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### 1. Geographical location

Zurich is the largest city in Switzerland and is located at the height of 1339 ft. (408 mt.) above sea level. It lies at the northern end of the Lake Zurich. Situated around 30 kms north of the mighty Swiss Alps, it is surrounded by forests and mountains on the western and eastern side. Lindenhof, a small natural hill on the western banks of the River Limmat is the geographic centre of the city.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Aargau Is The Closest City In The Vicinity Of Zurich And It Is Approximately 21km (13 Miles) Away From Zurich. In Addition, The Other Neighbouring City Is Zug Which Is Around 14 Miles Away.



### 3. Significance

As one of the most prominent cities in Switzerland, Zurich is The financial centre of the country accommodating international headquarters of MNCs. Along with being the largest city of the Swiss Confederation, it is also the home of FIFA's headquarters. With its rich culture and nature, it has been awarded as the city with the world's best quality of life for 7 times in a row (Mercer Research). Talking about nature, Lake Zurich is an integral part of this town. The lake's water is extremely clean and during summers, swimming in the lake is quite common. Quaibrücke (the bridge between river & lake) offers a panoramic view of the Alps which is simply breath-taking. Zurich is home to two international universities as well; ETH Zurich- Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, has developed into one of the leading universities in the world with around 18000 students. And University of Zurich is the largest university in the country with around 26000 students and 140 institutes within the university. Zurich's Town centre consists of important sights such as Bahnhofstrasse, Grossmünster, Old Town amongst others. The sights can be accessed using the public transport of the city which is meticulously organised and cost-effective.

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### 4. History

Believed to be founded by The Romans in 15 BC, back then, the city was called Turicum. Further, during the Middle Ages, the city attained a privileged constitutional and political status (imperial immediacy) wherein it was rendered free from the authority of a local lord and placed under the direct authority of the Emperor. And in 1519, under the leadership of Ulrich Zwingli, Zurich was established as the primary centre for Protestant Reformation in Europe. Its name is supposedly derived from the Celtic dur (water) and since The Roman Times, Zurich has always been under inhabitation. As of now, the city's been permanently settled for around 2000 years but there are early settlements dating back more than 6400 years ago.



**Index****5. Cultural identity**

Zurich's high quality museums and important theatres are part of its rich cultural tradition. Home to several art movements, Street Parade is city's one of the most popular event that takes place every year. This event is widely reckoned as one of the largest music festival in the world as well. Then there is the Zurich Film Festival which attracts a lot of new starts and already established celebrities. The Festival celebrates popular films as well and goes on for a period of 11 days.



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### 6. Natural resources

Zurich is located approximately 30 kms north of the Swiss Alps. The mountain range is not far from the city and one of the most imperative natural resources of this city is Lake Zurich. The lake is an arena of festivals and hosts several events throughout the year. People visit for sightseeing because the Lake offers picturesque sceneries. The water from the lake is purified and added to the local water system of the city.





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

#### 7.1. Paid

##### 7.1.1. National Museum Zurich

Located in the heart of Zurich, the museum's building is around 100 years old and looks like a fairytale castle. It renders a real-time account of how the past generations used to live and think. Offering the largest collection of cultural and historical objects in the country, the museum uses special exhibits to address socially relevant topics.

Address : Museumstrasse 2, 8001 Zürich, Switzerland

Zipcode : 8001

Location : 47.3790558, 8.540549199999987

Contact : +41 (0)44 218 6511

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

Nearest Public Transport : Zürich HB Travel Terminal (Bus, Train)

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 10 Reduced: CHF 8 Children up to 16 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Thursday: 10:00hrs-19:00hrs Closed on Monday

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

##### 7.1.2. FIFA World Football Museum

Spread across a massive area of 32,500 square feet, the FIFA World Football Museum justifies the legacy of the Football World Cup and FIFA by providing an environment wherein a world of experiences illustrate how the game impacts the lives of millions of people across the globe. It has on display over 1,000 items which include apparels (Team Jerseys) of many members of the FIFA member associations. There is a foosball machine which allows visitors to check their football skills and makes for a great source of entertainment for people of all ages. The museum offers a sports bar and a cafeteria ensuring that the visitors do not leave without grabbing a bite. There is a shop which offers a lot of gifts and souvenirs for fans of different age groups.

Address : Seestrasse 27, 8002 Zürich, Switzerland

Zipcode : 8002

Location : 47.3635844, 8.531780300000037

Contact : +41433 88 2500

Website : <http://www.fifamuseum.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bahnhof Enge Travel terminal (Light Rail, Bus) Zürich  
Enge Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 24 Children (7-15 years): CHF 14 Children (0 to 6 years):  
Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 10:00hrs -19:00hrs Sunday:  
09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Limmat River Cruise

This river cruise takes you on a route which lets you explore the Old Town side of Zurich starting from the National Museum working its way through River Limmat to reach Lake Zurich. The boats have glass roofs which allow visitors to soak in the beauty of the Old Town and enjoy the stunning vistas it offers. Operating between April and October, these rides aren't advisable for people on a wheelchair. The entire trip takes around 25 minutes.

