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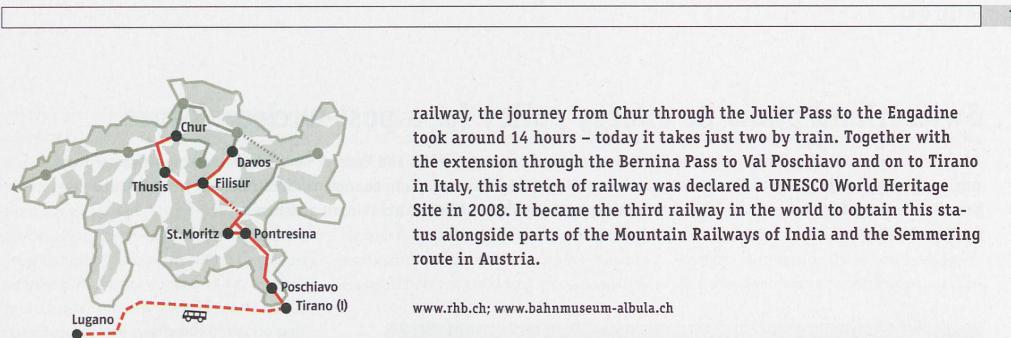
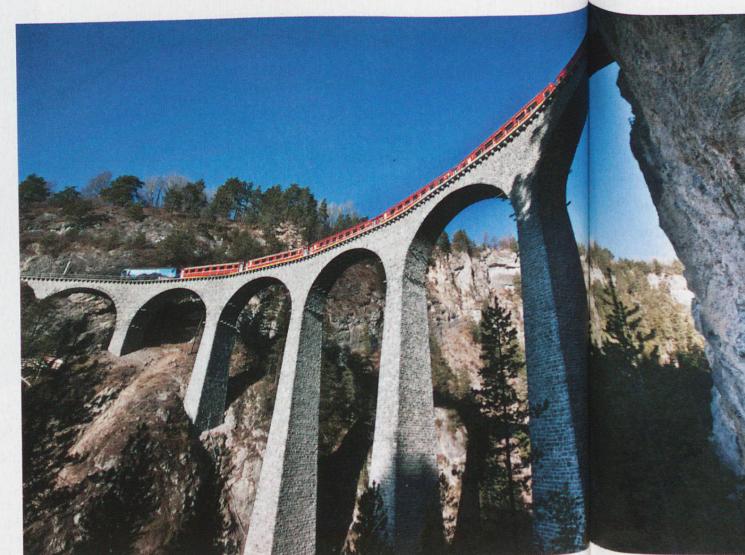
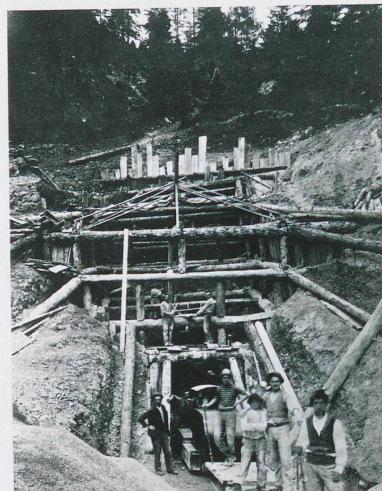
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A masterpiece of engineering

The stretch of the Rhaetian Railway line across the Albula mountain range, which was officially opened in 1903, is one of the most spectacular railway routes in the world and a masterpiece of engineering. 55 viaducts and 33 tunnels lie between Thusis in the Rhine valley and St. Moritz in the Engadine. It was constructed by Friedrich Hennings from Kiel in northern Germany and Robert Moser from Zurich. They were regarded as the best railway engineers of their time. Prior to the construction of the



railway, the journey from Chur through the Julier Pass to the Engadine took around 14 hours – today it takes just two by train. Together with the extension through the Bernina Pass to Val Poschiavo and on to Tirano in Italy, this stretch of railway was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2008. It became the third railway in the world to obtain this status alongside parts of the Mountain Railways of India and the Semmering route in Austria.

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