

Vaduz

Liechtenstein

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Vaduz is the capital of Liechtenstein, a tiny principality wedged between Switzerland and Austria in the Alps. With around 5,700 residents, it feels more like a small town than a national capital, and most of it can be explored on foot in half a day. The pedestrian street Städtle runs through the centre, lined with museums, government buildings, and cafés. Vineyards and forested hills climb straight up behind it to Vaduz Castle, perched on a rocky outcrop above the rooftops.

Most travelers see Vaduz as a half-day stop on a longer Switzerland or Austria trip rather than a standalone destination. Staying a night lets you catch the mountains at sunset and use the town as a base for hiking or driving into the Alps, but a few hours are enough to see the centre itself.

When to visit

Spring and autumn are mild and good for walking, summer is warm with occasional afternoon thunderstorms, and winter is cold with regular snow. Because Vaduz sits in a narrow Alpine valley, winter nights are noticeably colder than the daytime highs suggest.

The town's biggest date on the calendar is 15 August, Liechtenstein's National Day: fireworks light up the valley, and the reigning Prince opens the grounds of Vaduz Castle to the public for one evening a year.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 10° Feels like 1°	-4° / -12°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 11° Feels like 2°	-3° / -13°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18°	1° / -8°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for cycling	15° / 23°	5° / -2°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 27°	10° / 4°	20 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	14° / 8°	20 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	25° / 31°	16° / 10°	20 rainy days · Humid air · Calm winds
August	Fair Fair for sightseeing	25° / 31°	16° / 11°	19 rainy days · Humid air · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 28°	12° / 6°	15 rainy days · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	18° / 24°	8° / 2°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	11° / 19°	3° / -6°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	6° / 12° Feels like 3°	-2° / -12°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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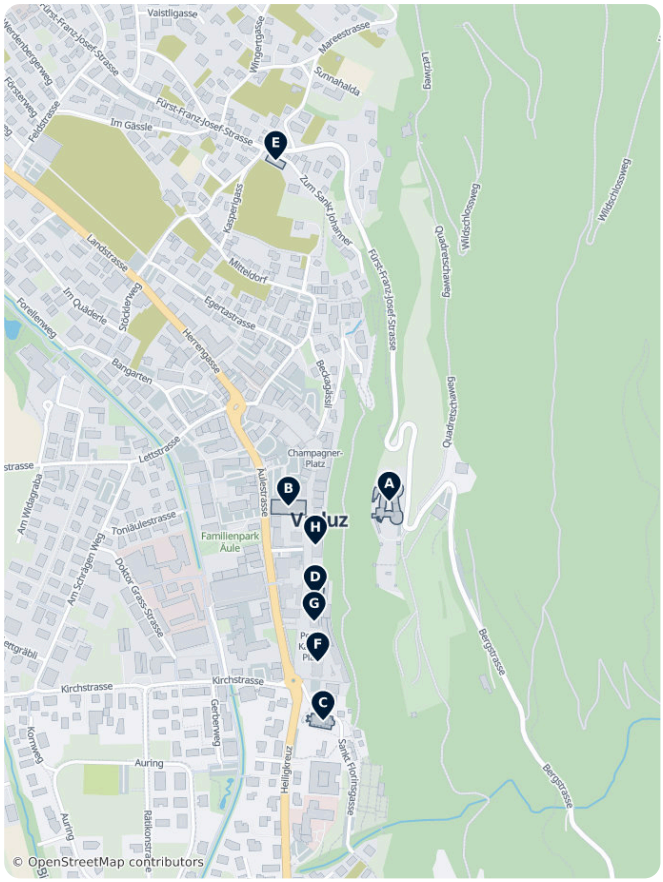
Top sights



A Vaduz Castle is Vaduz's defining landmark and the private home of the reigning Prince of Liechtenstein. It is closed to the public, but the walk up through the vineyards for a close view and the panorama over the town is worth the climb on its own.

B Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein is the country's main art museum, a black basalt-concrete cube holding a collection of modern and contemporary art alongside pieces from the Prince's own collection.

