

World66's guide to Switzerland

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Switzerland

Located in central Europe, Switzerland is bordered by Germany , Austria , Liechtenstein , Italy , and France . A small country, Switzerland's very name conjures up images of chocolates, cheese, watches, bankers, and snow-capped mountains.

Switzerland was inhabited by a Celtic tribe called Helvetia in the ancient times. It became a part of the Holy Roman Empire in AD 1032 but soon succumbed to the mighty Habsburgs of Germany. The death of the Habsburg ruler Rudolf I in AD 1291 led to the formation of the Swiss Confederation. Switzerland was declared a neutral state following the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648 and was accorded permanent neutrality in 1815 by the Congress of Vienna. A new federal constitution came into force in 1848 and Bern became the capital city. The Swiss remained neutral in both the World Wars.

The picturesque city of Zurich , located on the banks of the Limmat River, is the intellectual and cultural capital of Switzerland and the hub of tourist activity. The 13th-century St. Peter's Church and the Fraumünster Church are two important sights. An evening walk along the banks of Lake Zürich or the alleys of the old town will cover almost all the attractions of the city.

On the banks of the River Rhône is Geneva , a city that houses over 200 international organisations. The ropeway journey to Mont Salève offers a breathtaking view of the entire city. The Cathedral St Pierre, Place du Bourg-de-Four, Museum of Art and History, Petit Palais, Museum of Old Musical Instruments, and the Horology Museum are some attractions of Geneva .

The three different parts (French speaking, German speaking and Italian speaking) of the country all have a very distinct atmosphere which makes it an adventure to explore. Switzerland is nature's playground and offers numerous opportunities for outdoor activities. The Alps and the Jura slopes are great places for skiing. Hiking, mountaineering and ski mountaineering, paragliding and hang-gliding, water-skiing, sailing, windsurfing, rafting, and canoeing are some of the outdoor activities that you can undertake in Switzerland.

Since Switzerland is in the middle of the Alps outdoor opportunities like hiking or skiing are better than anywhere else. Only one drawback: it's not the cheapest of places to stay.

Switzerland – People

Population: 7 260 357 (July 1998 est.)

Age structure:

0–14 years: 17% (male 642 365; female 613 931)

15–64 years: 68% (male 2 506 653; female 2 415 647)

65 years and over: 15% (male 436 804; female 644 957) (July 1998 est.)

Population growth rate: 0.22% (1998 est.)

Birth rate: 10.81 births/1 000 population (1998 est.)

Death rate: 9.03 deaths/1 000 population (1998 est.)

Net migration rate: 0.42 migrant(s)/1 000 population (1998 est.)

Sex ratio:

at birth: 1.05 male(s)/female

under 15 years: 1.05 male(s)/female

15–64 years: 1.04 male(s)/female

65 years and over: 0.68 male(s)/female (1998 est.)

Infant mortality rate: 4.92 deaths/1 000 live births (1998 est.)

Life expectancy at birth:

total population: 78.88 years

male: 75.71 years

female: 82.22 years (1998 est.)

Total fertility rate: 1.46 children born/woman (1998 est.)

Nationality:

noun: Swiss (singular and plural)

adjective: Swiss

Ethnic groups: total population—German 65% French 18% Italian 10% Romansch 1% other 6%

note: Swiss nationals—German 74% French 20% Italian 4% Romansch 1% other 1%

Religions: Roman Catholic 46.1% Protestant 40% other 5% no religion 8.9% (1990)

Languages: German 63.7% French 19.2% Italian 7.6% Romansch 0.6% other 8.9%

note: figures for Swiss nationals only: German 74% French 20% Italian 4% Romansch 1% other 1%

Literacy:

definition: age 15 and over can read and write

total population: 99% (1980 est.)

male: NA%

female: NA%

Switzerland – Economy

Economy—overview: Switzerland a fundamentally prosperous and stable modern economy with a per capita GDP roughly 10% above that of the big West European economies is experiencing continued economic difficulties. GDP growth was a minus 0.2% in 1996 and a weak plus 0.4% in 1997. Weak domestic consumer demand is partly at fault; stagnating real disposable income combines with a reluctance to reduce saving rates in the face of an uncertain employment outlook. Switzerland's leading sectors including financial services biotechnology pharmaceuticals and special-purpose machines therefore are more reliant on export markets. Exports should lead an upturn in Swiss economic performance in 1998–99 provided the franc does not appreciate substantially as a result of Swiss monetary policy or instability in the run up to EMU.

GDP: purchasing power parity—\$172.4 billion (1997 est.)

GDP—real growth rate: 0.4% (1997 est.)

GDP—per capita: purchasing power parity—\$23 800 (1997 est.)

GDP—composition by sector:

agriculture: 2.8%

industry: 31.1%

services: 66.1% (1995)

Inflation rate—consumer price index: –0.1% (1997)

Labor force:

total: 3.8 million (850 000 foreign workers mostly Italian)

by occupation: services 67% manufacturing and construction 29% agriculture and forestry 4% (1995)

Unemployment rate: 5% (1997 est.)

Budget:

revenues: \$25.8 billion

expenditures: \$30.8 billion including capital expenditures of \$2.3 billion (1997)

Industries: machinery chemicals watches textiles precision instruments

Industrial production growth rate: 0% (1996)

Electricity—capacity: 14.27 million kW (1995)

Electricity—production: 55 billion kWh (1996)

Electricity—consumption per capita: 6 850 kWh (1996 est.)

Agriculture—products: grains fruits vegetables; meat eggs

Exports:

total value: \$99.2 billion (f.o.b. 1997)

commodities: machinery 29% chemicals 26% metals 8% agricultural products 4% (1996)

partners: EU countries 61% US 9% Japan 4% (1996)

Imports:

total value: \$86.6 billion (c.i.f. 1997)

commodities: machinery 22% chemicals 20% metals 8% agricultural products 9% (1996)

partners: EU 79% US 7% Japan 3% (1996)

Debt—external: \$NA

Economic aid:

donor: ODA \$1.034 billion (1995)

Currency: 1 Swiss franc franken or franco (SFR) = 100 centimes rappen or centesimi

Exchange rates: Swiss francs franken or franchi (SFR) per US\$1—1.4757 (January 1998) 1.4513 (1997) 1.2360 (1996) 1.1825 (1995) 1.3677 (1994) 1.4776 (1993)

Fiscal year: calendar year

Switzerland – History

Originally inhabited by the Helvetians or Helvetic Celts the territory comprising modern Switzerland was conquered by Julius Caesar during the Gallic wars and made part of the Roman Empire. It remained a Roman province until the 4th century AD. Under Roman influence the population reached a high level of civilization

and enjoyed a flourishing commerce. Important cities such as Geneva Basel and Zurich were linked by military roads that also served as trade arteries between Rome and the northern tribes.

After the decline of the Roman Empire Switzerland was invaded by Germanic tribes from the north and west. Some tribes such as the Alemanni in central and northeastern Switzerland and the Burgundians who ruled western Switzerland settled there. In 800 the country became part of Charlemagne's empire. It later passed under the dominion of the German emperors in the form of small ecclesiastic and temporal holdings subject to imperial sovereignty.

In 1291 representatives of the three forest cantons of Uri Schwyz and Unterwalden signed the Eternal Alliance. This united them in the struggle against "foreign" rule by the Hapsburgs who then held the German imperial throne. At the battle of Morgarten in 1315 the Swiss defeated the Hapsburg army and secured quasi-independence within the German Empire as the Swiss Confederation.

Under the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648 European countries recognized Switzerland's independence from the Holy Roman Empire and its neutrality.

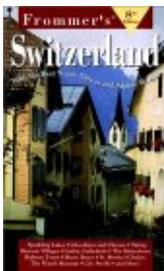
In 1798 armies of the French Revolution conquered Switzerland. The Treaty of Vienna and the Second Peace of Paris in 1815 re-established Swiss independence and the powers participating in the Congress of Vienna agreed to recognize Swiss permanent neutrality.

Switzerland adopted a federal constitution in 1848 modeled in part on the U.S. Constitution. The Swiss amended their constitution extensively in 1874 establishing federal responsibility for defense trade and legal matters. Since then continued political economic and social improvement has characterized Swiss history. The Swiss did not participate in either world war.

Switzerland – Books

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Frommer's Switzerland



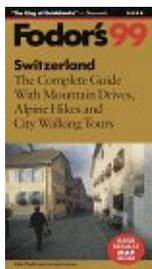
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Rick Steves' Germany, Austria and Switzerland 1999



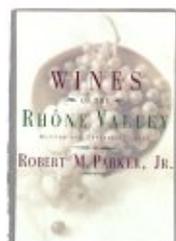
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isbn: 1562614630
subject: travel

Fodor's Switzerland '99



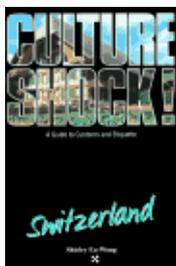
author: Fodor Travel
Publications,Fodor's Travel
isbn: 0679001514
subject: travel

The Wines of the Rhone Valley



author: Robert M. Parker,Designed by Levavi &
Levavi ..
isbn: 0684800136
subject: culture

Culture Shock!:Switzerland



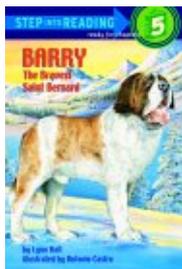
author: Shirley
Eu-Wong
isbn: 1558682481
subject: culture

Asterix in Switzerland



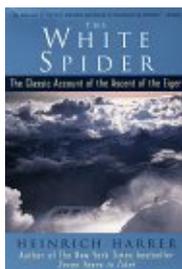
author: Rene de
Goscinny
isbn: 0917201574
subject: culture

Barry: The Bravest Saint Bernard (Step into Reading Books Series: A Step 4 Book)



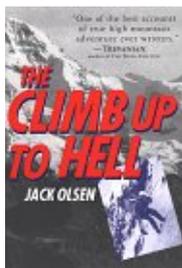
author: Lynn Hall, Antonio Castro (Illustrator)
isbn: 0679830545
subject: history

The White Spider: The Classic Account of the Ascent of the Eiger



author: Heinrich Harrer, Hugh Merrick (Translator), Kur.
isbn: 0874779405
subject: history

The Climb up to Hell



author: Jack Olsen
isbn: 0312194501
subject: history

Switzerland – Getting There

Switzerland – Climate

On the plateau and lower valleys of Switzerland a temperate climate prevails, with a mean annual temperature of about 10° C (about 50° F). The temperature decreases about 2° C (about 3° F) for every additional 300 m (about 1,000 ft) of elevation. Precipitation also varies considerably according to elevation. Precipitation on the plateau and in the lower valleys is about 910 mm (about 36 in) annually; the higher regions generally receive more precipitation. Much of the precipitation occurs during the winter in the form of snow; the peaks of most mountains about 2,700 m (about 9,000 ft) or higher are snow-covered throughout the year. Large glaciers are at higher elevations, especially in the Alps. The bise, a cold, northerly wind, predominates in the winter, and the foehn, a warm, dry southeasterly wind, predominates during the rest of the year.

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Adelboden – Internet Cafes

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address: Mo – So 08.00am – 01:00am

url: www.bernerhof-adelboden.ch

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Amriswil, Thurgau 8580 Switzerland

url: www.gi-gmbh.ch

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Andermatt

Andermatt is a nice small town, great for skiing resorts in the winter.

Andermatt – Accommodation

A small town with not a lot to offer. A few nice restaurants, but with nice people the town gets by.

