

Town and Country

Jet into Zurich for a taste of urban mountain life and explore the nearby countryside in Austria and Germany. Two nights, two countries, two approaches to Alpine culture.

Beautiful view of the Swabian Gate in Freiburg, Germany



1 Zurich

As a "metropolis of experiences" by the water, Zurich offers a unique mixture of attractions: over 50 museums and more than 100 art galleries, international fashion labels and Zurich designers, and the most flamboyant and lively nightlife in Switzerland -- all framed by magnificent views of the snowcapped Alps on the horizon.



STAY



Located in the car-free old town, the **Hotel Adler** is a short walk from Bahnhofstrasse, Limmatpromenade, and the lake. The refurbished **Park Hyatt Zurich** includes the award-winning Parkhaus restaurant.

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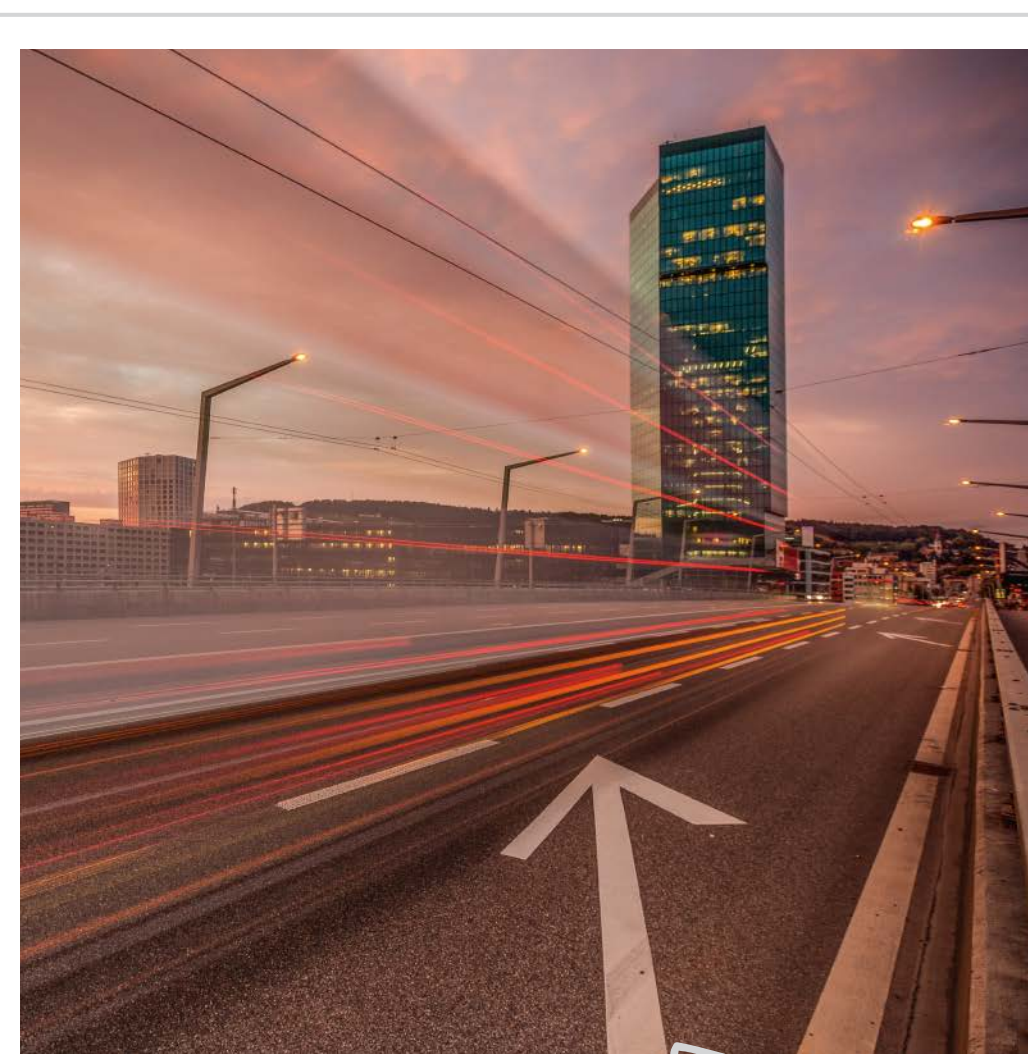
EAT



Opened in 1898, the **Hiltl** boasts the city's largest salad buffet. Try the famed Zürcher Geschnetzeltes, a tasty version of which is also served at the **ZunftHaus zur Waag**, a guild house opened in 1315.