C Vaduz Cathedral is a neo-Gothic church that has served as the seat of the Archdiocese of Vaduz since 1997, and its slender spire is one of the first things you notice arriving in town.

D Liechtenstein National Museum covers Liechtenstein's history and natural history, from archaeological finds to displays on the ruling princely family, housed in a former inn expanded into a modern museum complex in 2003.

E Rotes Haus is a cluster of dark red medieval buildings, including a stepped-gable house and an old wine-press tower, that once anchored the vineyards below the castle.

F Regierungsgebäude is the seat of Liechtenstein's government, a Renaissance Revival building from 1905 that still houses the prime minister's office.

G Landtag of the Principality of Liechtenstein is Liechtenstein's national parliament, a striking modern brick building completed in 2008 right next to the older government building.

H Postal Museum traces Liechtenstein's history as a stamp-issuing microstate: the tiny country has long relied on stamp sales to collectors as a source of revenue, and the collection here explains why collectors still seek out its issues.

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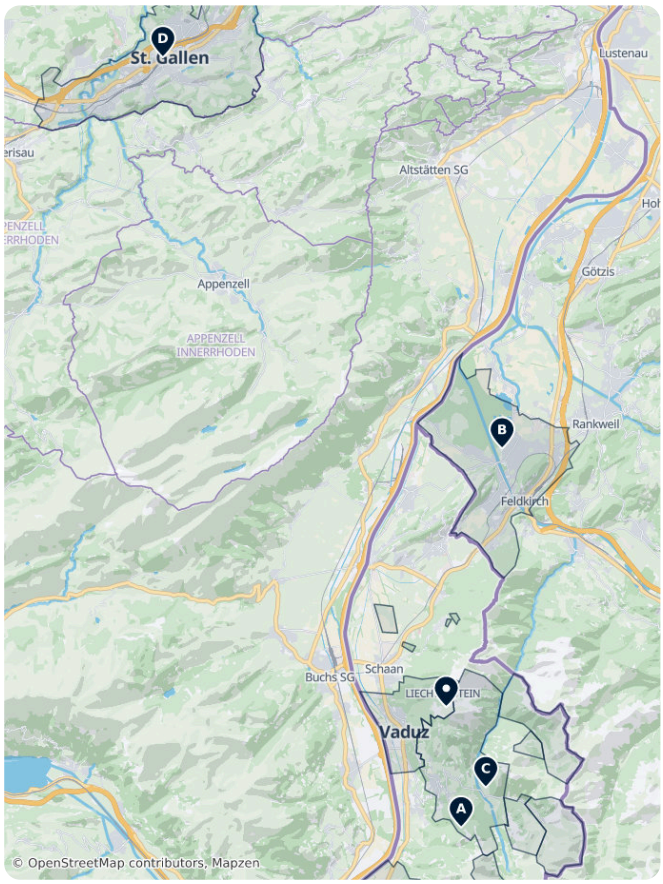
What to experience

- Join the crowds at Vaduz Castle's open gates on 15 August, when the reigning Prince hosts a public garden party for National Day, followed by fireworks over the valley.
- Taste the Prince's own Pinot Noir at Hofkellerei, one of the smallest wine estates in the world, tucked into the vineyards below the castle.
- Follow the vineyard path that climbs from the town centre toward the castle for the best view back over Vaduz and the Rhine valley.
- Cross into Switzerland or Austria on a bike ride along the flat Rhine valley cycle path, an easy way to see three countries in one afternoon.

Day trips

Vaduz makes a good base for day trips into the mountains and across two borders.

- Gutenberg Castle, in A Balzers about 15 minutes away by car or bus, is a well-preserved hilltop castle with gardens and courtyards open to visitors.
- B Feldkirch, across the border in Austria, is roughly 20 minutes away and has one of the best-preserved medieval old towns in the region, built around its own hilltop castle.
- **Malbun**, roughly 30 minutes by bus or car up into the mountains above C Triesenberg, is Liechtenstein's own ski and hiking resort, with a cable car up to Sareiserjoch and trails along the ridge into Austria.
- D St. Gallen, in Switzerland, is about 45 minutes by train or car and home to the Abbey of St. Gall, a UNESCO World Heritage site with a well-known Baroque library.



