

LAKE CONSTANCE HIGHLIGHTS



View to Constance (CH/DE)

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Itinerary

With this tour, you enjoy the highlights of Lake Constance with the Early Medieval Romanesque churches on Reichenau Island and the sumptuous blossom on the Mainau Island as well as the Lake Dwelling Museum in Unteruhldingen, the oldest open-air stone-age museum in Europe. It also includes the old castle in Meersburg and a guided tour in which you discover the historic island city of Lindau and its sights. From the top of the Pfänder in Bregenz or from Säntis over the Schwägalp Pass, you can see between four and six countries. Close to Bregenz you can experience a fascinating historical cruising tour that starts at the small city of Hard before you visit the impressive Treasure Chamber of the Principality of Liechtenstein, a unique experience in the Alps. To round off the tour, you visit one of the largest and oldest abbey libraries in the world, the abbey library of St.Gallen, and marvel at the Rhine Falls in Schaffhausen, Europe's largest waterfall.

Must sees



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1 Monastic Island of Reichenau UNESCO World Heritage | Germany

The three Romanesque churches on the island are a perfect example of Early Medieval architecture in Central Europe. The meticulously restored murals emphasise Reichenau's role as an "artistic centre of considerable significance for European art history of the 10th and 11th centuries".

Experience time: 2-4 hours
www.reichenau-tourismus.de



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2 Mainau Island | Germany

Sumptuous blossom, a park with a stand of trees over 150 years old, the baroque splendour of churches and palace complexes, one of the largest butterfly houses in Germany, the Mainau-Kinderland children's play area as well as noble and cultural festivals – that is the island of Mainau.

Experience time: 2-4 hours
www.mainau.de



3 Lake Dwelling Museum Unteruhldingen | Germany

The oldest open-air stone-age museum in Europe. In the reconstructed pile dwellings, the early history of Lake Constance is brought to life. You will be enthralled by the 23 reconstructed houses from the Stone Age and Bronze Age 3000-6000 years ago.

Experience time: 1-2 hours
www.pfahlbauten.com



4 Old Castle in Meersburg | Germany

The walls of Meersburg, the oldest inhabited castle in Germany, have so much to tell, not only of peaceful, courtly times but also of sieges and military confrontations. Visitors can explore these times in a clearly explained visit through more than 30 furnished rooms of the castle museum.

Experience time: 2 hours
www.burg-meersburg.de



5 Discover the island of Lindau | Germany

The best way to explore the historic island city is with a guided tour. The knowledgeable guides take you on an interesting and humorous journey through the history of Lindau. Visit the winding streets and admire the splendid mansions with their frescos.

Experience time: 2 hours
www.lindau.de



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6 Pfänder Bregenz | Austria

With its unique panorama over the entire lake, the Pfänder (1,064 m) is the most famous vantage point in the region. Whether you are exploring the Alpine Wildlife Park or simply enjoying the view from the restaurant terrace, a day spent on the Pfänder is unforgettable!

Experience time: 3-6 hours
www.pfaenderbahn.at



7 Historic Cruising Experience | Austria

The "Art Deco" motor ship Austria and the "Art Nouveau" paddle steamer Hohentwiel are two historic passenger vessels that carry on the tradition of navigation on Lake Constance from the Belle Époque to the Golden Twenties. This is a special cruising adventure for all ages.

