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One of the tasks of World Heritage Experience Switzerland (WHES) is to raise public awareness of the attractiveness and significance of UNESCO World Heritage properties in Switzerland. In addition to its commitment to tourism, WHES also supports World Heritage properties in the areas of management and cultural mediation in schools. To find out more, visit www.ourheritage.ch to stay up to date and follow us on our social media channels: when you visit one of 13 sites, tag us with **@worldheritageswitzerland #worldheritageswitzerland #ourheritage**

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Our Heritage

The world's greatest natural and cultural assets receive the coveted UNESCO World Heritage emblem. Switzerland has 13 World Heritage properties. The concept idea: What nature has created over millions or thousands of years, what man has built up over the centuries, must be protected and preserved. Or, in the words of the World Heritage Convention: 'Some things are so precious that all mankind must watch over them'.

Switzerland's nine cultural and four natural assets are, each in their own way, unique. They tell the story of the formation of our landscape and our cultural treasures. With their charm and charisma the World Heritage properties enchant visitors. These sites are not only among the most valuable, but also among the most beautiful and exciting that Switzerland has to offer.



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Abbey of St. Gall

1400 years of cultural history

The beginning of the abbey's history can be traced back to 612 and the Irish wandering monk Gallus. A good 100 years later, Abbot Otmar revived the monastery, whereupon it developed into an important centre for writing and book illumination. Even today, the spirit of the Benedictine monks can be felt in the historic buildings. The Abbey Library with its beautiful Baroque hall traces its history back to Gallus and is thus one of the oldest libraries in the world still in existence today. Its collection of manuscripts is one of the most important in the world due to its age and unity. The Abbey Archives of St. Gall are the oldest monastery archives in the Occident and can look back on an unbroken continuity of over 1300 years.

Did you know?

The Abbey Library and Archives have not only been part of the UNESCO World Heritage since 1983, but in 2017 they were included in the Memory of the World List due to their unique heritage.

www.stiftsbezirk.ch

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Audio guide for the Abbey District



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25.11.–31.12.2025.

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daily 10 am– 5 pm
28.04. and 24. – 25.12. closed.

Voucher redeemable in the two
shops of the Abbey District.

Valid as long as stock lasts.

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Abbey Library in St. Gall

It is one of the most beautiful and important historical libraries in the world. Its holdings were largely produced in the monastery's own scriptorium and have been preserved in unique completeness. The temporary exhibitions in the famous Baroque Hall, together with the presentations in the vaulted Cellar and Exhibition Space, give a comprehensive impression of St. Gall's monastic culture.

www.stiftsbezirk.ch

Stiftsbibliothek St. Gallen
Klosterhof 6d
9000 St. Gallen

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Swiss Tectonic Arena Sardona

How mountains form

The collision between Africa and Europe caused the formation of the Alps millions of years ago. Layers of rock were pushed on top of one another, folded and broken. Along the so-called "Glarus main thrust fault", a line that can now be seen from afar, layers of rock that were 250-300 million years old were pushed together with much younger rocks that were 35-50 million years old. There is nowhere else where the traces of these tremendous forces are so visible as in the mountain landscape around Piz Sardona in the border region of the cantons of St. Gallen, Glarus and Grisons. The area has great value for schools and research. It is of great interest to hikers and nature lovers too.

Did you know?

Over the past 200 years or more, seminal findings into the way mountains were formed have been made at the Sardona UNESCO World Heritage Site.

www.unesco-sardona.ch

10% discount

Ascent and descent to the
GeoGallery Flumserberg



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Information

Validity: 10.06. – 19.10.2025.

Operating days: Everyday.
Operating times: flumserberg.ch

Voucher: 10% discount on the Heidi ticket to the GeoGallery.
Redeemable at the valley stations in Tannenheim or Tannenboden to Prodkamm and/or Maschgenkamm (return).