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DO



The **Swiss National Museum** makes the country's past vivid. **Zürich West**, once an industrial wasteland, is now a lively district marked by the Prime Tower and the University of Arts on the Toni-Areal.

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TopTip

Hike up to the Uetliberg mountain:

You've got to be in shape to hike Uetliberg mountain with Bruno Pfeuti. The experienced hiker (and Green Party official) ascends 1,300 ft with his guests, along narrow trails and past Europe's largest population of yew trees.

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2 Black Forest

The untamed, ancient beauty of the **Black Forest** casts a spell over those who enter it. Wandering through its enchanting greens and browns, you'll be spellbound by the dramatic scenery and impossible views. It's also here where you'll find Baden and Swabia delicacies --and, of course, the famous Black Forest Cake.



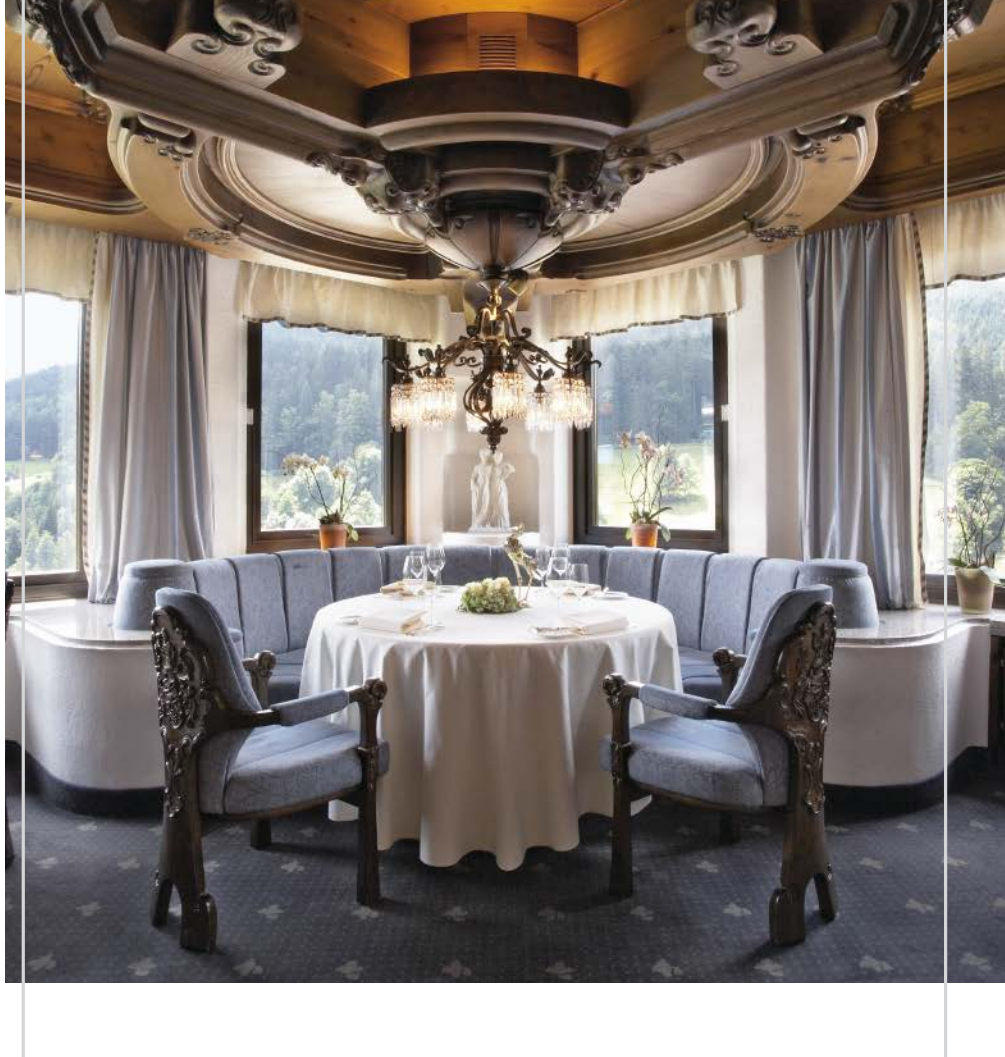
STAY



Elztalhotel is an oasis in the heart of the Black Forest, with panoramic views and a 65,000 sq ft spa. For a retreat within the city, stay at the 5-star **Colombi Hotel** in a quiet corner of Freiburg.

