

## 6 ZÜRICH

### practical information



#### How to get there:

Zurich has an international airport from where the city can be reached within only 15 minutes. Direct train services link Zurich Airport with the **main station** ① (dep. every 10–15 min from 05.02 am until 00.41 am). The huge main station houses the ① **tourist office** ① (044 215 40 00, free hotel reservations, »»www.zuerich.com, open Mon–Sat 8.30 am–7 pm, Sun 9 am–6 pm); foreign currency exchange, Western Union, public phones, bicycle rental, lockers, supermarket (Migros, open daily), restaurants, travel agency, rest rooms, showers, pharmacy, shopping, fast food, dentist and medical station “Permanence”, open 7 am–23 pm (next to the pharmacy). Taxi Zurich (toll-free at 0800 822 222). @ Internet café at ShopVille (inside the train station) or at your hostel (guests only). Public transportation (city): 1-hour ticket CHF 4.10; 24-hour ticket CHF 8.20. **ZurichCARD:** The ZurichCARD costs CHF 20.– (valid for 24 hours) or CHF 40.– (for 72 hours). It gives you **unlimited** train, streetcar, bus and boat travel in the area of Zurich (incl. airport, city, Uetliberg, and even a short roundtrip of 1½ hours on the lake), and **free entrance to over 30 museums** and more. Ask for it at the tourist office or at one of the train stations!



#### save money

Best **souvenir shops** in town are: ②a Teddy's Souvenir Shop at Limmatquai 34, and ②b Meng Cutlery at Rennweg 31 and at Poststrasse 4 (get a 10% discount with the voucher on page 8!).

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### budget accommodation

③ City Backpacker/Hotel Biber, Niederdorfstrasse 5 (044 251 90 15) »»www.city-backpacker.ch; Zurich Youth Hostel, Mutschellenstr. 114 (043 399 78 00) (tram no 7 until stop “Morgental”, follow the signs) »»www.youthhostel.ch/zuerich; Etap Hotel Zürich City-West, Technoparkstrasse 2 (044 276 20 00) »»www.etaphotel.com. For more accommodation in Zurich ask at the tourist office.



Winter dusk in Zurich

**Z**urich is beautiful! You could easily spend weeks here. Situated at the north end of Lake Zurich and just 15 minutes away from the international airport. The lake, a river and the distant peaks of the Alps make the city a perfect combination of natural beauty, cosmopolitan charm and urban buzz. Exploring on foot is the best way of getting to know the attractive old town, divided by the Limmat River, or the famous Bahnhofstrasse ⑤ and the lake promenade, as well as the Langstrasse ⑬ area with its very international ambience (also red light district), or the trendy quarter of Zurich West with its new bars, Viadukt shopping / market hall and the impressive architectural space called the Schiffbau. The city silhouette is dominated by the striking towers and spires of three churches – the Grossmünster church ⑥; St. Peter's church ⑫, which boasts Europe's largest clock face (8.7 m or 28.5 ft in diameter); and the Fraumünster church ⑦, greatly admired for its precious stained glass windows by Marc Chagall. Lindenhof ⑪ is a beautiful, small, park-like open space in the middle of the old town.

### highlights



④ **Free bikes.** Bikes to borrow free of charge! Robust city bikes are available all year round at the main railway station at “Velogate” (opposite track 18 at Museumstrasse near Landesmuseum) and at “Velostation Süd” (near Sihlpost). Both open daily 8 am–9.30 pm. Deposit required: passport or ID card plus CHF 20.–.