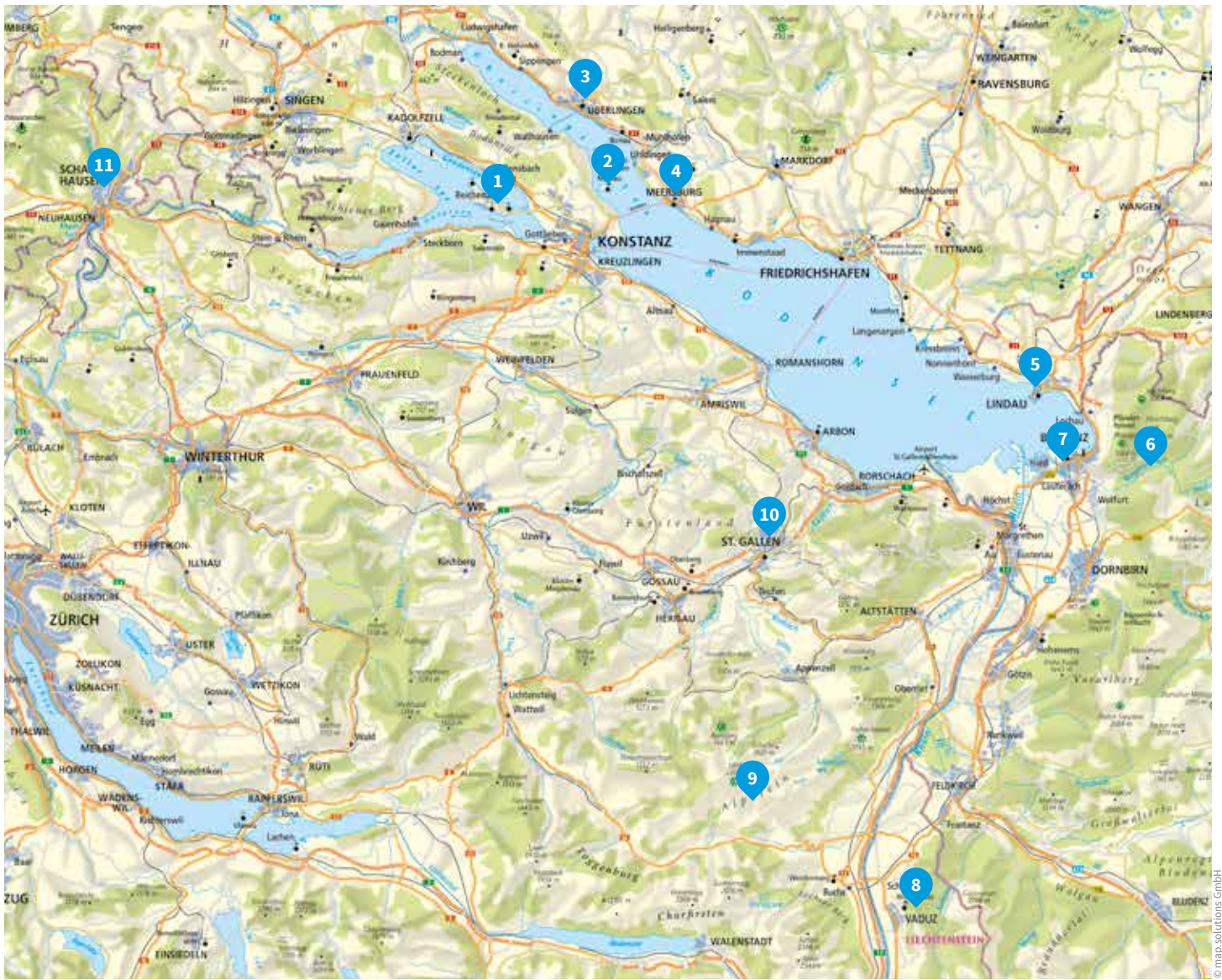
Experience time: 2-4 hours
www.hohentwiel.com



8 Treasure Chamber of the Principality of Liechtenstein | Principality of Liechtenstein

The Treasure Chamber of the Principality of Liechtenstein in Vaduz, the only museum of its kind in the Alps, focuses primarily on exhibits belonging to the Princes of Liechtenstein and other private collectors.

Experience time: 1 hour
www.tourismus.li



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9 Säntis Schwägalp | Switzerland

The view from the summit of Säntis stretches over six countries. There are no bounds to what you can do on Säntis and the Schwägalp Pass: two panoramic restaurants, viewing halls, sun terraces, the Appenzeller event hall, the Schwägalp/ Säntis nature adventure park and much more besides.

Experience time: 3-4 hours

www.saentisbahn.ch



10 St.Gallen abbey library – UNESCO World Heritage | Switzerland

Built in 1755, the abbey library is one of the largest and oldest abbey libraries in the world. With its rich mouldings and the soft curves of the wooden balconies, the staggering rococo hall is home to some 150,000 tomes.

Experience time: 2 hours

www.stibi.ch



11 Rhine Falls Schaffhausen | Switzerland

The largest waterfall in Europe offers an amazing spectacle. Up to 700,000 litres of roaring water tumble over a ledge some 23 metres high and 150 metres wide.

Experience time: 1-2 hours

www.rheinfall.ch

FACTS & TIPS

Countries

Germany, Austria, Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein

Appropriate for

Individual travelling and group travelling

Duration

6-7 days

Overnight stays

5-6 nights

Recommended season

Spring, summer, autumn, winter

Travel information

The transfer between the different stages can be undertaken with your own car/coach or by public transport (rail, bus and in places boat).

This tour acts as an inspiration for your stay at Lake Constance.

More detailed information about this tour:
www.bodensee.eu/trade/sales-guide

