

Yverdon-les-Bains

Canton of Vaud · Switzerland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Yverdon-les-Bains is a town at the southern end of Lake Neuchâtel, in the Swiss canton of Vaud. It has a castle, a spa and a lakefront. The town is known for its hot springs, which have been used since Roman times.

Yverdon is calm, with a pleasant old town. It is a good stop between Lausanne and Neuchâtel, and a base for the Jura hills.

When to visit

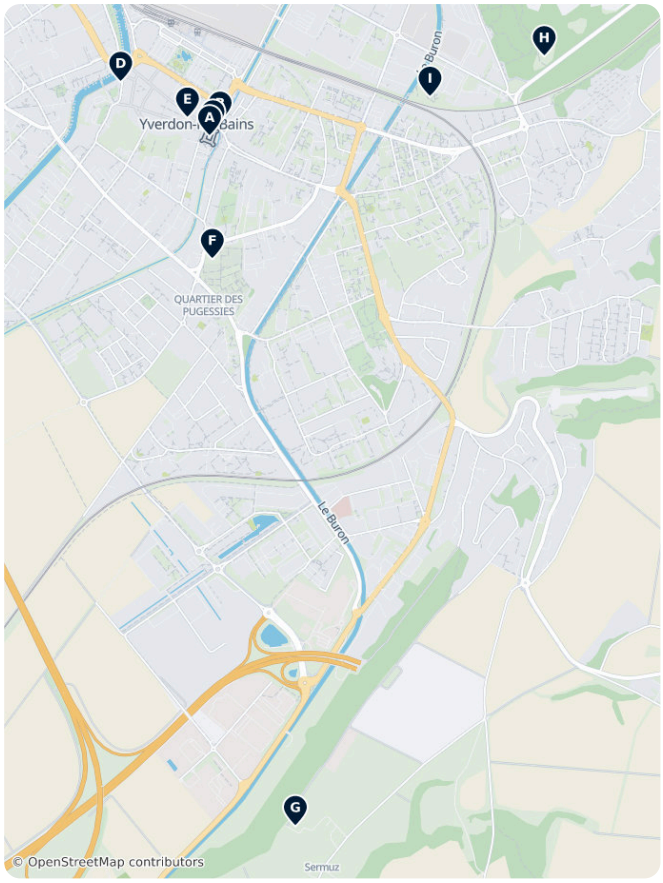
May to September is best for the lake, the beach and cycling. Spring and autumn are mild. Winter is cool and grey, but the spa is a draw in any season.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	4° / 10° Feels like 0°	-1° / -9°	13 rainy days · Dry air
February	Poor Poor for watersports	6° / 13° Feels like 1°	-1° / -10°	12 rainy days · Dry air
March	Fair Fair for cycling	10° / 17° Feels like 6°	2° / -4°	13 rainy days · Dry air
April	Good Good for cycling	14° / 21° Feels like 11°	5° / -1°	13 rainy days · Dry air
May	Good Good for sightseeing	18° / 25°	10° / 4°	17 rainy days · Dry air
June	Good Good for sightseeing	22° / 29°	14° / 8°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	15° / 10°	16 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 32°	15° / 10°	14 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 27°	11° / 6°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
October	Good Good for cycling	16° / 23°	8° / 2°	13 rainy days · Dry air
November	Fair Fair for cycling	9° / 17° Feels like 6°	3° / -4°	14 rainy days · Dry air
December	Poor Poor for watersports	5° / 11° Feels like 1°	0° / -8°	14 rainy days · Dry air

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

Top sights

- A Château d'Yverdon is a castle built in the 13th century, now with museums.
- B Maison d'Ailleurs is a museum of science fiction and utopias.
- C Musée d'Yverdon et région shows the history of the town and region.
- D Musée suisse de la Mode shows the history of fashion.
- E Temple d'Yverdon is the main Protestant church on the old square.
- F Castrum Romain Eburodunum is the remains of a Roman fort.
- G Oppidum de Sermuz is the site of a Celtic hill town.
- H Menhirs de Clendy are large prehistoric standing stones near the lake.
- I Jardins du coeur is a garden in the town.



