

Kapellbrücke



The **Kapellbrücke** (literally, Chapel Bridge) is a covered wooden [footbridge](#) spanning the river [Reuss](#) diagonally in the city of [Lucerne](#) in central [Switzerland](#). Named after the nearby St. Peter's Chapel,^[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][3]} as well as the world's oldest surviving [truss bridge](#).^[4] It serves as the city's symbol and as one of [Switzerland's main tourist attractions](#).

History

- The Kapellbrücke is a covered wooden footbridge spanning the Reuss River in Lucerne, Switzerland. It is one of the oldest and most famous covered bridges in Europe.

Kapellbrücke, Lucerne

- The bridge was built in the 14th century and was originally used as a defensive structure. It was later used as a market and a toll bridge.
- The bridge was destroyed by a fire in 1993, but it was rebuilt using the original plans.

Construction

- The Kapellbrücke is made of wood. The bridge is supported by 200 wooden pillars, and the roof is made of wooden shingles.

- The bridge is 204 meters (670 feet) long and 10 meters (33 feet) wide.
- The bridge has 111 painted wooden panels, which depict scenes from Swiss history.

Design

- The Kapellbrücke is a graceful and elegant structure. The bridge is painted a bright red color, and the roof is covered in green shingles.
- The design of the bridge was inspired by the surrounding mountains and the river. The bridge resembles a waterfall, and the painted panels depict Swiss history.
- The Kapellbrücke is a popular tourist destination and is a must-see for any visitor to Lucerne.

Here are some additional details about the Kapellbrücke:

- The bridge is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- The bridge is open to pedestrians only.
- The bridge offers stunning views of the Reuss River and the city of Lucerne.
- The bridge is a popular spot for photography and sightseeing.