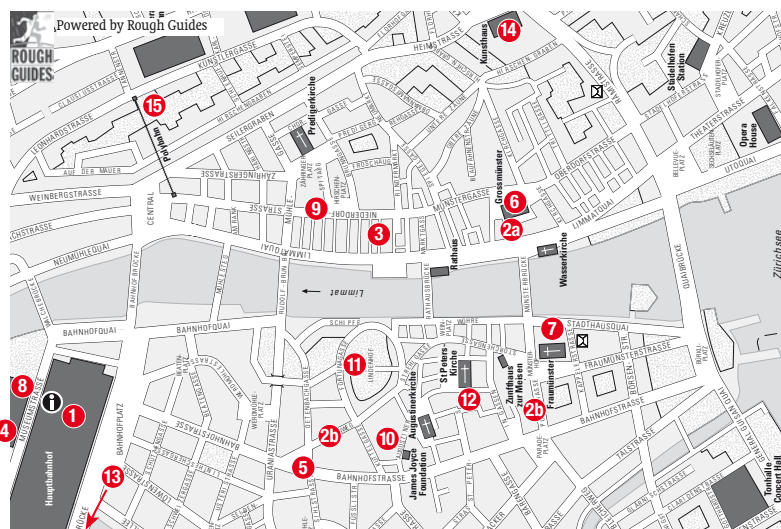
⑤ **The Bahnhofstrasse.** Zurich's world-famous shopping street covers a distance of 1.4 km (0.9 miles) from the main station to the lake.

⑥ **Grossmünster church.** Zurich's most famous landmark and a symbol of the city. Climb the tower (cost CHF 4.–, students 2.–) and enjoy a terrific view! On a clear

day you can even see the snowcapped Alps. Cathedral open daily 10 am–5 pm, tower Mon–Sat 10 am–4.30 pm and Sun 12.30–4.30 pm.

⑦ **Fraumünster church.** Well-known for its stained glass windows in the chancel by Marc Chagall and the large organ (5,793 pipes). Open Mon–Sat 10 am–4 pm, Sun 11.15 am–6 pm, worship Sun 10 am.

⑧ **Schweizerisches Landesmuseum** (Swiss National Museum), Museumstrasse 2. The castle-like building, surrounded by the charming Platzspitz park right behind the train station, houses the largest collection of objects relating to Swiss cultural history. Open Tue–Sun 10 am–5 pm



(Thu till 7 pm), closed on Monday! Adm. CHF 10.–, students CHF 8.–.

⑨ **Niederdorf** (Zurich's old town). During the daytime the pedestrian zone is a shopper's paradise and at night an exciting centre of entertainment.

⑩ **Augustinergasse.** One of Zurich's most beautiful streets. This quaint, old street is lined with numerous 14th–18th century houses with ornate bay windows.

⑪ **Lindenhof.** An oasis of peace in the heart of the city offering a magnificent view of the old town. It's also the place for passionate chess players (open-air).

⑫ **St. Peter's church.** Zurich's oldest church. Since 1534, it has held the record for the largest church clock face in Europe (8.7 m diameter). Open Mon–Fri 8 am–6 pm, Sat 10 am–4 pm, Sun 11 am–5 pm (worship Sun 10 am).

⑬ **Langstrasse.** Walk down from Helvetiaplatz until Limmatplatz and enjoy this busy, international, big-town feeling (red light district). Lots of second hand shops and international take-out food (tasty and cheap). West of Limmatplatz the former industrial quarter has changed into a very trendy area now called **Zurich West**. Here you'll find lots of new bars, restaurants and clubs and the huge complex called Schiffbau (with drama stages, jazz clubs and more) and the Viadukt shopping / market hall, Zurich's new shopping area inside an old railway bridge. To get there take tram 4 or 13 until station Escher-Wyss-Platz or Dammweg.

⑭ **Kunsthau** (Art Museum), Helmplatz 1. Zurich's Kunsthau is called Switzerland's finest gallery. So if you visit just one art museum in Switzerland, this should be it! Notice: until Jan 30th they present Pablo Picasso's first retrospective! Open Wed–Fri 10 am–8 pm, Sat, Sun and Tue 10 am–6 pm, (Mon closed). Entry: permanent collection CHF 14.–, students CHF 10.– (**free** with ZurichCard); on **Wed admission is free of charge** for all visitors!

