

Winterthur

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TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Winterthur is Switzerland's sixth-largest city, about 20 minutes from Zurich. It has a car-free old town with long shopping streets, and a long industrial past. Today it is known for its museums.

The city has more museums than most towns of its size. Castles lie on the hills around it. Winterthur suits a day trip from Zurich or a calm stay.

When to visit

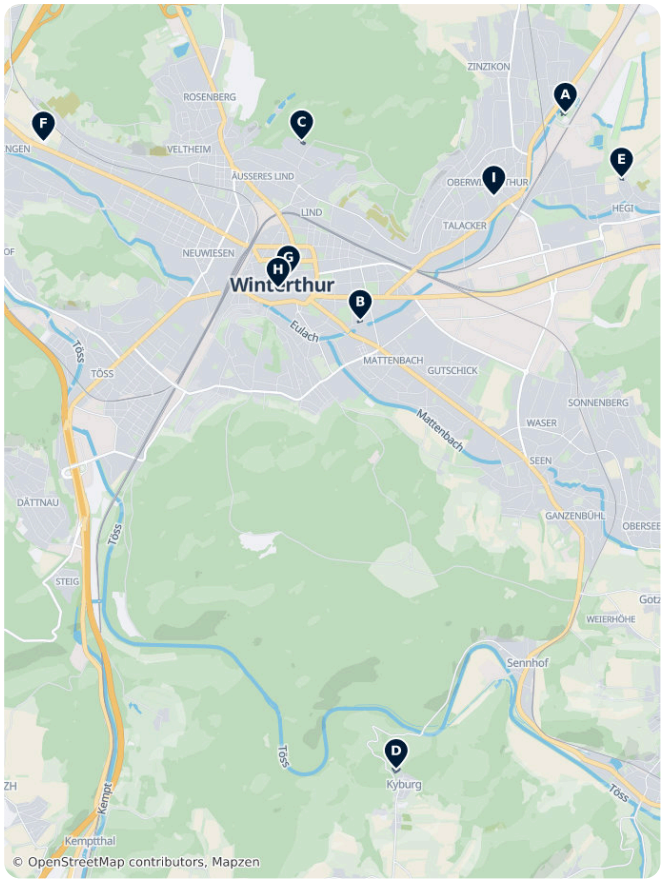
May to September is the best time for the old town, parks and castle walks. Summer is warm. Autumn is mild. Winter is cold and often grey, but museums are open all year. Rain can fall at any time.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 10° Feels like -1°	-3° / -10°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for sightseeing	5° / 13° Feels like 1°	-2° / -11°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 18° Feels like 6°	1° / -5°	14 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 22° Feels like 11°	5° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25°	9° / 4°	18 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 29°	13° / 8°	18 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 29°	15° / 10°	18 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 30°	15° / 10°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 26°	11° / 5°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	15° / 22°	7° / 1°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 16° Feels like 5°	2° / -5°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for sightseeing	4° / 11° Feels like 0°	-1° / -9°	15 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

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

Top sights

- A Technorama is a large science centre with hands-on experiments. It is a good choice for families.
- B Fotomuseum Winterthur shows photography and has changing exhibitions.
- C Sammlung Oskar Reinhart Am Römerholz is a villa with a private collection of paintings.
- D Schloss Kyburg is a medieval castle on a hill south-east of the city. It has views and a small museum.
- E Schloss Hegi is a moated castle in the east of the city.
- F Schloss Wülflingen is a castle in the north-west.
- G Rathaus and H Stadtkirche stand in the old town.
- I Kastell Vitudurum is the site of a Roman fort.



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What to experience

- Walk the old town and its shopping streets.
- Visit a museum on a wet day.
- Walk or cycle to a castle on a nearby hill.
- Hike in the woods above the city.
- Take a trip to the Rhine Falls.

Day trips

- Zurich is about 20 minutes away by train and is the main base for most visitors.
- Schaffhausen and the Rhine Falls are about 40 minutes away.
- Stein am Rhein is a small town with painted houses, about 1 hour away.

Getting there

- By air: Zurich Airport is the nearest main airport. Trains take about 20 minutes.
- By train: Winterthur is a major rail junction. Check times on SBB.
- The station is next to the old town.