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Gasthaus Ski-Club

A small room, with the basics. Kinda old fashioned, and certainly designed for the winter months.

address: Gotthardstrasse 94 Andermatt CH-6490

CostOfDoubleForANight: \$133 in summer

tel: 041-887-03-30

costofdoubleforanight: \$133 in summer

Andermatt – Internet Cafes

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Arbon

Arbon – Internet Cafes

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Arbon

Fast computers with excellent graphic card. Good for games like e.g. Counterstrike
home-made Cappucino. If all the 12 computers are busy or if you just want to have a nice time, you can dive in our leather couch watching your favourite TV pro

price: 5 Euro/hour
tel: 0041 71 4400945
email: arbon@freesurf.ch
hours: 19 – 24 Uhr 7pm till midnight
address: Metzgergasse 5, Arbon, Thurgau, 9320, Switzerland
url: www.sow.ch

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Basel

Basel, the second largest city of Switzerland, is known as a pharmaceutical multinational centre. However, it would be a bit narrow-minded to leave it at that. Basel is an interesting arty city, split up by the river Rhine and its medieval past is endowed with some of the greatest minds of European history, including Erasmus, Ulrich Zwingli and later Friedrich Nietzsche and Hermann Hesse. Its long-standing patronage of the arts has resulted in a ponoply of first-rate museums and galleries, which are well worth visiting, as is its historic centre. The right bank (better known as Kleinbasel) is the more modern centre. On the left bank (Grossbasel), one can trace the history of Basel in the old town that is ruled by the Münster cathedral where the bones of the reformist Erasmus are buried.

Basels sights can be easily explored on foot. The highest concentration of sights is around the old marketplace and the cathedral. The hilly surroundings of the city offer some excellent views and walks. Dont miss your chance to stand on the three countries corner (Switzerland, France and Germany). A good day-trip is a visit to Kaiseraugst, just some few kilometres from Basel. Here, you can visit the remnants of the oldest roman city on the Rhine.

Remarkable Features:

Jean Tinguely Museum, accessible by public transport, near the Roche offices. Great fun for all ages – see and manipulate (ssssssssss) some of the artist's kinetic sculptures.

Tinguely fountain in the city proper. It'll make one wonder why all fountains don't make such fun use of water pressure.

Fasnacht Festival, once a year – a tradition of costumes, music and fun.

Basel – Nightlife and Entertainment

Plenty of diversion you will find around Barfuesserplatz and market place. Kleinbasel offers more conviviality for less money. Theatres and cinemas are spread all over the city.

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Babalabar

Pleasant cocktail bar with music nights (very different styles). Take tram to Barfüsserplatz, closed on Tuesdays. *tulay*:

address: Gerbergasse 74, 4051 Basel

url: www.babalabar.ch

tel: 061 261 48 49

Campari Bar

Elegant Aperero and cocktail bar with great garden. Take tram stop Barfüsserplatz, Theater or Bankverein, open daily.

address: Steinenberg 7, 4051 Basel

url: www.campari-bar.ch

tel: 061 272 83 83

Bar Café Des Arts

Cosy and kitschy, old fashioned and modern. Take tram to Barfüsserplatz, kitchen open till 1am, no rest day.

address: Barfüsserplatz 6, 4051 Basel

url: www.bar-des-arts-basel.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 273 57 37

Restaurant Paddy Reilly's Irish Pub

Authentic Irish pub, cosy summer terrace. Take tram Heuwaage, daily open till 2 (weekends till 3am).

address: Steinentorstrasse 45, 4051 Basel

tel: +41 (0)61 281 33 36

Ka Bar

Small and crowded bar inside the Kulturraum Kaserne. Hang out with music and "Töggeli-Kasten". Take tram to Kaserne. Closed on sundays.

address: Klybeckstrasse 1b, 4057 Basel

url: www.ka-bar.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 691 71 10

Cargo Kultur Bar

That's where Basel's students meet, located directly on the rhine banks.

address: St. Johannis-Vorstadt 46, 4056 Basel

tel: +41 (0)61 321 00 72

Grenzwert

Spotlit and jazzy, only some metres off the Middle bridge, take tram stop Rheingasse.

address: Rheingasse 3, 4058 Basel

tel: +41 (0)61 681 02 82

El Platanero

More than a bar – a Salsa restaurant that offers hot chorizo and fried bananas

address: Webergasse
21

Papa Joe's

Restaurant & Bar right on the Barfüsserplatz. It has a big terrace where you can watch Tout Basel pass by.

address: Barfüsserplatz

Theater Basel

email: info@theater-basel.ch

address: Elisabethenstr. 16

url: www.theater-basel.ch

tel: +41-61-2951-100

zipcode: 4010 Basel

Theater im Teufelhof

The Teufelhof is a small theatre which is open from mid-September until the beginning of May. The programme includes cabaret, satire and concerts. The «Oberes Theater» has one hundred seats and can be hired for private and business events. The «Unteres Theater» hosts exhibitions but can also be used for other events.

address: Leonhardsgraben 49

url: www.teufelhof.com

tel: +41 (0)61 261 10 10

zipcode: CH-4051 Basel

Thorgevsky & Wiener

email: thorgevsky@wiener.ch

address: Zürcherstr. 7

url: www.wiener.ch

tel: +41 (0)62 724 06 24

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Atlantis

Bar, disco, restaurant and concerts. One of the best spots in town. On club nights every Friday and Saturday the place is really crowded. Closed on Sundays.

email: info@atlan-tis.ch

address: Klosterberg 13, 4051 Basel

url: www.atlan-tis.ch

tel: 061 228 96 96

Diskotheek La Luna

Disco on first floor of Kuechlin–building. Take tram to Barfüsserplatz, Theater or Heuwaage, closed on mon & tue, open till 3am, weekends till 5am.

email: info@la-luna.ch

address: Steinenvorstadt 55, 4051 Basel

url: www.la-luna.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 281 88 55

Route 66 Music & Dance Club

4 bars, rock & pop music, open till dawn. Closed on sunday, monday and tuesday.

address: Freie Strasse 52, 4001 Basel

url: [no](#)

tel: +41 (0)61 261 79 75

Restaurant Swiss Chalet

Latino disco with Salsa, Merengue and Latino–Sounds. Take tram to Rheingasse, very good: kitchen open till 5 in the morning !!

address: Hotel Hecht, Rheingasse 8, 4058 Basel

url: www.swiss-chalet.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 691 22 20

Basel – Practical Information

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Phone calls

The international country code for Switzerland is +41 , the national city code for Basel is 061 , if you call from abroad dial +41 61

Tourist offices

There is a tourist office at the SBB train station (open every day) and a larger one in the centre at Schiffslände 5 (closed on Sundays)

Basel – Internet Cafes

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DataComm

Open daily from 7:30am – 1:00am, prices: 5 CHF per hour. 63 computers available, printer, fax +41 (0)61 699 18 19

email: dtrovato@datacomm.ch
address: Steinentorstrasse 11, Basel
url: www.tiscalinet.ch
tel: +41 (0)61 – 699 18 79

Internet–Cafe Migros

Prices: CHF 15 per hour, fax +41 (0)61 – 361 9978.

email: internetcafe@ksbs.migros.net
address: Reinacherstrasse 67 CH–4052 Basel
url: www.ksbs.migros.net
tel: +41 61 366 9669

Mausklick Computerstudio

Fax 061 683 41 81

price: 12fr/hour
tel: 061 683 41 83
Klingentalstr.
7
address: 4057
Basel/BS

Net Time

Totentanz 18
address: CH–4051 Basel
Tel: (061) 263 08 60

Net–Generation GmbH

Charmest Internet–Café of Basel.

price: Sfr. 10.–
email: ngc@net-generation.ch
hours: Mo–Do 12h – 24h Fr–Sa 12h – 01h So 13h – 24h
address: Steinenvorstadt 54
Basel 4051 Switzerland
url: www.net-generation.ch

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address: Aeschenvorstadt 4
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price: 10 CHF per hour
tel: +41612714088
url: linuxcafe.ch
zipcode: 4051

Basel – Sights

Basels main sights can be easily explored on foot. The highest concentration of sights is around the old marketplace (also the place to go when you want to go shopping) and around the oldest university in the whole of Switzerland. Being the cultural city as it is, it will take you several days to visit all of Basel.

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Schweizer Sportmuseum

tel: +41 (0)61 -261 12 21

address: Missionsstr. 28

open: Mo – Fr 10 – 12 und 14 – 17 h; Sa 13 – 17 h; So 11 – 17 h

Karikatur & Cartoon Museum Basel

tel: +41 (0)61 -271 13 36

address: St. Alban-Vorstadt 28

open: Wed–Sat: 14 – 17.30 h, Sun: 10 – 17.30 h.

Museum Jean Tinguely Basel

open: Mon–Sun 11 19 h.

address: Grenzacherstr. 210

tel: + 41 (0)61 – 681 93 20

Anatomisches Museum Basel

open: Tue 14 – 19 h; Sun 10 – 14 h.

address: Pestalozzistr. 20

tel: + 41 (0)61 – 267 35 35

Historisches Museum Basel

Interesting collection of tapestries and rooms furnished in detail like the way they used to look centuries ago.

tel: +41 (0)61 -205 86 00

address: Barfüsserplatz

open: Mon, Wed–Sun: 10 – 17 h.

Jüdisches Museum der Schweiz

tel: +41 (0)61 -261 95 14

address: Kornhausgasse 8

open: Mon–Wed: 14 – 17 h, Sun: 11 – 17 h.

Puppenhausmuseum

address: Steinenvorstadt
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tel: +41 (0)

Pharmazie–Historisches Museum der Universität Basel

address: Totengässlein 3

open: Tue–Fri: 10 – 18 h; Sat: 10 – 17 h

Carriages Museum

open: Wed, Sat, Sun: 14 – 17 h.

address: Scheune bei der Villa Merian

tel: +41 (0)61 –205 86 00

Music Museum

open: From 14 – 19 h.

address: Im Lohnhof 9

tel: +41 (0)61 –205 86 00

Naturhistorisches Museum Basel

tel: +41 (0)61 –266 55 00

address: Augustinergasse 2

open: Tues–Sun: 10 – 17 h.

Skulpturhalle

tel: +41 (0)61 –261 52 45

address: Mittlere Strasse 17

open: Tue– Sun: 10 – 17 h

Kunstmuseum Basel

One of the oldest museums in Europe and exhibiting an impressing collection, ranging from works from the old masters to 20th artists.

tel: +41 (0)61 –206 62 62

address: St. Alban–Graben 16

open: Tues–Sun: 10 – 17 h.

Museum der Kulturen Basel

tel: +41 (0)61 –266 55 00

address: Augustinergasse 2

open: Tues–Sun: 10 – 17 h.

Fondation Beyeler

Great Art Museum just outside of Basel, set in a lovely valley. The building was designed by Renzo Piano.

Zoological Garden Basel

One of the greatest zoos in the world. Over 4000 animals.

address: Binningerstrasse 40

url: www.zoo-basel.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 – 295 35 35

The Lange Erlen animal park

address: Erlenparkweg 55

tel: +41 (0)61681 40 22

Botanical Garden from the University of Basel

address: Schönbeinstrasse 6,

tel: +41 (0)61 / 267 35 19

Münster – cathedral

The most prominent building of the Old Town. After the reformation, it was turned into a protestant cathedral. Erasmus is buried here.

address: Münsterplatz 13

Jewish Basel

You can also visit the synagogue, the Jewish Museum and the cemetery.

address: Eulerstrasse 2 / Leimenstrasse 24

University of Basel

The oldest university in Switzerland.

open: Mo. – Fr., 08:00 – 20:00

address: Petersplatz 1

url: www.unibas.ch

tel: +41 61 267 3100

email: info@unibas.ch

Rathaus

Original town hall in the Renaissance.

address: Marktplatz

The old city gates

address: Petersgraben

Basel – Getting There

by air:

Basel shares its airport with Mulhouse (France) and Freiburg (Germany). It is a public law company under international law domiciled in France and the only completely bi-national airport in the world. Situated entirely on French territory, the airport has a Swiss customs sector connected to Basel via a customs road. For detailed flight information, have a look at their webpage.

by train:

Basel has two train stations straddling three countries. Basel SBB is the main one, most in Switzerland, although the section known as Balé SNCF is in French territory (passport control). Trams No.1 and 2 shuttle to Barfüsserplatz. Fast trains from Germany terminate at Basel SBB, but local Freiburg trains stop short at Basel Badischer Bahnhof, in a German enclave within Kleinbasel. Take tram No. 6 to the city centre.