Address : Zurich Landesmuseum Schiffsteg, 8001 Zurich

Zipcode : 8001

Location : 47.3777352, 8.538739399999994

Contact : +41 848 988 988

Website : <http://www.zvv.ch/zvv/de/home.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Bahnhofplatz/HB Travel terminal (Light Rail, Bus)

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 4.30 for a round trip without break Children (6-16 years), Swiss Half-fare card holders and dogs: CHF 3

Open & Close Timing : May to June: Monday to Friday: 13:05hrs-21:05hrs  
Saturday: 10:05hrs-21:05hrs Sunday and Public Holidays: 10:05hrs-21:05hrs July and  
August: Daily from 10:05hrs- 21:05hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.1.4. Zurich Airport

From the Observation Deck B, you can observe how the airport actually operates as it gives a chance to witness the passion of flying. The airport tower provides an excellent view of the runway. The visitors also have the option of taking children on the tour so that they can explore the functioning and dynamics at the airport for themselves. With 12 exciting stations, the SWISS Kids Tour can be an exciting bet.

Address : 8058 Zürich-Flughafen, Switzerland

Zipcode : 8058

Location : 47.4582165, 8.555475500000057

Contact : +41 43 8167384

Website : <https://www.zurich-airport.com/>

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 5 Children (10-16 years): CHF 2

Open & Close Timing : Summer: 09:00hrs- 19:00hrs Winter: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

#### 7.1.5. Rhine Falls

Falling near Schaffhausen, Rhine Falls is the biggest waterfall in Europe with a gigantic volume of water fascinating the visitors. Having a width of around 492 feet (150 meters) and a towering height of 23 meters, the cascading water plunges over the falls during the summer season. The grandeur of the falls is something which can never be captured in a photograph. Moreover, the deafening sound of the waterfall is overwhelming.

Address : Rheinfall, Rheinfallquai, 8212 Neuhausen am Rheinfall.

Zipcode : 8212

Location : 47.677951, 8.615579900000057

Contact : +41 52 620 49 11

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

Nearest Public Transport : Schloss Laufen Train Station

Entry Fee : For South Bank Regular: CHF 5 Groups (20 people): CHF 3/ Person

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.6. Chinese Garden

Located near the lake at the Zurichhorn, the temple garden was gifted by the city's Chinese partner town called Kunming. Renowned as one of the top graded gardens outside China, the garden temple embellishes its center with a pond that was gifted for extending technological support for lengthening the drinking water supply in the town.

Address : Chinagarten, Bellerivestrasse 138, 8008 Zürich

Zipcode : 8008

Location : 47.3548182, 8.552092099999982

Contact : +41 44 380 31 51

Website : <https://www.stadt-zuerich.ch/chinagarten>

Nearest Public Transport : Hoschgasse Tram station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 4 Children under 14: CHF 1 Groups (10 people): CHF 3

Open & Close Timing : March to October: 11:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Zoo Zürich

The Zurich Zoo is an abode for over 360 different types of animals from Amur tigers to penguins where the diversity takes you into a different world. You can witness snow leopards in their snow-clad landscape, bears climbing their cloud forest enclosures as well as spot massive tortoises in the Masaola rainforest. In addition to this, the Kaeng Krachan Elephant Park enables the visitors to get a sneak peek of the elephant family with their baby. Don't miss out on this attraction, especially when traveling with children.

Address : Zoo Zürich, Zürichbergstrasse 221, 8044 Zürich

Zipcode : 8044

Location : 47.3870227, 8.574530699999968

Contact : +41 44 254 25 05

Website : <http://www.zoo.ch/de/zoonews/junge-rote-varis>

Nearest Public Transport : Dolderbahn Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 26 Disabled visitors: CHF 13 Youths (16-25 years): CHF

19 Children (6-16 years): CHF13 Children up to 6 years: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : November to February: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs March to October: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.8. Stiftung Kunst(Zeug)Haus

A lively center for Swiss contemporary art, the exhibition areas here are absolutely worth a visit. The Kunst has been awarded an architecture prize where it presents Swiss contemporary art within an elegant ambiance.

Address : Kunst(Zeug)Haus, Schönbodenstrasse 1, 8640 Rapperswil-Jona

Zipcode : 8640

Location : 47.2277651, 8.826629799999978

Contact : +41 55 220 20 80

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

Nearest Public Transport : Burgring Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Regular: CHF 10 Concessions: CHF 6 Families: CHF 15 Groups (10 people): CHF 6/person Children under 16: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Friday: 14:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Freitag

Located in the Zurich-west district and rising at a height of 85 feet, Freitag is a unique structure constructed with 17 freight containers stacked on top of one another. Spread across 4 levels, it houses around 1,600 peculiarly designed bags in different colors and sizes made up of seatbelts, rubber tubes from bicycles, unused airbags, and truck tarpaulins throughout its floors. Once on the top of this recycling skyscraper, you can enjoy a bird's eye view of the entire former industrial district.