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GeoGallery Flumserberg

This 4 km high-altitude trail features over 15 stations offering insights into the formation and tectonics of the Alps. It starts at the Maschgenkamm mountain station and leads around the 'Ziger' trail and to the Prodkamm mountain station. Lined up like displays in an art gallery, fossils and weathering phenomena are waiting to be discovered, admired and touched along the way.

www.flumserberg.ch

Bergbahnen Flumserberg
Molseralpstrasse 9
8898 Flumserberg

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Benedictine Convent of St John in Müstair

The nuns open their doors

According to legend, the monastery complex in Val Müstair in the canton of Grisons, was founded in the 8th century by Charlemagne and was never fully destroyed. Well preserved, it still reveals building styles from several eras, and holds art treasures from more than twelve centuries. The wall paintings in the convent church were decisive for its acceptance on the UNESCO World Heritage List. This is one of the largest and best-preserved fresco cycles from the early Middle Ages. The nuns are still active in the convent today in the spirit of "ora et labora" or pray and work. Convent life, cultivation, the museum, research and restoration all merge to form a unique whole.

Did you know?

The monastery was inhabited by monks from the time of its foundation until 1163, and then by nuns until today.

www.muestair.ch

Free of charge

Coffee drink in the Chasa Chalavaina when visiting the monastery museum



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Validity: 01.01. – 30.03. and
31.05. - 02.11.2025.

Museum opening hours:
May–Oct.: 9 am – 6 pm, Sunday
and public holidays 1:30 pm –
6 pm.

Nov.–Apr.: 10 am–12 noon and
1:30 pm–4:30 pm, Sunday and
holidays closed in the morning.
25.12. closed.

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Müstair Convent Museum Monastery, Art, Coffee

In the historic rooms of the convent, which is still inhabited by Benedictine nuns today, the museum tells the 1250-year history of the convent since its foundation by Charlemagne in the 8th century with the help of extraordinary objects. In the immediate vicinity of the convent is the Châta Chalavaina, one of the oldest hostels in Switzerland. In the cosy bar of the hotel, the gastronomic team will surprise you with culinary delicacies of the region.

Kloster St. Johann
Klostermuseum und Klosterladen
7537 Müstair

www.muestair.ch

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Rhaetian Railway in the Albula/ Bernina Landscapes

A triumph of railway engineering

The line of the Rhaetian Railway between Thusis and Tirano (Italy) is a true masterpiece. It is a unique example of a railway which has been harmoniously integrated into the high-mountain landscape. Narrow radii, sophisticated engineering structures and impressive tunnels: the many gorges, mountain barriers and gradients were overcome using a range of innovative ideas, and the 122 km-long route has been slotted pleasantly into the wild natural environment. The journey is a voyage of discovery for connoisseurs. Railway enthusiasts can admire the pioneering creations at close quarters, and those with a thirst for knowledge might like to visit the Albula railway museum in Bergün.

Did you know?

The Bernina Express panorama train runs all year round from Chur along the World Heritage route to Valposchiavo and on to Tirano, Italy.

www.rhb.ch/unesco

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Admission to
Albula railway museum



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Information

Validity: 01.01.–16.11. and from 05.12.–31.12.2025.

Opening hours: Monday to Sunday 10am–5 pm.

Voucher redeemable at the ticket desk of the Albula Railway Museum. The terms and conditions stated on page 22 shall apply.

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Albula railway museum in Bergün

The Albula Railway Museum in Bergün guides railway enthusiasts and families through the history of Graubünden's railway culture. Old railway equipment, films and models as well as the Clà Ferrovia children's tour delight museum guests. In the driving simulator of the legendary RhB crocodile locomotive, visitors guide the locomotive over the spectacular Albula line.

www.bahnmuseum-albula.ch

Bahnmuseum Albula
Veja Station 11
7482 Bergün/Bravuogn

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The Fortress of Bellinzona: three Castles, Defensive Wall and Ramparts

Journey through the Middle Ages

Once acting as a barrage to the Alps and now a World Heritage property: the Fortress of Bellinzona counts among the most significant witnesses of medieval military architecture. It was built by the Dukes of Milan to bar the route southwards to the Swiss. Bellinzona occupied a strategic position between north and south of Europe. Over the course of the centuries, the three castles of Castel Grande, Montebello and Sasso Corbaro have been reconstructed and restored many times. With its walls, towers, battlements and gates, this impressive defensive complex remains a source of wonder to those who view it today.