Where to explore

Vaduz is one of eleven communes that make up all of Liechtenstein, most of them only a few minutes' drive away.

- Schaan, just north of Vaduz, is the country's largest town and its transport hub, home to Liechtenstein's main railway station.
- Triesen, to the south, is a quieter residential town with easy access to Rhine valley walking and cycling paths.
- Triesenberg, up on the mountainside, is the gateway to Malbun and keeps its own distinct Walser dialect and traditions.
- Balzers, at the southern tip of the country, is home to Gutenberg Castle and some of Liechtenstein's vineyards.

Getting there

- **By air**: The nearest major airport is Zurich Airport (ZRH) in Switzerland, around 115 km away. It takes roughly 1 hour 30 minutes by car, or around 2 hours by train and bus via Sargans or Buchs.
- **By train**: The most useful of Liechtenstein's small stations, Schaan-Vaduz, sits on the Feldkirch-Buchs line. It gets around a dozen regional trains a day each way, connecting to Feldkirch (Austria) and Buchs (Switzerland). From the station it is a short bus or taxi ride into central Vaduz, about 3.5 km away.
- **By bus**: LIEmobil buses run directly into Vaduz's central bus station from Sargans, Buchs, and Feldkirch, connecting there with Swiss and Austrian regional trains.

Getting around

- **Public transit**: LIEmobil buses cover the whole country. Pay the driver directly by cash or card, or buy a ticket through the SBB Mobile or FAIRTIQ app; a day pass covering all zones costs 9 CHF. LIEmobil
- **Taxi / ride-hailing**: Local taxi firms operate in Vaduz; international ride-hailing apps have little to no presence.
- **On foot / cycling**: The town centre is compact and flat, and the Städtle promenade is pedestrian-only, so walking covers most sights easily. A local bike-rental scheme and the Rhine valley cycle path make cycling a practical way to reach neighbouring towns.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The town centre is small, flat, and largely pedestrianised, so almost every sight is a short walk from the next.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The Rhine valley is flat and well suited to cycling, with a local bike-rental scheme and a marked cycle path along the river.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Not for the town itself, since central Vaduz is entirely walkable, but useful for reaching Malbun, Gutenberg Castle, or the wider Rhine valley at your own pace.
- **Parking**: Car parks near Städtle charge by the hour; street parking in the centre is metered and time-limited.
- **Restrictions**: None. There is no congestion charge or low-emission zone in Vaduz.

Food & drink

Vaduz's food scene is small but reflects the Alpine, German-speaking region it sits in. Look for Käsknöpfle, Liechtenstein's national dish of small cheese dumplings topped with fried onions, and Ribel, a slow-cooked cornmeal dish often eaten for breakfast.

For eating out, head to Städtle, Vaduz's pedestrian main street, where most of the town's cafés and restaurants cluster within a few minutes of each other.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Ribel
A cornmeal dish slow-roasted in milk until golden, traditionally eaten with coffee or stewed fruit.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Alpine cheese
Mountain cheeses from Liechtenstein's high alpine dairies, often served as part of a Käseplatte (cheese plate).

DRINKS

Vaduzer Pinot Noir · Vaduzer Beerle
A red wine from the Prince's own Hofkellerei vineyards in Vaduz, one of the smallest wine-growing appellations in the world.

SIGNATURE DISHES

Käsknöpfle
Liechtenstein's national dish: small flour dumplings layered with alpine cheese, topped with fried onions and served with apple purée.

Rösti
Shredded and pan-fried potato cake, a staple side dish shared with neighbouring Switzerland.

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Safety & health

Vaduz is very safe by any standard measure. Violent crime is essentially unheard of, and petty theft is rare outside busy periods like the National Day crowds. Normal precautions, such as keeping an eye on bags at the bus station, are enough.

