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Gastronomy in Zürich

On Zürich's dining scene, creative ideas are implemented swiftly and effectively. The entire world of cuisine is at home here. Every quarter has its own culinary highlights, be it the wine selection at an old town wine tavern, the traditional veal specialty, "Zürcher Geschnetzeltes", in one of the city's time-honored guild houses, trendy cuisine tucked away within former factory walls, experiential dining high above the rooftops of Zürich, or gourmet menus by the water. Moreover, with one outlet for every 180 inhabitants, Zürich boasts an extremely high concentration of restaurants.

Eating Times

In Zürich, people eat relatively early. The restaurants are well frequented at lunchtime between noon and 1.00 pm, and in the evenings between 7.00 pm and 8.00 pm. A reservation is recommended if you want to be sure of getting a table. Hot meals are generally available between 11.00 am and 2.00 pm, and between 6.00 pm and 10.30 pm.

Other Venues

The following addresses are just a small selection of the multitude of bars and restaurants in Zürich. Further details of recommended establishments can be found on our website at www.zuerich.com under "Eating & Drinking".

Some Addresses to Note

Zürich cafés: from Italian espresso to Sunday brunch

The Café Sprüngli on Paradeplatz is famous far and wide, not only for its traditional Luxemburgerli – an exquisite specialty confection similar to French macarons and available in a variety of delicious flavors – but also for its wonderful breakfast meal of freshly prepared Swiss muesli. At the Café Balthazar, guests can take in the bustling ambience of the Bahnhofstrasse, while over breakfast at the Café Wühre they can enjoy a magnificent view of the Old Town and the Limmat River. On the other side of the river is the cozy Café Schoffel, which opens its garden terrace in summer. And at the Café Walthi, party lovers who have danced through the night and slept through breakfast at their hotel will be served breakfast at a time when most other places are washing up after evening dinner. Felix Café located on Bellevue is operated by the Teuscher company, famous for its champagne truffles. With an equally exquisite range as that offered by the Felix Café, Café Schober situated on Napfgasse in Zürich's Old Town. And the la Stanza near Paradeplatz will make you feel like you're in Rome with their authentic Italian coffee. The trendy establishments Zum Guten Glück and Kafischnaps, which offer the perfect combination of a café, bar and guesthouse, are also very popular. By the way: numerous Zürich cafés and restaurants offer Sunday brunch.

Café Balthazar, Bahnhofstrasse 104, 8001 Zürich

Café Schober, Napfgasse 4, 8001 Zürich

Café Schoffel, Schoffelgasse 7, 8001 Zürich

Café Sprüngli, Bahnhofstrasse 21, 8001 Zürich

Café Walthi, Schoffelgasse 3, 8001 Zürich

Café Wühre, Wühre 1, 8001 Zürich

Felix Café am Bellevue, Bellevueplatz 5, 8001 Zürich

Gasthaus Zum Guten Glück, Stationsstrasse 7, 8003 Zürich

Kafischnaps, Kornhausstrasse 57, 8037 Zürich

La Stanza, Bleicherweg 10, 8002 Zürich

Fully in Trend – Cuisine within Former Factory Walls

In the former industrial district of Zürich-West, innovative entrepreneurs have put the huge empty spaces left behind by the factories to good use. This trendy quarter is home to gastronomic establishments tucked away behind former factory walls; bizarre combinations of old and new create all kinds of overwhelming ambiances. Here, hip bars rub shoulders with gourmet temples. The Les Halles, once a Peugeot garage, accommodates a restaurant complete with organic food store. This is not to be confused with LaSalle in the Schiffbau, with its sophisticated architectural design; this restaurant is located in a glass cube and is frequented by both culture vultures and local VIPs. Current hot spots are also the Rosso, which appeals by its simplicity, and the Angkor, which serves Asian specialties in what used to be a foundry hall. From Zürich-West to the southern part of the city: in 2007, the brand new district of Sihlcity opened on the site of what was once the Sihl paper factory. At its center is the former paper finishing building, dating from 1911, which now houses the Rüsterei restaurant. Here, industrial charm merges with contemporary design. The interior is the work of Swiss designer, Heinz Julen. The entire range of culinary facilities are united under one roof – an elegant restaurant, bar, café-bar, take-out, event venue, specialty store and wine shop. Just a short distance away, the Juan Costa restaurant in the former Hürlimann brewery is the perfect place to pamper both body and soul; its summer terrace is deemed an insider tip. In the east of the city, in Zürich-Oerlikon, the Giesserei restaurant recalls bygone days when the building served as an iron foundry. Here, guests can choose three different starters and main courses from a selection of meat, fish and vegetables.

