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### 1. Geographical location

This beautiful city belonging to the German-speaking nation is the most populated town in Central Switzerland and finds itself located on the shores of the Lake of the 4 cantons. The lake is known for its exceptional beauty and is enclosed by mountains.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Lucerne Finds Itself Located 52kms Away From Zurich, Followed By Freiburg At 164kms, 233kms To Strasbourg, 243kms To Milan, Stuttgart At 276kms And Karlsruhe At 287kms. Neighbouring Countries Include Italy, Austria, Germany, France And Liechtenstein.



### 3. Significance

The City. The Lake. The Mountains: Gateway to Central Switzerland, Lucerne lies on the shores of Lake Lucerne and is placed within a stunning mountainous scenery. The tourist destination is popular for its fascinating lakeside setting, various watch shops, excellent attractions and the nearby excursions to Mount Pilatus, Rigi and much more. Lucerne is a city of rich museums, vibrant town squares, picturesque wooden bridges and historic churches. Historic houses here are adorned with frescos while the churches will take you back to the 17th century. A wealth of cultural events rule the ever-glittery Lake Lucerne. With the fog ascending off the water and the mountains approaching above in the morning sun, it's not difficult to understand why individuals are entranced by the moving landscape around Lucerne. Where else would you be able to sit and look at mountains, a waterway, and a lake in addition to structural treasures like a late-medieval wooden bridge and a florid church. Popular known as: The city of Bridges, Squares and Music, but most of all, the City of lights, legend tells that an angel cast light upon a place and told the anglers to fabricate a chapel in honour for their supporter St. Nicholas. Afterward, the house of prayer turned out to be a piece of the religious community "Luceria", thus the name Lucerne.

## 4. History

After the fall of the Roman Empire starting in the sixth century, Germanic Alemannic individuals expanded their impact on this zone of present-day Switzerland. Around 750 the Benedictine Monastery of St. Leodegar was established, which was later procured by Murbach Abbey in Alsace amidst the ninth century, and at this point the region had turned out to be known as Luciaria. In 1178 Lucerne obtained its freedom from the purview of Murbach Abbey, and the establishing of the city appropriate likely happened that same year. By 1290 Lucerne had turned into an independent city of considerable size with around 3000 tenants. About this time King Rudolph I von Habsburg picked up specialist over the Monastery of St. Leodegar and its properties, including Lucerne. In 1415 Lucerne picked up Reichsfreiheit from Emperor Sigismund and turned into a solid individual from the Swiss alliance. The city built up its foundation, raised charges, and delegated its own neighbourhood authorities. Among the developing towns of the alliance, Lucerne was particularly well known in drawing in new inhabitants. As the alliance separated amid Reformation after 1520, most urban communities ended up plainly Protestant, yet Lucerne stayed Catholic. In 1798, nine years after the start of the French Revolution, the French armed force walked into Switzerland. The old alliance caved in and the administration ended up plainly fair. The mechanical upheaval hit Lucerne fairly late, by 1860. From 1850 to 1913, the populace quadrupled and the stream of pioneers expanded. In 1856 prepares first connected the city to Olten and Basel, then Zug and Zürich in 1864 lastly toward the south in 1897. In the twentieth century, Lucerne formed into a lively place for the district of Central Switzerland, turning into a university city in 2000.

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### 5. Cultural identity

Culture of Switzerland is heavily influenced by different European cultures. The main cultures influencing the way of life includes; French, German and Italian, therefore reflecting the diversity in all ways of life. The Alps have also played an essential role in moulding the culture of the country. The mountain regions of the country is known for its mountaineering and skiing culture that is further embedded with arts such as yodeling, alphorn and much more. Other cultural icons of the country feature Swiss Cheese, Cowbell, the Swiss Army Knife, Swiss chocolates and Watches. Folk art has been an integral part of Switzerland for decades now and till date can be found all over the country. Folk art is depicted through music, dance, poetry, wood carving and embroidery. One will also bump into plenty of local and regional rites that take place throughout the year. Folk music may vary between the different regions. Lucerne is home to cultural institutions like Lucerne Culture and Congress Centre, the Kleintheater and he city theater (Luzerner Theater) along with Stadtkeller. The town has found a middle ground between the established culture and alternative culture that takes place in the inner city area and on the grounds of a former tube factory. The city also houses the Luzerner Sinfonieorchester, a category A symphonic orchestra and Sudopl, a center for performing arts. The real culture of the city can be experienced through Fasnacht (Carnival) that breaks out in the alleyways, streets and squares of Old town. There are other various festivals that are held throughout the country to showcase diverse culture of the city.