Basel – Eating Out

The best places to eat out in Basel are located close to the Barfuesserplatz.

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Papa Joe's Restaurant & Bar

US–specialties, best spare ribs in town, caribbean bar, late night restaurant (kitchen open till 2.00)

address: Steinenberg 14 (1. Stock Stadtcasino)

tel: +41 (0)61 – 274 04 04

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Sam's Pizza Land

More than 50 delicious American Pizze.

address: Greifengasse 21

tel: +41 (0)61 – 693 07 90

zipcode: 4058 Basel

Swiss Chalet Memphis (inside Hotel Hecht)

American cooking and «Black street music» – Come and see

email: jeep@swiss.ch

address: Rheingasse 8

tel: +41 (0)61 – 691 22 20

zipcode: 4058 Basel

Salmen

Tunisian restaurant

address: Spalengraben 15

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 42 04

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Der Teufelhof Basel (inside Kunsthotel Teufelhof)

Gourmet restaurant with excellent wine bar, sundays and mondays closed.

email: info@teufelhof.com
address: Leonhardsgraben 47–49
tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 10 10
zipcode: 4051 Basel

Papiermühle Café Restaurant

Next to some of the nicest museums in town, open only for lunchtime, international and creative coking, closed on mon.

address: St. Alban–Tal 35
tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 48 48
zipcode: 4052 Basel

Restaurant Wettstein (inside Basel Hilton)

International cooking, open till 10pm.

email: basel@hilton.ch
address: Aeschengraben 31
tel: +41 (0)61 – 275 66 00
zipcode: 4002 Basel

Kunsthalle

Famous for its garden bar (open till 11pm)

address: Steinenberg 7
tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 42 33
zipcode: 4001 Basel

Le Petit Bâle (inside Hotel Krafft am Rhein)

International and regional dishes, with garden

address: Rheingasse 12
tel: +41 (0)61 – 690 91 30
zipcode: 4058 Basel

If d'or

Restaurant of the Adullam–Stiftung, nice roof terrace with park view.

address: Missionsstr. 20
tel: +41 (0)61 – 266 91 24
zipcode: 4055 Basel

Zum Isaak

Eat with a view at the cathedral, mon closed.

address: Münsterplatz 16

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 77 11

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Atlantis

Sun, music, atmosphere, good food – here you find everything. Kitchen open for lunch (11am – 2pm) and dinner (6.30pm – 11pm), closed on sundays.

email: info@atlan-tis.ch

address: Klosterberg 13

tel: +41 (0)61 – 228 96 96

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Caveau–Mövenpick–Weinpub

Famous for its wine selection, closed on sun

email: caveau.basel@moevenpick.com

address: Grünpfahlgasse 4

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 22 12

zipcode: 4001 Basel

Charon

Unique Art Nouveau building near Spalentor, specialized on fish dishes. Closed on sat and sun (mai – oct) or sun and mon (nov – apr).

address: Schützengraben 62

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 99 80

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Fischrestaurant «Café Spitz» (inside Hotel Merian)

Beautiful terrace, delicious fish dishes, historic building.

email: kontakt@merian-ho.tel=+41 (0)61 – ch

address: Rhein-/Greifengasse 2

tel: +41 (0)61 – 685 11 00

zipcode: 4005 Basel

Galileo's

Late night restaurant (kitchen open till 2am), with coffee and piano bar.

address: Steinenberg 14 (im Stadtcasino)

tel: +41 (0)61 – 271 36 19

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Bruderholz – Stucki

Closed on sun and mon, creative cooking, dishes between 35 and 75 CHF

email: bruderholz@bluewin.ch

address: Bruderholzallee 42

tel: +41 (0)61 – 361 82 22

zipcode: 4059 Basel

Gambrinus

Kitchen open till 11pm, international cooking with local traditions.

address: Falknerstr. 35

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 21 21

zipcode: 4001 Basel

Gifhüttli

Cosy restaurant in the heart of the old town, specialized in cordon bleu dishes. Kitchen closes at 10.30pm.

address: Schneidergasse 11

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 16 56

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Basilisk (inside Hotel Basilisk)

International cooking, fresh and seasonal specialties, kitchen open till 10pm.

email: info@hotel-basilisk.ch

address: Klingentalstr. 1

tel: +41 (0)61 – 686 96 66

zipcode: 4005 Basel

Le Jardin (inside Hotel Euler)

Mediterranean cooking (fish), nice garden terrace.

email: reservation@hoteleuler.ch

address: Centralbahnplatz 14

tel: +41 (0)61 – 275 80 00

zipcode: 4002 Basel

St. Alban–Stübli

Small and cosy restaurant in the old town, French cuisine and fish specialties, good wine selection and cigars. Closed on sat evenings and sun.

address: St. Alban–Vorstadt 74
tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 54 15
zipcode: 4052 Basel

L'Escargot

French and Bistro dishes between 20 – 52 CHF. Closed on sat and sun.

address: Centralbahnstr. 14
tel: +41 (0)61 – 295 39 66
zipcode: 4002 Basel

Les Quatre Saisons (inside Hotel Europe)

First class international and French cooking, sundays closed.

email: hotel–europe@balehotels.ch
address: Clarastr. 43
tel: +41 (0)61 – 690 87 20
zipcode: 4005 Basel

Le Provence

Mediterranean and provencal cooking, nice terrace.

email: reservations.basel@swisso.tel=+41 (0)61 – com
address: Messeplatz 25
tel: +41 (0)61 – 690 33 33
zipcode: 4021 Basel

Au Violon

French styled brasserie located in a former jail, closed on sun and mon, nice garden, kitchen closes at 10pm.

email: auviolon@iprolink.ch
address: Im Lohnhof 4
tel: +41 (0)61 – 269 87 11
zipcode: 4051 Basel

Le Train Bleu (inside Hotel Victoria am Bahnhof)

Southern French flair and cooking, kitchen open till 11pm.

email: hotel–victoria@balehotels.ch
address: Centralbahnplatz 3–4

tel: +41 (0)61 – 270 70 70

zipcode: 4002 Basel

Le Monet (inside Swissotel Basel)

Elegant restaurant with French cooking.

email: reservations.basel@swisso.tel=+41 (0)61 – com

address: Messeplatz 25

tel: +41 (0)61 – 690 33 33

zipcode: 4021 Basel

Le Bistrot

French and international dishes, large and fine wine selection.

address: Aeschenvorstadt 48

tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 00 75

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Chez Alain (inside Hotel Helvetia)

Cosy apero–bar with fish and gourmet specialties. Closed on weekends.

address: Kuchengasse 13

tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 06 88

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Chez Jeannot

Try it. Remark: kitchen closes at 6.30pm

email: christina.campana@roche.com

address: Grenzacherstr. 214a

tel: +41 (0)61 – 688 94 58

zipcode: 4058 Basel

La Taverna

Home made pasta and much more delicious Italian specialties, sundays closed.

address: Elsässerstr. 39

tel: +41 (0)61 – 321 66 68

zipcode: 4056 Basel

Picobello Pizzeria Vineria Terrazza

Italian restaurant with charme and Rhine view.

address: Blumenrain 12
tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 30 44
zipcode: 4051 Basel

Chez Donati

Nice Italian restaurant, closed on mon and sun

address: St. Johannis–Vorstadt 48
tel: +41 (0)61 – 322 09 19
zipcode: 4056 Basel

Restaurant Hongkong

Oldest Chinese Restaurant in town, and best one.

address: Riehenring 91
tel: +41 (0)61 – 691 88 14
zipcode: 4058 Basel

Lotus Garden

Unexpensive and delicious dishes, cosy atmosphere. Closed on mon

address: St. Johannisplatz 20
tel: +41 (0)61 – 322 11 51
zipcode: 4056 Basel

Restaurant Mandarin

Friendly service and excellent dishes (between 25 and 45 CHF)

address: Sempacherstr. 7
tel: +41 (0)61 – 361 38 65
zipcode: 4053 Basel

Noble House

Lots of different dishes (more than 130), reservation recommended.

address: Horburgstr. 30
tel: +41 (0)61 – 691 32 88
zipcode: 4057 Basel

Tapadera im Krug

Mexican specialties, live music from wednesdays till saturday, closed on sun and mon.

address: Innere Margarethenstr. 28

tel: +41 (0)61 – 281 55 11

zipcode: 4051 Basel

La Fonda

Original Mexican atmosphere and cooking, closed on sun and mon, dishes between 21 and 35 CHF.

address: Sattelgasse/Glockengasse

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 13 10

zipcode: 4001 Basel

Churrasco

Argentinain steak house, open till 11pm (kitchen)

address: Schiffflände 1

tel: +41 (0)61 – 269 91 91

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Jewish restaurant Topas

Jewish specialties, reservation desired for fri and sat.

email: pessach@access.ch

address: Leimenstr. 24

tel: +41 (0)61 – 206 95 00

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Vegi Country Life

Vegetarian (lunch) restaurant, no alcohol and no smoking allowed. Calm but nice. Closed on sat and sun, no credit cards accepted.

email: country.life@swissonline.ch

address: Sattelgasse 3

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 09 39

zipcode: 4001 Basel

Drei Könige

Food & Dance (with lessons) closed on sun.

address: Kleinhüningeranlage 3

tel: +41 (0)61 – 631 15 10

zipcode: 4057 Basel

Indian Tandoori Restaurant

Indian specialties with flair, closed on sun for dinner, with terrace.

address: Steinentorstr. 26
tel: +41 (0)61 – 281 23 43
zipcode: 4051 Basel

Sakura

Japanese restaurant with teppanyaki grill, sushi, sashimi and shabu–shabu specialties, closed for weekends.

address: Centralbahnstr. 14
tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 05 05
zipcode: 4002 Basel

Zur Harmonie

Cosy and traditional, no credit cards accepted, kitchen open till 10pm.

address: Petersgraben 71
tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 07 18
zipcode: 4051 Basel

Glogge

Original Baseler "Baiz", closed on sat and sun.

address: Brunngässlein 3
tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 32 76
zipcode: 4052 Basel

Wirtshaus zur Mägd

Regional cooking.

address: St. Johannis–Vorstadt 29
tel: +41 (0)61 – 322 05 02
zipcode: 4056 Basel

Zum Alten Warteck

Home of the Warteck brewery, cosy atmosphere, plain cooking, garden and terrace open in summer, kitchen open till 11.30pm, bowling lane.

address: Clarastr. 59
tel: +41 (0)61 – 681 40 10
zipcode: 4058 Basel

Der Vierte König

Located on the banks of Rhine river, popular meeting point for wine lovers (with wine shop). Closed on Sun.

address: Blumenrain 20
tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 54 42
zipcode: 4051 Basel

Schlüsselzunft

Local specialties and historic atmosphere.

address: Freie Strasse 25
tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 20 46
zipcode: 4001 Basel

Wirtshaus zum Schnabel

Right in the «Härze vo Basel» (heart of Basel), really cosy. Closed on sundays and holidays.

address: Trillengässlein 2
tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 49 09
zipcode: 4051 Basel

