



*A Good Move!*

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## EVER WONDERED HOW TO GET A TRUCK ACROSS SWITZERLAND STRESS-FREE? RALPIN AG OFFERS A ROLLING HIGHWAY SOLUTION FOR YOUR ALPINE TRANSIT REQUIREMENTS.

RAlpin's "Rola" rolling highway involves loading entire heavy goods vehicles (articulated and non-articulated trucks and trailers) onto low-floor wagon trains at special terminals; the truck drivers travel in an accompanying sleeping car. RAlpin has been operating a rolling highway between Freiburg im Breisgau, Germany and Novara, Italy since 2001. The route represents an economical and environmentally responsible solution for crossing Switzerland and its Alps by offering safe and cost-effective travel during the day and at night.

The rolling highway is an integral part of Switzerland's transit traffic policies and supplements the unaccompanied combined transport (UCT) sector. It offers a viable alternative to UCT wherever the freight situation, the vehicle fleet and the

haulage company's dispatch schedule warrants it. One of the principle advantages of the rolling highway is that it is designed to optimise the customer's benefits: by matching journey times with the statutory rest periods for drivers, the latter are able to take to the wheels of their trucks the moment they arrive at the receiving terminal.

Moreover, the rolling highway means trucks can transit the Alps despite Switzerland's ban on commercial vehicle movements at night and on Sundays – around the clock, throughout the year and in both directions. A further advantage is that the relation is free from time-consuming customs procedures at the borders for vehicles transiting through Switzerland from an EU country to an EU country.

## GOOD REASONS FOR USING THE ROLLING HIGHWAY

### 01

Makes optimum use of statutory rest periods for drivers

### 02

No roadside inspections or traffic jams

### 03

No waiting at the border due to customs formalities

### 04

Allows for optimum deployment of trucks and drivers, i.e. round-the-clock logistics

### 05

Not subject to Switzerland's night-time and Sunday bans on commercial vehicle movements

### 06

Boosts a haulier's productivity and earnings – every trip

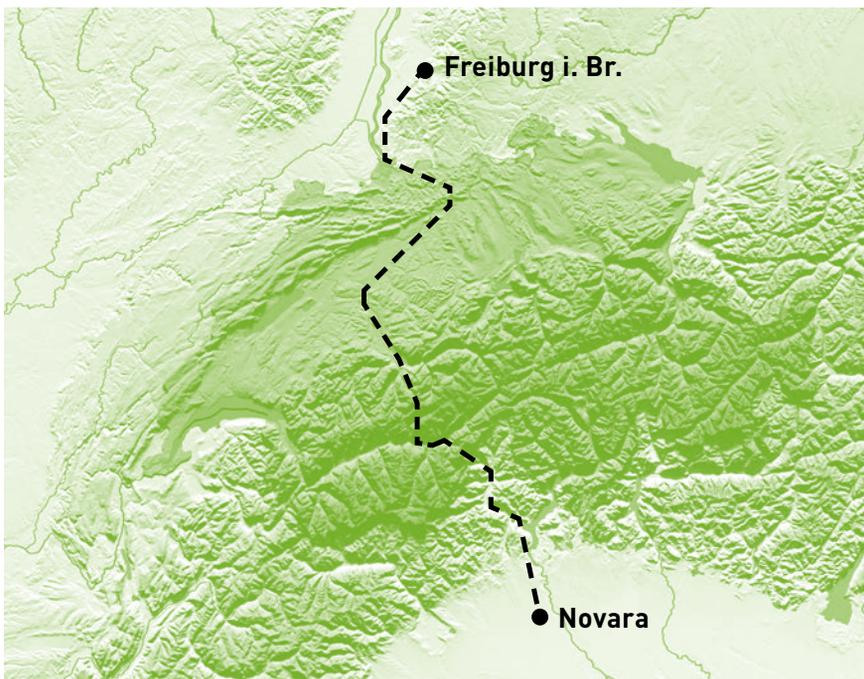
### 07

Cuts costs and helps safeguard the environment

# BREEZE THROUGH THE ALPS

THE ADVANCED PREPARATIONS OF THE HAULIER ARE VERY LOW AND ARE LIMITED TO THE PLANNING AND SCHEDULING.

The journeys can be booked without a huge administrative effort online ([www.ralpin.com](http://www.ralpin.com)) or by phone (+41 58 822 88 22). RAlpin can accept any truck authorised for Europe's roads which complies with the statutory maximum dimensions.



## Freiburg i. Br. (D) – Novara (I) relation

- > 414 km
- > 10 hours' journey time
- > Up to 21 spaces per train
- > Around 60 trains per week and direction

## THROUGH SWITZERLAND IN EIGHT STEPS



### RESERVATIONS

1 →

Reservation of the space over the phone or by fax or email



### CHECK-IN

2 →

Check-in at the dispatch terminal



### CHECKS

3 →

Final checks of all technical and safety-related aspects



### LOADING

4 →

The drivers drive their trucks onto the rolling highway

# RALPIN – THE COMPANY

**EVERY YEAR, RALPIN TRANSFERS MORE THAN 100,000 TRUCKS ONTO ITS ROLLING HIGHWAY SERVICES, THUS PLAYING AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN SHIFTING TRAFFIC FROM ROAD TO RAIL.**

**2001** 2001 BLS Lötschbergbahn AG, Hupac SA and SBB Cargo AG establish RALpin AG in Bern. The first RALpin train takes to the rails in June. The rolling highway soon gains acceptance in the market and amongst politicians; demand grows rapidly.

**2006** RALpin now transports more than 80,000 trucks per year through Switzerland. This is just under ten percent of all heavy goods vehicles that cross the Swiss Alps. RALpin continues to aim at a steady expansion of its offer. As volumes rise, RALpin adapts its internal structures.

**2007** Mid-June sees RALpin start using the new 34.6 kilometre Lötschberg Base Tunnel. Demand for the rolling highway continues unabated.

**2010** Switzerland's Federal Office of Transport (BAV) renews RALpin's contract to operate the rolling highway for the period 2012–2018. This milestone in RALpin's history helps secure its future in the medium term by ensuring the rolling highway continues to play an important role in transferring transalpine heavy goods traffic from road to rail.

**2012** RALpin rolls out 20 modernised sleeping cars for drivers. These feature the latest amenities in terms of comfort and safety. RALpin develops its all-important management system. The company achieves ISO 9001:2008 quality management certification at the end of October.

**2014** The millionth truck crosses Switzerland on the rolling highway. The rolling highway is now carrying more than 100,000 trucks across the Alps every year.

**2017** Inauguration of the completely renovated terminal in Freiburg im Breisgau. Increase in efficiency of the loading processes.

**2018** Switzerland's Federal Office of Transport (BAV) once more renews RALpin's contract to operate the rolling highway for the period 2019–2023.

**2019** Five new sleeping cars complement and modernise the existing fleet. Truck drivers now benefit from up-to-the-minute amenities on the trip across the Alps.



**JOURNEY**

**5 →**

The rolling highway sets off



**REST PERIOD**

**6 →**

Drivers observe their statutory rest periods during the journey



**UNLOADING**

**7 →**

The drivers drive their trucks off the rolling highway



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**8 →**

On the road again

# RESERVATIONS: SIMPLE, QUICK AND FLEXIBLE

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