



## IAESTE App: Country Information

### General information:

Country: Switzerland

Capital: Bern

Population: 8.5M

National language(s): German, French, Italian and Romansch

Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF)

Time zone: UTC + 1 (CET)

Voltage:

Phone country code: +41

Cities with IAESTE LCs: Zurich, Bern, Basel and Lausanne

*Climate: Typical central european climate, with cold winters and warm summers, and soft temperatures in Spring and Autumn. It can get a bit extreme in the Alps*

### Travel tips:

Fun facts about the country:

- Switzerland is the only country that has a square flag.
- Switzerland has more than 1,500 lakes.
- Tim Berners Lee invented the World Wide Web in Switzerland in 1989.
  
- In case of a nuclear war, Switzerland has enough bunkers to housing 114% of their entire population.
- Albert Einstein invented the famous equation  $E=MC^2$  while he was in Switzerland.
- Charlie Chaplin spent the last 25 years of his life in Switzerland.

Read more: <https://www.seriousfacts.com/switzerland-facts/>

Cities/towns that you recommend visiting: Zurich, Lucerne, Geneva, Lausanne.

Other places you recommend visiting:

Zermatt - Matterhorn ...

(short description for each. This can include national parks, historical landmarks, beaches, mountains, museums or anything else):

Airports with budget airlines *Basel-Mulhouse, Geneva*

Website(s) with travel connections inside the country: *sbb.ch*

Traditional food and drinks you recommend trying: *cheese fondue! swiss chocolate. Rösti*

Tipping in the restaurants: *Not usual, unless very happy with the service*

Discounts for transportation: for short term visits, recommended are supersaver train tickets for fixed time and destinations or day tickets that cover the whole country.

What is the common greeting in your country: *Three kisses when you know the person, handshake otherwise.*

### **Emergencies - numbers:**

Police: 117

Ambulance: 144 (you better have an insurance for it)

Any other interesting or useful information:

<b>118</b>	Feuerwehr	Fire department
<b>1414 1415</b>	Rettungshelikopter Rega / Air-Glacières	Rescue by helicopter Rega / Air-Glacières

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