Getting around

- The old town is flat and car-free.
- City buses and trolleybuses reach the museums and castles.
- The city is easy to cycle. Bikes can be rented at the station.
- Use the bus for Schloss Kyburg.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town is flat and car-free. Some museums and castles lie a bus ride away.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The town has many bike lanes. Paths lead out to the hills and castles.

Driving

- A car is not needed in the old town, which is car-free.
- The city has several car parks near the centre.
- A car helps for the castles, but buses also reach them.

Food & drink

Winterthur has many cafés and restaurants in the old town. Try rösti, Zürcher Geschnetzeltes and cheese dishes. The city has a lively cultural and music scene, with festivals in summer.

People speak German. 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

- Winterthur is very safe.
- Watch your bags at the station and on crowded trains.
- Tap water is safe to drink.
- Watch for cyclists in the old town.

History

The Romans built a small fort at Vitudurum, near today's city. The medieval town grew under the Kyburg counts and later the Habsburgs. The city then came under Zurich.

In the 19th century Winterthur became an industrial centre. Machine makers and textile firms grew here. Some old industrial sites are now museums and cultural centres.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Switzerland at a glance:

CURRENCY
CHF CHF

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY



Type C / Type J
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German, French, Italian, Romansh

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Winterthur Essentials

Winterthur is a significant cultural center defined by its diverse museums and historical architecture. This selection features the interactive Swiss Science Center Technorama and the medieval Kyburg Castle overlooking the Töss river. Art enthusiasts can explore the world-renowned Oskar Reinhart collections and Post-Impressionist works at Villa Flora. The city's history is further represented by the Roman ruins of Vitudurum, the Renaissance-style Rathaus, and the unique sandstone formations of Chöpfi.





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Mo–Su 10:00–17:00

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D Fotomuseum Winterthur

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Grüzenstrasse 44, 8400 Winterthur (47.49626, 8.73890)

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E Kunst Museum Winterthur / Reinhart am Stadtgarten

This museum houses German, Swiss, and Austrian art from the 18th to the 20th century, featuring significant works from the Romantic and Realist periods.

Stadthausstrasse 6, 8400 Winterthur, CH (47.50046, 8.72901)

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F Rathaus

The Renaissance-style town hall serves as the seat of the Grand City Council and houses the Museum Briner+Kern, which displays 17th-century Dutch and Flemish paintings.

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G Wülflingen Castle

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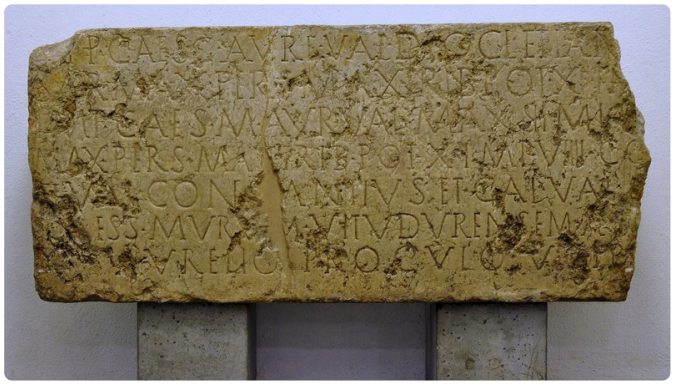
I Villa Flora

The former residence of collectors Hedy and Arthur Hahnloser-Bühler, this museum displays French Post-Impressionist and Swiss Modernist art in an early 20th-century villa.

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Chöpfi

A distinctive sandstone rock formation and geological outcrop on the Wolfensberg hill, providing a natural viewpoint overlooking the city.

8408, Switzerland (47.51661, 8.70029)

Winterthur's Best Sights

Winterthur serves as a major cultural hub in Switzerland, home to the Swiss Science Center Technorama's interactive experiments and the world-class Oskar Reinhart art collections. The city's heritage is preserved through a ring of historic fortifications, including the 12th-century Kyburg Castle and the Roman ruins of Vitudurum. Specialized institutions like the Fotomuseum Winterthur and the Kellenberger Clock Collection highlight specific artistic and technical traditions, while viewpoints like the Eschenbergturm offer vistas over the Töss Valley.





