

25/25 Zürich Switzerland

Public transport runs smoothly, the view of the Alps from the lake is compelling, nights out are fun and the standard of living remains resolutely high (even for employees of Swiss banks). Web giant Google liked the city so much, it set up its European HQ here following other large organisations such as GM Europe and Fifa. Having said that, it's a good idea to get out of town on a Sunday when shops and many bars close for the day.

Essentials

- 01 Don't be late. Showing up five minutes early is the rule.
- 02 Say "merci" instead of "danke schön".
- 03 Impress locals by saying "Züri" instead of "Zürich".
- 04 Install the Tramdroid application on your iPhone. The handy timetable makes using trams as precise as a Swiss watch.
- 05 Don't drive. The city is a maze of one-way streets.



Guide/Info

Hotels

Independent and easy

Hotel Rössli
7 Rössligasse
+ 41 44 256 70 50
hotelroessli.ch

Dependable chain

Savoy Hotel
Baur en Ville Zürich,
Am Paradeplatz
+ 41 44 215 25 25
savoy-zurich.ch

Premium

Alden Hotel
Splügenschloss
2 Splügenstrasse
+ 41 44 289 99 99
alden.ch

Dining

Fast breakfast

Schoffel
7 Schoffelgasse
+ 41 44 261 20 70

Business breakfast

The Dolder Grand
65 Kurhausstrasse
+ 41 44 456 60 00
thedoldergrand.com

Mid-morning coffee

Cakefriends
3 Torgasse
+ 41 44 252 22 11
cakefriends.ch

Working lunch with colleagues

Helvti Bar
1 Stauffacherquai
+ 41 44 242 41 30

Need-to-impress-clients lunch

Tao's Le Gourmet
3 Augustinergasse
+ 41 44 448 11 22
taos-lounge.com

Lunch on your own

Alpenrose
12 Fabrikstrasse
+ 41 44 271 39 19
restaurant-alpenrose.ch

Afternoon tea/drink

Griederbar Zürich
30 Bahnhofstrasse
+ 41 44 224 37 00
bongenie-grieder.ch

Dinner on your own

Sala of Tokio
29 Limmatstrasse
+ 41 44 271 52 90
sala-of-tokyo.ch

Dinner with colleagues

Toscano
3 Schmidgasse
+ 41 44 261 54 50
ristorante-toscano.ch

Private dinner

Riva
Seestrasse 457
+ 41 44 487 14 14
theriva.ch

Big dinner with partner/clients

Restaurant Kronenhalle
4 Rämistrasse
+ 41 44 262 99 00
kronenhalle.com

Drink after dinner

Kronenhalle Bar
4 Rämistrasse
+ 41 44 262 99 11
kronenhalle.com

Late drinks

Hard One
Hardstrasse 260
+ 41 44 444 10 00
hardone.ch

On the tiles

Splendid
5 Rosengasse
+ 41 44 252 58 50
hotelsplendid.ch
Supposedly where Duke Ellington discovered the South African multi-instrumentalist Abdullah Ibrahim.

Reading

Newsstand

Presse Kiosk
Located in the main railway station, Bahnhofplatz
+ 41 44 212 29 84
kiosk.ch

Bookshop

Orell Füssli Die Buchhandlung
70 Bahnhofstrasse
+ 41 44 211 04 44
books.ch

Thank yous

2,222 wines and 222 cheeses in Beat Caduff's cellar
Caduff's Wine Loft 126 Kanzeleistrasse
+ 41 44 240 22 55
wineloft.ch

Shopping

Something you can't get anywhere else

Luxemburgerli biscuits by Sprüngli Paradeplatz
21 Bahnhofstrasse
+ 41 44 224 47 11
spruengli.ch

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

Coop Warenhaus
57 Bahnhofstrasse
+ 41 44 226 91 00
coop.ch

Something for the kids

Watches at Swatch & Flik Flak Shop
Kid's Downtown
62 Bahnhofstrasse
+ 41 44 225 78 28
swatchretail.com

Something for someone you love

Jewellery by Bucherer
50 Bahnhofstrasse
+ 41 44 211 26 35
bucherer.ch

Something for yourself

Quality jeans at Dings
12 Zollstrasse
+ 41 44 271 20 07
dings.ch

Two-hour tour

- 01 Fraumünster Abbey
Am Münsterhofplatz
+ 41 44 211 41 00
Stained-glass windows by Marc Chagall.
- 02 Museum für Gegenwartskunst
Museum for contemporary art.
270 Limmatstrasse
+ 41 44 277 20 50
migrosmuseum.ch

Limousine/car

Alliance Limousines
18B Rütistrasse, Zollikon
+ 41 79 458 13 73
limo24.ch

Transport

Buy the ZurichCARD and use public transport for 24 hours for CHF19 (€12), or 72 hours for CHF38 (€24).

Fitness

Good gym

Activ Fitness
9 Badenerstrasse
+ 41 44 291 20 15
activfitness.ch
Fitnesspark Puls 5
Newly opened fitness park in an old industrial complex in Zürich West.
18 Giessereistrasse
+ 41 44 279 10 00
fitnesspark.ch/puls5