Address : Freitag Flagship store Zurich, Geroldstrasse 17, 8005 Zurich

Zipcode : 8005

Location : 47.3856691, 8.519464400000006

Contact : +4144 366 95 20

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

Nearest Public Transport : Zurich Hardbrücke Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 11:00hrs-17:30hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Ufenau Island

Known as the Monastery Island on Lake Zurich, the island is the property of Einsiedeln Monastery and a visit here is a perfect idea for enjoying your holiday. The medieval churches are a popular attraction, with a friendly inn to accommodate visitors along with a restaurant that is often shut due to bad weather. You can visit this island with the help of the Lake Zurich Navigation Company from April to October.

Address : Insel Ufenau, 8808 Freienbach, Switzerland

Zipcode : 8808

Location : 47.2172, 8.778400000000033

Contact : +41 55 410 12 125

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

Nearest Public Transport : Hurden train station (Not recommended)

Open & Close Timing : Restaurant- Closed on Monday afternoon and Tuesday

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Hegi Castle

Located to the east of Winterthur, the castle dates back to 13th century with strong and sturdy walls measuring around 160 centimeters in thickness. A tall tower, which is a part of the attraction, rising at a height of 10 meters is an excellent vantage point to keep an eye on the castle premises. The extensive kitchen garden, which used to be the center of attraction earlier, has now been redeveloped retaining the old varieties of vegetables which give visitors a chance to relish them from the bygone days in Schloss Schenke.

Address : Hegifeldstrasse 125, 8409 Winterthur, Switzerland

Zipcode : 8409

Location : 47.5082423, 8.771397299999999

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

Nearest Public Transport : Schlossaker Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Museum: Saturday: 14:00hrs-17:00hrs Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs Restaurant: Saturday: 14:00hrs- 21:00hrs Sunday: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Grossmünster

Built on the graves of Felix and Regula (city's patron saints), the Grossmunster Church has been the starting point of the Swiss-German reformation and is one of the most celebrated landmarks of Zurich. Apart from its rich historical background, the church has an excellent location and is frequented by a large number of tourists. The building of the church is backed by the mighty Alps in all their glory.

Address : Grossmünster, Grossmünsterplatz, 8001 Zürich

Zipcode : 8001

Location : 47.3700931, 8.544053999999996

Contact : +41 44 251 38 60



Website : <http://www.grossmuenster.ch/de/>

Nearest Public Transport : Helmhaus Tramway

Open & Close Timing : Summer: 1st March to 31st October: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Winter: 1st November to 28th February: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Ganymed Sculpture

Established in 1952, the statue has been sculpted in bronze in the memory of Ganymede, who was the son of the handsome king. According to history, he was taken up to the top of Mount Olympus after being abducted by Zeus in the form of an eagle. Designed by Hubacher, the sculpture is said to be a Swiss one instead of the Greek Ganymed.

Address : Bürkliplatz, 8001 Zürich

Zipcode : 8001

Location : 47.3660173, 8.541203900000028

Nearest Public Transport : Burkiplatz Bus Station

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. St. Peter

Deemed to be the oldest Parish Church in the city of Zurich, the church tower was earlier used as a fire watch pole. Being the most ancient church in the city, the 9th-century walls are still intact and boast of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. It is also known to have the largest clock face in Europe which measures around 8.7 meters in diameter and amongst its 5 bells, the heaviest one weighs over 6 tons on its own.

Address : St. Peterhofstatt, 8001 Zürich, Switzerland

Zipcode : 8001

Location : 47.3711012, 8.540695300000039

Website : <http://www.st-peter-zh.ch/home.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Zurich Storchen- Ferry Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs Sunday: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs



Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



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## 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Zurich. During summers, a lot of people visit these beaches and spend time during noons. In addition, if you want to thrill yourself with ice skating, you can visit Dolder Kunsteisbahn which is an open-air ice skating rink. Built in the year of 1930, the rink attracts a lot of ice skaters.

- **Dolder Kunsteisbahn -**

Address : Adlisbergstrasse 36, 8044 Zürich, Switzerland.

Location : 47.3752136,8.5767522999999953

Contact No : +41 44 267 70 80

Website : [http://www.doldersports.com/en/20/ice\\_rink.aspx](http://www.doldersports.com/en/20/ice_rink.aspx)

Nearest Public Transport : Dolderbahn railway line.