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### 6. Natural resources

The city of Lucerne is not home to any national park, though Switzerland is home to Swiss National Park that was founded on August 1st 1914 and was one of the first parks in Europe. Natural resources found on the land of Switzerland includes manganese, iron, coal along with lime, gravel, salt, marble, clay and sand.





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### 7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. Swiss Museum of Transport

For those who peek interest in transportation will find solace here. As the name suggests, The Swiss Museum of Transport takes you through a journey of the development of transport and mobility on railways, roadways, waterways as well as airways and space. Go through over 3,000 items, multimedia exhibits, simulators and interactive exhibitions and also explore the planetarium and an IMAX theater. Kids will certainly love the museum's chocolate-themed exhibit.

Address : Lidostrasse 5, 6006 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6006

Location : 47.052873, 8.336391000000004

Contact : +41 41 370 44 44

Website : <https://www.verkehrshaus.ch/en/museum>

Nearest Public Transport : Luzern, Brühl Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF30 Children (6-16 years): CHF15 Kindly check their website for other entry fees.

Open & Close Timing : Summertime: Daily 10:00hrs-18:00hrs Wintertime: Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. Gletschergarten Luzern

Glacier Garden or Gletschergarten is one of the most intriguing sites in the city and was constructed around a glacial pothole. Everything over here has a story to tell. The palm leaves and fossilized mussels talk about the time when the area sat on a subtropical beach about 20 million years ago whereas the various interactive and multimedia shows take you all the way back to the history of the planet and of course the city. Admire the most vintage large-scale mountain relief in the world and further enjoy a visit to the surrounding park that houses plants from different periods. Labyrinth of Mirrors, however, steals the show.

Address : Denkmalstrasse 4, 6006 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6006

Location : 47.0588709, 8.310272100000002

Contact : +41 41 410 43 40

Website : <https://www.gletschergarten.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Luzern, Wesemlinrain Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 15 Students: CHF 12 Children (6-16yrs): CHF 8 Group entries: Adults (10 people): CHF 12 School Classes and Students: CHF 6 Children: CHF 10 Family: CHF 35

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Sammlung Rosengart

For those wanting to capture some Post-Impressionist art in their minds will love this museum that features excellent works by Pablo Picasso, Paul Klee and 20 other artists from the 19th and 20th centuries. Formerly a private art museum, today Sammlung Rosengart is a part of the old Swiss National Bank. Explore over 300 different pieces and tour the wide collection of Picasso's paintings in a chronological exhibit to admire his talent. Private English tours are offered too.

Address : Pilatusstrasse 10, 6003 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6003

Location : 47.04967, 8.307346000000005

Contact : +41 41 220 16 60

Website : <http://www.rosengart.ch/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Luzern Kantonalbank Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 18 Senior Citizens: CHF 16 Students (up to 30 years) and Children (7-16 years): CHF 10 Groups (10 people or more): Adults: CHF 15 Senior Citizens: CHF 13 Students (up to 30 years) and Children (7-16 years): CHF 8

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.4. Historisches Museum Luzern

Sometimes also called as the Depot, Historisches was once the city's arsenal but today duplicated as a props warehouse, with its wide collection of objects, documents artefacts focusing on the history of Switzerland. The museum

successfully also conveys folklore cultural objects from the canton of Lucerne through exciting events, theatre and exhibitions. Admire the religious objects, archeological finds, thematic displays, children's toys and much more at this museum. There are also temporary exhibits held around the year.

Address : Pfistergasse 24, 6003 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6003

Location : 47.0513667, 8.30171710000001

Contact : +41 41 228 54 24

Website : <https://historischesmuseum.lu.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Luzern, Kasernenplatz Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 10 Students, Seniors, IV, Learners: CHF 8 With KulturLegi of Caritas Lucerne: CHF 5

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Mount Pilatus

While visiting this beautiful town, you cannot miss the chance to visit Mount Pilatus. Travel through a cableway from Kriens and once on top, enjoy the majestic views of the city and the surrounding area. A local legend says that during medieval times, the mountain was home to a dragon; many 17th century natives talk about how the dragon kept flying between the caves of the mountains. Today, the mountain attracts tourists from all over due to its excellent walking trail that ranges from steep and challenging scrambles for adventure enthusiasts to easy hikes for others. Carry your camera to capture some stunning views and unforgettable memories.