History

Vaduz takes its name from Vaduz Castle, first built in the 12th century as the seat of local counts. The Liechtenstein family, wealthy Austrian nobles, bought the neighbouring lordship of Schellenberg in 1699

and the county of Vaduz in 1712. The combined territory became the Principality of Liechtenstein in 1719, and it has kept its name and borders unchanged ever since, unusual for Europe.

For over two centuries the ruling princes governed from Vienna and rarely visited, leaving Vaduz a small farming and vineyard town below the castle. That changed in 1938, when *Franz Joseph II* became the first prince to make the castle his full-time home, a tradition the family keeps today. Government buildings like the Regierungsgebäude and, later, the Landtag of the Principality of Liechtenstein followed as Liechtenstein built up its own state institutions through the 20th century. Banking and manufacturing grew alongside them, and today the country is one of the wealthiest per capita in the world.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Liechtenstein at a glance:

CURRENCY
CHF

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY



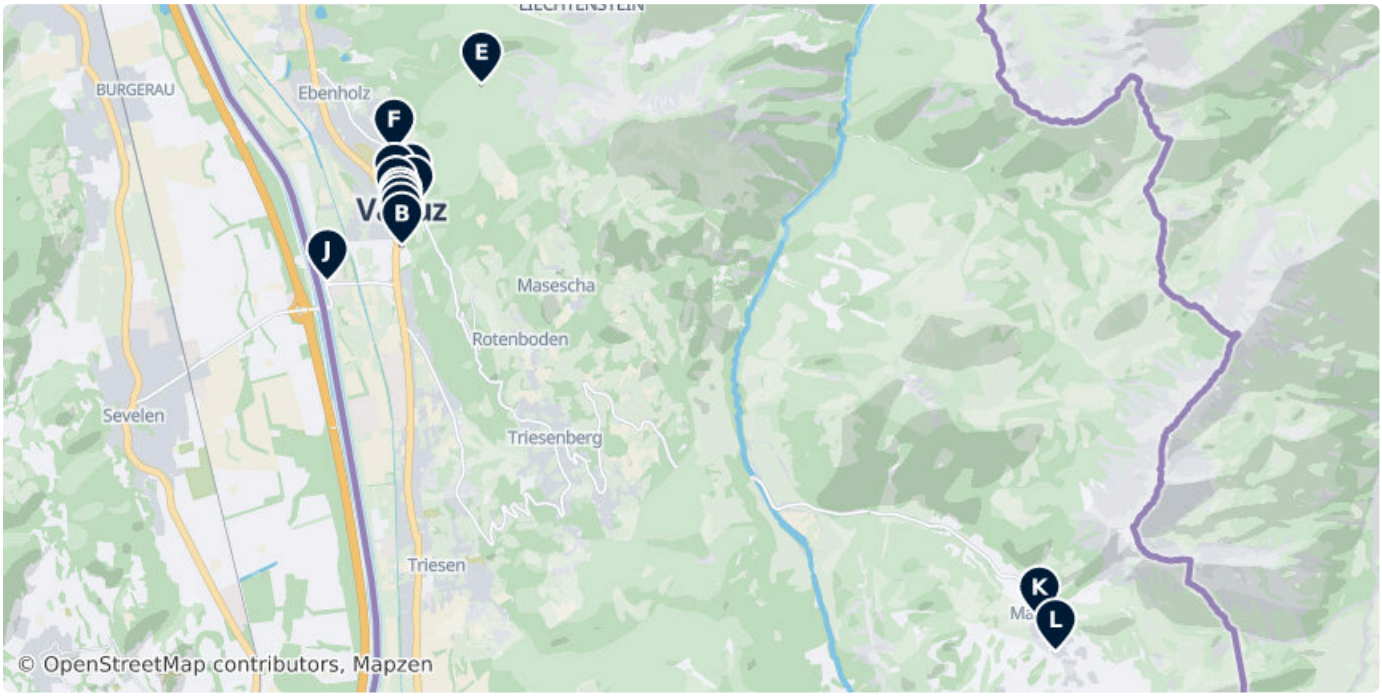
Type C / Type J
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Vaduz Unmissables