⑮ **Polyterrace.** Hop on the Polybähnli (cable car) at Central square and in two minutes you'll be enjoying the best all-round view of the city! The area in front of the Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) is a popular viewing point!

**Zurich Zoo and Masoala Rainforest.** With around 2,000 animals this is one of Europe's most attractive zoos. The Masoala rainforest hall simulates the climate of Madagascar and has hundreds of species. Tropical feeling guaranteed! Open daily 9 am–5 pm (Masoala 10 am–5 pm). Entrance is at Zürichbergstrasse 221 (take tram 6 to Zoo). Admission CHF 22.–, youth under 25 CHF 16.–.

See page 8 for Uetliberg hiking, Rhine fall tour, lake cruise and more around Zurich!

## entertainment, fun & parties

With almost 500 bars, clubs and discos, Zurich offers entertainment to suit everyone until the small hours of the morning.

- **Niederdorfstrasse** is the place to be at night: there are lots of restaurants / bars / pubs, guaranteed party atmosphere.
- **Oliver Twist** (Rindermarkt 6) and **Nelson** (Beatengasse 11) are the pubs to go to.
- **Cabaret Voltaire** (Spiegelgasse 1). Zurich's world famous "Dada House". Exhibitions, events and a café bar. Closed on Monday.
- **Rote Fabrik** (Seestrasse 395). Alternative arts, restaurant, open-air bar and entertainment, next to the lake. Live events: concerts, films, disco and other dance, etc. call 044 481 91 21 for the latest information. »www.rotfabrik.ch
- **Abart** (Manessestr. 170, tram Nr. 13 or bus 33 until Utobrückle). Alternative club! Offers events and concerts from alternative rock to pop. Fri & Sat regular events. Good prices. »www.abart.ch
- **Xtra Limmathaus** (Limmatstr. 118, near Limmatplatz). Very popular place to go amongst the young people of Zurich. Monday/Wednesday regular disco. Admission free. See daily press for latest concerts. »www.x-tra.ch
- **Barfüsser** (Spitalgasse 14) is Europe's oldest gay bar!
- **Pub Paddy Reilly's** (Talstrasse 82) is an Irish pub.
- **Kanzlei** (Kanzleistr. 56, next to Helvetiaplatz). Nice place (disco, bar and cinema). »www.kanzlei.ch
- **Kaufleuten** (Pelikanstrasse 18) is a club at the top end of the market (Madonna and Prince were once guests here). »www.kaufleuten.ch
- **Babalu Bar** (Schmidgasse 6) is a perfect starting point for a hot night out on the town.
- **Jules Verne panorama bar** (Uraniastrasse 9) is a bar at the observatory tower with a view over the roofs of Zurich.
- **Restaurant Café Zähringer** (at Zähringerplatz 11, not far from the City Backpacker) is a good place to hang out and meet people, and they serve good vegetarian food.
- **Rathaus-Café** (at Limmatquai 16, directly on the Limmat river) is certainly the best spot for people-watching.
- **El Lokal** (Gessnerallee 11). Nice bar to hang out at the evenings; also offering some tapas. An array of strange and amazing things inside and a nice area with a view of the river outside.
- **Zukunft** (Dienerstr. 33). The Zukunft (future in English) is well-known for its electro-parties. The club can only be accessed through the backyard of a totally unremarkable house and is in the basement of the building. Free entry on Thursdays!
- **Casablanca** (Langstr. 62). Cool bar and café in the lively Langstrasse quarter.



