

LUCERNE



Lucerne, the gateway to central Switzerland, sited on Lake Lucerne, is embedded within an impressive mountainous panorama. Thanks to its attractions, its souvenir and watch shops, the beautiful lakeside setting and the nearby excursion mountains of the Rigi, Pilatus and Stanserhorn, the town is a destination for many travel groups and individuals on their journey through central Switzerland.

Complete with gable paintings, the covered, medieval Chapel Bridge forms the centrepiece of Lucerne's townscape and is considered to be one of the oldest, covered wooden bridges in Europe. A further landmark of the town is the Museggmauer, a wall which, with the exception only of one of its towers, has been preserved in its original, well-fortified state.

Historic houses decorated with frescoes line the picturesque town squares as they do the 'Weinmarkt' square in the car-free old town. Lucerne is a city of town squares and churches. The Jesuit church dating from the 17th century is regarded as Switzerland's first sacral Baroque building and the twin towers of the Hofkirche form an integral part of the townscape. The figure of a dying lion which was hewn from the face of rock in remembrance of the heroic death of Swiss guards killed during an attack on the Tuileries in 1792 is one of the best-known monuments in Switzerland. And with its 112-metre-long Bourbaki panorama, Lucerne possesses one of the world's few maintained, mammoth circular paintings.

Tradition and modernity stand side-by-side with ease in Lucerne, as the town has also earned a reputation for itself with innovative design. The futuristic Culture and Convention Centre (KKL), designed by leading French architect Jean Nouvel, is one the architectural highlights of the town. The KKL is also a landmark of Lucerne: Festival City and venue for a wide variety of cultural events throughout the year.

Lucerne is the ideal starting point for many excursions to the highlights of central Switzerland. A trip up one of Lucerne's regional mountains, the Pilatus or the Rigi – the queen of mountains – is a must. But excursions up onto the Stanserhorn, the Bürgenstock or a steamship cruise on Lake Lucerne with its many bends and arms are certainly no less worthy. The Wilhelm Tell Express originates in Lucerne and ferries its passengers to the foot of the Gotthard pass via Lake Lucerne and then continues by rail into Ticino, south of the Alpine ridge. The cherry road leads from Lucerne through the landscape of cheery trees and kirsch.



GENERAL INFO:

Population: 78,786 inhabitants

Language spoken: German

HOW TO GET THERE:

- Zurich Airport - Trains depart every half an hour, transfer time is just a bit more than one hours, www.flughafen-zuerich.ch
- Geneva Airport - Trains depart every half an hour, transfer time is around three hours, www.gva.ch
- EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg – Trains depart every half an hour, transfer time is under 1 hours and 50 minutes, www.euroairport.com
- Lucerne Tourism Ltd., Tourist Board, T+41 (0)41 227 17 17, luzern@luzern.com

OPENING HOURS:

- Shops/shopping Monday - Wednesday until 6.30 pm Saturday: until 4 pm Late night shopping: Thursday and Friday until 9 pm
- Banks and currency exchange Monday - Friday: 9 am - 5 pm Saturday: 9 am - 12 noon
- Public authorities and offices Monday - Friday: 8 am - 12 noon / 1.30 pm - 5pm Saturday: closed
- Lucerne on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kd250PNxAfg>

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Chapel Bridge** – one of Europe’s oldest wooden bridges and landmark of Lucerne, faithfully restored to its original design after a serious fire. Culture and Convention Centre of Lucerne (KKL) – unites a large concert auditorium, the convention centre and the art museum under its imposing roof.
Kultur- und Kongresszentrum Luzern · Europaplatz 1 · 6005 Luzern · T +41 (0)41 226 70 70 · Fax +41 (0)41 226 70 71 · <https://www.kkl-luzern.ch/en/>
- **Swiss Museum of Transport** – one of the most diverse museums in Europe for transport and communication, and the most-frequented museum in Switzerland. Has its own IMAX cinema on site.
Verkehrshaus der Schweiz · Lidostrasse 5 · 6006 Luzern · T +41 (0)41 370 44 44 · F +41 (0)41 370 61 68 · mail@verkehrshaus.ch · www.verkehrshaus.ch
- **Lake Lucerne** – the scenic beauty of the lake can be discovered on the many different cruises offered by paddlewheel steamers and motor vessels.
SGV Schiffanlegeplatz, Bahnhofquai, 6003 Luzern
- **Pilatus, Rigi, Stanserhorn** – excursion mountains made accessible by cableways, offering up picture-book panoramas of the regions around Lucerne.



RESTAURANTS

- **Bolero Restaurant and Lounge**

Paella, Mejillones, Fajitas and Tapas: And if such words stimulate your appetite, a visit to the Bolero inside the Hotel Cascada is the place for you – where the Spanish-Mediterranean cuisine has long won the hearts and palates of people in the region. As of 5 p.m. you can sit back to enjoy freshly prepared tapas – and if together with a glass of wine you crave for more, the Hotel Cascada stands at the ready with its freshly renovated Waterfall Room and plenty more delights!

Cascada Swiss Quality Hotel · Bundesplatz 18 · 6003 Luzern · T +41 (0)41 226 80 88 · F +41 (0)41 226 80 00 · info@cascada.ch · www.cascada.ch

- **Restaurant Sauvage**

This extends over seven historic town houses as genuine jewel and emblem of Lucerne, combining the treasures of the past with the very best of contemporary comforts and refined dining. Timely diners in the Sauvage are in their element as far as perfect atmosphere is concerned, and enjoy a 14 GaultMillau-points cuisine as well.

Restaurant Sauvage · Bahnhofstrasse 30 · 6000 Luzern · T +41 (0)41 210 16 66 · mail@wilden-mann.ch · www.wilden-mann.ch

- **Vincafé La Barca The Vincafé**

“La Barca” serves excellent wines by the glass, the finest gourmet coffee from Rast Kaffee AG, coffee roasters in Ebikon, and a range of Mediterranean dishes. After work you can enjoy the relaxed atmosphere or meet up with friends for a glass of Prosecco, wine, coffee or grappa.

Vincafé La Barca · Unter der Egg 6 · 6004 Luzern · T +41 (0)41 202 12 12 · contact@la-barca-luzern.ch · www.la-barca-luzern.ch

SHOPPING

The Old Town is pedestrianised, and the lively new part of town also boasts a good selection of shops. Attractive markets are held several times a week selling fresh and artisan produce, plants and handicrafts.