Vaduz, the capital of the Principality of Liechtenstein, centers around the Städtle pedestrian area and the iconic Vaduz Castle, the official residence of the Princely Family. The city features a concentration of cultural institutions, including the National Museum and the Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein, housed in a distinctive black basalt building. Architectural highlights range from the neo-Gothic St. Florin Cathedral to the modern Landtag building. Nearby, the alpine resort of Malbun offers high-altitude landscapes, while the historic Alte Rheinbrücke provides a wooden crossing into Switzerland.





A Vaduz Castle

Vaduz Castle is the palace and official residence of the Prince of Liechtenstein.

150 Fürst-Franz-Josef-Strasse, 9490, Liechtenstein
(47.13957, 9.52438)



B Vaduz Cathedral

Vaduz Cathedral, or Cathedral of St. Florin, is a neo-Gothic church in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, and the centre of the Archdiocese of Vaduz.

Sankt Florinsgasse, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein
(47.13621, 9.52289)

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C Liechtenstein National Museum

This museum showcases the history, culture, and natural environment of the principality across three buildings, including a historic 15th-century tavern and a modern extension.

Städtle 43, 9490 Vaduz, LI (47.13814, 9.52271)

Tu	10:00–17:00
We	10:00–20:00
Th–Su	10:00–17:00

landesmuseum.li, +4232396820



D Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein

The Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein is a state art museum in Vaduz, Liechtenstein.

Städtle 32, 9490 Vaduz, LI (47.13950, 9.52211)

Tu–We	10:00–17:00
Th	10:00–20:00
Fr–Su	10:00–17:00

kunstmuseum.li, +423 2350300



E Schalun Castle

Schalun Castle, also known colloquially as Wildschloss, is a castle ruin located in the municipality of Vaduz, Liechtenstein.

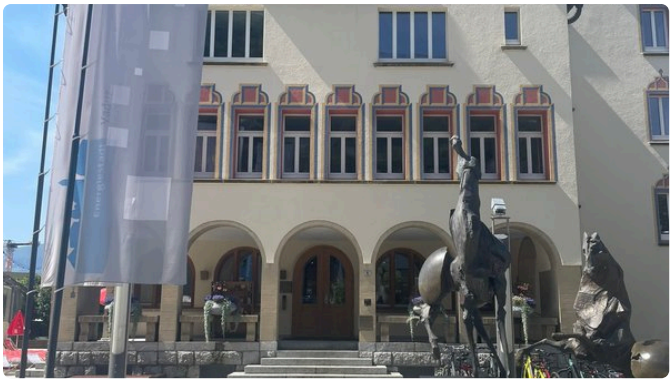
9490, Liechtenstein (47.15091, 9.53355)



F Red House

A late medieval house featuring a prominent red facade, a stepped gable, and a large residential tower. It is situated next to a vineyard and includes a traditional wine press.

Zum Sankt Johanner, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein (47.14480, 9.52182)



G Rathaus Vaduz

Built between 1932 and 1933, the town hall features a distinctive balcony and architectural elements reflecting the town's administrative history.

Städtle, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein (47.14071, 9.52189)

Mo–Fr 08:30–11:30, 14:00–17:00



H Landtag of the Principality of Liechtenstein

The Landtag of the Principality of Liechtenstein is the unicameral parliament of Liechtenstein.

47 Städtle, Vaduz 9490, Liechtenstein (47.13773, 9.52269)

landtag.li



I Government House of Liechtenstein

Constructed between 1903 and 1905 in the Neo-Renaissance style, this building serves as the official seat of the government of Liechtenstein.

Peter-Kaiser-Platz, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein (47.13711, 9.52277)



J Old Rhine Bridge

A 135-meter-long covered wooden bridge built in 1901, spanning the Rhine River to connect Vaduz with Sevelen in Switzerland. It is the last remaining wooden bridge of its kind on the Rhine.