Limmat River, with the Grossmünster Cathedral

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## events

<b>Nov 5th</b>	Amy Macdonald at the Hallenstadion*
<b>Nov 9th – 21st</b>	Musical Evita at Theater 11*
<b>Nov 10th</b>	Scorpions at the Hallenstadion*
<b>Nov 11th</b>	Katie Melua at the Hallenstadion*
<b>Nov 17th</b>	Shakira at the Hallenstadion*
<b>Nov 18th</b>	Simply Red at the Hallenstadion*
<b>Nov 19th – Jan 2nd</b>	Conelli's Christmas circus at Bauschänzli (next to Bürkliplatz)
<b>Nov 21st</b>	Flames of the Dance (Irish dance) at the Volkshaus*
<b>Nov 25th – Jan 2nd</b>	Christmas illumination along Bahnhofstrasse
<b>Nov 27th – Jan 2nd</b>	<b>Ice-skating.</b> Ice rink in the courtyard of the Swiss National Museum (skate hire is possible). <b>Free admission!</b>
<b>Dec 12th</b>	New Year's Eve Run. Traditional race through the old town
<b>Dec 16th</b>	Traditional light floating at 6pm. 800 little floating candles are launched from the Rasthausbrücke on the Limmat river
<b>Dec 31st</b>	New Year's Eve party from 8pm – 3am along the Limmat river, Niederdorf and Lake Zurich, <b>with huge fireworks display at 00.20 am</b>
<b>Mar 3rd – 6th</b>	Art on Ice Show at the Hallenstadion*
<b>Mar 9th</b>	Kylie Minogue at the Hallenstadion*

\* For reservations call Ticket Corner 0848 800 800. »www.ticketcorner.com

### Markets:

<b>Nov 25th – Dec 24th</b>	Largest indoor Christmas market in Europe. Inside main railway station (daily)
<b>Dec 8th – 23rd</b>	Christmas market in the old town Niederdorf (daily)
<b>Thu &amp; Sat</b>	Market of "curious things" (handicraft, clothes, jewellery and more) at Rosenhof (next to City Backpacker Hostel). Thu 10 am – 8 pm, Sat 10 am – 5 pm, closed during Jan & Feb
<b>Sat</b>	Cheap multicultural flea market at Kanzleistrasse 56. 8 am – 4 pm, closed Jan and Feb

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## save money – do it yourself

## ZÜRICH ITSELF

## Uetliberg mountain

Take the S-train no 10 (leaves from track 2 at the main station) through fields and forest up the Uetliberg mountain. A 10 minute walk brings you to the top (871 m) where you can climb the tower with a beautiful view. From there you can hike back to the city or easily trek along the “Planetenweg” (planetary path) to Felsenegg (1½ hour). From there a cable car brings you down to Adliswil from where you can get back to the city (by S-train no 4). The ZurichCARD is valid for this excursion up the Uetliberg. Without a ZurichCARD it costs: CHF 16.40 for a 24-hr ticket (this “Albistageskarte” includes all Zurich city public transportation, so make use of it! You can even buy it at the ticket machine, just dial \*131). **Free for Eurail-holders** (only for the Felsenegg cable car will you need to pay approx. CHF 4.–).



## ZVV – 9 o'clock Travelcard

The 9 o'clock Travelcard (9-Uhr Tagespass) entitles you to use public transport within the whole canton of Zurich. From 9 am until shut down (no time restrictions on weekends) you save 30% off the regular day ticket price! So if you are planning to make any excursions in and around the area, look into this option (CHF 24.–; for Swiss-Card-holders CHF 12.–). See also ZurichCARD (on page 6)!

## Cruise on Lake Zurich

Take a boat and enjoy a relaxing time on the beautiful Lake Zurich! The lake is almost 40 km long and measures nearly 90 km². The Lake Zurich fleet offers different cruises, also in winter. Even if you do not have much time in Zurich, you'll find the right trip: a 1½ hour short roundtrip dep. daily at 1 and 2.30 pm from Bürkliplatz; this cruise costs CHF 8.20 or is even



**free of charge** for ZurichCard or Eurail holders (50% off for Interrail holders). The long roundtrip from Zurich to Rapperswil and back starts at 1.30 pm at Bürkliplatz and gets back at 5.15 pm; this cruise costs CHF 24.–; (or get off at Rapperswil and go back by train). Get your ticket on board. »www.zsg.ch

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## AREA OF ZÜRICH

## Winterthur

Located just 20 minutes from Zurich, Winterthur combines the flair of a big city with the homely atmosphere of a small town.