Spillmann

Nice rhine terrace, closed on sundays, kitchen open till 9.30pm.

address: Eisengasse 1
tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 15 24
zipcode: 4051 Basel

Torstübli

Cosy Basels atmosphere, seasonal dishes. closed on sun and mon, kitchen open till 10pm.

address: Riehentorstr. 27
tel: +41 (0)61 – 692 01 10
zipcode: 4058 Basel

Brasserie Baselstab Mövenpick

Brasserie with international and local cooking, kitchen closes at 11pm.

email: restaurant.baselstab@moevenpick.com
address: Marktplatz 30
tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 31 00
zipcode: 4051 Basel

Brasserie zum Braunen Mutz

Two restaurants in one. In the basement you find plain cooking in a traditional brasserie, the «Au Premier» above is specialized in fish and US beef dishes.

email: info@brauner-mutz-basel.ch

address: Barfüsserplatz 10

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 33 69

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Stadthof (inside Hotel Stadthof)

Open every day, Swiss specialties, Pizzas and the Brötli-Bar are the best. Kitchen open till 11.30pm.

email: stadthof@datacomm.ch

address: Gerbergasse 84

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 87 11

zipcode: 4001 Basel

Dreiländereck

Perfect panoramic view, regional cooking.

email: info@dreilaendereck.ch

address: Westquastr. 75 (Rheinhafen/Kleinhüningen)

tel: +41 (0)61 – 639 95 40

zipcode: 4019 Basel

Walliserkanne

Typical Swiss restaurant with bar. Closed on sundays, kitchen open till 11pm.

email: walliserkanne@datacomm.ch

address: Gerbergasse 50

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 70 17

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Hasenburg

A real Baseler "Baiz" with "Rösti" specialties and more. Closed on sun. no credit cards accepted

address: Schneidergasse 20

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 32 58

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Engadinerstube (inside Hotel Alexander)

Live music and nice atmosphere, grischuna-bar.

email: hotel-alexander@dplanet.ch

address: Riehenring 85

tel: +41 (0)61 – 685 70 00

zipcode: 4058 Basel

Bahnhof Basel, Brasserie

Open every day, first address for "Rösti" and its variations, located in the historic station building.

address: Centralbahnstr. 14

tel: +41 (0)61 – 295 39 39

zipcode: 4002 Basel

Löwenzorn

One of the most popular and traditional restaurants of Basel with romantic inner court, kitchen open till 11.30, fri and sat till 0.30

email: knecht@loewenzorn.ch

address: Gemsberg 2/4

url: www.loewenzorn.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 – 261 42 13

zipcode: 4051 Basel

L'Escale

Specialized in «Flammeküechle», a Swiss and Alsatian sort of pizza. closed on sundays.

email: info@escale.ch

address: Messeplatz 1

tel: +41 (0)61 – 686 38 20

zipcode: 4021 Basel

Basler Keller (inside Hotel Basel)

Located in the old town, closed on saturday for lunch, menu about 35 CHF.

email: reception@hotel-basel.ch

address: Münzgasse 12

tel: +41 (0)61 – 264 68 00

zipcode: 4001 Basel

Rhypark & Saalbau

Something for everyone, the most beautiful Rhine terrace in town. Mondays closed.

address: Mülhauserstr. 17

tel: +41 (0)61 – 321 47 50

zipcode: 4056 Basel

Safran Zunft

Historic building with first class regional cooking. specialty: Fondue Bacchus.

email: info@safran-zunft.ch
address: Gerbergasse 11
tel: +41 (0)61 – 269 94 94
zipcode: 4001 Basel

Gasthof zum Goldenen Sternen

Oldest restaurant of Basel, historic banquet halls, with rhine terrace and garden.

email: sternen.basel@rol3.com
address: St. Alban-Rheinweg 70
tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 16 66
zipcode: 4052 Basel

Basel – Accommodation

Stay overnight in Basel and you are automatically entitled to a Mobility Card giving free city transport. But pay attention: Basel thrives on conference business, so accommodation rise at fairtimes and drop at weekends.

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Merian am Rhein

Four star hotel with 90 rooms, room rates between 220–250 CHF a single and 260–350 CHF a double room.

email: kontakt@merian-ho.tel=+41 (0)61 – ch
address: Rheingasse 2
url: [www.merian-ho.tel=+41 \(0\)61 – ch](http://www.merian-ho.tel=+41 (0)61 – ch)
tel: +41 (0)61 – 685 11 11
zipcode: 4005 Basel

Metropol Garni

Four star hotel with 83 rooms, room rates between 120–275 CHF a single and 180–420 CHF a double room.

email: hotel@metropol-basel.ch
address: Elisabethenanlage 5
url: www.metropol-basel.ch
tel: +41 (0)61 – 206 76 76
zipcode: 4002 Basel

Drei Könige am Rhein

Five star hotel with 144 rooms, room rates between 275–390 CHF a single and 440–640 CHF a double room.

email: info@drei-koenige-basel.ch

address: Blumenrain 8

url: www.drei-koenige-basel.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 – 260 50 50

zipcode: 4001 Basel

Radisson SAS Hotel Basel

Five star hotel with 268 rooms, room rates between 199–550 CHF a single and 199–630 CHF a double room.

email: info.basel@radissonsas.com

address: Steinentorstr. 25

url: www.radissonas.com

tel: +41 (0)61 – 227 27 27

zipcode: 4001 Basel

Basel

Four star hotel with 88 rooms, room rates between 235–400 CHF a single and 315–550 CHF a double room.

email: reception@hotel-basel.ch

address: Münzgasse 12

url: www.hotel-basel.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 – 264 68 00

zipcode: 4051 Basel

Europe

Four star hotel with 240 rooms, room rates between 175–430 CHF a single and 235–430 CHF a double room.

email: hotel-europe@balehotels.ch

address: Clarastr. 43

url: www.balehotels.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 – 690 80 80

zipcode: 4005 Basel

Schweizerhof

Four star hotel with 110 rooms, room rates between 150–250 CHF a single and 210–350 CHF a double room.

address: Centralbahnplatz 1

tel: +41 (0)61 – 271 28 33

zipcode: 4002 Basel

St. Gotthard Garni

Four star hotel with 135 rooms, room rates between 175–360 CHF a single and 220–400 CHF a double room.

email: reception@st-gotthard.ch
address: Centralbahnstr. 13
url: www.st-gotthard.ch
tel: +41 (0)61 – 225 13 13
zipcode: 4002 Basel

Swissotel Basel

The Swissôtel Basel is an elegant and modern first class hotel with exclusively and tastefully furnished guestrooms and suites, two restaurants which provide you a unique culinary experience, the Plaza bar, a health and night club as well as a complete infrastructure for congresses, meetings, cocktail parties and banquets under one roof with the convention center Basel. At the Swissôtel Basel, you will find all the comfort of home, and individual service as well as a professional partner.

address: Messplatz 25, Basel 4021
url: www.swissotel.com
tel: +41 (0)61 – 6903333

Euler

Five star hotel with 90 rooms, room rates between 330–450 CHF a single and 450–1000 CHF a double room.

email: reservation@hoteleuler.ch
address: Centralbahnplatz 14
url: www.hoteleuler.ch
tel: +41 (0)61 – 275 80 00
zipcode: 4002 Basel

Basel Hilton

Five star hotel with 380 rooms, room rates between 305–370 CHF a single and 440–550 CHF a double room.

email: basel@hilton.ch
address: Aeschengraben 31
url: www.hilton.ch
tel: +41 (0)61 – 275 66 00
zipcode: 4002 Basel

Basilisk

Three star hotel with 97 rooms, room rates between 130–190 CHF a single and 180–290 CHF a double room.

email: info@hotel-basilisk.ch
address: Klingentalstr.
url: www.hotel-basilisk.ch
tel: +41 (0)61 – 686 96 66

zipcode: 4005 Basel

Hotel Drachen

Three star hotel with 67 rooms, room rates between 122–270 CHF a single and 180–340 CHF a double room.

email:

address: Aeschenvorstadt 24

tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 90 90

zipcode: 4010 Basel

Hotel du Commerce Garni

Three star hotel with 76 rooms, room rates between 100–220 CHF a single and 140–300 CHF a double room.

email: info@ducommerce.ch

address: Riehenring 91

url: www.ducommerce.ch

tel: +41 (0)61 – 690 23 23

zipcode: 4058 Basel

Euro Century 2000

Three star hotel with 45 rooms, room rates between 95–200 CHF a single and 140–380 CHF a double room.

email: eurocentury@dataway.ch

address: Reiterstr. 1

tel: +41 (0)61 – 306 76 76

zipcode: 4054 Basel

Helvetia

Small three star hotel with 27 rooms, room rates between 125–225 CHF a single and 160–260 CHF a double room.

address: Küchengasse 13

tel: +41 (0)61 – 272 06 88

zipcode: 4051 Basel

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zipcode: 4058 Basel

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zipcode: 4059 Basel

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zipcode: 4052 Basel

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email:

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Basel – Events

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Basel Carnival

The other way to celebrate it not like in Germany, where the Rhenish cities stop drinking and amusing on Ash Wednesday. In Basel, the Alemannisch Fasnet starts, when the rest is already fasting, at 4am in the morning the Monday after Ash wednesday. It is a real experience and worth to stand up early.

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Bern

Switzerland has a pretty capital city. Bern is a small city with many sights, most of them dating back to the 15th century.

Bern is also known for its Bear Pits where you can see real bears – the city's name derives from the German word for bear.

Sights include the 12th-century Clock Tower, the botanical gardens, the Kunstmuseum (Paul Klee), the Albert Einstein House and the arcades in the center where you can shop till you drop under the vaulted arcades.

UNESCO Worldheritage

With its time-honoured sandstone buildings, historic towers and unique fountains Bern is one of the finest examples of mediaeval civic architecture in Europe. The city's appearance has remained virtually unchanged for centuries, earning Bern a place on the UNESCO list of World Heritage Sites. Thanks to this honour the city with its popular Bear Pits (the bear is Bern's heraldic symbol) is on a par with Rome, the Egyptian pyramids and the Taj Mahal. Bern is also the seat of the Swiss government.

Covered promenade

Thanks to 6 kilometers of arcades, Bern boasts one of the longest covered shopping promenades in Europe. Under the arcades and on squares and side streets are dozens of restaurants and cafés where you can rest and refresh yourself. And on Tuesday and Saturday mornings this is where you'll find colorful markets for fresh vegetables, flowers and meat.

Green space galore

The River Aare is Bern's green artery: ideal for summer dips. The river snakes round the Old Town and offers plenty of room for recreation. Just a few minutes walk from the rail station you can stroll along the river bank under leafy trees, surrounded by Nature.

Lively diversity

Bern is not only a World Heritage Site but also embraces modern movements of architecture and design. The Museum of Fine Art houses the world's largest collection of Paul Klee works. Einstein developed his special theory of relativity here in Bern, and Tobler created his world-famous Toblerone chocolate. Concert hall and municipal theatre are only a few steps apart. Besides this, a lively arts scene, modern dance performances and jazz concerts add up to a rich, world-class cultural life.

At the heart of Europe

Bern is easy and fast to reach. The city is near to major European centres as well as the Alps. So it's an ideal point of departure for unforgettable excursions to Zermatt, Lucerne, the Jungfrauoch, Lake Geneva and lots more.

Bern – Getting Around

Like all cities in Switzerland, Bern is easy to get around. The best way to explore the city is on foot. The old part of the city is relatively small and there is no better way to get the feel of it. If you are not up to walking or the weather is not good, then there is an excellent network of buses and trams that criss-cross the city. Bern is an ideal base from which to explore the Bernese Oberland. The best way to do this is by train.