Angkor, Puls 5, Giessereistrasse 18, 8005 Zürich

Giesserei, Birchstrasse 108, 8050 Zürich

Juan Costa at Hürlimannplatz, Brandschenkestrasse 130, 8002 Zürich

LaSalle, Schiffbaustrasse 4, 8005 Zürich

Les Halles, Pfingstweidstrasse 6, 8005 Zürich

Rosso, Geroldstrasse 31, 8005 Zürich

Rüsterei, Kalandersplatz 6, 8002 Zürich

Typical Zürich: from Old Town taverns to trendy establishments

None other than Goethe enjoyed a drink at Kaiser's Reblau, tucked away in the Old Town, with the result that it is popularly referred to as the "Goethe-Stübli". These days, in this historical establishment dating from 1260, Peter Brunner offers his guests innovative and imaginative cuisine. You can also eat within ancient Old Town walls at, for example, the Lindenhofkeller – renowned for its meat dishes – and the Münsterhöfli, where guests can even dine below a 13th century picture of the "Garden of Love". Also set in the heart of the Old Town,

the Johanniter restaurant treats guests to hearty fare. On Augustinergasse, a narrow street lined with picturesque oriel windows, the stylish restaurant, Tao's, invites visitors to enjoy its Asian flair and inventive haute cuisine. Good places to eat in the student quarter are the Palmhof, with its simple, easy-going ambiance, and the Wien Turin, which takes guests on a culinary journey through Austria, South Tyrol and Piedmont.

The place in which to see and be seen is the Terrasse at Bellevue; this history-steeped locale is characterized by its round room with high windows and large chandelier. In the restaurant Seidenspinner the sun shines whatever the weather, thanks to the installations by multimedia artist, Ugo Rondinone, sculpted from thousands of mirror fragments. There is one establishment in Zürich where the appearance of the food is totally immaterial; at the Blindekuh everything takes place in complete darkness. This restaurant is run by blind people and is the first of its kind in the world. Nearby, in the converted Tiefenbrunnen mill, the Blaue Ente stands out as a result of its design and good, contemporary bistro cuisine. Another fashionable venue is the Kafischnaps, abounding in genuine Swiss charm, where young entrepreneurs aim to reintroduce the trend of "back to the basics". However, the two recently opened restaurants / bars Helvti and Volkshaus also have charm with stylish furnishings and good food. And the best bratwurst in town can be found at the Vorderer Sternen snack bar, which is equally popular among bankers and street artists alike.

Blaue Ente, Seefeldstrasse 223, 8008 Zürich
Blindekuh, Mühlebachstrasse 148, 8008 Zürich
Helvetia, Stauffacherquai 1, 8004 Zürich
Johanniter, Niederdorfstrasse 70, 8001 Zürich
Kafischnaps, Kornhausstrasse 57, 8006 Zürich
Kaiser's Reblaube, Glockengasse 7, 8001 Zürich
Lindenhofkeller, Pfalzgasse 4, 8001 Zürich
Münsterhof, Münsterhof 6, 8001 Zürich
Palmhof, Universitätsstrasse 23, 8006 Zürich
Seidenspinner, Ankerstrasse 120, 8004 Zürich
Tao's, Augustinergasse 3, 8001 Zürich
Terrasse, Limmatquai 3, 8001 Zürich
Volkshaus, Stauffacherstrasse 60, 8004 Zürich
Vorderer Sternen, Theaterstrasse 22, 8001 Zürich
Wien Turin, Universitätsstrasse 56, 8006 Zürich

Zürcher Geschnietzeltes and Other Zürich Specialties

Today, a number of the guild houses belonging to the craftsmen's guilds, which ruled Zürich from the 14th to the 18th century, are public restaurants renowned for their traditional local specialties. Where better to sample the traditional Zürich sliced veal dish, "Zürcher Geschnietzeltes", than in a history-steeped guild house? Or in the Kronenhalle, famed for both its illustrious guests and its art collection, where guests can dine below genuine Chagalls, Picassos or Mirós.

Restaurant Kronenhalle, Rämistrasse 4, 8001 Zürich
Zunfthaus zur Waag, Münsterhof 8, 8001 Zürich

Swiss Specialties

The Swiss Chuchi restaurant at the Hotel Adler is an experience not to be missed by globetrotters who enjoy sampling local specialties all over the world. Whether cheese fondue, raclette or rösti, in summer the tables outside on the Hirschenplatz invite guests to sit and watch the world go by. Good, hearty Swiss fare can also be enjoyed at the Zeughauskeller beer restaurant at Paradeplatz. The Fribourger Fonduestübli serves fondue in all its variations, the Raclette Stube various types of raclette and fondue. The Crazy Cow sets great store by experimental cuisine – its classic menu is chicken in a basket, served in a real shopping cart. In the Alpenrose, guests can enjoy exquisite Swiss cuisine.

