Spiez

Canton of Berne · Switzerland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Spiez is a small town on a quiet bay on the south shore of Lake Thun. A castle with a Romanesque church stands on a headland above the harbour. Vineyards climb the slopes behind it.

Spiez is also a rail junction. Many travellers change trains here for Interlaken, Kandersteg and the Simmental valley. It is a peaceful base for the lake.

When to visit

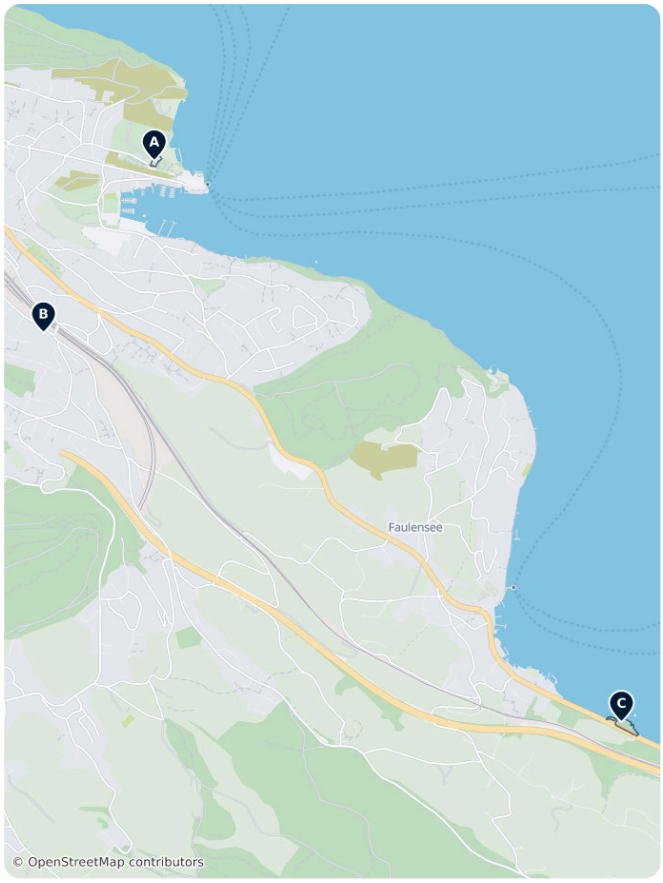
May to September is the best time for the lake, the castle and boats. Summer is warm. Autumn is mild and has the grape harvest. Winter is cold, and the castle has shorter opening hours. Rain is common in spring and summer.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 10° Feels like 1°	-3° / -10°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	6° / 12° Feels like 2°	-2° / -11°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 16°	1° / -6°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 21°	5° / -2°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 25°	9° / 4°	19 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 29°	14° / 8°	18 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 30°	15° / 10°	17 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	15° / 10°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	21° / 27°	12° / 6°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	17° / 24°	8° / 3°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18°	3° / -6°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	6° / 11° Feels like 3°	-1° / -10°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Schloss Spiez is a castle on the lake, with a museum and a Romanesque church. The tower has views of the bay and the mountains.
- B Spielzeugmuseum Spiez shows toys from different times.
- C Seebad Faulensee is a small lakeside swimming area near Faulensee.
- The harbour and the vineyard paths are good for a short walk.



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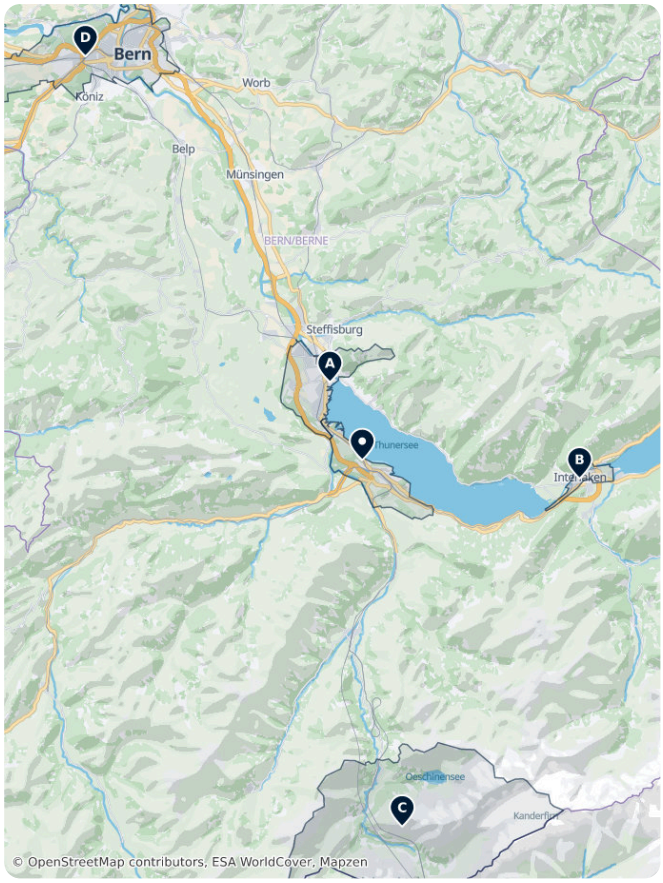
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What to experience