Bern – Getting There

Air Connections Berne-Belp (9 km/6 miles) airport offers international connections (including Amsterdam, Brussels, Florence, Frankfurt, London, Munich, Vienna and Paris). Bus connections to the centre. There is a convenient, hourly train service ("Fly Rail") to Berne from Zurich and Geneva intercontinental airports (90 and 110 minutes respectively). These connections are included in the flight ticket (common rated). Also within easy reach is Basel airport.

These 4 airports enable every visitor easy and fast access to Berne; an advantage not to be underestimated.

Rail Connections From Berne the traveller has direct connections with the international rail network (Italy, France, Germany, Benelux, Scandinavia, Spain, the "Chunnel"), including TGV (Paris), ICE (Frankfurt, Berlin), Pendolino-Cisalpino (Milano), Talgo (Barcelona), Euronight (Rom, Firenze), Tenda (Ventimiglia, Torino), EC Albert Einstein (Praha, Munich), EC Vauban (Bruxelles – Berne – Milano), EC Monteverdi (Venezia), EC Berner Oberland (Amsterdam), EC Matterhorn (Mannheim). Berne is the only capital with 3 different high-speed trains; TGV, ICE and Pendolino-Cisalpino.

Road Connections Berne, being an important motorway intersection point, has direct connections with the European E4 network. Connection routes southwards include the car trains through the Loetschberg and the Great St. Bernhard and Gotthard road tunnels.

Swiss Travel System The Swiss Travel System offers visitors from abroad convenient public transport connections to all destinations in Switzerland, whether for transfers from and to airports and border stations, or for individual trips to discover Switzerland (e.g. travel before or after congresses).

Bern – History

The city of Berne was founded in 1191 by Berchtold V, Duke of Zähringen, and became the eighth member of the Swiss Federation in 1353. Between the 14th and 16th centuries it reached the zenith of its power by enlarging its territory and gaining great political influence. 1798 saw the invasion of French troops and the collapse of the Ancien Régime of Berne. In 1803 the city became the capital of the Canton of Berne, in 1848 federal Capital of Switzerland. As the capital of Switzerland, Berne is the seat of the diplomatic corps and international organizations including the Universal Postal Union (a specialized agency of the United Nations).

The region of Berne was settled as early as prehistoric times, and later by Celts, Romans and Germanic tribes.

In 1191 Duke Berchtold V of Zähringen founded the City of Berne. The Zähringers came from a Swabian family of noble descent, rulers of the dukedom of Breisgau (now the German region north of the Rhine bordering Switzerland). The German Emperor appointed them Chancellors of Burgundy (roughly present-day Burgundy in France as well as the territory west of the River Aare in today's French-speaking Switzerland). As chancellors they were entrusted with representing the Emperor and protecting his interests against rebellious nobles, as well as ensuring safe access to the strategically important alpine passes in the Burgundy region, which were vital to the Emperor's rule over north and south, running as they did from present-day Germany to present-day Italy.

Construction of Berne on the Aare peninsula. Natural protection on three sides; walls and watch-tower on the fourth side (now the Clock Tower), city moats. Berchtold V built the city according to a clearly defined plan, starting with the lowest edge (Nydegg) and proceeding in a westerly direction. Characteristic features common to all Zähringer cities: broad street for market (no central square); advanced infrastructure with utility water source (Stadtbach), sewage (Ehgräben) and drinking water supply (Quellfassung); right-angle street grid; lots divided into tracts of equal dimensions (so-called homesteads measuring 100x60 feet); imperial citadel (Nydegg Fortress, now the site of the Nydegg Church) separated from the main city: public buildings (Cathedral and Town Hall) set aside from the main city axis (which was reserved for commercial purposes).

In 1218 the last of the Zähringer line died and Berne came under direct imperial rule. This immediacy was a major advantage. The city was granted various important privileges (self-administration, own court of justice, own market), as a result of which its power and influence gradually grew and the city evolved into the mightiest city-state north of the Alps (until 1798).

Further expansion of the city to the west (Prison Tower, Christoffel Tower). Berne, one of the finest examples of mediaeval civic architecture in Europe. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Bern – Internet Cafes

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Breil/Brigels

The three villages Breil/Brigels (1300 m above sea level), Waltensburg (1000 m above sea level) and Andiast (1200 m above sea level) are situated on a sunny mountain terrace high above the young Rhine River.

Breil/Brigels – Internet Cafes

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Champery

Champery is a lovely ski resort located between Lake Geneva and the Mont Blanc, only 90 minutes (130 km) from Geneva Airport by either bus, rail or car.

Champery is not only one of the ski resort of the Portes du Soleil (650 km slopes, 206 lifts), there is a nice village.

All Informations you need (hotel, appartement ,internet cafe, restaurant, club, ...) to go in Champery are on this website www.champery.ch. or 0041 / 24 479 20 20

Champery – Eating Out

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Champery – Accommodation

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url: www.thealps.com

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ClosingTime: 04/05h

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ClosingTime: 04/05h

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Davos

Davos is a busy resort in a beautiful alpine playground. The town extends for several kilometers along the broad Landwasser River Valley, between two giant mountain ranges. The area is part of the southeastern canton of Graubünden, "the holiday corner of Switzerland" and home to some of the best developed winter sports centers in the world: Arosa, Klosters, Flims, St. Moritz and Pontrèsina. Apart from these tourist centers, the canton is relatively unspoiled, boasting beautiful alpine lakes and exquisite mountain settings.

Davos was once hugely popular with Brits, but has fallen out of favor and is now dominated by Germans. Few resorts in the world have more extensive slopes, or offer more for all standards. But the area has its drawbacks: it is split into several unlinked sectors, and relatively ancient and queue-prone lifts access many of them. Those prepared to accept such drawbacks normally do so as the price of staying in a captivating Alpine village.

During the mid-19th century, the area became known for its health benefits. The clean, dry air and high altitudes provided the perfect environment to recover from tuberculosis and other lung ailments so prevalent at this time. Many of the old sanitariums have been converted to present-day hotels. The medical importance has continued, as several highly specialized practices still provide therapies and research for allergies, respiratory illnesses, and dermatological problems. It is also a world renowned medical conference center, and many top-tier international meetings are held at the convention center.

In 1877 a natural ice rink was built, which became the first step towards the development of a world-class winter sports destination. Flanked on both sides by stunning mountain views, this setting provided a natural attraction. The high Landwasser Valley is wind protected by forested mountain slopes. It was, and remains, a perfect environment to enjoy nature at its finest throughout the year.

Skiing and boarding in Davos is excellent. Seven distinct ski areas have been developed in the immediate area, so snow sports enthusiasts can spend a week and ski a different resort every day. From west to east along the northern face are the resorts of Schatzalp/Strela, Parsenn, Gotschna, and Madrisa. On the opposite side of the valley, you can ski or board at Pische, Jakobshorn, or the Rinerhorn. The Parsenn is the largest and most familiar of the group. A wide selection of terrain offers satisfying skiing for all ability levels. The area is renowned for its off-piste skiing and long cruisers.

Although the mountain setting is spectacular, much of Davos architecture is undistinguished. The area has the hustle and bustle of a busy town, with only two major roads to handle the flow of traffic. The ski areas are widely spread along the mountain faces and are easily accessible from town, but only some are connected by lifts. Although improvements are being made each year, much of the lift system is still antiquated, and during peak times skiers may experience long lines. The transit system between ski areas, however, is excellent.

Après-ski options are abundant. The dining is exceptional, the nightlife can hop, and cultural activities regularly poke through the snow.

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Davos – Eating Out

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zipcode: 7270 Davos Platz

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tel: 41-814153747

zipcode: 7270 Davos Platz

Morosani Posthotel Davos

address: Promenade 42

tel: 41-814137474

zipcode: 7270 Davos Platz

Bolgenschanze

address: Skisstrasse 1

tel: 41-814137101

zipcode: 7270 Davos Platz

Castelmont

address: Grünistrasse 1

tel: 41-4-0814152121

zipcode: 7270 Davos Platz

Central Davos

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zipcode: 7270 Davos Platz

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Davos – Getting There

by air:

Zürich Kloten is the most convenient airport to Davos. If you are flying Swiss Air, you may request that your luggage be shipped directly to your hotel.

by car:

If you rent a car, go south along N3 Expressway until you reach Landquart. Then go southeast along Route 28 to Davos. Expect the drive of 148 kilometers (92 miles) to be two to two-and-a-half hours, depending on road conditions. Parking in Davos is expensive and scarce.

by train:

Most travelers rely on the Swiss train system, which is notoriously reliable and comfortable. Make certain you have your reservations booked ahead of time. A train runs from the airport to the Zürich train station. The trip along Lake Zürich from Zürich to Landquart takes about three hours. If you are going directly to Davos, you will need to transfer at Landquart to the narrow-gauge Rhätische Bahn (Rhaetian Railroad). Trains leave just about every hour. You will probably be traveling at night, so you won't be able to see the extraordinary scenery as you rise up into the Alps. (You'll get your chance on the way back.) The train stops in both Davos Dorf and Davos Platz.

Geneva, over 500 kilometers (310 miles) away, is an alternate connection point. Since there is no direct line and you must travel through the high Alps, it could take almost a day to reach Davos. If this idea scares you, Swissair offers flights to Zürich.

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Davos – Internet Cafes

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Notes:

Fribourg

Picturesque Swiss city built along similiar defensive lines as Bern. An excellent jumping off point to nearby Geneva and Bern. Home, among others, of the famous kinetic sculpturer, Jean Tinguely.

Remarkable features:

A distinctly different architectural feeling in the old town of Fribourg built lower, nearest the river. Note the fantastical sculpture built in the natural rock face in the old town.

A completely mad double roundabout on one of the main avenues out of the city proper, and towards newer estates.

Fribourg – Internet Cafes

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Geneva

Say 'Geneva' to a person and what will come up first? An inhabitant of the city itself will probably say that it is 'a continent on its own'. Say it to a foreigner and he or she will probably refer to the building of the United Nations located in Geneva. After the foundation of the Red Cross in 1864, Geneva became the home of many international organizations. The European head-office is located here still, together with departments of organizations, such as the World Health Organization (WHO) and the European Centre for Particle Physics (CERN).

Geneva is divided in two parts by the Rhone river that flows out of the lac Lemman (lake Geneva). The old city is located on the southern shore (rive gauche or left bank), the train station north of the river, and the airport north-west of the city, straddling the French border, but only a short bus ride away. Most sights are within easy walking distance and the public transport system (with busses and trams) is very reliable.

This 'smallest of the large capitals', as it is called, offers nearly everything, ranging from extensive banking and shopping areas to rich artistic and cultural input. Geneva is packed with museums and, to a lesser extent, historical sights. When you have had it for the day, go to one of the many parks, largely created by the financial input of many wealthy citizens. Most of the time during the summer, you can watch a free concert in one of the theatres or simply prepare yourself for the nightlife in Geneva.

Geneva – Eating Out

Quick meals won't be a problem in Geneva. Fries, kebabs, burgers can be bought in most areas. Many cafes offer Plats du Jour, a tasty dish that doesn't ruin your wallet. Besides that, there are of course fancy restaurants where the gastronomic masters rule and a whole bunch of restaurants dedicated to all sorts of cuisines, ranging from spicy Mexican food to soft and sweet local fish dishes.