Did you know?

The castle of Sasso Corbaro was built in less than a year.

www.fortezzabellinzona.ch

20% discount

Fortezza Pass



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Validity: 05.04. – 09.11.2025.

Opening hours: daily 10 am – 6 pm

Voucher redeemable at the ticket desks of the three castles and at the Infopoint Bellinzona.

The Trenino Artù is not included in this offer.

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Fortezza Pass

The Fortress of Bellinzona, with the castles of Castel Grande, Montebello and Sasso Corbaro, has been listed as UNESCO World Heritage property since 2000. With the Fortezza Pass it is especially easy to explore these landmarks of the capital of Ticino.

www.fortezzaabellinzona.ch

Fortezza Bellinzona
Piazza Collegiata
6500 Bellinzona

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Monte San Giorgio

A sea of memories

Monte San Giorgio rises up between the southern arms of Lake Lugano. Besides the magnificent view of the lake landscape, the 1,097-metre high mountain provides a window to prehistoric times. 240-million-year-old fossils can be found within it. Where there was once a sea basin with different reptiles, fish and plants, Monte San Giorgio formed along with the development of the Alps. Perfectly maintained fossils have been found and investigated here for 150 years. The region is one of the best testimonials to sea life from the Triassic period. The Fossil Museum in Meride, which has been renovated by the architect Mario Botta, ensures insights into this long extinct world.

Did you know?

At Acqua del Ghiffo, a paleontological excavation site, an amazing open-air museum is waiting for you.

www.mendrisiottoturismo.ch

www.museodeifossili.ch

Free of charge

Audio guide for the
Museum of fossils



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Information

Validity: 01.01.–31.12.2025.

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 9 am –5 pm

Receipt of audio guide upon payment of admission fee at the ticket desk of the Museum of fossils.

Valid as long as stock lasts.

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Museum of fossils of Monte San Giorgio in Meride

The great variety of organisms, which populated the sea and its coast in southern Ticino between 247 and 237 million years ago, is spread over four floors. Thanks to virtual and augmented reality, it is possible to dive into the Triassic sea and admire the animals of that time at the Museum of fossils.

www.museodeifossili.ch

Museo dei fossili del Monte San Giorgio
Via Bernardo Peyer 9
6866 Meride

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Swiss Alps Jungfrau-Aletsch

A glorious world of glaciers

Impressive mountain chains, quaint valleys and the largest connected glaciated area in the Alps. The World Heritage site is one of the most spectacular high-mountain landscapes in the world. It represents the heart of the Alps with the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau as well as the huge 824 km² Aletsch glacier. The region brings together the most diverse habitats from glacier to steppe, and gives a clear view of the effects of climate change. The countryside has played just as important a role in European literature, art, mountain climbing and alpine tourism. Few other places on this planet could offer a comparable variety of contrasts and treasures.

Did you know?

If the Great Aletsch Glacier melted it could give a litre of water to each person living on the planet every day for the next 35 years.

www.myswissalps.ch

CHF 3.– discount

Admission to
World Nature Forum



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Validity: 01.01.–31.12.2025.

Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am–5 pm

Voucher redeemable at the ticket desk of the World Nature Forum.

Note: Special discounts for families.

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World Nature Forum

At the WNF the visitor has an overview of the World Heritage, knows its exciting history and understands the unique natural and cultural landscape that surrounds this high mountain environment. The modern exhibition awakens the spirit of research and draws attention to the central themes of this natural heritage.