Address : 6010, Alpnach, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6010

Location : 46.9794705, 8.2548011

Contact : +41 41 329 11 11

Website : <http://www.pilatus.ch/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Pilatus Kulm Train Station

Entry Fee : Tours starting from CHF 150

Time Required : 3.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.6. Rigi

Enclosed by 3 mesmerizing lakes, Mt. Rigi features a tall summit 5,898 feet above sea level and is a year-round destination served by Europe's oldest mountain railways. Also referred to as Queen of the Mountains, Rigi is a paradise for nature lovers who will enjoy the many walking trails and ski slopes, tackling the hiking paths all the way to the top. Once on top, admire the stunning views that the beautiful city has to offer and don't forget to take photographs.

Address : 6410 Arth, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6410

Location : 47.055985, 8.48516059999997

Nearest Public Transport : Rigi Kulm Train Station

Entry Fee : Tours starting from CHF 130

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Swissporarena

Lucerne houses a multi-purpose stadium that is mostly used for football matches and is the home stadium of FC Lucerne. The stadium can hold up to 16,800 people and was opened recently in the year 2011. The stadium replaced Stadion Allmend and includes a fans section that features 390 rail seats for safe standing.

Address : Horwerstrasse 91, 6005 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6005

Location : 47.0329236, 8.305145700000002

Contact : +41 848 317 000

Website : <http://www.fcl.ch/swissporarena>

Nearest Public Transport : Luzern, Zihlmattweg Bus Station

Entry Fee : Tours starting from CHF 50

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Lucerne Culture and Congress Centre

Admire the majestic architecture and one of the most fascinating concert halls in the world at Lucerne Culture and Congress Centre. Built in the year 1995 by architect, Jean Nouvel, the building is home to a convention center, a multifunctional hall and a globally-popular concert hall with out-of-the-world acoustics. The 3 distinctive buildings stand together in a line and cover themselves with a magic roof. Do take a tour through the center to marvel at the brilliant architecture.

Address : Europaplatz 1, 6005 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6005

Location : 47.0504289, 8.312062299999998

Contact : +41 41 226 70 70

Website : <https://www.kkl-luzern.ch/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bahnhof Luzern Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Lion Monument

The ever-popular Lion Monument was constructed to honor the Swiss soldiers who died during the French Revolution in 1792 and was designed by Thorwaldsen in the year 1820. The monument features a massive figure of a dying lion taking breathing his last in protected stone lair. The monument is enclosed by lush trees and is known as one of the best sights in the city.

Address : Denkmalstrasse 4, 6002 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6002

Location : 47.0584256, 8.310916000000002

Contact : +41 41 227 17 17

Nearest Public Transport : Luzern, Wesemlinrain Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Kapellbrücke

One of the most significant sights in the city of Lucerne is the Kapellbrücke that was built in the first-half of the 14th century. Europe's oldest footbridge is also home to a collection of paintings taking you through a journey of Lucerne's rich history. The chapel bridge was once a part of the defense system to protect the city from enemies and was terribly damaged by fire in the year 1993. The bridge was rebuilt and restored soon and today it stands as one of the most visited and photographed attractions in the country.

Address : Kapellbrücke, 6002 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6002

Location : 47.0516489, 8.307535099999999

Contact : +41 41 227 17 17

Website : <http://www.luzern.com/en/chapel-bridge>

Nearest Public Transport : Bahnhof Luzern Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Lake Lucerne

Covering an area of over 114 square kilometers, Lake Lucerne is the center point of the city and is surrounded by excursion mountains of excellent picturesque variety in Switzerland. Explore the beautiful lake and experience the mesmerizing sceneries through the paddle steamers. Also, discover the lake by the road that follows a charming route and takes you through plenty of tunnels. No matter how you choose to travel, do not forget to pay a visit to the mountain meadow located on the southern shore of the lake.

Address : Lucerne, Switzerland

Location : 47.0136401, 8.437159800000001

Contact : +41 41 367 67 67

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/Vierwaldstaettersee.LakeLucerne/?rf=109446655748919>

Nearest Public Transport : Mittlerschwanden Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Hofkirche St. Leodegar

St. Leodegar Church is the most significant landmark in the city. The church was constructed between 1633 and 1639 and was one of the biggest religious institutions of the German period. The white interiors of the church boast of gilt altars and a statuary. The north half of the church features simple wooden seats while the south half is known for its ornate wooden pews, showcasing the gap between the rich and the poor in the past.

