

Experiences on Lake Lucerne

FOR EXPLORERS AND CONNOISSEURS



A full-page background image showing a lake with a boat in the foreground and snow-capped mountains under a cloudy sky. The boat is a multi-deck vessel with a red Swiss flag on its stern. The mountains are rugged and partially covered in snow, with some evergreen trees visible on the lower slopes. The sky is filled with large, white clouds, and sunlight is breaking through on the right side.

A STUNNING SETTING

Lake Lucerne has captivated travelers for centuries due to its spectacular Alpine landscape and breathtaking scenery. There's no better way to explore the heart of Switzerland than by boat! Step aboard and travel back in time on one of the nostalgic paddle steamers or relax with contemporary amenities on one of our modern motor vessels.



YEAR-ROUND CRUISES

Our ships sail all-year long, providing vital ferry links for local communities and providing visitors with wonderful excursion opportunities. Enjoy the Mediterranean climate between Lucerne and Weggis, before the landscape becomes more dramatic with the steep fjords of Lake Uri. Peaceful villages and quaint meadows dot the shoreline, as the Alpine pinnacles frame the water and tower tall and proud.



LUCERNE

Lucerne is located in the heart of Switzerland and may be easily reached by car or with public transport. Our boat piers are conveniently located right outside of the main railway station.

The city offers a wealth of culture and charming landmarks dating from several centuries. Historic churches and the iconic Chapel Bridge form a harmonious ensemble with impressive modern architecture such as the KKL culture and congress center. Take a stroll along the expansive promenade, relax along the River Reuss or explore the cobblestone streets and little shops of the Medieval Old Town. Numerous museums and countless high caliber cultural events make Lucerne a vibrant destination any time of the year.



Boat piers in Lucerne

Our departure piers are located just outside of the main railway station and in close proximity to the major landmarks.

- 1 To Flüelen (Rigi and Klewenalp)
- 2 To Alpnachstad (Pilatus)
- 3 Bürgenstock shuttle
- 7 1 hour sightseeing cruise on «Panorama-Yacht Saphir»
- 4-6 Designated for private boat charters

It is also possible to start or conclude from any of our other calling points all around the lake.

- ◆ Drop-off point for coaches and buses
- ◆ Coach parking

Our fleet



5 PADDLE STEAMERS

Our authentic steamboats are legends in their own right and have a loyal following of fans from nearby and far away. Experience luxurious travel and romance from the era of the early 20th century. Watch the mighty steam engine turn the bright red paddle wheels and listen to the chime of the melodic whistle. Every steamer has its very own style and architectural features, including stately salons. Paddle steamer (PS) Uri is the oldest dating from 1901, while PS Stadt Luzern is the newest from 1928. PS Gallia from 1913 is the fastest steamboat in all of Switzerland and PS Schiller from 1906 is probably the most popular paddler with enthusiasts. PS Unterwalden from 1902 is the only steamer capable of sailing to Alpnachstad, thanks to a funnel and wheelhouse which can be hydraulically lowered. Experience each and every one of these fine ships; on certain summer days the timetable even allows you to sail on all five steamers in one day!

14 MOTOR VESSELS

Our motor vessels date from different decades of the 20th and 21st century and all are fitted with high quality guest facilities. Enjoy maritime styling from the 1950s and 60s, while also experiencing the very best of contemporary naval design. Our stylish Panorama-Yacht MS Saphir as well as our stunning “Super Yacht” MS Diamant with five different decks are a sight to behold and exceptionally popular for private charters. Since 2018, the modern catamaran provides a fast and efficient, year-round ferry service to the world class Bürgenstock Resort.

NOSTALGIC STEAMBOATS



STADT LUZERN 1928

Capacity 1100
290 banquet seats



UNTERWALDEN 1902

Capacity 700
171 banquet seats



URI 1901

Capacity 800
166 banquet seats



SCHILLER 1906

Capacity 900
110 banquet seats



GALLIA 1913

Capacity 900
98 banquet seats

MODERN MOTOR VESSELS



DIAMANT

Capacity 1100
400 banquet seats



CATAMARAN CIRRUS

Capacity 300
120 banquet seats



PANORAMA-YACHT SAPHIR

Capacity 300
80 banquet seats



BÜRGENSTOCK SHUTTLE

Capacity 300

LARGE MOTOR VESSELS



GOTTHARD

Capacity 700
290 banquet seats



EUROPA

Capacity 1000
282 banquet seats



WALDSTÄTTER

Capacity 700
276 banquet seats



SCHWYZ

Capacity 900
190 banquet seats



WINKELRIED

Capacity 700
174 banquet seats

MID-SIZED MOTOR VESSELS



BRUNNEN

Capacity 400
166 banquet seats



FLÜELEN

Capacity 400
166 banquet seats



WEGGIS

Capacity 500
152 banquet seats



TITLIS

Capacity 300
96 banquet seats

SMALL MOTOR LAUNCHES



RÜTLI

Capacity 140
36 seats

EXCURSION DESTINATIONS AROUND LAKE LUCERNE





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RIGI 1798 m

Mount Rigi is known as the “Queen of the Mountains” and forms an impressive peninsula that juts into Lake Lucerne. Europe’s oldest rack railway leads to the summit, originally dating from 1871.