Adler's Swiss Chuchi, Rosengasse 10, 8001 Zürich

Alpenrose, Fabrikstrasse 12, 8005 Zürich

Crazy Cow, Leonhardstrasse 1, 8001 Zürich

Fribourger Fondue Stübli, Rotwandstrasse 38, 8004 Zürich

Raclette-Stube, Zähringerstrasse 16, 8001 Zürich

Zeughauskeller, Bahnhofstrasse 28a /In Gassen 17, 8001 Zürich

Vegetarian Cuisine

Almost all of Zürich's restaurants cater for vegetarians. In fact, two exclusively vegetarian restaurants have earned a place in the gastronomic annals: the Hiltl, founded in 1898, is the oldest vegetarian restaurant in Europe, while Tibits can lay claim to being the world's first vegetarian take-out restaurant.

Hiltl, Sihlstrasse 28, 8001 Zürich

Tibits, Seefeldstrasse 2, 8008 Zürich

Gourmet Cuisine for Gourmands

The culinary delights prepared in the Kunststuben in Küsnacht are the creations of one of the most famous chefs in German-speaking Switzerland, Horst Petermann, who year after year is distinguished with all manner of awards. Another favorite venue among gourmets is Jacky Donatz's Restaurant Sonnenberg, high above the rooftops of Zürich. Also on the Zürichberg, at the Restaurant Spice, Lucia and Felix Eppisser pamper their guests with exquisite gourmet creations and breathtaking panoramic views. In the Kreis 6 quarter, gourmet chef, Marcus G. Lindner, composes culinary masterpieces at the Restaurant Mesa; his grand menu bears the name of "Symphony of the Senses". At the Wolfbach, Annette & Maurizio Davini, together with Antonino Alampi, offer Mediterranean cuisine at its finest. Situated in the Kreis 8 quarter, the Riesbächli, named for the stream of the same name, can look back on 20 years of culinary tradition. This rather unprepossessing local restaurant, managed by Victor und Marlise Imfeld-Riesen, has a cozy yet elegant ambiance. Located in the heart of the city, the Flohrhof is a veritable oasis of relaxation amidst the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Here, guests can relax in the small, enchanting garden, with its old olive tree, and savor first-class culinary creations. The Alden gourmet restaurant, the Eden au Lac overlooking Lake Zürich and the Restaurant Flühgass in Kreis 8 augment the range of locales for lovers of fine dining.

Alden, Splügenstrasse 2, 8002 Zürich
Eden au Lac, Seefeld, 8008
Florhof, Florhofgasse 4, 8001 Zürich
Flühgass, Zollikerstrasse 214, 8008 Zürich
Mesa, Weinbergstrasse 75, 8006 Zürich
Petermann's Kunststuben, Seestrasse 160, 8700 Küsnacht
Riesbächli, Zollikerstrasse 157, 8008 Zürich
Sonnenberg, Hitzigweg 15, 8032 Zürich
Spice, Germaniastrasse 99, 8006 Zürich
Wolfbach, Wolfbachstrasse 35, 8032 Zürich

Multicultural Cuisine

Zürich offers an across-the-board selection of international specialties. Besides, the take-out restaurants in the Niederdorf and Langstrasse quarters, there is a vast array of locales serving typical national dishes. Indeed, Italian food has become so firmly established here that pasta and pizzas are to be found on practically every corner.

Blue Monkey (Thai), Stüssihofstatt 3, 8001 Zürich
Cèdre (Lebanese), Badenerstrasse 78, 8004 Zürich
Chinergarten Take Away (Chinese), at Zürichhorn, 8008 Zürich
Desperado (Mexican), Limmattalstrasse 215, 8049 Zürich
Il Giglio (Italian), Weberstrasse 14, 8004 Zürich
Il Golosone (Italian), Uraniastrasse 20, 8001 Zürich
Indian Palace (Indian), Schaffhauserstrasse 129, 8057 Zürich
Mère Catherine (French), Nägelihof 3, 8001 Zürich
Outback Lodge (Australian), Stadelhofer Passage 18, 8001 Zürich
Schalom (kosher), Lavaterstrasse 33, 8002 Zürich
Yooji's Josef (Japanese), Josefstr. 112, 8005 Zürich
Zum Grobe Ernst (Spanish-Swiss), Stüssihofstatt 16, 8001 Zürich

