

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 zvv application on your iPhone or Android based phone. The real-time public transport timetable makes travelling 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

Park Hyatt
21 Beethoven-Strasse
+ 41 43 883 12 34
zurich.park.hyatt.com

Premium

The Dolder Grand
65 Kurhausstrasse
+ 41 44 456 60 00
alden.ch

Dining

Fast breakfast

Poushe Strudelhaus
88 Albisstrasse
+ 41 44 480 09 40
poushe.ch

Business breakfast

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

Mid-morning coffee

Confiserie Sprüngli
21 Bahnhofstrasse
+ 41 44 224 46 46
spruengli.ch

Working lunch with colleagues

Ristorante Certo
5 Strassburgstrasse
+ 41 44 241 04 04
certo.ch

Need-to-impress-clients lunch

Rico's Kunststuben
160 Seestrasse,
8700 Küsnacht
kunststuben.com

Lunch on your own

Volkshaus
60 Stauffacherstrasse
+ 41 44 242 11 55
restaurantvolkshaus.ch

Afternoon tea/drink

Café des Amis
88 Nordstrasse
+ 41 43 536 93 81
desamis.ch

Dinner on your own

Negishi, Sushi Bar
1 Nägelihof
+ 41 44 252 05 10
negishi.ch

Dinner with colleagues

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

Private dinner

Caduff's Wine Loft
126 Kanzleistrasse
+ 41 44 240 22 55
wineloft.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

Pelikanbar, Kaufleuten
Pelikanplatz
+ 41 44 225 33 40
hardone.ch

On the tiles

Splendid Piano Bar
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

The best Swiss, French and German cheeses in town
Tritt-Käse IM VIADUKT
231 Limmatstrasse
+ 41 43 366 87 88
tritt.ch

Shopping

Something you can't get anywhere else

Luxemburgerli biscuits by Sprüngli Paradeplatz
21 Bahnhofstrasse
+ 41 44 224 4711
spruengli.ch

Lost luggage – where to buy shirts, socks and underwear

Globus
11 Schweizergasse
+ 41 44 226 60 60
globus.ch

Something for the kids

Franz Carl Weber, Switzerland's largest toy stall
62 Bahnhofstrasse
+ 41 44 225 78 78
fcw.ch

Something for someone you love

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

Something for yourself

Roma Shoes
17 Lintheschergasse
+ 41 44 210 31 41 43
boutique-roma.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.
199A Albisriederstrasse
+ 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

McFit
HB, Shopville
+ 41 44 222 16 80
mcfit.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



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