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# Postcards from the Top Heidi Marriott

Those of us who purchase the Swiss Travel Pass etc. are used to hopping on trains, buses and the occasional boat to make our way around Switzerland. But how many of us use it to go to some of the higher locations that can be reached free of charge with such passes.

If you consider just the trips shown on these “postcards” (made up from my photos), the cost without a pass would be considerable. For example, a return to Rigi

would be approximately Chf 50 and the trip over the 4 passes from Meiringen and return via the Grimsel–Nufenen–Gotthard–Susten passes is a whopping Chf 184. The spectacular bus ride to Griesalp might not cost so much, but how many of us have thought to do it. Up to 2018 you could have got to Pilatus but this has been replaced with the Schilthorn this year – wow, now you can play at being James Bond!! Pilatus and Schynige Platte have



gone back to a 50% discount for 2018, but both are still worth paying for the ride.

As usual in Switzerland, not all mountain passes and rail routes are open all year, so check their availability and read

the small print on your pass documentation to see where else you can get for free – like Stanserhorn (new for 2018) and loads of museums. If you maximise your use, these passes are great value. 