Rheinstrasse, 9490, Liechtenstein (47.13291, 9.51288)

K Falknerei Galina

Located in the alpine village of Malbun, this falconry offers professional flight demonstrations featuring eagles, hawks, falcons, and owls.

Im Malbun, 9497 Triesenberg, Liechtenstein (47.10217, 9.60830)

L Malbun

Liechtenstein's primary winter sports resort, situated at an altitude of 1,600 meters. It features slopes for skiing and snowboarding, as well as hiking trails during the summer.

(47.09919, 9.61048)

bergbahnen.li

M Liechtenstein Center

The official tourist information office where visitors can obtain maps, purchase souvenirs, and receive the official Liechtenstein passport entry stamp.

(47.13846, 9.52267)

Mo–Su 09:00–17:00

N Känzile Viewpoint

A panoramic viewpoint located on the path toward Vaduz Castle, offering clear views over the town, the Rhine Valley, and the Swiss Alps.

Schlossweg, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein (47.14075, 9.52413)

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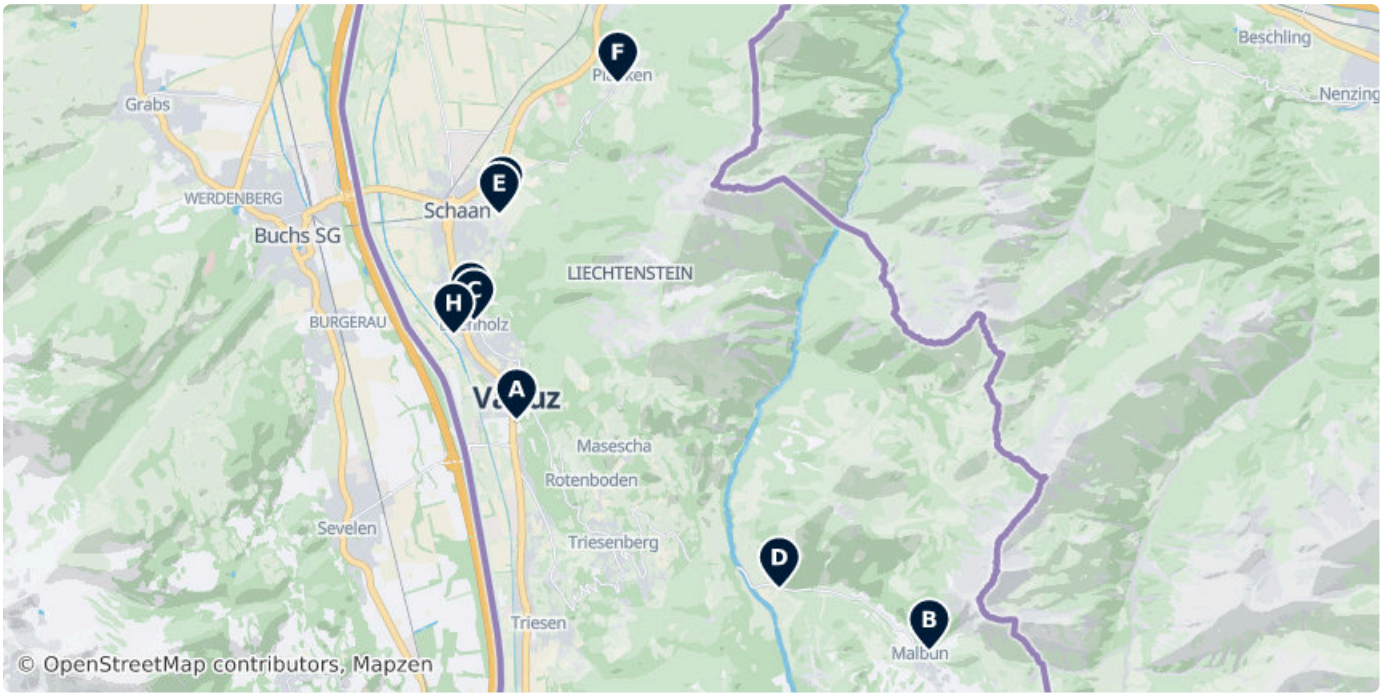
Vaduz Religious Sites