- Visit the castle and its church.
- Walk through the vineyards above the bay.
- Take a lake boat to Thun or Interlaken.
- Swim in the lake at Faulensee in summer.
- Cycle along the lakeshore.

Day trips

- A Thun is a lake town with a castle, about 10 minutes away by train.
- B Interlaken is the gateway to the Jungfrau region, about 25 minutes away by train.
- C Kandersteg is a mountain village with a famous lake, reached through the Lötschberg valley.
- D Bern is the capital, about 30 minutes away by train.
- Lake boats go to Thun and Interlaken.



Where to explore

- Thun and Interlaken are the nearest larger towns on the lake.

Getting there

- By air: Zurich and Geneva are the main airports.
- By train: Spiez is on the main line from Bern to the Oberland and to Brig. Check times on SBB.
- The station is about 10 minutes from the castle on foot.

Getting around

- The harbour, castle and village centre are easy to walk.
- Local buses serve Faulensee and the hill villages.
- Lake boats leave from the harbour.
- A path follows the lakeshore.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The castle and harbour are in the lower part of the town and close together. Hills rise behind the village.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

Lakeside roads and paths are mostly flat. Hill roads are steep.

Driving

- A car is not needed in Spiez.
- Parking near the castle is limited in summer.
- A car helps for the side valleys but trains and buses reach most places.

Food & drink

Try lake fish and cheese dishes. Local white wine comes from the vineyards by the lake. The village has lakeside restaurants and cafés.

People speak German with a Bernese dialect. English is widely understood.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Birchermüesli
A raw-oat, fruit, and yogurt breakfast invented by a Zurich doctor around 1900, now standard on breakfast buffets.

LUNCH

Rösti
A fried, shredded-potato cake, originally a Bernese farmer's breakfast, now a national side dish.

DINNER

Cheese Fondue · Fondue
Melted Gruyère and Vacherin cheese in a shared pot, eaten by dipping bread cubes on long forks.

Raclette
Cheese melted tableside or under a grill and scraped over boiled potatoes, pickles, and onions.

Zürcher Geschnetzeltes
Sliced veal and mushrooms in a creamy white-wine sauce, traditionally served with rösti.

Älplermagronen
Alpine herder's macaroni gratin with potatoes, cheese, and cream, often topped with fried onions and served with apple sauce.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Cervelat
Switzerland's best-known sausage, usually grilled and often called the country's unofficial national dish.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Swiss Chocolate · Schweizer Schokolade
Switzerland pioneered milk chocolate in the 19th century; look for small-batch chocolatiers alongside the big national brands.

Basler Läckerli
A dense, spiced honey-and-candied-fruit biscuit from Basel, traditional around Christmas.

DRINKS

Swiss Wine · Vin Suisse
Mostly consumed domestically rather than exported; Valais and Vaud, along Lake Geneva, produce the best-known Chasselas whites.

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Safety & health

- Spiez is very safe.
- Lake water is cold. Swim in marked areas.
- Tap water is safe to drink.
- Vineyard paths can be steep and slippery.

History

A castle has stood on the headland since the 10th century. The Romanesque church dates from the early Middle Ages. The castle belonged to several noble families before it passed to the city of Bern.

The castle is now a museum. In the 20th century, Spiez became a rail junction with the opening of the Lötschberg line.