Entry Fees : Adults- CHF 8 Adolescents (17-20 years)- CHF 6 Children (4 to 16 years)- CHF 4 Spectators- CHF 2 Family Ticket- CHF 40

Open / Close Time : Monday to Sunday- 09:00hrs-22:30hrs Sunday- 09:00hrs-17:45hrs

Time Required : 2

- **Chanzeli Tour -**

Address : Info Baden, Bahnhofplatz 1, 5401 Baden.

Location : 47.4761145,8.3085290999999987

Contact No : +4156200 8787

Website : <https://www.baden.ch/de/kultur-freizeit.html/2>

Entry Fees : Even though there is no charge for choosing to hike, guided hikes do include certain costs.

Open / Close Time : Monday- 12:00hrs- 18:30hrs. Tuesday to Friday- 09:00hrs- 18:30hrs. Saturday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs.

Time Required : 12



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**9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums**

Ice Hockey and biking are two popular sports in Zurich. In addition to this, the people in Zurich love to swim and there are a lot of swimming pools within the city as well. Football is also a popular sport and Letzigrund is one of the main venues for football matches.

- **Stadion Letzigrund:**

Address : Badenerstrasse 500, 8048 Zürich, Switzerland

Location : 47.38266639999999,8.503807599999996

Contact No : +41 44 413 94 94

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

Open/Close time : Stadion Letzigrund: Monday to Friday- 9:00hrs-17:00hrs. Oval Restaurant: Monday to Friday- 11:00hrs-15:00hrs.

- **Hallenstadion:**

Address : Wallisellenstrasse 45, 8050 Zürich, Switzerland.

Location : 47.4115196,8.551676300000054

Contact No : +41443167777

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

## 10. Spas and relaxation

There are a lot of premier hotels in the town of Zurich. These hotels are high on the hospitality quotient and provide a myriad of facilities for their guests. Spa and sauna rooms are common in the upmarket hotels. Here is a list of hotels you can book if you are interested.

- **Park Hyatt Zürich:**

Address : Beethovenstrasse 21, Wollishofen- Enge, 8002, Zurich, Switzerland.

Location : 47.3664794, 8.536246500000061

Contact No : +41 43 883 1234

Website : <https://www.hyatt.com/>

- **Zürich Marriott Hotel:**

Address : Neumuhlequai 42, Zurich Old Town- City Center, 8006, Zurich, Switzerland.

Location : 47.382639999999999, 8.540326000000005

Contact No : +41 44 360 7070

Website : <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/zrhdt-zurich-marriott-hotel/>

- **Hotel Glaernischhof:**

Address : Claridenstrasse 30, Wollishofen- Enge, 8022, Zurich, Switzerland.

Location : 47.3675709, 8.5373571999999974

Contact No : +41 (0) 44 286 22 22

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

- **Central Plaza Hotel:**

Address : Central 1,8001 Zurich, Switzerland.

Location : 47.37708319999999,8.543692100000044

Contact No : +41 44 256 5656

Website : <http://www.central.ch/index.cfm?Page=001>

- **Hotel Opera Zurich:**

Address : Dufourstrasse 5, 8008 Zurich, Schweiz

Location : 47.3643401,8.54702850000001

Contact No : +41 44 258 99 99

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



## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

#### Mercedes Benz CSI

This event has been taking place for the last 30 years now. It gives out some of the biggest awards for showjumping. Taking place at Hallenstadion stadium in Zurich, it is 3-day long tournament.

#### Sechseleuten

The burning of the Boogg. At 6 o'clock, the Boogg is set on fire and there is a legend which states that- Quicker the boogg burns, hotter the summer. It is a fun procession wherein people dress up in traditional attires.

#### Caliente

Caliente brings around a large selection of bands and musical styles around Langstrasse area of Zurich. This event is loud and people tend to have a lot of fun because of the music.

#### Zuri Fascht

This festival takes place once every 3 year. Starting from the 1st of July, the festival witnesses

around two million visitors along the river Limmat. The festival includes a giant festival ground with Food stands and music. Culinary delights from all over the world are served here. Goes on for three days, starting July 1st.

### **Swiss National Day-**



The Swiss National will be celebrated on the 1st of August. The celebrations will start around 10.30 am and the procession will commence from Werdmühleplatz and pass via Bahnhofstrasse to reach Burkiplatz. The National day will include presentation of all the Swiss customs in a colourful and a cheerful manner. After the ceremony is over, there is going to be a public fest with folklore. Knabenschiessen

It is a 3-day annual shooting competition. The winner of this competition is crowned as the Schützenkönig which means 'shooting king'. People who are not fond of shooting can have fun playing different games. Expovina



**This one is for all the wine enthusiasts. Every single year, all the ships and boats that ply Lake Zurich assemble at the Burkiplatz for an annual wine tasting event. Dealers and importers from all over the world are present here which provides an outstanding chance of tasting different types of wines.**

**Christmas and New Year's eve**

**This time of the year brings in a lot for everyone in Zurich. The Christmas markets in Rapperswill are decorated in the most beautiful way. The entire city centre is bathed in festive colors and the ambiance is amazing. The firework display held over lake Zurich brings out all the joy and happiness and bids adieu to the old year.**

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### 12. Key local guides and tours

There are a lot of local tours and excursions to try in Zurich. Some day-tours take you through the culinary specialities while some will take you by the towering mountain ranges.

