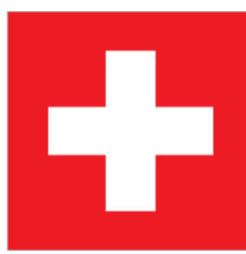


# Switzerland

## Travel Facts



### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State 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+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the U.S. State Department's International Travel page.

<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



Type C



Type J

### Major Languages

German, Turkish, Serbian, Croatian

### 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

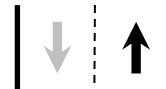
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### International Driving Permit

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

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