An hour south of Basel is beautiful **Luzern** (Lucerne), offering captivating mountain views, [lake](https://www.roughguides.com/destinations/europe/switzerland/swiss-heartland/luzern-lucerne/lake-luzern/%20) cruises and a picturesque medieval quarter. To the right of the train station, you’re greeted by the striking KKL concert hall; busy Pilatusstrasse is to the left with 100m along it the **Sammlung Rosengart gallery** with a superb collection of twentieth-century art, notably by Picasso and Klee. The alleyways of the Old Town span both riverbanks, linked by the fourteenth-century **Kapellbrücke**, a covered wooden bridge rebuilt after a fire in 1993; some of the seventeenth-century paintings fixed to its roof beams have been replaced by facsimiles. Northeast of the Old Town is **Löwenplatz**, dominated by the absorbing **Bourbaki Panorama**, a 110m by 10m circular mural, depicting the flight of General Bourbaki’s 87,000-strong army into Switzerland during the Franco-Prussian War. Just off the square is the **Löwendenkmal**, a dying lion hewn out of a cliff-face to commemorate seven hundred Swiss mercenaries killed by French revolutionaries in 1792.