15a. Zurich Trolley Experience- City Tour Board the classic Trolley and get to visit the entire city of Zurich in the most conventional way. The 2 hour long trip will take the visitors through different parts of the city. The route helps the visitors take a good look at all the churches of the city and in addition, the museums and other historic places are also covered. And the tourists are provided with earphones wherein you can hear all the information of the places in your preferred language. The Trolley cruises through the city every single day and the timings for starting the journey are 9:45 am, 12 pm and 2 pm. Departure from: Bus Parkplatz Sihquai Ausstellungsstrasse 15 8005 Zurich. Charges for Children (6-16)- CHF 17 Adults- CHF 34

15b. Zurich Gourmet Tour- The Zurich Gourmet Tour with Cheese Fondue is a traditional culinary experience. The tour is limited to just 16 people which ensures a personalized experience for every single participant. The tour takes you through the town via the most famous shopping avenue, Bahnhofstrasse. The tour also takes you through the Lindt chocolate factory wherein you can satiate yourself by buying the best Swiss chocolates. Then for reaching the hilltop station, Felsenegg, an aerial cable car is used. This area is one of the rural suburbs of Zurich. After a short hike through the forest, the group reaches the restaurant which overlooks the Lake of Zurich. The group is then served with a home-made chocolate cake and original Swiss cheese fondue. When: Year Round every Saturday Departure- 15:45 hours. Duration- 4.5 hours Departure from: Bus- Parkplatz Sihlquai, Ausstellungsstrasse 15, 8005 Zurich. Charges: Adults CHF 130 Children CHF 130

### 13. Transportation hubs

Zurich being the largest city in Switzerland is home to the largest international airport as well. Located 13 kilometers north of the central Zurich, Kloten Airport (47.458231, 8.555470) contains three terminals- Terminal A, B and E. Beneath the Airport railway station, you can find the Zurich Airport Railway station which has frequent Zurich S-Bahn services. There are many Intercity and interRegio services to different places including Munich, Basel, Geneva and other cities. During an hour, there are around 13 trains going to Zurich Hauptbahnhof which is the main city centre station of Zurich. Stadtbahn Glattal, which is a light rail system connecting with the tram system of the city is located in the front of the Airport center. A regional bus station is also joined with the aforementioned and together they provide services within the vicinity of the Glattal region, around the airport. There is no dearth of taxis that operate from the front of the arrival areas. And if the individual is using a personal car, the airport has parking space for around 1000 cars. Zurich Hauptbahnhof (47.377953, 8.540174) is the largest railway station in Switzerland and it serves up to 2915 trains every single day. Categorized as one of the busiest railway stations, the station is located at the northern end of Altstadt. The trains run from Friday night to Sunday morning from 0500 hours to 0100 hours. Located in the close proximity of the Zurich HB, there are a lot of buses that start from Sihlquai terminal.

## 14. Transportation cost

Zurich's public transport is considered one of the best in the entire world. People here seldom drive their personal vehicles because the public transport is widely spread and reaches every nook and corner of the city. Zurich houses the largest airport and railway station of Switzerland. There are plenty of bus terminals which provide a lot of buses for reaching nearby and even far-off destinations.

17a. Trains Travelling by trains is probably one of the best options for covering the city. Tickets are sold on vending machines and the language on these machines is also changeable. Children up to 5 years of age can travel for free and from 6-16 years can pay half of the regular fare. Night travel within the city is also possible with a valid transport ticket along with a night-surcharge ticket costing CHF 5. You can also buy the ZurichCARD which allows unlimited 2nd class travel on all the forms of public transport (between 24-72hrs depending on the card).

17b. Buses Public buses will help you reach almost all the villages around Zurich. The rural areas use bus service quite frequently. The trips are divided amongst operators and the tickets can be bought on board or through the ticket offices. Average price of a bus ticket is around CHF6 which you can use to travel within city within an hour. Clearly, it is advisable to buy 24hrs ticket which cost around CHF 14.

17c. Cycles- Travelling on bicycles is one of the favourite ways amongst the locals. City bikes and e-bikes can be hired for free. Bikes can be availed by depositing CHF 20 along with a valid ID.

17d. Taxi- There are several taxi stands within the city. Most of the taxis arrive within 5-10 minutes of ordering the taxi by a phone. The basic fare charged by a taxi is around CHF 6 with an additional CHF 3.80 per kilometre.