Address : St. Leodegarstrasse 6, 6006 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6006

Location : 47.0555662, 8.313986999999999

Contact : +41 41 229 95 00

Website : <http://www.kathluzern.ch/st-leodegar-im-hof/>

Nearest Public Transport : Luzern, Haldensteig Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Museggmauer

Stroll around the northern side of the city's old town and bump into this wall that was constructed between 1350 and 1408. The wall swanks 9 stunning towers built in variant styles. The part that was built around 1386 is almost still intact. You can climb on 4 of the towers - Wacht, Zyt, Mannli and Schirmer for extraordinary views of the lake, city and enclosing landscape. The Zyt tower also houses the oldest clock of the city that was built in 1535; the clock chimes hourly, exactly a minute before all the other clocks of the city. You can admire the mechanism inside the towers and also click some photographs.

Address : Schirmertorweg, 6004 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6004

Location : 47.0547191999999, 8.30571810000003

Contact : +41 79 356 69 79

Website : <http://www.museggmauer.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Luzern, Bramberg Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-19:00hrs



Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. Jesuitenkirche

Standing proudly as the country's first gigantic church in the Baroque architectural style, this church was established by the Jesuits on the bank of the Reuss river between 1666 and 1677. Stroll inside the church to note the excellent interiors that feature a huge organ, brightly colored domes, massive chandeliers and marble side altars.

Address : Bahnhofstrasse 11a, 6003 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6003

Location : 47.0504703999999, 8.305141700000003

Contact : +41 77 489 05 79

Website : <http://www.jesuitenkirche-luzern.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Luzern, Franziskanerplatz Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. Boutique MAI

This small independent boutique specializes in fashion, featuring international and local designers. The selection includes everything from bags and clothes to accessories and jewelry.

Address : Waldstätterstrasse 19, 6003 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6003

Location : 47.0464362, 8.307911999999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Max Chocolatier

Another sleek and stylish boutique, Max Chocolatier deals with small cakes, pralines and excellent chocolates. There is a great variety of confectionary from basil ice cream to Madagascan chocolate with pumpkin seeds and chocolate spread.

Address : Schweizerhofquai 2, 6004 Luzern, Switzerland



Zipcode : 6004

Location : 47.0539941, 8.30975439999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Chronoswiss

If you have a fetish for watches, you are sure to love this place. House of Chronoswiss excels in stunning watches and also showcases an exhibition displaying and explaining the entire watchmaking process. You can also see the watchmakers at their job, and observe how a watch is made. When it comes to buying, it is indeed an expensive affair.

Address : Löwenstrasse 16 A, 6004 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6004

Location : 47.0563693, 8.31163820000006

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.11. Schweizer Heimatwerk

Looking for some souvenirs to take back home? Schweizer Heimatwerk is your answer. Featuring high-quality toys, fashion accessories, books, bells and fondue sets, this shop has a plethora of trinkets.

Address : Kapellgasse 3, 6004 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6004

Location : 47.0524774999999, 8.30722019999996

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.12. Casagrande AG

Finding itself between the old town and the lake, Casagrande Gift Shop stocks a wide range of Swiss souvenirs including watches, cuckoo clocks, clothing, chocolates and Swiss army knives (free engraving with purchase) and much more.

Address : Grendelstrasse 6, 6004 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6004

Location : 47.0535353, 8.30788259999997

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.13. Luzerner Christkindlimarkt

This market offers over 50 wooden market stands and features a vibrant blend of kitchen utensils, scented oils and global food specialities.

Address : RailCity, 6002 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6002

Location : 47.0500299, 8.309694300000004

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.14. Bucherer

Bucherer provides the customer with ample of shops that range from luxurious watch brands to souvenirs and other stuff like cuckoo clocks, trinkets, Swiss army knives and other crystals.

Address : Schwanenpl. 5, 6004 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6004

Location : 47.0534701, 8.3084225

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.15. Gübelin AG

Zipcode : 0

Location : 47.05385459999999, 8.308492999999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.16. Löwencenter Luzern

One of the popular malls in the city, Löwencenter Luzern consists of over 21 shops featuring versatile brands.

Address : Zürichstrasse 5, 6004 Luzern, Switzerland

Zipcode : 6004



Location : 47.0563172, 8.31033009999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



## 8. Time Zone

Lucerne observes Central European Time between January and March (UTC+1) as well as between October and December and observes Central European Summer Time between March and October (UTC+2).



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