### **The** Kapellbrucke Bridge

The **Kapellbrücke** (literally, Chapel Bridge) is a covered wooden [footbridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Footbridge" \o "Footbridge) spanning the river [Reuss](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reuss_(river)" \o "Reuss (river)) diagonally in the city of [Lucerne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lucerne" \o "Lucerne) in central [Switzerland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Switzerland" \o "Switzerland). Named after the nearby St. Peter's Chapel,[[1]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kapellbr%C3%BCcke" \l "cite_note-luzern-1) the bridge is unique in containing a number of interior paintings dating back to the 17th century, although many of them were destroyed along with a larger part of the centuries-old bridge in a 1993 fire. Subsequently restored, the Kapellbrücke is the oldest wooden covered bridge in Europe,[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kapellbr%C3%BCcke" \l "cite_note-Reinle-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kapellbr%C3%BCcke" \l "cite_note-3) as well as the world's oldest surviving [truss bridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Truss_bridge" \o "Truss bridge).[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kapellbr%C3%BCcke" \l "cite_note-Lay-4) It serves as the city's symbol and as one of [Switzerland's main tourist attractions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tourism_in_Switzerland" \o "Tourism in Switzerland).

Part of the bridge complex is the octagonal 34.5 m (113 ft) tall (from ground) *Wasserturm*,[[5]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kapellbr%C3%BCcke" \l "cite_note-5) which translates to "water tower," in the sense of 'tower standing in the water.' The tower pre-dated the bridge by about 30 years. Over the centuries, the tower has been used as a prison, torture chamber, and later a municipal archive as well as a local treasury.[[6]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kapellbr%C3%BCcke" \l "cite_note-6) Today, the tower is closed to the public, although it houses a local artillery association and a tourist gift shop.[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kapellbr%C3%BCcke" \l "cite_note-Reinle-2)

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