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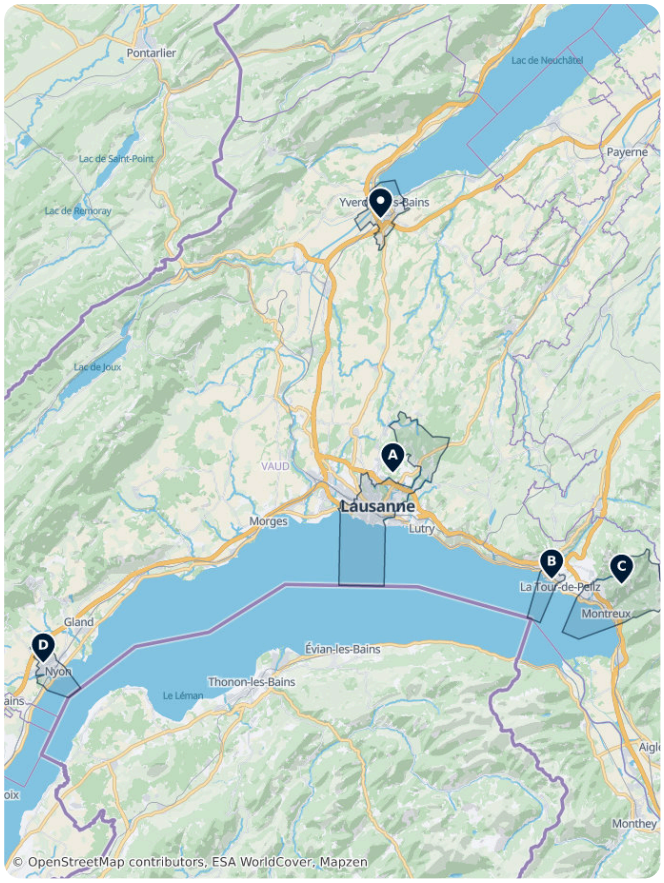
What to experience

- Soak in the thermal baths.
- Visit the castle and its museums.
- Walk or cycle along the lake.
- Swim at the lake beach in summer.
- Take a boat on Lake Neuchâtel.

Day trips

- A Lausanne is about 40 minutes away by train.
- Neuchâtel is a lakeside town, about 30 minutes away.
- Grandson has a castle on the lake, nearby.
- B Vevey and C Montreux are on Lake Geneva, about 1 hour 15 minutes away.
- D Nyon is on Lake Geneva.



Where to explore

- Lausanne is the nearest large city in the same canton.
- Vevey, Montreux and Nyon are other Vaud towns.

Getting there

- By air: Geneva is the main airport, about 1 hour 15 minutes away by train.
- By train: Yverdon is on the line between Lausanne and Neuchâtel. Check times on SBB.
- The station is a short walk from the old town.

Getting around

- The old town and lakefront are small and easy to walk.
- Local buses serve the spa and suburbs.
- Bike paths run along the lake.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The old town and lakefront are flat and compact.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

High

The terrain is flat. Lakeside paths are good.

Driving

- A car is not needed in the town.
- Parking in the centre is paid.
- The A1 motorway passes close by.

Food & drink

Try lake fish, such as perch, and local cheese. The Vaud region is known for white wine and for papet vaudois, a leek and sausage dish. The old town has many cafés.

People speak French. English is understood in hotels.

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

- Yverdon is very safe.
- The thermal baths are hot. Follow time limits.
- Lake water is cold in spring.
- Tap water is safe to drink.

History

The area was a Celtic and later Roman settlement, known as Eburodunum. The hot springs have been used for bathing since then. In the 13th century, a castle was built by the Duke of Savoy.

In the early 19th century, the educator Johann Heinrich Pestalozzi ran a famous school in the castle. The spa opened in the 18th century and grew into a modern resort.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Switzerland at a glance:

