

Grüezi

Switzerland in figures

Area

41,285 km²

Cantons

26

Population

9,000,000

National Day

1 August

Four-thousanders

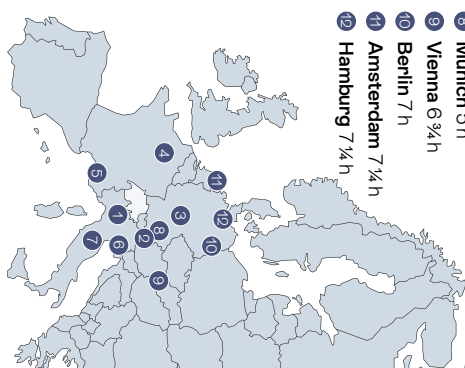
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Mountain Passes

120

Travel times by train to the Swiss border

- 1 Milan 50 min.
- 2 Innsbruck 2 ½ h
- 3 Frankfurt 2 ½ h
- 4 Paris 3 h
- 5 Marseille 3 ½ h
- 6 Venice 3 ½ h
- 7 Florence 4 ½ h
- 8 Munich 5 h
- 9 Vienna 6 ½ h
- 10 Amsterdam 7 ½ h
- 11 Berlin 7 h
- 12 Hamburg 7 ½ h



There are four official national languages. How to say "Hello":

Grüezi
Swiss German

63.5%

Salut
French

22.5%

Ciao
Italian

8.1%

Allegra
Rumanian

0.5%

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Zurich, Lucerne, Interlaken

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GoldenPass Express
Interlaken, Zweisimmen, Montreux

Passing by grazing cattle and magnificent castles, the GoldenPass Express rolls over the border between German- and French-speaking Switzerland before heading down to Lake Geneva.



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Lausanne-Neuchâtel

Watchmaking spread from Geneva across the Jura mountain range and into other regions such as Le Sentier and Neuchâtel. This route takes in the history of watchmaking but also leads up to Switzerland's Grand Canyon – the Creux du Van.



315 km / approx. 7 ½ h

Bern-Zurich

There are much quicker ways to get from Bern to Zurich – but why miss out on all the hidden treasures? Such as the Hallwyl moated castle or the Rütli Meadow – long ago the site of the oath sworn by the allied Swiss Confederates.



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UNESCO
World Heritage Sites

Four outstanding natural phenomena and nine great cultural achievements bear witness to the history of Switzerland. The 13 World Heritage Sites are part of the Swiss identity and represent authenticity, quality and diversity across generations.

More info
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1
St. Gallen abbey district
Alongside the Baroque cathedral, the city's landmarks also include Switzerland's oldest library.



2
Swiss Tectonic Arena Sardona
This impressive place illustrates how the mountains have shifted over each other over millions of years.



3
Rhaetian Railway Albula/Bernina
The 122-kilometre line from Thusis to Tirano is a masterpiece from the pioneering era of railway construction.



4
Convent of St. John in Münstair
Unique mural paintings from the early Middle Ages and over 1,200 years of vibrant cultural history.



5
Fortress of Bellinzona
The three imposing castles rank among the most significant examples of medieval military architecture.

6
Monte San Giorgio
A glimpse into prehistoric times – the mountain is one of the world's most important fossil sites from the Triassic period.



7
Ancient beech forests
The gnarled giants age in the forest reserves of Lodano, Busai and Soladino (7^a) as well as on the Bettlachstock (7^b).

Switzerland

Grand Train Tour
Scenic connecting routes



Grand Tour
Access routes



8

Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch
Mighty glaciers and peaks shape this unique high-mountain landscape in the heart of the Alps.



9

The architectural work of Le Corbusier
This World Heritage Site brings together 17 architectural works by Le Corbusier around the world. Two of them are in Switzerland: in Geneva (9^a) and Corseaux (9^b).



10

Terraced vineyards of Lavaux
The terraced vineyards of Lavaux are among the largest wine-growing regions in Switzerland. They reflect the harmonious interaction between people and the environment.



11

Prehistoric pile dwellings around the Alps
The Laténium in Hauterive is Switzerland's largest archaeological museum, offering fascinating insights into the lives of the pile-dwelling communities.



12

Old town of Bern
The Swiss federal city showcases stunning medieval urban planning. Its historic arcades, vaulted cellars and fountains invite visitors to take a stroll through the centuries.



13

Urban landscape and watchmaking industry
La Chaux-de-Fonds and Le Locle are successful symbioses of urban design and watchmaking. Their buildings reflect the region's craftsmanship and industrial heritage.



See reverse for individual stages