



Living in the Canton of Lucerne

With a population of just over 400 000, the Canton of Lucerne is one of Switzerland's largest residential regions, and its two major centres, Lucerne and Sursee, offer everything you would want and expect in terms of urban living. Several international schools, the proximity to Zurich airport, and Switzerland's lowest corporate tax rate mean Lucerne is also growing at an international level, boasting an eclectic mix of events, festivals, sport and recreational options. Come to Lucerne; you deserve it.

Universities and high schools

Lucerne offers a wide spectrum of education services, ranging from kindergartens and international schools to universities. Technical colleges, Lucerne University of Applied Sciences and Arts and various continued education institutions run courses in virtually every discipline. All of Lucerne's schools enjoy an excellent reputation at both a national and international level.

Healthcare

The Luzerner Kantonsspital (Lucerne cantonal hospital, with branches in Lucerne, Sursee and Wolhusen), the Hirslanden Privatlinik St. Anna (private hospital), the Schweizer Paraplegiker-Zentrum Nottwil (Swiss Paraplegics Centre) as well as some other private hospitals offer first-class health services. People living in Switzerland must take out health insurance from a Swiss insurer. The monthly premiums may vary greatly between the regions, and are based on the services required.

Culture and recreation

No matter what you expect from a unique city, Lucerne does not disappoint. The avant-garde, manifested here in the form of Jean Nouvel's futuristic KKL Luzern culture and convention centre, is just as much at home as attractions which have endured for centuries. Numerous museums, unique sporting events and world famous festivals provide a plethora of unforgettable moments in this city, whose immediate surrounds also include winter-sports locations with guaranteed snowfall. The Entlebuch UNESCO Biosphere is the perfect place to enjoy active recreation and culture all year round. Immerse yourself in all that Lucerne has to offer – it's a veritable feast for the senses.

Restaurants and shopping

The Canton Lucerne is home to numerous small and medium-sized cities perfect for shopping and casual strolls. Recharge your batteries at one of their many cafés or restaurants, and enjoy the fact that you don't need to carry your purchases too far. Distances are short, and the historic centres of some towns are even pedestrian-only. Local products are regularly sold at fresh markets. Shopping doesn't get any better than this.

Integration

Contact between locals and foreigners is facilitated by several international clubs in the Lucerne region. It's up to you how much you want to assimilate, but there are always plenty of opportunities.