Country facts

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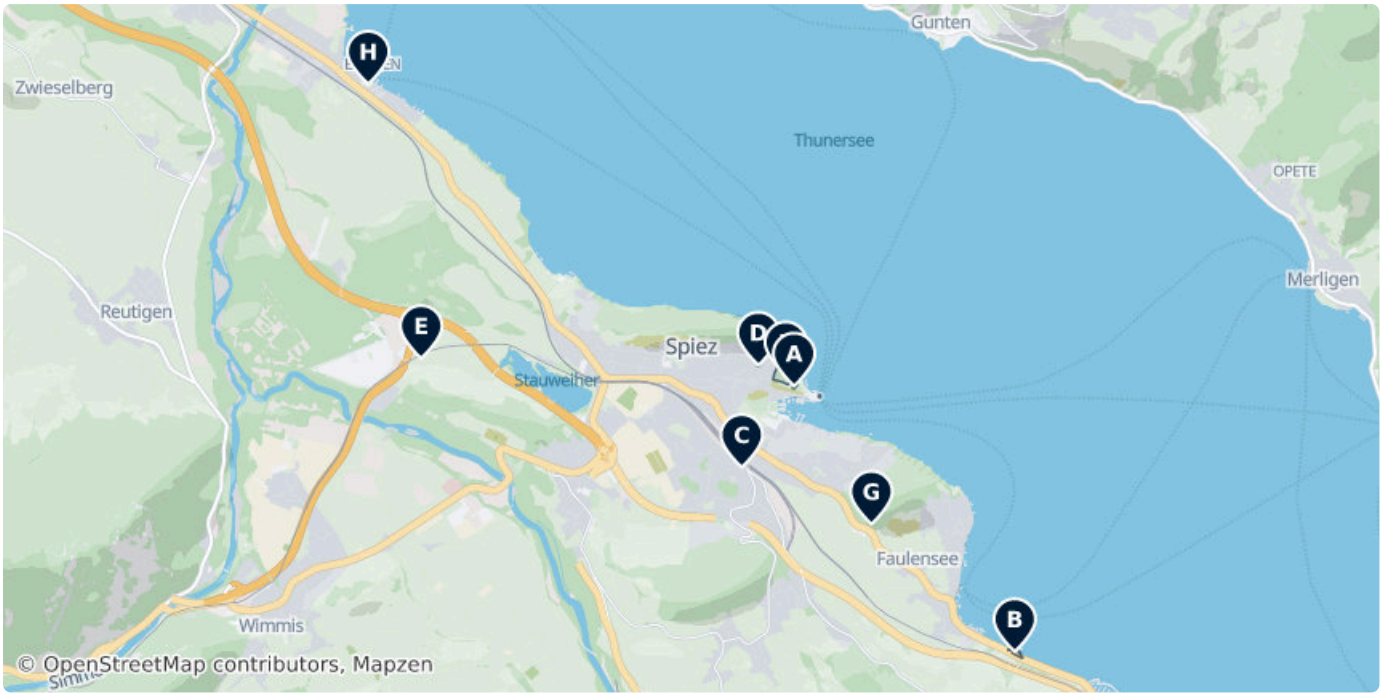
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LANGUAGES
German, French, Italian, Romansh

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Spiez Best Of

A lakeside castle, small museums, a beach resort and viewpoints on the shore of Lake Thun.





A Spiez Castle

Medieval lakeside castle with a Romanesque church and a museum, the town's signature sight.

Schlossstrasse 15, 3700 Spiez, CH (46.68939, 7.68742)

schloss-spiez.ch

B Seebad Faulensee

Lakeside bathing resort at Faulensee with views over Lake Thun.

(46.67176, 7.70879)

C Spielzeugmuseum Spiez

Toy museum, a good stop for families.

3700 (46.68399, 7.68236)

spielzeugmuseum-spiez.ch

D Heimat- und Rebbaumuseum

Local museum on the history of Spiez and its lakeside vineyards.

Spiezbergstrasse 48, 3700 Spiez, CH (46.69078, 7.68397)

museum-spiez.ch, +41 33 654 73 72

E Jagdschlösschen Lattigen

Small hunting-lodge castle in Lattigen.

(46.69122, 7.65132)

F Kirschgarten

Garden for a quiet stroll.

13 Schlossstrasse, Spiez 3700, Switzerland
(46.69014, 7.68663)

G Klettergarten Bürg

Outdoor climbing area above the lake.

(46.68023, 7.69491)

H Kirche Einigen

Historic Protestant church in Einigen.

(46.70942, 7.64618)

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