Make the classic Rigi round-trip by taking the boat to Vitznau and then ascending to the summit by rack railway. After some time at the top, descend down to Weggis by aerial cableway. The mineral baths and spa at Rigi Kaltbad are well worth a visit. Experience high altitude wellness and relaxation!

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BÜRGENSTOCK 1128 m

Perched high above Lake Lucerne on a scenic plateau, the Bürgenstock Resort is a world class facility that caters to all tastes. Our shuttle ship offers a direct ferry link from Lucerne to Kehrsiten-Bürgenstock 365 days a year. From there you may take the rejuvenated funicular railway to the top. An additional attraction is the Hammetschwand Lift vertical elevator, which dates from 1905.

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KLEWENALP 1600 m

Klewenalp-Stockhütte is the nearby recreation destination that is ideal for summer or winter sports. Bring along your hiking boots or bike in the summer and prepare to conquer the expansive trails. In the winter, strap on your skis or snowboard and enjoy the scenic slopes and top quality powder! There’s no more attractive access to Klewenalp than by boat from Lucerne or Brunnen. Alight at Beckenried.

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www.klewenalp.ch

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PILATUS 2132 m

Towering tall and proud above Lucerne, the Pilatus has a majestic shape and is accessible with the steepest rack railway in the world. Combine different modes of transport by first taking the boat from Lucerne to Alpnachstad, then ascending to the summit on the cog, before enjoying dramatic views from the top. You may then descend back down to Fräkmüntegg and Kriens on the “Dragon Ride” cableway and panoramic gondola, before taking the trolleybus back to Lucerne. This “Golden Roundtrip” is possible from May to November.

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SEELISBERG 850 m

Located on a sunny plateau a bit above the lake, this peaceful town may be considered a “best kept secret”. All the more tranquil of an experience awaits all visitors to Seelisberg, where you will find lush Alpine meadows, grazing cows and a mountain dairy. Take the vintage funicular from the Treib boat pier directly into the center of the village in Seelisberg and enjoy the ride as you rise above Lake Lucerne.

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www.seelisberg.com



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STANSERHORN 1898 m

This panoramic peak offers a wonderful combination of nostalgic travel and futuristic infrastructure. Start your journey in Stans on the vintage funicular from 1893, before changing at the intermediate station onto the globally unique “open top” aerial cableway. Indeed the Cabrio has been a technical marvel and popular excursion sensation since it first opened in 2012. As you ascend the mountain, you can connect with nature and feel the elements from the open upper deck of the gondola. Once at the summit, a revolving restaurant and wonderful observation terraces await.

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TITLIS 3020 m

Mount Titlis is one of the highest peaks in Central Switzerland and the only accessible glacier in the region. Embark on a high altitude adventure in a world of permanent snow and ice! Stunning views and Europe's highest hanging bridge await you. During the winter, the glacier park offers excellent skiing and snowboarding conditions.

Luzern Stansstad Engelberg Trübsee Titlis
Trübsee Engelberg Luzern

www.titlis.ch



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FRONALPSTOCK / STOOS 1922 m

Perched high above Lake Uri, the little village of Stoos and its adjacent mountain Fronalpstock can only be reached by aerial cableway and the world's steepest funicular. From Brunnen or Schwyz direct bus links provide easy access to the mountain railways, which then whisk you to the top in a matter of minutes. Excellent hiking opportunities in the summer and expansive ski slopes in the winter await all visitors.

Luzern Brunnen Schwyz Stoos Fronalpstock
Stoos Schwyz Brunnen Luzern

www.stoos.ch

HISTORIC SITES ALONG THE LAKE

1 Rütli meadow

On the way from Brunnen to the Rütli you will pass the 30 m high Schiller Stone. It is dedicated to the famed German playwright Schiller, who recorded the legend of Wilhelm Tell in a theatrical piece. The Rütli meadow is the birthplace of Switzerland, as in August 1291 representatives from Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden came together there to establish the Swiss Confederation.

2 Tellsplatte

According to legend, Wilhelm Tell escaped his captors at this location by jumping from Gessler's boat and making his getaway to the nearby shore. Hence the Tell Chapel was built at this site. Originally dating back to 1388, the current structure was completed in 1880.

3 Meggenhorn Chateau

This elegant residence is surrounded by a beautiful park and located on a peninsula that juts out into the lake.