elztalhotel.de
colombi.de

EAT



A journey through the Black Forest isn't complete without a meal at the 3-star Michelin restaurant, **Schwarzwaldstube Traube Tonbach**. Freiburg's **Drexlers** is a wine bar focused on fresh, local cuisine.

traube-tonbach.de
drexlers-restaurant.de

DO



Come see how regional blown-glass ornaments and goods are made at **Dorotheenhütte Wolfach**. Or check out the brewing process and taste beer from the tap at the beloved **Rothaus Brauerei**.

dorotheenhuetten.info
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TopTip

Escape to Nature:

Titisee, the largest natural lake in the Black Forest, is an idyllic place for a dip in your toes, sail, windsurf, or stumble upon a beer garden.

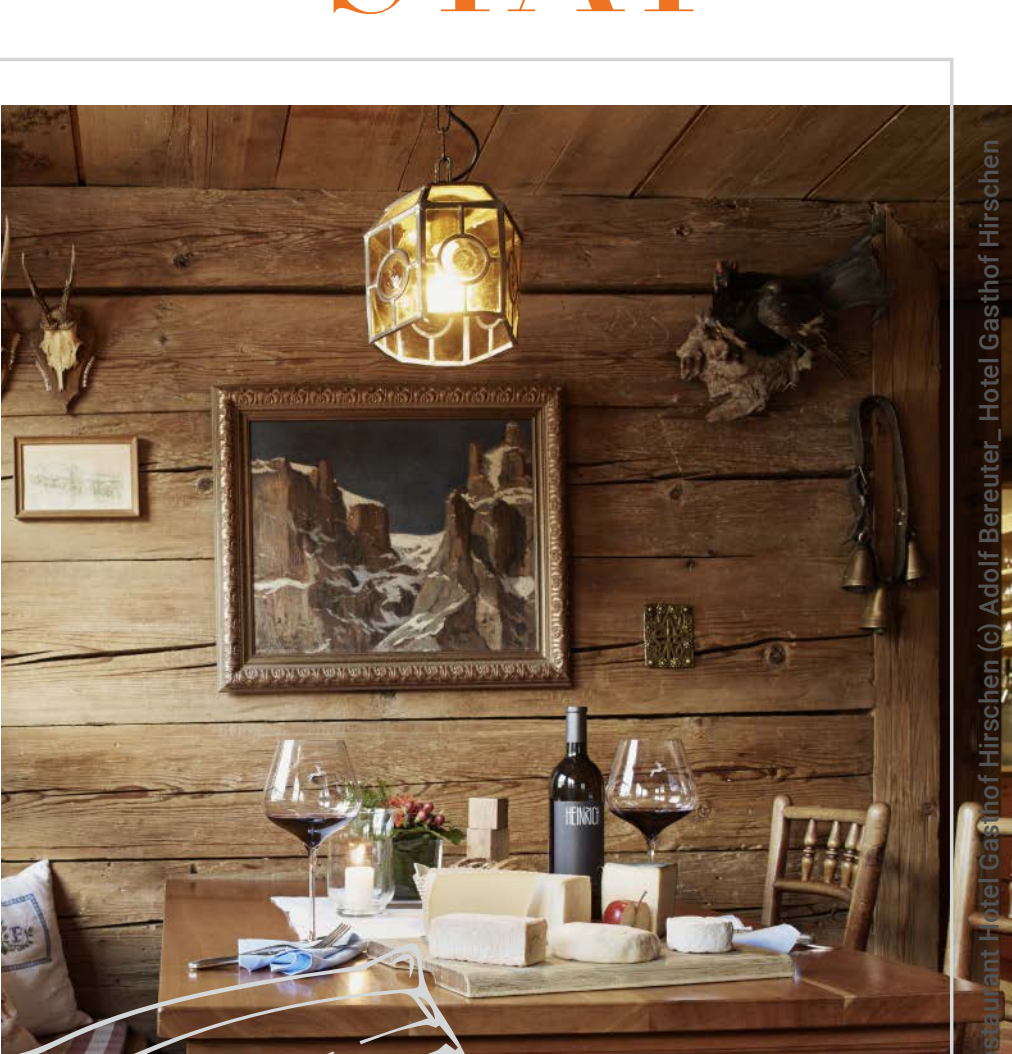
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3 Bregenzerwald

Twelve villages comprise peaceful **Bregenzerwald**, each a microcosm of history and tradition. What unites them is a creative mix of old architecture, studied craftsmanship, and contemporary design. Wood is the region's signature building material, and it's everywhere from centuries-old farmhouses to minimalist bungalows. Local architects, cheesemakers, and farmers share a commitment to preserving the natural beauty of the region.