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Baron de la Mouette

Nicely decorated and an extensive menu. Has already been there for quite some time.

address: Rue du Rhône 40

tel: +41 (0)22 311 88 55

Café du Centre

One of the most popular brasseries in Geneva. Big terrace and many dishes with fresh fish.

address: Place du Molard 5

tel: +41 (0)22 311 85 86

Le Cigalon

Recently completely renovated. Not the menu, still a lot of fish dishes with the freshest ingredients in town.

address: Route d'Ambilly 39
tel: +41 (0)22 349 97 33

La Chaumière

Innovative dishes finished off with an interesting wine list.

address: Troinex, chemin de la Fondelle 16
tel: +41 (0)22 784 30 66

Amphitryon (Hôtel des Bergues)

Good service and ambience. One of Genevas classics and known for its fish dishes.

address: Place des Bergues
tel: +41 (0)22 908 70 00

Tiffany

Make sure you try one of the desserts invented by the chef himself. Nice décor.

address: Rue de l'Arquebuse 18
tel: +41 (0)22 329 33 11

Chez Jacky

Ever had a creative dish in the shade of one of the many trees on the terrace of Jackies?

address: Rue Necker 11
tel: +41 (0)22 732 86 80

Le Patio

Hotspot at the moment. Light and tasty meals. Often packed with businessmen. Make sure you make reservations.

address: Boulevard Helvétique 19
tel: +41 (0)22 736 66 75

Les Armures

Downstairs is the place to go to when you want to taste one of the authentic cheese dishes.

address: Rue du Puits–St–Pierre (Old Town) 1
tel: +41 (0)22 310 91 72

Ferme Burgat Michèle

address: la Renfile 19
tel: +41 (0)22 759 14 66

Anatolie

address: rue de Cornavin 12

tel: 022.738.03.72

Café de l' Univers

tel=022.343.06.36

address: rue Caroline 10

Gallay

address: boulevard St Georges 42

Churrascaria

Mexican restaurant where the staff knows how to please its customers

address: 1, ch. Malombré

tel: +41 (0)22 346 11 50

Café-Restaurant du Vallon

Make sure you drink enough because the food can be really spicy here!

address: Conches, route de Florissant 182

tel: +41 (0)22 347 11 04

Ipanema

Both tasty Brazilian food and music (performed by the owner)

address: Rue Neuve-du-Molard 3

tel: +41 (0)22 310 02 02

Mañana

Downstairs is the Cactus Bar and a charming place to go to when you've had your enormous tacos and burritos.

address: Rue Chaponnière 3

tel: +41 (0)22 732 21 31

Bungalow

Popular Brazilian restaurant nearby the train station.

address: 19, pl. de Montbrillant

tel: +41 (0)22 740 09 10

Latitude Brasil

Original decorations and some good dishes. Try the Brazilian spicy fish!

address: 1Bis, pl. du Cirque

Café Cuba

Popular café where you can also have a good meal.

address: 1, pl. du Cirque

tel: +41 (0)22 328 42 60

Nyala

One of the two Ethiopian restaurants in town. Moderate prices.

address: 4, rue Gourgas

tel: +41 (0)22 328 50 66

Mamounia

The chef knows how to combine Moroccan music, food and desserts.

address: 8, bd Georges–Favon

Teranga

Senegalese restaurant

address: 38Bis, rue de Zurich

tel: +41 (0)22 731 15 22

Tajine

You can also opt for the Moroccan banquet that is served in the weekends.

address: 2, parc Château

tel: +41 (0)22 738 38 33

Fantazia

Tasty Moroccan dishes in the heart of the Old Town

address: 10, bd. Helvétique

Gazelle d Or

Surprising game dishes in this small and cosy Ethiopian restaurant.

address: 55, rue de Lyon

tel: +41 (0)22 340 33 98

Spaghetti Factory

The place to go to when you want to have a good Italian meal for a reasonable price.

address: 13, rue de la Fontaine

tel: +41 (0)22 310 61 00

Auberge Communale de Présinge

Elaborate menu, good staff, fine wine and great atmosphere. Good place to go to when you have to celebrate something.

address: Présinge, route Louvière 9

tel: +41 (0)22 759 11 35

Cheval-Blanc

One of the most exquisite and oldest restaurants in town.

address: Route de Meinier 1

tel: +41 (0)22 750 14 01

Piatta DOro

address: 43, rue du Cardinal-Journet

tel: +41 (0)22 782 51 14

Chez Gianni

Charming little restaurant that knows how to prepare traditional Italian dishes.

address: Bellevue, route des Romelles 4

tel: +41 (0)22 959 86 67

Valentino

In the evenings, live piano music with the pastas. Air-conditioned.

address: Vézenaz, route de Thonon 63

tel: +41 (0)22 752 14 40

La Favola

Probably one of the best Italian restaurants located in the Old Town. Make sure you try the carpaccio.

address: Rue Calvin 15

tel: +41 (0)22 311 74 37

Casanova

If it isn't for the male staff, then the pizzas are probably the reason why you come here.

address: 3, quai du Mont-Blanc

tel: +41 (0)22 732 24 14

Le Tse Yang

Excellent view over the lake and the best Peking Duck in town (though it isn't swimming anymore.)

address: Quai du Mont-Blanc 19

tel: +41 (0)22 732 50 81

Patara

Fashionable Thai place that has an extensive menu and great vegetarian dishes.

address: Quai du Mont-Blanc

tel: +41 (0)22 731 55 66

Auberge des Trois-Bonheurs

Varied menu and one of the best Chinese restaurants in town

address: Route de Florissant 39

tel: +41 (0)22 347 25 23

Jade Garden

Specialized in Cantonese and Pekinese food.

address: Avenue Giuseppe-Motta 30

tel: +41 (0)22 734 56 27

Tse-Fung (Hôtel La Réserve)

Check out the traditional wines that are served with the main dishes.

address: Bellevue, route des Romelles 4

tel: +41 (0)22 959 86 68

Ado (Hôtel La Réserve)

Good Japanese food. During summer, you can have dinner in the garden. In winter-time, there is a fire-place, live music and still tasty food.

address: route des Romelles 4

tel: +41 (0)22 959.86.65

Phuket

As if you're actually in Thailand. One of the topgers in town. Need and good service.

address: Avenue de France
33

tel: +41 (0)22 734 41
00

Fuji

Excellent Japanese restaurant with an impressive sushi bar.

address: Rue de Chantepoulet 6

tel: +41 (0)22 732 77 27

Miyako

Original setting, excellent location, great sushi, these are only a few of the features of Miyako.

address: Rue de Chantepoulet 11

tel: +41 (0)22 738.01.20

Sagano

address: Rue de Monbrillant 86

tel: +41 (0)22 733.11.50

Geneva – Accommodation

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Strasbourg Univers

Central, quiet, elegant, service and comfort of a luxurious hotel. Welcoming and sympathetic atmosphere, plus a well established reputation of hospitality

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Edelweiss Manotel

The Edelweiss*** Manotel, located a short walk from the lake, is an authentic chalet style decorated hotel in the heart of the city offering comfort in a quiet location.

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Lido

A well conceived modern hotel, the Lido is situated in the heart of Geneva. Within easy reach of the main station, the airport terminal, the post office, the lake and shopping district

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Ascot

Conveniently located between the lake and the International Organizations, the Ascot Manotel is at ten minutes walking distance from the city center, shopping areas and the main railway station

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Astoria Geneve

"Member of the Best Western chain, we held at your disposal 63 rooms all equipped with bath or shower romm, direct phone, minibar, soundproff windows, modem plug, Tv sat. and radio. The hotel astoria offer you a 4 star hotel services with the prices of a three stars hotel. The 3 stars Astoria hotel is well situated in the center, in the front of the main train station and next to the principal business area"

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Chantilly Manotel

Located in a quiet area only minutes from the main railway station, the center of Geneva, the shopping centers and the lake, the Chantilly***Manotel is known for its attentive service

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Drake et Longchamp

TOP Hotel Drake is a modern and comfortable hotel, in a central location, near parks and the lake. It offers a Korean restaurant and Continental cuisine, a bar, kitchenettes in all rooms, color TV, hair-dryer and mini-bar. TOP Hotel Drake has a private garage and is situated in a quiet area of the city

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Metropole Geneve

A luxurious and elegant hotel built in 1854 on the city's ancient fortifications. Completely renovated and modernized, it offers its guests an extensive range of services to render their stay most enjoyable and memorable. Located in the heart of the city's business and shopping district with a splendid view over Lake Geneva

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NogaHilton Genève

The NogaHilton Genève benefits from an ideal situation on the shores of lake Geneva, located on the Quai du Mont Blanc right opposite the famous Jet D'eau. Only minutes away from the business centre and the old town, the Hotel even boasts its "own" boat shuttle service to the main shopping street La "Rue du Rhone" and the foot of the Jet D'eau (April to October)

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Mövenpick Geneva

The Mövenpick Hotel in Geneva is located 800m from the Geneva International airport and 900m from the Palexpo exhibition center; integrated into the ICC (International center Cointrin) business complex. Free hotel shuttle bus service to/from the airport. The hotel has 350 rooms and suites with 2 PLAZA floors, 4 restaurants, a bar, a café, a nightclub, 18 banquet/seminar rooms for up to 550 persons and a business corner

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Novotel Geneve Centre

With 205 rooms including 12 suites, this elegant 5* hotel is conveniently located in the downtown area of Geneva. It is within walking distance to the lake, the railway station, various businesses and shopping centers

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Auteuil Manotel

A modern property with 102 rooms, all equipped with airconditioning and 26 satellite TV channels.

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Berne

Situated in the centre of Geneva, TOP HOTEL DE BERNE was built in 1964 to meet the growing demand for reasonably-priced first class hotels. In 1975 the installation of sound proofed double-glazing windows together with the air-conditioning in each room, made DE BERNE one of the most appreciated four-star Hotels in the city.

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Cornavin Geneve

Completely renovated in 1999, the Hôtel Cornavin now offers the most fully modernized facilities in the whole of Geneva. We have invested 25 million francs to ensure that all our rooms and overall accommodations will satisfy even the most select clientele

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Epsom Manotel

Within a short walk from the lake, the Epsom Manotel enjoys a quiet location downtown Geneva. The 161 rooms are entirely renovated and include satellite TV

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Rex Manotel

Located only 5 minutes from the United Nations building and most International Organizations, the Rex Manotel enjoys quiet surroundings. The hotel is close to the railway station and the city center. It combines comfort, elegance and charm

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Royal Manotel

The Royal Manotel, located within walking distance from the main railway station in downtown Geneva, is appreciated by an international clientele for its warm hospitality, personalized service and comfortable rooms.