The town has everything a bigger city can offer: cinemas, markets, parks, bars, discos and excellent museums, i.e. the **museum of photography** (Fotomuseum) at Grüzenstrasse 44 + 45. A critic has called it “the most beautiful museum of photography in Europe”! Open Tue – Sun 11 am – 6 pm (Wed to 8 pm), closed on Monday; entry CHF 9.–, students CHF 7.–; bus no. 2 (direction Seen) until “Fotozentrum” or 15 minutes on foot from the main station.

Another museum that puts most of its visitors in awe is the **Swiss Science Center** (Technorama) at Technoramasstrasse 1, which shows science and technology in an easily understandable way. Open Tue – Sun 10 am – 5 pm (closed on Monday); entry CHF 24.–, students 20.–; take bus no. 5 (main station Gate F) until “Technorama”.

The pedestrianized **old town** has some charm once you get off the main shopping streets and is worth a look. And if Victorian industrial architecture lights your fire, head southwest into the **Sulzer-Areal** district, where old industrial sites have been carefully revamped and now combine urban living and working, atmospheric theatre spaces, bars and skating arenas.

**Unique in town** is the **CityStroll**. Join and meet new friends, socialize in the pub and hear about the sixth biggest city of Switzerland while strolling through the streets. CityStroll takes place from 6 to 9 pm every first Thursday of the month and it's guided by two real Winterthurers. Costs CHF 29.– including 2 drinks and free gift. For more information check »citystroll.ch and/or do not hesitate to ask at the reception of the City Backpacker/Hotel Biber in Zurich.

**Block and Tempodrom** (Lagerplatz 17, just 300 m from the train station, open Mon – Sat 10 am – midnight; Sun 10 am – 8 pm) is

Europe's largest indoor sports park, with 3,000 m² of rollerpark, beach volleyball courts, racing carts, a climbing wall and much more (sports equipment can be hired). It's good fun! Five minute-walk from Winterthur's main station (052 204 07 00).

The Bäumli is Winterthur's most popular **vantage point**. On the terrace above the hillside vineyards of the Goldenberg you can enjoy the fantastic view of the entire city and the Alps. Take bus number 10 (direction of Oberwinterthur railway station) to Bäumlweg bus stop, from here you'll reach the Bäumli via the city's longest steps measuring 425 metres.

**How to get to Winterthur:** From Zurich main station trains to Winterthur leave every 15 minutes (S-train no 12, 11, 8, or fast trains in the direction of St.Gallen and Frauenfeld).

**Accommodation in Winterthur:** Etap Hotel Winterthur, Brühlbergstrasse 7a (052 264 84 00) »www.etaphotel.com.

## The Rhine falls

The largest waterfall in Europe is 150 meters wide and 23 meters high! There is a special visitor's platform which allows you to get as close as possible. This is a great natural spectacle that you should not miss! The nearby city of **Schaffhausen** is situated along the Rhein river and has a charming town center with many nice shops and restaurants. A highlight here is the fortress “Munot” built in the 16th century, from where you'll have a great view! This is Schaffhausen's trademark circular fortress (admission is free).

**How to get there:** From Zurich's main station take a train to Schaffhausen (direct train or via Winterthur). From there it's a 4 km riverwalk to the suburban town of Neuhausen, where the falls are located (takes about 45 minutes), or you could take the city bus no 1 or 6 from Schaffhausen to Neuhausen Zentrum, from where the well-signposted falls are just a five-minute walk away. As a holder of Eurail/Interrail or ZVV-9 o'clock Travelcard you travel free of charge until Winterthur; from there it costs CHF 22.40 (CHF 11.20 one way); direct train tickets (Zurich–Schaffhausen) cost CHF 37.20 (18.60 one way). »www.rhinefalls.com

## Braunwald (1,256 m)

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