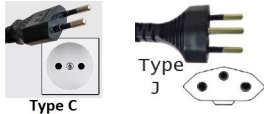


Switzerland

US State Dept Travel Advisory	The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Switzerland. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html
Passport/Visa Requirements	For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html
US Embassy/Consulate	[41] (031) 357-70-11; US Embassy Bern, Sulgeneckstrasse 19, CH-3007 Bern, Switzerland; https://ch.usembassy.gov/
LGBTQIA+ Travelers	https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html
Telephone Code	41
Local Emergency Phone	Ambulance: 144; Fire: 118; Police: 117
Vaccinations	The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Switzerland: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, tickborne encephalitis, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19, and influenza. http://www.who.int/
Climate	Temperate, but varies with altitude; cold, cloudy, rainy/snowy winters; cool to warm, cloudy, humid summers with occasional showers
Currency (Code)	Swiss francs (CHF)
Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, J  <p>The image shows two types of electrical plugs and their corresponding outlets. On the left is a Type C plug, which is a two-pin plug with rounded ends, shown next to its outlet. On the right is a Type J plug, which is a three-pin plug with two round pins and one grounding pin, shown next to its outlet. The labels 'Type C' and 'Type J' are placed below their respective diagrams.</p>
Major Languages	German (or Swiss German), French, Italian, English, Portuguese, Albanian, Serbo-Croatian, Spanish
Major Religions	Roman Catholic, Protestant, other Christian, Muslim
Time Difference	UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October
Potable Water	Yes
International Driving Permit	Suggested
Road Driving Side	Right
Tourist Destinations	Matterhorn; Jungfrauoch; Interlaken; Lucerne; Lake Geneva; Chateau de Chillon; Zurich; Lake Lugano; Bern
Major Sports	Soccer, ice hockey, tennis, skiing, schwingen (wrestling)
Cultural Practices	Swiss people tend to be polite, reserved, direct, and a little guarded at first.
Tipping Guidelines	A service charge is typically added at restaurants so no tipping is needed, but you can round up the bill for the wait staff. Round up a taxi fare or add 5%. Tipping is usually expected for hotel staff. A bellhop should receive 1-2 francs for each bag carried.
Souvenirs	Chocolate; cuckoo clocks, music boxes, and other wood carved items; cheese; Swiss army knives; watches/clocks; paper cut pictures; embroidered fabric; schnapps spirits
Traditional Cuisine	Rösti — grated potato patties sometimes including herbs and spices, onions, ham, or cheese and pan-fried in butter or oil; the dish is cut into wedges for serving