

## Sightseeing

The **Federal Palace** is a building in Bern housing the Swiss Federal Assembly (legislature) and the Federal Council (executive). It is the seat of the government of Switzerland and parliament of the country. The building is a listed symmetrical complex just over 300 metres (980 ft) long. It is considered one of the most important historic buildings in the country and listed in the Swiss Inventory of Cultural Assets of National Importance. It consists of three interconnected buildings in the southwest of Bern's old city. The two chambers of the Federal Assembly, the National Council and Council of States, meet in the parliament building on Bundesplatz.

The **Zytglogge** is a landmark medieval tower. Built in the early 13th century, it has served the city as a guard tower, prison, clock tower, centre of urban life and civic memorial. Despite the many redecorations and renovations it has undergone in its 800 years of existence, the Zytglogge is one of Bern's most recognisable symbols and the oldest monument of the city,[1] and with its 15th-century astronomical clock, a major tourist attraction. It is a heritage site of national significance,[2] and part of the Old City of Bern, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

**Bern Minster** (German: Berner Münster) is a Swiss Reformed cathedral (or minster) in the old city of Bern, Switzerland. Built in the Gothic style, its construction started in 1421. Its tower, with a height of 100.6 m (330 ft), was only completed in 1893. It is the tallest cathedral in Switzerland and is a Cultural Property of National Significance.

The **Moses Fountain** is a figural fountain built in 1791 on Münsterplatz in Bern's Old Town, Switzerland. The fountain statue was made by Nikolaus Sporrer from Konstanz. The fountain figure depicts Moses holding the two tablets of the law with the 10 commandments in his left hand and pointing to the second commandment with his right hand: 'Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness.'

The **Bärengraben, or Bear Pit**, is a tourist attraction in the Swiss capital city of Bern. It is a bear pit, or enclosure housing bears, situated at the eastern edge of the old city of Bern, next to the Nydeggbücke and the River Aar. Although still in use, the Bärengraben has been supplemented since 2009 by the adjacent BärenPark, a larger and more natural enclosure alongside the River Aare. The Bärengraben and BärenPark are administered as a geographically discrete part of the city's Dählhölzli Zoo. The Bärengraben is a Swiss heritage site of national significance, and is of particular significance in Bern because the bear is a symbol of both the city and surrounding canton, and is featured in their coat of arms.

## Shopping

Bern's Old Town (Zytglogge to Bärengraben) is a shopper's paradise with many small shops, sheltered under the arcades. Here you will find lots of small, craft and speciality shops.

Loeb the Traditional house at the railway station, here you will find everything you need. It has an exciting food department with local products in the neighbouring building <https://loeb.ch/>

### Chocolate specialities

Confiserie Eichenberger <https://www.confiserie-eichenberger.ch/>

Confiserie Tschirren <https://www.swiss-chocolate.ch/en/>

Confiserie Nobile <https://www.casa-nobile.ch/>

### Cheese specialities

Chäsueb <https://www.chaesebueb.ch/che/de>

Chäshütte <https://chaeshuette-bern.ch/>

### Various / Knives

Klötzli Messerschmiede <https://www.klotzli.com>

## **Coffee House / Small Snacks**

Einstein – Café & bel étage <https://einstein-cafe.ch/>

Lesesaal in der Burgerbibliothek <https://www.burgerbib.ch/en>

Café des Pyrénées <https://www.cafedespyrenees.ch/>

## **Old traditional Bernese restaurants**

Della Casa <https://www.della-casa.ch/>

Ringgenberg <https://www.restaurant-ringgenberg.ch/>

Kornhauskeller <https://kornhaus-bern.ch/?lang=en>

Casino <https://www.casinobern.ch/en/dining/>

Zimmermania <https://zimmermania.ch/>

Brasserie Bärengraben <https://brasseriebaerengraben.ch/>

Klösterli Weincafé <https://kloesterlibern.ch/en/Welcome>

Tramdepot <https://altestramdepot.ch/en/Info/Restaurant>

Schwellenmättli <https://www.schwellenmaetteli.ch/en/>