17e. ZurichCARD- One of the most effective ways of commuting thorough out the city. ZurichCARD offers unlimited second class travel on every form of public transportation within the city of Zurich. You can avail discount up to 20 percent in certain restaurants. The price of the card is according to the duration of the card. For 24 hours- Adults CHF 24 Children (6-16) CHF 16 For 72 hours- Adults CHF 48 Children (6-16) CHF 32

## **15. Baggage allowance**

It is obvious that it'll be a little inconvenient to carry all the luggage while using public transport. In case you have a lot of luggage to carry around, it is advisable to use personal transport or a taxi for your own ease and comfort.



## 16. Restaurant & Nightlife

### Food -

- **Plaza Klub:**

Address : Plaza, Badenerstrasse 109, 8004 Zurich.

Location : 47.3741724,8.524754900000062

Contact No : +41 44 542 9090

Website : <http://www.plaza-zurich.ch/reservationen/>

Open / Close Time : 6 days a week except Sunday. Bar - Monday to Saturday from 17:00hrs

- **Mascotte:**

Address : Naningo AG, Theaterstrasse 10, 8001 Zurich.

Location : 47.3663756,8.546773300000004

Contact No : +41 44 260 15 80

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

Open / Close Time : 7 days a week.

- **Hiltl Club:**

Address : Hiltl Club ,St. Annagasse 16, 8001 Zurich.

Location : 47.3734418,8.536473600000022

Contact No : +41 44 227 70 25

Website : <http://www.hiltl.ch/en/club>

Open / Close Time : Friday to Sunday from 11:00 hours

- **AURA Restaurant:**

Address : AURA group AG, Bleicherweg 5, 8001 Zurich.

Location : 47.3686439,8.537745800000039

Contact No : +41 44 448 11 44

Website : <http://www.aura-zurich.ch/>

Open / Close Time : Grill and Restaurant- Monday to Friday 12:00hrs-14:00hrs and 18:00hrs- 24:00hrs Saturday 12:00hrs-14:00hrs and 19:00hrs to 01:00hrs. Club: Saturday- 11:00hrs-16:00hrs.

- **Teuscher:**

Address : Confiseries Teuscher AG, Storchengasse 9, CH-8001 Zurich, Schweiz.

Location : 47.37073549999999,8.541206299999999

Contact No : +41 44 211 51 53

Website : <http://www.teuscher.com/zurich/about-us/>

- **Confiserie Sprüngli:**

Address : Bahnhofstrasse 67, 8001, Zurich, Switzerland

Location : 47.369459,8.539222999999993

Contact No : +41 44 212 17 02

Website : <https://www.spruengli.ch/cms/de/>

Open / Close Time : 08:00hrs-19:00hrs

- **Zunft Haus zur Zimmerleuten:**

Address : Limmatquai 40, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland

Location : 47.3706398,8.543329200000016

Contact No : +41442505363

Website : <http://www.zunftHaus-zimmerleuten.ch/en/>

Open / Close Time : 11:30hrs-23:30hrs

- **Baltho Küche & Bar:**

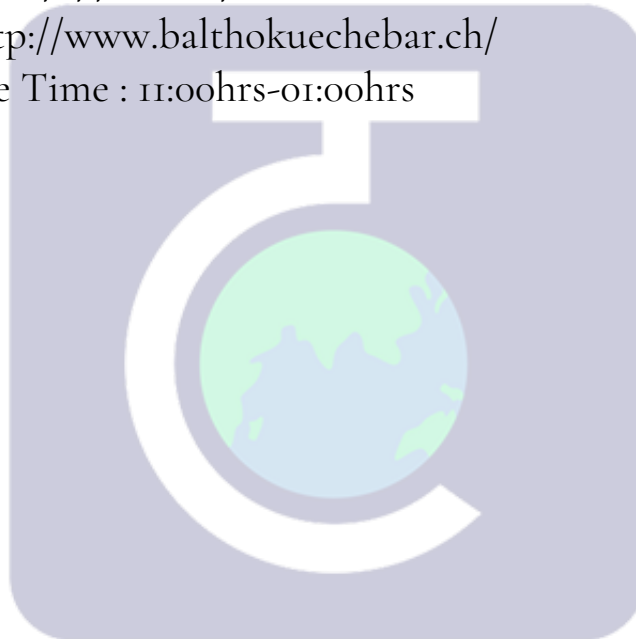
Address : Marktgasse 17, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland

Location : 47.37201820000001,8.54366600000003

Contact No : +41442661014

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

Open / Close Time : 11:00hrs-01:00hrs





**Index****17. Average meal cost**

Zurich is categorized as one of the most expensive cities in Europe. Average cost of a meal in a bar or a café costs between CHF 9 to CHF 15. Whereas average cost for a drink is around CHF 6 to CHF 7.