CURRENCY
CHF CHF

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY



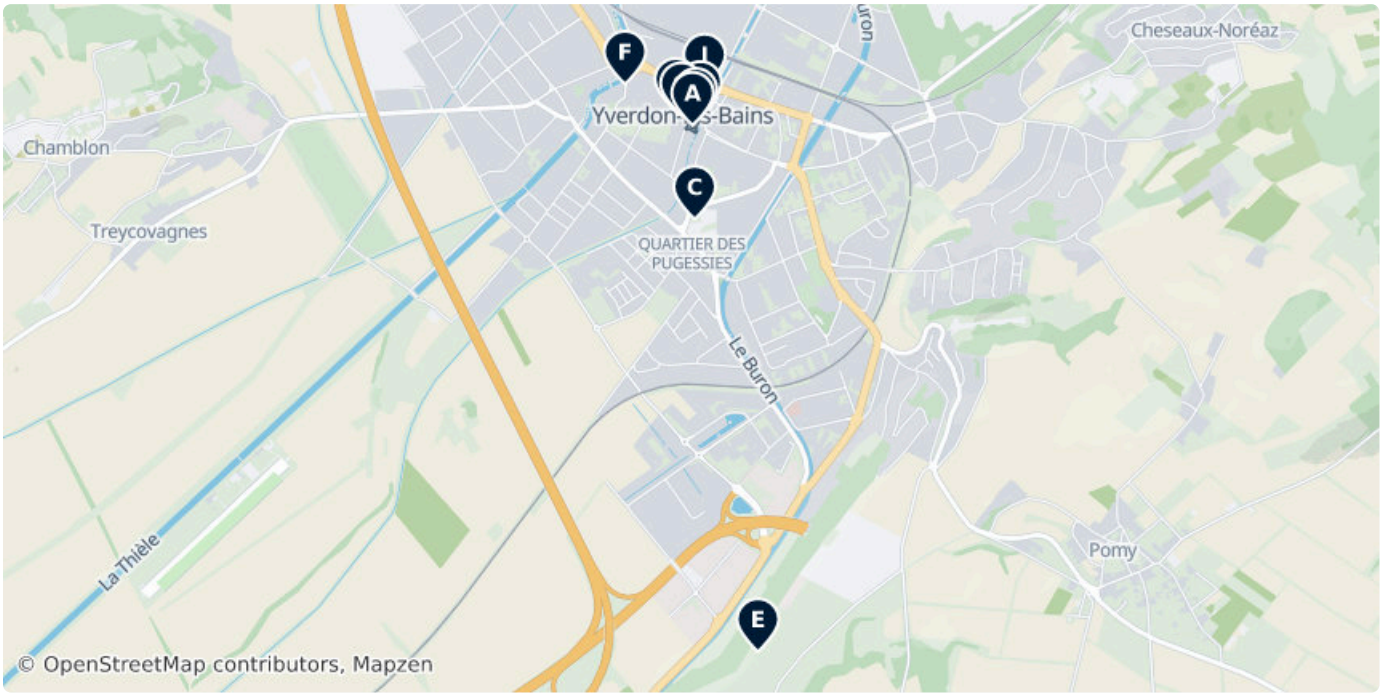
Type C / Type J
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German, French, Italian, Romansh

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Yverdon-les-Bains Essentials

Explore Yverdon-les-Bains' rich history through its Roman ruins at Eburodunum and the medieval Yverdon-les-Bains Castle. The town center features the 18th-century Temple d'Yverdon and the unique Maison d'Ailleurs, a museum dedicated to science fiction and utopia. Cultural highlights include the Swiss Fashion Museum, housing over 5,000 haute-couture garments, and the historic Théâtre Benno Besson. This selection highlights the architectural diversity and archaeological significance of this lakeside Swiss town.



A Yverdon-les-Bains Castle

Yverdon-les-Bains Castle is a castle in the municipality of Yverdon-les-Bains of the Canton of Vaud in Switzerland.

Place Pestalozzi, Yverdon-les-Bains 1400, Switzerland
(46.77822, 6.64150)

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B House of Elsewhere

The Maison d'Ailleurs is a museum of science fiction, utopia and extraordinary journeys in Yverdon-les-Bains.

Place Pestalozzi 14, 1400 Yverdon-les-Bains, CH
(46.77866, 6.64198)

Tu–Su 11:00–18:00

ailleurs.ch, +41 24 425 64 38

C Castrum Romain Eburodunum

Archaeological remains of a Celtic oppidum and a Gallo-Roman vicus, reflecting the ancient Roman origins of the town.

72 Rue du Valentin, Yverdon-les-Bains 1400, Switzerland
(46.77442, 6.64163)

castrum-yverdon.ch

D Temple d'Yverdon

An 18th-century Protestant church located on Place Pestalozzi, featuring a prominent Baroque facade and historic pipe organs.

6 Rue du Milieu, Yverdon-les-Bains 1400, Switzerland
(46.77879, 6.64051)

E Oppidum de Sermuz

A significant archaeological site featuring the remains of a Celtic fortification dating back to the Iron Age.

7 Chemin du Rempart, 1412, Switzerland (46.75688, 6.64537)

F Swiss Fashion Museum

This museum is a gem for all fashion lovers as rare collection of more than 5000 haute-couture garments are on display.

Rue des Casernes 2, 1400 Yverdon-les-Bains, Switzerland (46.77989, 6.63750)

museemode.ch, +41 24 426 31 64

G Marché d'Yverdon-les-Bains

A traditional open-air market held in the historic center, featuring local produce, regional specialties, and artisanal goods.

Place Pestalozzi, 1400 Yverdon-les-Bains (46.77861, 6.64084)

Sa 08:00–12:00

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H L'Echandole

An intimate performance space situated within the historic vaulted cellars of the Yverdon-les-Bains Castle.

Château, 1400 Yverdon-les-Bains, CH (46.77838, 6.64170)

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I Théâtre Benno Besson

A professional theater built in 1898, named after the renowned Swiss director Benno Besson, hosting a variety of stage productions and concerts.

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