).



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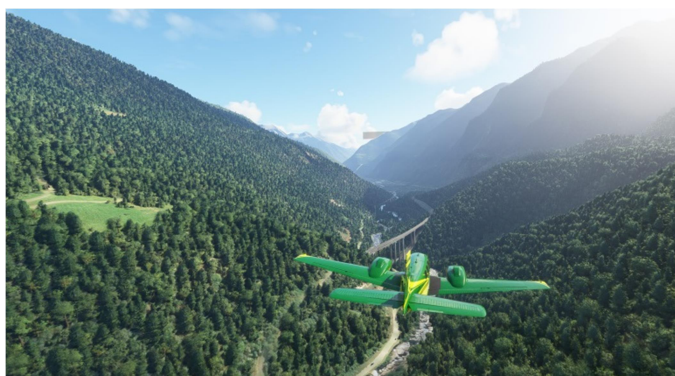
Behind the pass you dive into the Bedretto Valley of Ticino (where the spoken language is Italian). At the end of that valley you will find one of the most important pass roads of the European Alps, the Gotthard. You will see the ancient serpentine and the newer road climbing up the northern valley side.



From Airolo, the small town there, proceed in south-eastern direction into the Leventina Valley. You will fly over Ambri-Piotta (LSPM), the old military base for de Havilland Vampire and Venom fighters.



One of the most frequented highways meanders in this narrow valley.



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Approx. 16 miles after Airolo following the river Ticino (that obviously gives the name for the state) you will fly over a village called Bodio, formerly domicile of a heavy steel industry site called Monteforno (at the narrowest place between the highway on the western valley side and the river). Bodio is special; first, because it has the southern end of the longest tunnel on earth, the new European railway axis NEAT and

second, because there is one of the most dangerous roads in the Alps. Once build as a military gravel path up the rocky eastern side of the valley the Strada Simbra leads to the alpine village parts of Bodio, where I have spent many happy months as a kid.

I remember greeting the pilots of the Vampires flying by at the same altitude I was standing in a high meadow. They were waving at us! Do you find that dizzying road?



Tip:

Unfortunately in MSFS it's not as frightening as in real... Check it out in Google Earth 3D view! Definitely nothing for vertigo passengers! I know more than one person who preferred to quit my vehicle and continue on foot!



Proceed southwards after the small town Biasca (situated where the Blenio Valley meets the Leventina) you will see a small village on the western side of the valley. This is Iragna, village of my ancestors and home of the world famous Iragna Granite (you can see the quarry).



Then you will overfly Lodrino Aerodrome (LSML).

Follow the River Ticino, it will lead you to the Lake Maggiore.



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On a prominent delta at the northern shore you will notice the city of Locarno, home of the world known Locarno Film Festival. Its airport (LSZL) is only a few miles away at the end of the Magadino Lowland.

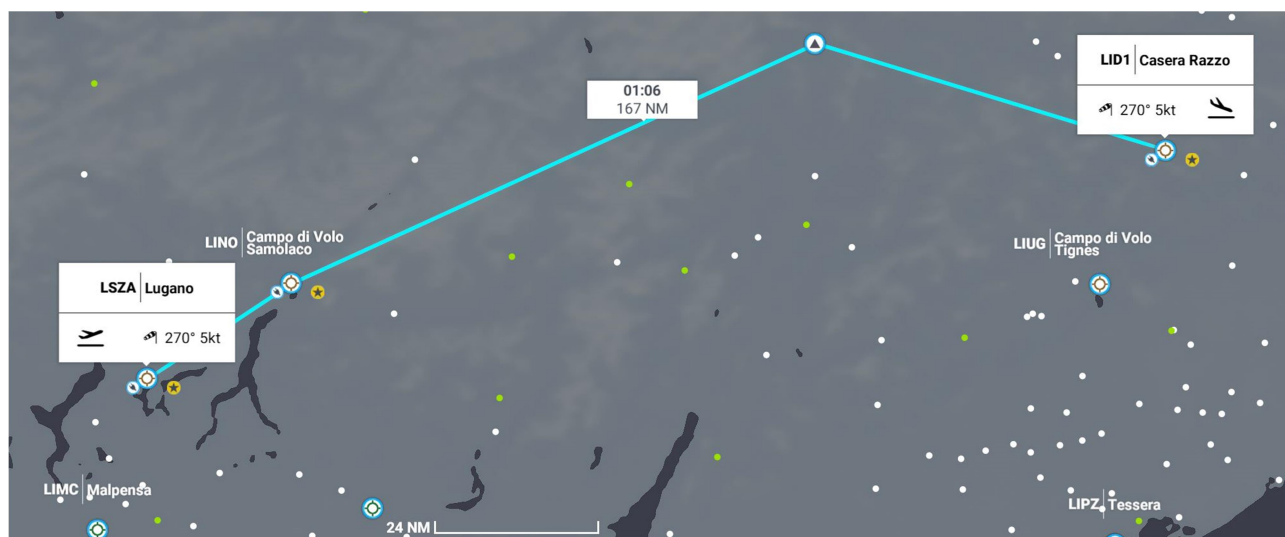


Now cross the Ceneri Hill heading 180° to the very southern part of Ticino with the bigger City Lugano.