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Des Bergues

"At the Hotel des Bergues, all of our staff welcome guests with great pride. In the elegant gray marbled hall you will find our concierge, a Clefs d'Or, who can organise anything from an interpreter to a European tour and anticipates your every wish. Overlooking Lake Geneva, our guests can contemplate its beauty together with the magnificence of Mont Blanc and still enjoy the pleasures of a great city"

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Cantonal du Val de l'Allondon

address: rte de l'Allondon 106

tel: +41 (022) 753 15 15

du Bois-de-Bay

Real mainstream tourists camping with all accessories you might need for a perfect holliday.

address: rte du Bois-de-Bay 19

tel: +41 (022) 341 05 05

Pointe à la Bise

address: ch. de la Bise

tel: +41 (022) 752 12 96

Centre Boniface

Geneva

Centre des Unions Chrétiennes

address: avenue Sainte-Clotilde 9

tel: +41 (022) 328 11 36

Centre Masarik

address: avenue de la Paix 11

tel: +41 (022) 733 07 72

Centre Universitaire Catholique

address: rue de Candolle 30

tel: +41 (022) 329 70 62

Cité Universitaire

address: Avenue Miremont 46

tel: +41 (022) 839 22 22

Forget me not

Real backpackers place, but tidy and wel looked after.

address: Rue Vigneir 8

tel: +41 (022) 320 93 55

Foyer International

address: Rue Plantamour 29

tel: +41 (022) 731 55 60

Home Saint–Pierre

Just beside the cathedral, women–only!

address: Cour Saint–Pierre 4

tel: +41 (022) 310 37 07

Le Cenacle

address: Promenade Charles–Martin 17

tel: +41 (022) 731 55 60

The youth hostel

address: Rue Rothschild 30

tel: +41 (022) 732 62 60

Hotel des Tourelles

Beautiful 19th century building with all modernday luxury, close to the Rhone river banks for a romantic evening stroll. Rates start at CHF 60 per night

address: Boulevard James–Fazy 2

tel: +41 (022) 732 44 23

Rio

Rates start at CHF 50 *NimesH*: Can you give me the email id of this hotel so that we can mail them our requirements and also website for pictures

address: Place Isaac–Mercier 1

tel: +41 (022) 732 32 64

Rivoli Hotel

address: Rue des Pâquis 6

tel: +41 (022) 731 85 50

De la Cloche

address: Rue de la Cloche 6

tel: +41 (022) 732 94 81

St Victor

address: Rue François–LeFort 1

tel: +41 (022) 346 17 18

Du Lac

address: Rue des Eaux–Vives 15

tel: +41 (022) 735 45 80

Luserna

address: Avenue de Lusrena 12

tel: +41 (022) 345 46 76

Bernina

Opened in 1860 and recently renovated, with soundproofed bedrooms for those who value their beauty sleep and privacy.

email: info@bernina-geneve.ch

address: Place Cornavin 22

tel: +41 (022) 908 49 50

Formule1

Located near the airport.

address: Route de Meyrin

CostOfDoubleForANight: 27 euro

tel: +33 891705254

costofdoubleforanight: 27 euro

url: www.formule1hotels.com

Bel' Esperance

A nice and small hotel. Popular with representatives of non-gonvermental organisations.

address: Rue de la Vallee 1

tel: +41 (022) 818 37 37

Swissotel Geneva

A luxurious and elegant hotel built in 1854 on the city's ancient fortifications. Completely renovated and modernized. Located in the heart of the city's business and shopping district with a splendid view over Lake Geneva.

address: 34 Quai Général Guisan, 1204 Geneva

tel: + 41-22-318320

url: www.swissotel.com

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At about 14 kilometers you'll find this wel maintained campingplace with lots of green grass to build your tent. As the rest of Switzerland, this place is clean enough. Its an excellent basis for trips to the city, the surroundings or to neighbouring France

address: Rue du Nord 44
tel: +41 (022) 751 14 83

Geneva – Internet Cafes

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Cyber T

email: cyber@artamis.org
address: 12 rue du stand
url: cyber.artamis.org
tel: +41 (022) 800 21 01

Cybercafe Geneva

email: admin@ifage.ch
address: 19 Place des Augustins
url: www.ifage.ch
tel: +41 (022) 800 30 00

Infelecs

Pentium II &

email: admin@infelecs.ch
address: 26 rue Vautier, Carouge
url: www.infelecs.ch
tel: +41 (022) 342.53.54

Café Nomade

email: nom@descaf.ch
address: Rte du bout du monde 6
url: www.nomades.ch
tel: +41 (022) 347 34 64

Globalcafe, Geneva

email: dvina@gchq.co.uk
address: Blvd St. Georges 71 bis
url: www.geneva.globalcafe.net
tel: +41 (0)22 328 26 19

Charly's Multimedia Check Point

address: 7 rue De Fribourg 7

url: www.charlyls.com
tel: +41 (022) 901 1313

Cafe Net

Cafe Net is dedicated specially for the students.
There is a very friendly atmosphere. Visit us!

price: 5 CHF
tel: +41321 34 87
email: cafenet@wirof.com
hours: 10pm to 12am
address: bd Carl-Vogt 34

Cyber-Land Suisse Cafe

The biggest internet cafe in Switzerland. Coming
and visit us. You can find us in Geneva, Lausanne and Neuchatel.

price: 5
email: japmedia@freesurf.ch
hours: 18/24
address: Mont-Blanc 26
url: www.cyber-land.ch
zipcode: 35

Internet Caf de la Gare

A l'intérieur de la Gare et rue Montbrillant en
face de Citydisc.

price: 7 CHF
tel: 0041 22 731 51 87
email: internetcafegeneve@hotmail.com
hours: 9:30 – 22:00
address: 3, Place de Cornavin

CaféRéseau Nomade

Rte du bout du monde 6
address: CH-1206 Geneva
tél (022) 347 34 64
10 fr/heure – Membre 20 fr/an & 5 fr/heure

Cyber Café Genève

price: Gratis, mais priorité aux étudiants.

tel: (+4122) 807 30 00
email: admin@ifage.ch
address: Place des augustins 19
Geneva CH-1205 Switzerland
url: www.ifage.ch

internet cafe bar

welcome.

price: 5 sfr
tel: +41 22 738 99 20
email: mail@sosinternet.ch
hours: non stop 10 to 24
address: 16 RUE DE MONTHOUX, geneve, 1201, switzerland
url: www.sosinternet.ch

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Shop informatique

Cybercafe

service après-ventes

Formation

price: 1 h. internet = Frs 5.- Swiss Francs
tel: 41.22.797.26.04
email: info@nath-soft.com
hours: Lundi & jeudi 14h – 19h mardi & vendredi 10h – 19h
address: Carrefour du Bouchet n°1, Geneva, 1219,
Switzerland
url: www.nath-soft.com
zipcode: 16

Geneva – Sights

The building of the *United Nations* is one of the famous buildings in Geneva. This enormous complex, which covers a surface area equal to that of Versailles, was completed in 1936. Since 1946 it has housed the offices of the United Nations.

Besides this, Geneva has over thirty museums. Together with the private galleries, they house some prestigious collections, which bear witness to the creativity and cultural influence of Geneva. For those interested in history and architecture, the Old Town has a number of exceptional sites and Genevan emblems, such as the *Jet d'Eau Fountain* and the *Floral Clock*.

When you want to breathe in some fresh air, you can find lushy parks and splendid botanical gardens.

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Auditoire Calvin

Auditoire Calvin was first a chapel in the 5th century, and then a parish seat in the 13th century. It also lodged John Knox in 1555. He, along with Thomas Bodley (future founder of the library of Oxford) and Miles Coverdale, collaborated on the first English Bible for household use which came to be called the 'Geneva Bible'.

address: Cour Saint–Pierre, 1204 Geneva
 June to September: Closed on Mon., Tues–Sat. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
 openinghours: October to May : Closed on Mon., Tues–Sat. 2 to 5 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m. to noon and 2– 5 p.m.

Musée Automobiles Motos et Cycles

The Automobile and Cycle Museum displays a collection of some 120 vintage cars, motor–cycles and bicycles. The cars were all built before World War 2. The motor–cycle collection covers the period of 1896–1950. The museums is open daily from 2–6 p.m. except Monday and Tuesday. The busses No. 1–4 will bring you there.

address: rue des Bains 28–30
 tel: 022.321.36.37

Musée Rath

Very nice museum on the place neuve that does good expositions. I visited (jan–2004) an expo on Hodler (Swiss painter) that was very interesting.

address: Place Neuve

Centre d'Iconographie Genevoise

address: pass. de la Tour 2
 tel: 022.418.46.70

Musée Mamco Art Moderne et Contemporain

address: rue des Vieux–Grenadiers 10
 tel: 022.320.61.22

Musée Militaire Genevois & Musée des Suisses à l'E

Actually you can visit two museums at the same place, the Domaine de Penthes. One museum exhibits objects and paintings about the relations between Switzerland and other countries. The General Dufour pavillion houses a collection of uniforms, documents and weapons illustrating the history of the army. Phone +41-22-7349021 for further information. Admission: Adults pay 5 Sfr; reduced rate 3.50 Sfr; children 1.50 Sfr (under 6 free).

address: Château de Penthes, Geneva – Pregny, 1292

openinghours: 10am–noon, 2pm–6pm Tue–Sun

Musée d'Art et Histoire

The Art and History Museum is Switzerland's only encyclopedic museum, covering the whole of western culture, from its origins to the present. The exhibitions consist of three sectors that comprise Archeology, Beaux-Arts (paintings from Renaissance to modern times and sculptures of such modern artists as Houdon and Rodin) and Applied Arts. It is open daily from 10 am – 5 pm, Mondays closed. Guided tours available. The busses No. 3,5,6,8,17 can bring you to the museum.

address: r Charles–Galland 2

tel: +41-22-418.26.00

Musée Histoire des Sciences

address: rue de Lausanne 128

tel: 022.418.50.60

Musée Asia–Africa Museum

address: Grand–Rue 30

tel: 022.311.71.9

Musée Histoire Naturelle

address: r de Malagnou
1

tel: 022.418.63.00

Musée Barbier–Mueller

address: rue Calvin 10

tel: 022.312.02.70

Musée Cabinet des Estampes

address: prom. du Pin 5

tel: 022.418.27.70

Geneva – Nightlife and Entertainment

It won't be difficult to find a café at Place du Bourg de Four. An empty seat might be more of a problem, especially during summer when the terraces are packed with people watching the world go by. The Old Town

is a good area to head for when you're looking for some entertainment during night-time as well as the Rues basses. There are plenty of bars and discos and the venues where you can hear and see live music performed are still increasing. Check the newspaper for the latest news on what's happening where in Geneva during your stay.

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Arthur's

The Arthur's Club was the biggest night-club of Switzerland (now Casino du Lac). The three dance floors with different music styles attracted trendy people from all over the town. Just go to www.arthurs.ch to revive the legend and discover the Arthur's World.

address: Route de Pré-Bois 20

email: arthurs@arthurs.ch

url: www.arthurs.ch

Arthur's rivegauche

Located between one loop of the Rhône and the street of the same name, right in the centre, this is a cozy bar. All the chairs are different and very comfy. Prices are not very low. 4,00 SFr for a coffee or 6,00 for a beer. Prices go up after 21:00 clock. Service is great. French cuisine for lunch and dinner or aperitif and after until 2:00 am.... *just try it.*

email: rivegauche@arthurs.ch

address: 7-9, rue du Rhône

zipcode: 1204 Geneva

url: www.arthurs.ch

tel: +41 (0)22 810 32 60

ClosingTime: 2:00 am

Sud des Alpes

Contemporary jazz and good improvisations.

address: Rue des Alpes 10

tel: +41 (0)22 716 56 30

An Stram Gram

address: 56 rte. de Frontenex

tel: +41 (0)22 735 79 24

The Batiment des Forces Motrices

address: 2 pl. des Volontaires

tel: +41 (0)22 3221220

The Comedie de Geneva

address: 6 bd. des Philosophes

tel: +41 (0)22 320 50 01

Theatre du Grutli

address: 16 rue du Général-Dufour

tel: +41 (0)22 328 98 78

The Grand Theatre

address: pl. Neuve

tel: +41 (0)22 418 30 00

Le Loft

Excellent place to go to when you want to meet people, have a drink and chat. Make sure you see the drag cabarets shows during the weekends.

address: 20 quai du Seujet

tel: +41 (0)22 738-28-28

Thermos

Good bar in the basement (and a huge dark-room) that is popular with both locals and tourists.

address: 10 rue Goetz Monin

tel: +41 (0)22 320-72-65

Le Kid

Nice bar/café/restaurant that probably has the best vegetarian dishes in town.

address: 99 bd. Carl-Vogt

tel: +41 (0)22 320-44-96

Le Prétexte

Several bars, a large dance-floor and some relaxing-rooms with each a different theme. Chill out in the Baroque one!

address: Rue du Prince 9-11

tel: +41 (0)22 310 14 28

Back Side

Probably the hottest place to go to with a good dance floor and the biggest chance of waking up next to someone you didnt know before you entered the building.

address: 10 Quai du Seujet

tel: +41 (0)22 732 13 13

Le Rêve d'Or

Dont be afraid that youll fall asleep in this club where they play electronic music most of the time. Can get crowded in the weekends.

address: Quai des Forces–Motrices 4

tel: +41 (0)22 329 01 29

Moulin à Danses

The 80s music from the weekends is altered with techno in the weekends. Dress to kill (or to dance the night away)

address: Rue du Stand 20

tel: +41 (0)22 342 94 28

Bypass

Popular spot with students and youngsters who like techno music.

address: Rue du Marché 3

tel: +41 (0)22 810 07 20

Club Fifty Eight

Things get really started here when most places close. Good music and great staff.

address: Rue des Glacis–de–Rive 15

tel: +41 (0)22 735 15 15

Griffin's Club

Griffins has a door policy but when you dress to kill it wont be such a problem to spend the night with the fashionable people in town.

address: Boulevard Helvétique 36

tel: +41 (0)22 735 12 18

L'Interdit

Used to be one of the hotspots in town. Weekends combination of techno and soul music. Often parties.

address: Quai du Seujet 18

tel: +41 (0)22 738 90 91

Le Baroque

Great ambiance and exciting cocktails.

address: Place de la Fusterie 12

tel: +41 (0)22 311 05 15

Le Petit Palace

Size doesn't say anything! Small venue where the crowd can go berserk on the music played by the two house DJs.