Vaduz and its surrounding districts feature a diverse range of religious architecture, from the neo-Gothic Vaduz Cathedral to secluded mountain chapels. The collection includes the 18th-century Duxkapelle and the 20th-century Kloster St. Elisabeth, home to the Adorers of the Blood of Christ. These sites reflect Liechtenstein's predominantly Catholic heritage while also representing Protestant and Lutheran communities through modern structures like the Johanneskirche and the Evangelische Kirche in Ebenholz.





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(47.13621, 9.52289)

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B Friedenskapelle

A small chapel of peace located in the high-altitude mountain region of Malbun.

30 Turnastrasse, Malbun 9497, Liechtenstein
(47.10298, 9.61031)

C Sankt-Josefs-Kirchlein

A small Catholic chapel situated in the Ebenholz district of Vaduz.

(47.15048, 9.51385)

D Kapelle Steg

Catholic chapel in the mountain settlement of Steg, dedicated to Saint Wendelin and Saint Martin.

(47.11194, 9.57854)

E Duxkapelle

An 18th-century chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows, located near the Dux forest.

(47.16586, 9.51920)

F Sankt Josef

Heritage-listed Catholic chapel located in the municipality of Planken.

(47.18472, 9.54434)

G Evangelische Kirche

Protestant church built between 1962 and 1963, located in the Ebenholz area.

(47.15159, 9.51315)

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H Ev.-Luth. Johanneskirche

Modern Evangelical-Lutheran church completed in 1970, serving the local Lutheran community.

Schaanerstrasse, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein
(47.14857, 9.50957)

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I Kloster St. Elisabeth

Convent of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, founded in 1935 and located in Schaan.

(47.16687, 9.52000)

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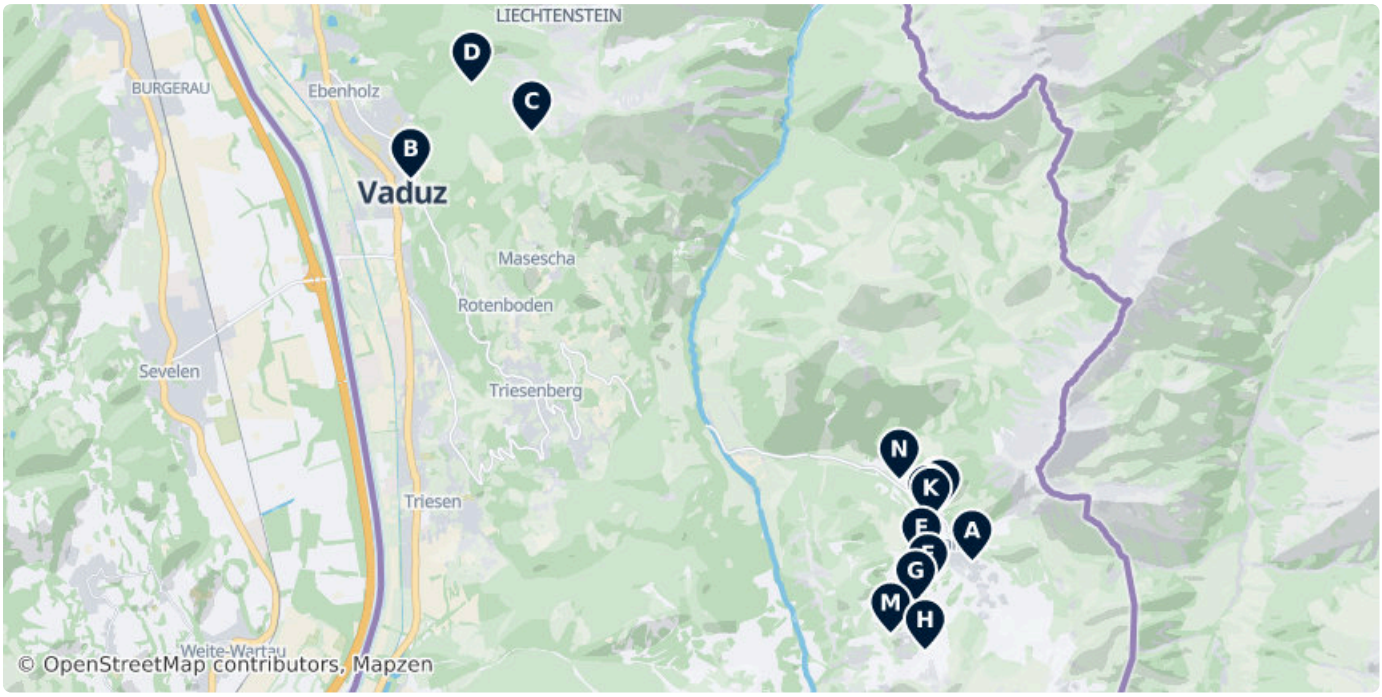
Liechtenstein's Scenic Viewpoints