Land directly on runway 19 (has a VASI indicator) at the airport Lugano-Agno (LSZA) and take a rest before continuing for the next leg.



Leg # 5: North Italian Airstrips



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Take off from LSZA in southern direction over the lake, fly low over the water around the Mount Arbostra and follow the lake in north-eastern direction.



After the end of the Lugano Lake you will notice a small lake at the east, overfly that one and continue flying east until you will arrive over the big Lake of Como.



At its northern end you will again notice a small lake, the Lago di Mezzola. After approaching between a bigger pond and a river you will land on the first small airstrip; Campo di Volo Samolaco (LINO).



The next destination is Sterzing in the German speaking part of Italy; Tyrol.



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Tip:

The freeware addon of the gliding school in Sterzing is not appearing on the worldmap of MSFS. You will find Sterzing either by flying around the waypoint EKPIS (follow the highway, the airstrip is right beside a big toll station) or by tuning BZVIP into your Garmin.



Land at Sterzing, the airstrip is also very short and the surroundings nice to sightsee around.

The last part will bring you further east to a very difficult landing opportunity in the Alps, Casera Razzo (LID1).



That airstrip is difficult to use and doesn't pardon any failures in your landing attempt as it has obstacles near the end of the grass field.

Leg # 6: Outstanding Airports: The Highest and the Bi-National



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To finish this trip I invite you to two last parts.

Try to fly under IFR rules. Set foggy weather or do it by night. Use your three dimensional terrain display if you have one or at least your Garmin 2D display. It's fun and thrilling, doing some "blind"

flying. You will have to overcome high mountains by gaining altitude and re-descending in narrow valleys.

Your first target is the highest airliner airport in Europe, Samedan (LSZS).

Important personalities, politicians and royals know that airport very well as it brings people in the prestigious winter sports area around St. Moritz or once a year to the known World Economic Forum (WEF) in Davos.



For your last target I invite you to visit me at my "home airport" Basle-Mulhouse ((LFSB), one of the few bi-nationally operated airports worldwide.



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I live about 6 miles south of it and if you are using ILS 33 approach you will fly right in front of my bedroom window, do not forget to wave your hand!

Have fun!

To be continued... Do you have another idea; do you know nice places on our beautiful planet where I could do trips like this? Then feel free to contact me.

Links Table

Bern (by marktaylor):

<https://flightsim.to/file/2181/bern-switzerland>

LSGL - Lausanne La Blécherette Airport (by Kaymel):

<https://flightsim.to/file/580/lsgl-lausanne-la-blecherette-airport-switzerland>

Matterhorn (by NikPrist):

<https://flightsim.to/file/197/matterhorn-mountain>

Gornergrat (by musician262):

<https://flightsim.to/file/2221/gornergrat>

LSPU Flugplatz Münster (by Hoynedawg)

<https://flightsim.to/file/293/lspu-flugplatz-munster>

Lugano-Agno (LSZA) Airport (by quelcertoleo):

<https://flightsim.to/file/1911/lugano-agno-lsza-airport>

Campo di Volo Samolaco (LINO) (by quelcertoleo):

<https://flightsim.to/file/1917/campo-di-volo-samolaco>

Airfield Sterzing in the Alps (by moonlander69):

<https://flightsim.to/file/898/airfield-sterzing>

Casera Razzo Alpine Landing Strip (LID1) (by schmax):

<http://www.allflightmods.com/microsoft-flight-simulator-2020/casera-razzo-alpine-landing-strip-italy-icao-lid1-airport/>

Technical Instructions

Downloading the sceneries:

You will find these sceneries on several homepages for MSFS 2020 addons (e.g. flightsim.com, simviation.com, flightsim.to,).

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Installing sceneries:

You will mostly have to download and unzip files. Copy the whole content into the community folder of MSFS 2020. You can find that folder (depending on installation type; standard or custom, Microsoft® Store or Steam etc.) somewhere like this:

.../FlightSimulator/PACKAGES/Community/...

.../Packages/MicrosoftFlightSimulator_RANDOMLETTERS/LocalCache/Packages/Community/...

.../steamapps/common/Community/...

You find good tutorials about this on YouTube, look for “MSFS find community folder”.

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