STAY



Experience the energy of Bregenzerwald's wood at the **Hotel Post Bezau**, built exclusively from local forests. **Hotel Hirschen Schwarzenberg** combines 250-year-old history with a love of art.

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hotelpostbezau.com

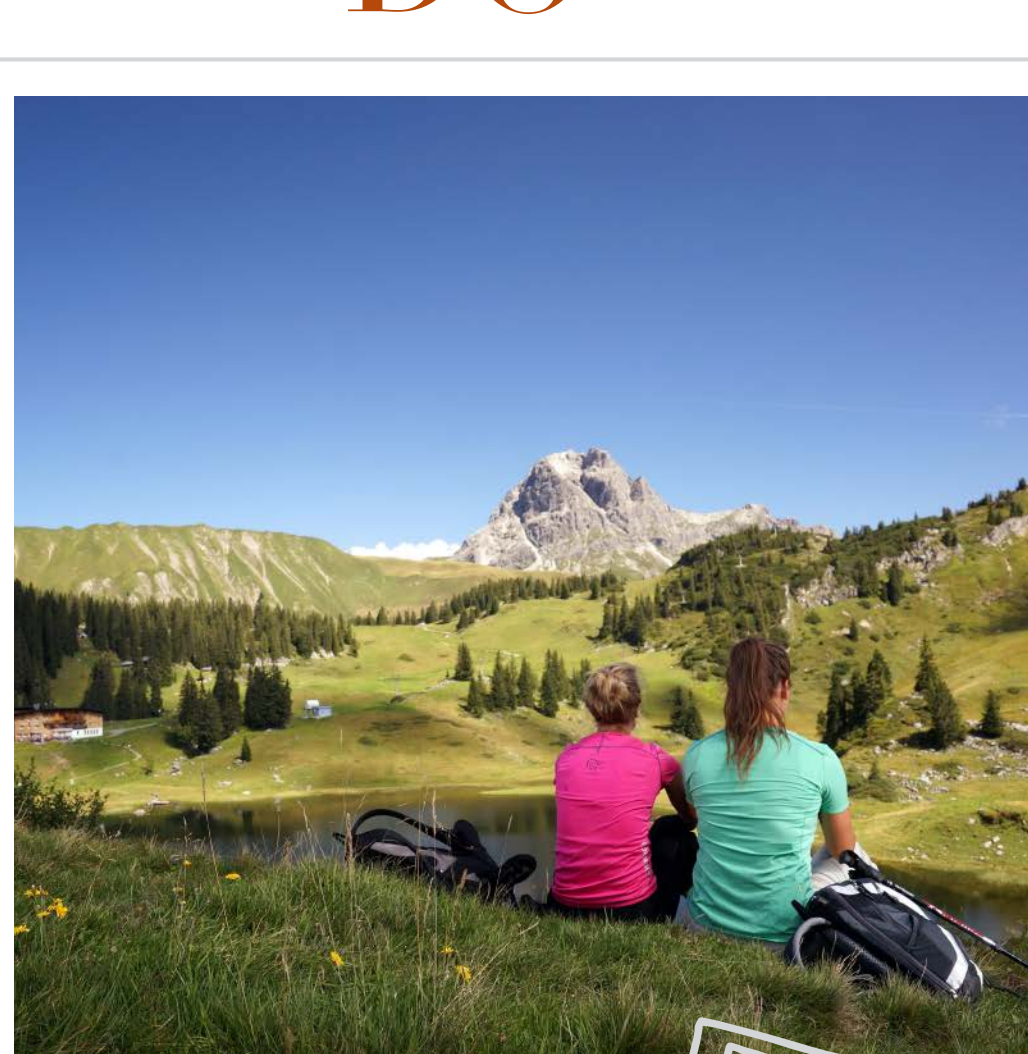
EAT



Once the village schoolhouse in Krumbach, **Restaurant Schulhus** serves farm-to-table gourmet fare. Head to the **Bregenzerwald Cheese Road** for a glimpse of the region's cheese-making heritage.

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DO



Bregenzerwald is best explored on foot, and **local trails** feature culinary and horticultural themes. **The Angelika Kauffmann Museum**, named for the Swiss painter, occupies a converted farmhouse.

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schwarzenberg.at

TopTip

Cheesy Käseknöpfle:

Sample original Bregenzerwald cheese dumplings at one of several local restaurants. They're soft, savory, and the perfect Austrian comfort food.

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