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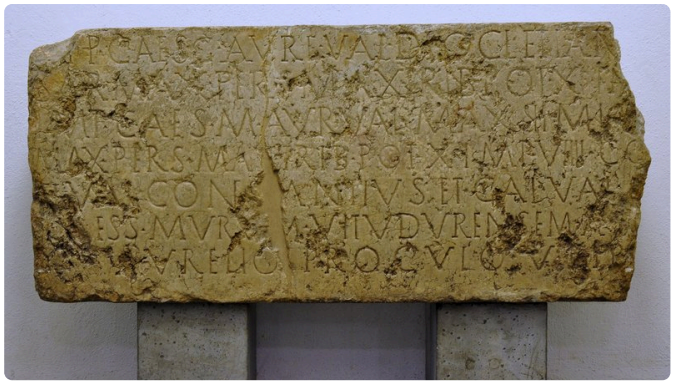


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I Uhrensammlung Kellenberger

Housed within the Museum of Applied Arts and Design, this collection features historical timepieces ranging from iron clocks and sundials to precision chronometers and pocket watches.

8400 (47.49907, 8.72954)

Tu–Su 10:00–17:00, 10:00–20:00



J Schloss Mörsburg

A medieval hilltop castle featuring a late-Gothic residential tower, a chapel with 14th-century frescoes, and a collection of historical weapons and furniture.

Mörsburgstrasse, 8404 Winterthur, Switzerland (47.53993, 8.76874)

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K Chöpfi

A distinctive sandstone rock formation on the southern slope of the Wolfensberg, offering a natural vantage point overlooking the city and the surrounding landscape.

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L Kunsthalle Winterthur

Situated in the historic Waaghaus in the Old Town, this venue hosts rotating exhibitions of contemporary art, focusing on emerging international and Swiss artists.

Marktgasse 25, 8400 Winterthur (47.49955, 8.72903)

Mo–Tu	Closed
We–Fr	12:00–18:00
Sa–Su	12:00–16:00

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M Alt-Wülflingen Castle

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8408, Switzerland (47.49991, 8.68808)



N Schloss Wiesendangen

A 12th-century medieval residential tower located in the municipality of Wiesendangen, representing a well-preserved example of regional noble architecture.

(47.52057, 8.78850)

Mo–Su	14:00–17:00

wiesendangen.ch/de/kulturfreizeit/museum/

Eschenbergturm

A 30-meter-tall steel observation tower built in 1889 on the Eschenberg hill, providing panoramic views of the Alps, the Black Forest, and the city.

(47.48106, 8.73494)

Historic Castles and Ruins

This collection spans two millennia of history in the Winterthur region, from the Roman vicus of Vitudurum to medieval strongholds. It includes well-preserved sites like Kyburg Castle, which houses a museum overlooking the Töss river, and Hegi Castle, a late-Gothic manor. Visitors can explore archaeological ruins such as the 13th-century Alt-Wülflingen, the former Augustinian monastery at Berenberg, and the remains of the Rossberg hilltop fortress.





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D Ruine Kloster Berenberg

Ruins of the Mariazell am Beerenberg Augustinian monastery, located on the eastern slope of the Beerenberg hill.

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Medieval hilltop castle northeast of Winterthur, featuring a late Romanesque residential tower and a chapel with 13th-century murals.

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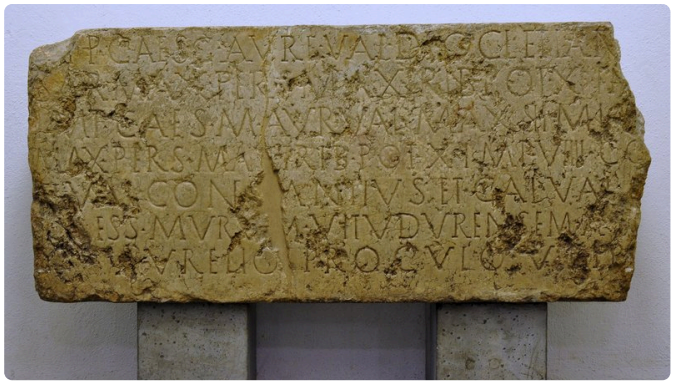
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A 12th-century residential tower that historically served as a seat for local nobility.

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I Burg Rossberg

Archaeological remains of a medieval hilltop castle situated south of Winterthur near the Rossberg hamlet.

8310, Switzerland (47.45563, 8.70844)

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