## **18. Tourist benefits**

Zurich is an expensive city but if you need to cut your costs, make sure you visit the Tourist Office Information. It can help you with free maps and coupons. It can also inform about the cost-free events or discounted events. People who reside outside Switzerland can claim a refund of VAT on all the goods they purchase in Zurich. The VAT rate in Switzerland is 8.0 percent.



## 19. Driving

Entering Zurich in your car, you need to have a driver's license and registration along with personal liability insurance. You cannot cross the border if you are in a borrowed car. If it is a friend's car, the owner has to be present while crossing the border and if a rental car, the rental companies should know if you plan to leave Switzerland.



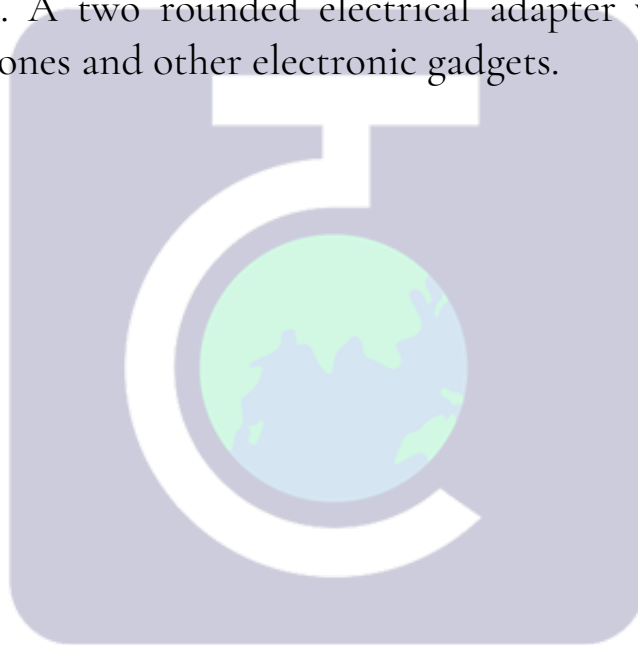
## 20. Travel essentials

Zurich as a city offer exciting hiking trails and if you plan to take a hike, make sure you pack in your hiking boots or trainers. Regarding travel charger- Zurich uses 220V while in countries like America, people use 110V. Some of the hotels still have wall sockets with two holes. In such a case, it is advised to carry a non-grounded plug which is an electrical adapter and can be used in wall sockets with two and three holes. A two rounded electrical adapter will come handy for charging your cell phones and other electronic gadgets.



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## 22. Local currency

1 Swiss Franc (CHF) = 1.02 USD



## 23. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Banking is the prime industry of Switzerland and Zurich being the financial capital offers numerous ATMs. Authorized banks are still the best source for exchanging currency as they offer better conversions rates. Most of the ATMs in Zurich won't charge you for the transaction. However, your native banks will. Some of the ATM machines operate for 24 hours a day while others are functional from 9:00hrs-18:00hrs. Note- Always get Swiss francs (CHF) from ATMs for a better exchange rate.



## 24. Staying connected

If you take along your phone to Zurich, you can probably visit any Swisscom, Orange or Sunrise shop and check for a local sim card. Use the new sim card in the phone and avoid roaming charges. However, identity proof will be required for obvious reasons. Internet connectivity is excellent in Zurich. A lot of hotels also provide free Wi-Fi.





## 25. Time Zone

The city of Zurich falls within the Central European Time Zone. UTC/GMT +2 Hours.



## 26. Languages

Swiss German is commonly spoken in Zurich. People in Zurich speak German in a different way than the Germans speak their native language. English is also widely understood in Zurich.



## 27. Political Scenario

Switzerland is the apparently the oldest democracy in the world and the Swiss have always tried to stay away from wars and disputes. Within Zurich, the development in recent years has taken place because of sound economic conditions and strategies. The administration of Zurich plans to develop the town into a full fledged metropolis with sustainable facilities. The city of Zurich as a municipality also enjoys certain powers for making decisions in alignment with the Government of Switzerland.



## **28. Economic Scenario**

Zurich being the largest city in Switzerland is house to numerous banks because Banking is the Primary Industry in this part of the country. The Swiss Franc is slightly more valuable than the US dollar which gives us a rough idea about the stability in the economy. Zurich is an expensive city to travel and live.



## 29. Religious belief

Roman Catholics and Swiss Reformed Church form a major part of the religious map in Zurich.



**Index****30. Visa requirements**

Individuals with valid Passports of Australia, Britain, Canada and United States do not require a Visa for entering Zurich. Schengen visa costs around €60 and there are reductions available for children and individuals of specific nationalities. Schengen visa enables for a stay up to 90 days where as national visa is required for a stay of more than 90 days.



