

Switzerland

A country located in the heart of Europe, Switzerland is split into three different regions, a home to the renowned breathtaking high peaks of Swiss Alps. Not just the Alps, it offers you many more reasons to visit. Switzerland offers a surprising amount of cultural diversity with numerous lakes, majestic waterfalls, tons of incredible sceneries, and outdoor activities like skiing, snowboarding, and hiking to make your trip truly memorable. With scenic views and sumptuous Alps, Switzerland also captivates you with its irresistible Swiss chocolate and mouth watering yet healthy cuisine.

A walk in the Paradise

Switzerland is a dream that can be seen and witnessed through open eyes with its lakeside towns and magical mountains. The most well-known of the Swiss Alps is the Matterhorn offering a magnificent view. The country's spectacular waterfalls are among the highest and biggest in Europe. If you love mountain adventure, then Swiss snowcapped mountains are just perfect to thrill you with skiing, snowboarding and snow-shoe trekking.

History & Culture

Switzerland lies at the crossroads of several major European cultures. Three of the continent's major languages, German, French and Italian, are national languages of Switzerland, along with Romansh, spoken by a small minority. Therefore, Swiss culture is characterized by diversity, which is reflected in a wide range of traditional customs.

There is a strong architectural tradition in Switzerland. The Romanesque style of the 12th century can be found in the cathedrals of Basel, Sion, Chur, Geneva and Lausanne. Many castles and fortresses around the country exude this rich architectural style, all set to take place in your camera.

Top must see sights in Switzerland

Matterhorn – The Matterhorn and Switzerland are inseparably linked to each other. It is the most famous peak in the Alps and is located in the Zermatt town. It is the most photographed mountain in the world.

Rhine Falls – Located close to the town of Schaffhausen, Rhine Falls are the Europe's largest waterfalls and a true magnificent natural wonder. Just close to the falls, you will find the medieval castle, Schoss Laufen, housing a restaurant, a youth hostel, and shops.

Bern – Not many cities have managed to retain their historic features quite as successfully as Bern, the capital of Switzerland. Bern is a picturesque medieval city with a history that dates back to the 12th century. It's most famous attraction is the Zytglogge, an ancient clock tower with moving puppets.

Zurich – Switzerland's largest city, Zurich, will appeal to travellers with its unique mixture of attractions - more than 50 museums and over 100 art galleries, international fashion labels, designs, and the most flamboyant and lively nightlife in Switzerland.

Geneva – Embracing the shores of lovely Lake Geneva, this city is the third biggest in the country. The main attractions here are the elegant cities and towns surrounding the lake, offering you the opportunities for skiing and hiking.

Lucerne – The gateway to central Switzerland, sited on Lake Lucerne, Lucerne is embedded within an impressive mountainous panorama. It is one of the most popular cities in Switzerland where the sky is as spotless as it could possibly get. Lucerne is most famous for its 14th century Chapel Bridge and Water Tower.

Interlaken – Resting comfortably between the lakes Breinz and Thun, Interlaken is a favourite amongst adventure sports lovers. Bernese Oberland Alps offer hiking opportunities while the Jungfrau winter sport region has skiing and snowboarding areas. Also, the place offers other adventure sports like canoeing, rock climbing, paragliding, sky diving, and river rafting.

Lausanne – The second-largest scenic city on Lake Geneva, Lausanne is home to International Olympic Committee that also combines a dynamic commercial town with the locality of a holiday resort. The setting of Lausanne is extremely picturesque and magical. It is also the gateway to some of the world's best ski slopes.

Lugano – Located on Lake Lugano, Lugano is the largest town in the holiday region of Ticino. The city is home to a large number of Swiss heritage sites, including three cathedrals, two libraries and several museums. The city also hosts an annual classical music festival, the Lugano Festival, in the summer.

Basel – It is Switzerland's second largest city, popular for the Fasnacht Spring carnival. Its world-famous three-day carnival features participants in colourful costumes and masks parading on the streets. The city also has the high number of museums in the country with home to 40 museums.

Best time to visit Switzerland

The best time to visit Switzerland depends upon what's on your to-do list. If you are into adventure sports then the ideal time to visit the country is during the winter, which starts from late December and goes on to March. If you want to enjoy the scenic beauty, then the summer season (June to September) is just perfect. July to August and the month of December attract crowds, making it the most crowded time of the year.

How to reach Switzerland

Switzerland is eminently accessible through a network of rail, air and road links. Swiss International Air Lines is the national carrier of Switzerland serving from its home hub in Zurich,

Basel and Geneva international airports that are connected by regular flights to major European capitals and the US. Switzerland is also well connected by rail to neighbouring countries Germany, Austria, France and Italy.

Traveller's Tips – Do's and Don'ts

- Do not address someone by their first name until invited to do so
- Do not put your hands in pockets while talking to people
- Do not feel obligated to tip. A service charge is included in restaurants and hotels
- Do appreciate tolerance and be patient in Switzerland