WALKING TRAILS

4 Swiss Path (Weg der Schweiz)

This 35 km long trail along Lake Uri leads past historic sites in the cradle of the country. Learn more about Swiss history as you walk through pristine nature and countless calm spots. The path has its formal starting point on the Rütli meadow and is easily accessible by boat or train from Brunnen or Flüelen. Partly suitable for wheelchairs. www.weg-der-Schweiz.ch

5 Lake Lucerne Path (Waldstätterweg).....

This 114 km long hiking trail circles around much of the lake and leads from Brunnen via Lucerne to the Rütli meadow, covering most of the north and south shore. www.waldstaetterweg.ch

MUSEUMS ALONG THE LAKE



Swiss Museum of Transport, Lucerne

Switzerland's largest and most visited museum is dedicated to mobility and the story of transportation, both from the past as well as the present and the future. Experience huge collections of preserved locomotives, automobiles, airplanes and boats. Step inside the IMAX theater or the Planetarium to learn about outer space. At the adjacent Hans Erni Museum you may marvel at the elegant paintings and decorative sculptures of the famed local artist. Cap your day out with a visit to the Swiss Chocolate Adventure and be sure to sample some sweet nibbles. In short, the Verkehrshaus offers unrivaled excitement for all generations! www.verkehrshaus.ch



Glasi Hergiswil

This historic factory is the oldest glassmaking facility in Switzerland. Learn everything about this form of artisan craft, play on lovely glass instruments or take a walk through the fun glass labyrinth. The interactive visitor experience is very much "hands on".

www.glasi.ch



Urner Mineralien-Museum, Seedorf

This minerals museum is probably the most amazing such facility in Switzerland. Learn all about rocks, geology and precious stones.

www.mineralienfreund.ch

→ All of these museums may be easily reached by boat!

All of these hikes and leisurely walks along Lake Lucerne can be combined with a boat excursion!



Gastronomy with a view

Combine a refreshing cruise with a fine meal and enjoy the inspiring scenery from the vantage point of your dining table. All meals aboard are freshly cooked and made of wholesome, regionally sourced ingredients. There's a large selection of Swiss dishes as well as international favorites, thus providing something for every taste. Sample our delicious specialties and you'll be bound to leave the ship satisfied!



LUNCH CRUISE

Creative menus have been lovingly composed and freshly prepared. There is always a choice between meat, fish and vegetarian options.

Available daily, all year long. | Time requirement: 2 h

SUNSET CRUISE

Spend Happy Hour on the lake and chill out with your friends or family as the sun sets over the Swiss Alps. Nip on a cold drink or enjoy a fine dinner.

Daily from May to September. | Time requirement: 2 ½ h

Reservation

An advance reservation is required:
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Throughout the year we offer themed culinary cruises such as the Fondue- and Raclette-Ship. Please visit our website for more details www.lakelucerne.ch



Roundtrips



Bürgenstock Cruise

Direct ferry transfer from Lucerne to Kehrsiten-Bürgenstock and later back to Lucerne. From the Kehrsiten boat pier you can take the historic funicular to the top and visit the world class Bürgenstock Resort. **Time requirement: 1h** (cruise only, without visit to the resort)

Saphir

Step aboard this stylish vessel and enjoy its unique design features, like the convertible upper deck roof. A multilingual audio guide is included.

Time requirement: 1h

Küsnacht Cruise

Sail to Küsnacht on the foot of Mount Rigi and experience the northernmost bay of Lake Lucerne.

Time requirement: 2h

Grand Cruise Lucerne – Flüelen – Lucerne

Sail the full length of Lake Lucerne on one of our stately steamers or modern motor vessels. The last leg in the fjord-like Lake Uri is probably the most spectacular. **Time requirement: 5½h**

Lake Uri Cruise Brunnen – Flüelen – Brunnen

Enjoy the most spectacular part of our lake with its towering pinnacles and steep cliffs that crash straight down to the water. You pass the Rütli meadow and Tell Chapel as cultural highlights.

Time requirement: 2h

18 superb ships for your top event

Our fleet is so large and diverse, we have the perfect vessel for every occasion! From genuine paddle steamers to the ultra-modern “Super Yacht” MS Diamant, you can impress your guests with a historic icon or a futuristic ship. Our highly customized service and dedicated catering staff will make any private charter cruise a marvelous event!

www.schiffsmiete.ch









Tickets

Swiss Travel Pass

The Swiss Travel Pass is valid on all our regular cruises, as they are listed in the national timetable (Saphir ticket is discounted with Swiss Travel Pass). This nationwide rover ticket is designed for foreign visitors to Switzerland and provides 3, 4, 6, 8 or 15 days of unlimited travel on the country's entire public transport network, including trains, trams, buses, postal buses and ships. It covers the urban transport systems of more than 90 towns and cities and gives free admission to over 500 museums. On most mountain railways the Swiss Travel Pass provides a 50% discount.

Tickets

All of our products are bookable with net rates through our Reseller Shop. Easy access to e-tickets and payment by credit card.

You may as well buy tickets for our lake cruises at our sales offices in Lucerne, Weggis, Vitznau, Brunnen, Flüelen, Beckenried or aboard any ship.

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Please contact us for special rates and access to our Reseller Shop.

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