**Index****31. Essential vaccination**

There is no need for a specific vaccination for visiting Zurich. However, it is advisable to visit a general practitioner before travelling to Zurich. The General Practitioner can give in some medicines and check if you require any type of vaccination or anti biotic.



**Index****32. Theft and Safety**

Theft and safety issues are not something you need to worry about in Zurich. The law and order situation in Zurich is stable and people are generally decent and hard working. It is obvious to be alert when you are in a different country but such, the city is almost crime free and is peaceful during night as well.





### 33. Embassy/Consulate

Zurich is a developed city with a strong financial background. Most of the countries have their foreign embassies here because Switzerland as country attracts a lot of tourists from all across the world. Zurich being the biggest city of this country houses most of the foreign embassies. You can visit here to know about all embassies situated in Zurich : <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/switzerland>



## 34. Accessibility

The Government and the Local Administration has put a lot of thought in designing the city. A lot of areas within the city are completely accessible by wheelchair. There are hotels which offer infrastructure which is totally suitable for people on wheelchair. The Airport also offers a lot of support for passengers using wheelchair. Overall, Zurich's wheelchair accessibility is good.



## **35. Emergencies**

As a developed city, Zurich offers considerable medical support to its residents and visitors. UniversityHospital Zurich is one of the most imperative medical institution in the city. Majority of the major Hospitals accept overseas insurance policy.



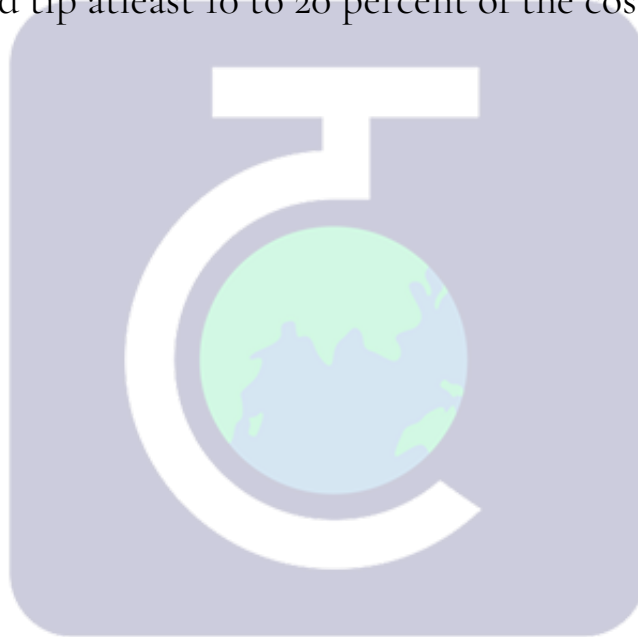
**Index****36. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's: -Try the Swiss Cheese and Chocolates. - Buy the ZurichCARD for unlimited travel on public transportation. Don'ts: -Do not put your luggage on the train seat even if the train seat is empty. -Do not take a taxi for commuting within the city as Taxis are really expensive.



**Index****37.Tipping basics**

If the bill includes service charge as well, there is no need to tip. It is not a compulsion. However, If you are exceptionally happy with the service, you can always tip the waiter. Note- In most of the restaurants, service is already included in the bill so you can probably round up the figure and leave. Tipping basic for giving a tip to your guide is a little different. If your guide is not a government tour guide, you should tip atleast 10 to 20 percent of the cost of tour.



**Index****38.Pet info**

The animal needs to be vaccinated against rabies and the owner needs to carry the proof of vaccination as well. Try to ensure that your pet is not suffering from infection and as of now, most of the hotels only see Dogs and Cats as pets. If you are having another animal, it is best to ask the hotel authorities.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*For a traveler or a tourist, Zurich as a city has plenty to offer. Centrally located in Europe, it acts as an excellent starting point for travelling to countries like France, Germany, Austria and Italy amongst others. The public transport within Zurich is commendable and seldom use or buy private vehicles. Lake Zurich is one of the major attractions of this city for water-sports enthusiasts. During Summers, the lake turns into a popular excursion spot offering boat rides and hosting thrilling festivals. Visitors of all ages can enjoy the activities at the lake. The Bahnhofstrasse is a world-renowned shopping boulevard in Zurich and is just 1.4kms away from the lake. With variety of boutiques, departmental stores and other shopping avenues, it is a popular spot amongst visitors and locals. The city also offers a wide array of Restaurants and Bars for indulging in leisure activities during the night time. The opulent ‘Swiss Casinos Zurich’ witnesses the who’s who of the city trying their luck and is the largest Casino in Switzerland. Usually reckoned as a crime free city, Zurich tends to mellow down as the night progresses. The streets turn empty with majority of the people enjoying in Bars and Lounges. Overall, a peaceful city which houses museums, churches and even an opera house hosting cultural events.*

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