This collection highlights vantage points across the Liechtenstein Alps, centered around the mountain resort of Malbun and the heights above Vaduz. It includes the Gaflei observation tower at 1,400 meters, which provides panoramic views over the Rhine Valley and the Swiss Alps. The list features several cable car stations and chairlifts that serve as gateways to high-altitude trails, alongside historical sites like the 12th-century Wildschloss ruins overlooking the capital.



A Malbun Sareis Station

Base station for the chairlift system in Liechtenstein's primary mountain resort, serving the Sareis and Hochegg areas.

1 Kurrstrasse, Malbun 9497, Liechtenstein (47.10073, 9.61068)

Mo–Su 09:00–17:00

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B Känzile Viewpoint

Natural rocky viewpoint located along the Fürstensteig trail, offering a direct overlook of Vaduz and the Rhine Valley.

Schlossweg, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein (47.14075, 9.52413)

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C Gaflei Observation Tower

Observation tower situated at 1,400 meters above sea level, providing 360-degree views of the Rätikon massif and the Swiss mountains.

Gafleistrasse, 9490 Triesenberg, Liechtenstein (47.14572, 9.54279)

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D Wildschloss

Also known as Schalun Castle, these 12th-century medieval ruins sit on a rocky plateau overlooking the capital.

Wildschlossweg, 9490 Vaduz, Liechtenstein (47.15085, 9.53355)

E A - Hochegg

Four-seater chairlift connecting the village of Malbun to the Hochegg ridge for hiking and skiing access.

9497, Liechtenstein (47.10100, 9.60287)

F B - Täli

High-speed chairlift equipped with weather protection bubbles and heated seats, serving the Täli ski area.

9497, Liechtenstein (47.09826, 9.60386)

G Hochegg

Upper terminal of the Hochegg chairlift, serving as a starting point for ridge walks toward the Augstenberg peak.

Pradameestrasse, 9497 Vaduz, Liechtenstein (47.09650, 9.60197)

H Täli

Mountain station in the Täli valley, providing access to intermediate alpine hiking routes and ski slopes.

(47.09134, 9.60342)

I Malbun

Valley station for the mountain lift system within the Malbun alpine basin.

(47.10550, 9.60377)

J Malbun

Central transport terminal for the Malbun mountain transport network and local ski infrastructure.

(47.10619, 9.60545)

K Malbun

Lower station for the local lift infrastructure serving the northern slopes of the Malbun resort.

(47.10517, 9.60429)

L Malbun

Departure point for the Malbun-Sareis chairlift, connecting the village to the Sareiserjoch ridge at 2,000 meters.

(47.10609, 9.60578)

M Nospitz

Alpine summit reaching an elevation of 2,091 meters in the Rätikon range near the Austrian border.

9497, Liechtenstein (47.09314, 9.59812)

N Schneeflucht

Lift station serving the beginner-friendly slopes and local walking paths on the northern edge of Malbun.

(47.10924, 9.59945)

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