American:

Bohemia, Klosbachstrasse 2, 8032 Zürich
Papa Joe's, Schiffflände 18, 8001 Zürich
ZicZac Rock-Garden, Marktgasse 17, 8001 Zürich and Herdernstrasse 56, 8004 Zürich

Gastronomy in the Open Air

In the summer, during the day visitors can take advantage of Zürich's 18 lakeside, riverside and open-air swimming areas to cool off and relax. After dusk, a number of these facilities are transformed into chic bars and lounges offering culinary delights. In the warmer months, around a quarter of the city's restaurants increase their capacity by setting up tables outside – whether in a romantic courtyard in the Old Town, on a garden terrace, or directly by the water's edge.

Day- and night life at the open-air swimming areas:

Barfuss-Bar (tagsüber «Frauenbadi»), Stadthausquai, 8001 Zürich

Pier-West, Lettensteg 10, 8037 Zürich

Primitivo, Wasserwerkstrasse, 8037 Zürich

Rimini-Bar (tagsüber «Männerbadi»), Am Schanzengraben, 8002 Zürich

Seebad Enge, Mythenquai, 8002 Zürich

Locales by the water:

Acqua, Mythenquai 61, 8002 Zürich

Bauschänzli, Fest-Insel, Stadthausquai 2, 8001 Zürich

Chuchi am Wasser, Chuchi am Wasser, Wasserwerkstrasse 21, 8006 Zürich

Fischstube, Bellerivestrasse 160, 8008 Zürich

Lake Side, Bellerivestrasse 170, 8008 Zürich

Pier 7, schwimmendes Bistro, Limmatquai 7, 8001 Zürich

Seerose, Seestrasse 493, 8038 Zürich

Locales surrounded by greenery:

Alter Tobelhof, Tobelhofstrasse 236, 8044 Zürich

Belvoirpark, Seestrasse 125, 8038 Zürich

Berggasthaus Uto Staffel, Gratstrasse 6, 8143 Uetliberg

Chinagarten Take Away, Bellerivestrasse 144, 8008 Zürich

Die Waid, Waidbachstrasse 45, 8037 Zürich

Neumarkt mit begrüntem Innenhof in der Altstadt, Neumarkt 5, 8001 Zürich

Tre Fratelli, Nordstrasse 182, 8037 Zürich

Special Group Package

Fondue Feast

From the Main Railway Station, guests travel by train up to the top of Zürich's very own mountain, the Uetliberg. After aperitifs, they can tuck into a typical Swiss cheese fondue. On the return trip, they have the opportunity to enjoy a magnificent view over the city's sea of lights.

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Trade Fairs

Expovina Primavera, March 18 – 25, 2010

Thanks to Expovina Primavera, guests will have the opportunity to receive information about new wines and taste them at the same time. The exposition will take place at the Theater 11. The focal point of the wines offered corresponds to the general trend: A higher-than-average amount of the wines presented are from Switzerland, Italy, Spain and overseas. www.expovina-primavera.ch

Day of the open wine cellar in the canton of Zürich, May 1, 2010

Every May 1, wine cellars in the canton of Zürich and also beyond its limits, open their doors to the public. www.offeneweinkeller.ch

International Wine Award Zürich (IWPZ), July 20 – 23, 2010

At Technopark Zürich the best wines will be awarded. www.iwpz.ch

Gourmesse, October 8 – 11, 2010

At this gourmet fair, professionals demonstrate how to taste, differentiate and savor. Almost 3,500 sq.m/ 4,200 sq. yards of delicatessen products are at visitors' disposal to practice their newfound skills. Producers and traders will be on hand to answer questions about the various specialties. There are also special shows and presentations on the themes of quality distillation, champagnes and premium cigars. www.gourmesse.ch

Expovina, November 4 – 18, 2010

The 12 ships of the 57th Zürich wine exposition anchor at Bürkliplatz and more than 160 booths are set up, inviting visitors to come and taste more than 4000 wines from 24 countries. The Zürich wine exhibition is the world's largest wine-tasting fair for non-professionals. www.expovina.ch

WhiskyShip, December 2 – 5, 2010

In keeping with the philosophy of "music, fun and good company", the largest whisky and cigar festival in Switzerland will be held once more at the landing stage at Bürkliplatz. Forty renowned exhibitors will initiate whisky and cigar aficionados in the elevated art of whisky tasting and offer the unique opportunity to nose and taste at cost price. On sale are more than 800 of the finest malt whiskies and some 300 choice cigars from all over the world, as well as a wide selection of specialist literature and gift items. www.whiskyschiff.ch

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