



With a workforce of around 2600, a network of approx. 900 km and 50 million passengers/year, BLS AG is the second-largest railway company in Switzerland. As an integrated railway concern, it unites the divisions of infrastructure, passenger transportation, cargo and workshops as well as the motive power division (pool of locomotive drivers & tractive units). The principal activity of BLS AG includes passenger transportation by trains and buses, navigation in the Bernese Oberland as well as rail-bound freight transportation. The most renowned part of the BLS network is the Lötschberg axis, with its 34,6-km-long Lötschberg base tunnel which became operational in 2007.



The Albulabahn in Graubünden connects Thusis with the ski resort of St. Moritz. The 63-kilometre long railway was laid in 1903, and is known as the most spectacular narrow-gauge railway line in the world. It is operated by the Rhätische Bahn, an independent Swiss railway company. Several high viaducts and various turning tunnels may be found near the village of Preda. These are designed to enable the train to gain

altitude quickly. After all, an altitude difference of over 400 metres must be overcome within a distance of 12.6 kilometres. This is also a favourite area for (nordic) walkers. The lower series of photographs were taken in Davos, originally famous primarily for its reputation as a health spa, and today considered to be one of the best ski resorts in the world.





Crossing the world-famous Landwasser Viaduct, near Tiefencastel, is quite an experience. Built in 1902, this railway bridge is 65 metres high. The river from which the viaduct takes its name flows way down below. The Landwasser Viaduct might just most concisely summarise the great organisational talent that characterises Switzerland. The construction was a near-Herculean feat! All of the building materials had to be

shipped in from other locations to this area which was extremely isolated back in 1902. Due to the great height of the viaduct, construction techniques had to be used which had never been applied before. Among architects, the railway bridge is still considered a monumental achievement and train travellers are eager to agree with this assessment.