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Geneva – Getting There

Since Easyjet connects Geneva to London, Amsterdam and a few other European cities it has become an easy place to fly to. The airport is on the border with France and there are regular trains to the city center.

Geneva is the hub of many railway and motorway connections so getting there by car or by train is very easy.

Geneva – Shopping

Main shopping area is on the rive gauche, where rue du Rhone and Rue du Marche run parallel to the river. Many big warehouses in the main street and expensive jewellery shops in the side streets.

In the old town you will find antique and art shops but Geneva is not the place to go bargain hunting.

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Gerzensee

Gerzensee is an idyllic small village at the foot of the Belpberg, between the Aaretal and the Gürbetal in the Kanton of Bern.

Gerzensee – Internet Cafes

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Grindelwald

Grindelwald is one of the most famous Swiss ski and winter sport resorts. Enveloped in a real scenic and unique alpine landscape, the world famous alpine peaks and mountains Wetterhorn, Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau form the background scenery of the Grindelwald valley. The "glacier village" of Grindelwald, with its total surface area of 171 sqkm is the second largest community in the canton of Berne. The territory of Grindelwald rises from a height of 720 m above sea level to that of 4,107 m above sea level. The village itself lies at a height of 1,050 m above sea level and is home to 3,800 inhabitants and up to 7,000 guests.

Grindelwald is a good example of being one of the first tourist centres in Switzerland. As early as the 17th century, tourists have visited Grindelwald, many of whom were of international origin. Grindelwald has become a popular destination for people from all over the world to pursue numerous sports, or a variety of recreational activities, as well as just for relaxation. Swiss guests alone provide for one fifth of the total bed nights and the majority of apartment rentals (130,000 overnight stays per year). Germans and Japanese, both with a quantity of about 100,000 overnight stays per year, are the most seen foreign guests in Grindelwald, followed by the Brits (about 50,000).

Grindelwald – Accommodation

For everybody knows that Switzerland is expensive, the Swiss winter resorts are even more, especially on the accommodation front. Same counts for Grindelwald. The hundreds of nice and cosy "Chalets", dotted everywhere in and around the village are surely the most popular (and in my opinion the most affordable) way to stay. But even then you have to pay about 80 Swiss Francs for a night with 2 and about 120 for a night with 4 persons. Compared with a hotel room this is still cheap, for it is nearly impossible to spend a night for less than 140 Francs a double room. Hotel accommodation in Grindelwald is normally very good, service is friendly and the staff helps you with all questions concerning touristic offers, excursions or sporting facilities. Many of the chalets have beautiful views and a calmer atmosphere, but sometimes they are far off the village – consider this when choosing a location.

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Hotel Wetterhorn

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Hotel Schweizerheim

Cosy and comfortable 1 star pension with 50 beds and 30 rooms, family atmosphere. Situated 2 km before Grindelwald (only 100m from train station "Schwendi") with panoramic view on the north wall of the Eiger. 2 cosy lounges with pool table and TV. Ample Parking.

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Stalden

Cosy one star hotel with restaurant. Situated on the main road, 5 km from the village center. 4-bedrooms ideal for families. Personal atmosphere. Cosy restaurant serving good wholesome food. Ideal departure point for hiking and skiing in the Jungfrau Region. Prices per night and person about CHF 50,00.

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Grindelwald – History

1146

The earliest known document featuring the village name of Grindelwald bears this date (roman = MCXLVI). "A plot of land in Grindelwald, from Schonegg up to Alpiglen and to the lower glacier".

1252

Ita from Wädswil, baroness of Unspunnen, sells her estate in Grindelwald for 500 pounds to the Interlaken monastery. This included Challi, Bonerra, Lischina, Wergostalbach, rubeum Truncum (roter Stock), Scheidecca, ad montem Egere etc. up to the boundary of the alpine district of Wärgistal, and including all their respective Alps. With this document the Eiger is the first mountain peak in the Swiss Alps to have written proof of possessing a name.

1349

The valley's inhabitants challenge the monastic rule. In a petition dated 3rd January, 1349, the community of Grindelwald encompassing all of the Lütschinen valley, had formed an alliance with the inhabitants of Unterwalden to gain mutual support against the Interlaken monastery. The monastery, however, summoned help from the ruling body in Berne and the uprising was "nipped in the bud". The Wilderswil rebellion was stopped in a similar manner. On the 28th February, 1349 a letter ensued demanding that the inhabitants of Grindelwald renounce their alliance with Unterwalden and must once again submit to the rule of the monastery and its protecting power in the city of Berne.

1404

The prior Niklaus of the monastery in Interlaken compiled a set of regulations determining the alpine access and pasture rights. The districts specified in this agreement included Bach, Grindel, Holzmatten, Scheidegg, Wärgistal, Itramen and up to the glacier (Bussalp was included at a later stage). This agreement stayed in force for over a century, even after the Reformation and the dissolution of the monastery.

1538

It is from the 16th century that the present "Taleinungsbrief" (valley agreement) incorporating the seven mountain districts originated. After the dissolution of the monastery, the regulation pertaining to the alps were updated and consolidated by those responsible in the city of Berne. The valley agreement was then to be repeatedly reviewed and adjusted to conform with the times, for example in 1805, 1883 and 1923. The most important rules, however, have remained unchanged to this day.

1642

The overall growing interest and awareness of nature drew greater interest for Grindelwald and its mountains. Grindelwald's natural beauty, dramatic mountain scenery, cultivated landscape and good accessibility all contributed to its popularity. One of the oldest depictions of the lower Grindelwald glacier originated from the year 1642. It was drawn by Joseph Plepp and the Lithographic print work was completed by Matthäus Merian (see picture).

1751

Natural scientists and cartographers continued to make Grindelwald more and more famous. In 1751, Joh. Georg Altmann used the Grindelwald valley as the basis for his research work into the historical and physical evolution and features of the glaciers in the Swiss mountains.

1822

In the 19th century, Grindelwald evolved from being a mountain farming village into a tourist centre. In 1818, the first hotel, the "Hotel de L'Aigle" (the Black Eagle) was built by Weibel Christian Bohren. The first illustration of this guest house (see picture) originated in 1822. The Sunstar-Adler-Hotel now stands in its place. Times change, the glaciers are getting smaller and the hotels bigger....

1996

Today, at the end of the 20th century, Grindelwald is almost entirely dependent on tourism. Over ninety percent of the inhabitants gain their income directly or indirectly from tourism. Farming, however, is still actively pursued. It is the guarantor for the effective utilization and maintenance of the landscape, undisputably a valuable asset.

Grindelwald – Internet Cafes

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Interlaken

Interlaken is the secret capital Switzerland's beautiful Bernese Oberland. The town is located between the lakes of Thun and Brienz, at the foot of the towering trio of the Eiger, Mönch & Jungfrau. Located in the German-speaking heart of Switzerland, Interlaken offers winter sport's fans access to some of the most spectacular skiing in the Alps, with their base in a service-packed small city in a spectacular lakeside setting.

Traditionally a 'Summer' resort, Interlaken had long been attractive to winter sports enthusiasts because of its prime location and the fact that it's excellent hotels and other facilities offer very low rates during the winter. Its status became 'official' however with the launch of the The Jungfrau Top Ski Region, containing more than 160 Km (100 miles) of trails in ski centers above Grindelwald , all linked to Interlaken by a mountain railway included in a ski pass. The average length of runs in the area is a remarkable six – 12 KM (four – nine miles). With the pass, it's possible to ski a different ski area every day for a week.

The name 'Interlaken' actually means "between the lakes" – Lake Thun and Lake Brienz to be precise and water is omnipresent throughout the area with idyllic clear mountain streams and waterfalls running off the hills and into the lakes. The resort offers dozens of water-based activities, throughout the year. If you ever got bored of sliding on the cold white variety you can always enjoy anything from a cruise on a lake steamer to just feeding the ducks or even frog watching! Visitors first started arriving at Interlaken long before downhill skiing was conceived. One of them, Lord Byron, famously remarked "it's a dream" on first seeing the town. The first hotels opened their doors in 1806, complementing the existing monastery hospice (now the four star hotel Interlaken) with the boom years beginning in the 1860's. Much of the beautiful architecture and grand design date from this 50-year era up to the First World War, but the impressive exteriors hide equally impressive fully modernized interiors, enabling Interlaken to offer the best of old and new. In the early days, when the likes of Goethe and Mendelssohn popped by, Interlaken was promoted for its healthy climate, as well as the spectacular views.

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Klosters

The village of Klosters is located 20 minutes from Davos Dorf. It is a more intimate setting than the latter and more typical of an alpine village. There are several hotels here, including the five–star Hotel Pardenn and Piz Buin Hotel and the four–star Chesa Grischuna. All three have excellent dining and great atmosphere. The tourist board has a list of private rooms, and there are apartments available for longer stays.

Klosters – Eating Out

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Laax – Eating Out

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Lausanne

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Lausanne – Eating Out

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Notes:

Les Crosets

Les Crosets – Accommodation

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Hôtel Télécabine

3 star hotel 50m. from lift in Les Crosets at altitude 1700m in heart of the Portes du Soleil ski area. Easy acces from Geneva airport 1 1/2 hours. Anglo–Swiss owners, cosy family atmosphere.

email: info@hotel-telecabine.com
address: Anne–Marie Trombert Les Crosets
url: www.thealps.com
tel: 41 024 479 03 00
zipcode: CH – 1873 Les Crosets Val–d'Illiez

Hôtel des Portes du Soleil

email: hotel.portesdusoleil@portesdusoleil.com
address: Fam. Gillabert
url: www.thealps.com
tel: 41 24 479 11 84
zipcode: CH – 1873 Les Crosets

Hôtel Le Relais

email: hotel.relais@portesdusoleil.com
address: Suzanne Schüpbach & Kurt Jenni
url: www.thealps.com
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Notes:

Locarno

Locarno – Getting There

Locarno – Internet Cafes

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Notes:

Lucerne

Kappel Bridge

Lucerne – Internet Cafes

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Café Parterre

The .NETcafé Lichtensteig is located in the centre of the medieval town. It offers also instruction for Windows programs and repairs for PCs and Notebook computers.

Thursday 07:00 – 00:30 Friday 07:00 – 00:30 Saturday 07:00 – 00:30 Sunday 09:00