World Nature Forum
Bahnhofstrasse 9a
3904 Naters

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Prehistoric Pile Dwellings around the Alps

Unique witnesses of prehistory

The “pile dwellings” are remains of prehistoric settlements in lakes and marshes around the Alps. The serial property includes 111 sites in six countries (CH, D, F, I, SLO, A) and 56 of them are located in Switzerland. The artefacts – organic materials such as wood, textiles, plant remains and bones provide fascinating insights into life around 5,000 to 500 B.C. Many finds are difficult or impossible to access as they are underwater, on the shores of lakes or in marsh areas. This makes their exhibition in museums even more important, such as at the Laténium near Neuchâtel, where you can gain a detailed impression of the lives our ancestors led.

Did you know?

Along our lakeshores, Neolithic people contributed to the extraordinary global expansion of cultivated wheat, which now covers more than 2.25 million km².

www.palafittes.org

50% discount

Admission to Laténium, park and museum of archaeology



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Opening hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10 am–5 pm

Voucher redeemable at the Laténium ticket desk.

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Laténium in Hauterive

The Laténium is Switzerland's largest archaeology museum. The Laténium aims to explain archaeology to everybody, aged 4 to 104! This permanent exhibition is a journey through time and space, accompanying visitors as they come closer to discovering their origins.

www.latenium.ch

Laténium, parc et musée d'archéologie
Espace Paul Vouga
2068 Hauterive

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La Chaux-de-Fonds / Le Locle, Watchmaking Town Planning

Two towns that tick alike

The towns of La Chaux-de-Fonds and Le Locle, situated in the Jura mountains of the Canton of Neuchâtel, bear witness to the successful symbiosis between their urban setting and their watchmaking industry. After suffering devastating fires, their reconstruction in the early 19th century was carefully planned. The checkerboard design of the roads and constructions was specifically adapted to the requirements of the thriving industry. Many of the buildings displayed a well-thought-out combination of living quarters, production areas and offices. Today, they are a testimony to the history of local craftsmanship and industry. The fact that the region is still an important international watchmaking centre is proven by the many well-known watch brands which have their headquarters here.

Did you know?

In 1900, more than half of the world's watches were made in La Chaux-de-Fonds and Le Locle.

www.watch-cities.ch

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Guided city tour or
ride on the tourist train



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Validity: 01.06. – 30.09.2025.

Schedule and details:
www.watch-cities.ch.

Voucher redeemable via the guide
or via the driver.

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Guided city tour or ride on the tourist train

The guided city tours in La Chaux-de-Fonds and Le Locle provide insight into a city built by and for the watchmaking industry. Those who prefer a more leisurely pace can ride on the tourist train through both cities.

Tourisme neuchâtelois
Espace 1
2300 La Chaux-de-Fonds

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World Heritage Days

A weekend dedicated to our heritage

Every second weekend in June, World Heritage properties in Switzerland open their doors and invite visitors to discover the unknown, the unique and the extraordinary. World Heritage Days offer a unique insight into Switzerland's diverse natural and cultural treasures and provide perspectives that are otherwise often denied to visitors. If you want to learn more about Switzerland's World Heritage, mark the weekend of 14 and 15 June 2025 in your diary and follow in the footsteps of our heritage.

Did you know?

The World Heritage Days are an international event that we have been organising jointly with Germany since 2016.

www.worldheritagedays.ch

Events

All details:
ourheritage.ch



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Destinations

One-day programmes
for the whole family



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Adventures in the World Heritage

Themed programmes for the whole family and every season

Immerse yourself in a journey through Switzerland's history and nature: monuments, cultural and natural landscapes bear witness to our country's history. Day programmes for every family, group of friends and season show what there is to experience in the World Heritage regions.

Did you know?

Most Swiss people do not know about the World Heritage properties that are on their doorstep. Discover new excursion destinations and day programmes that highlight our cultural and natural treasures.

www.unesco.ch

Discover the World Heritage with the Südostbahn railway

The Treno Gottardo takes you along the spectacular Gotthard panoramic route to Ticino. Bellinzona, the capital of Ticino, is home to the castles of Bellinzona. Further south, Monte San Giorgio offers a breathtaking view of Lake Lugano. A visit to the historic Abbey of St. Gall can be conveniently combined with the Voralpen-Express. The Voralpen-Express connects Lucerne in central Switzerland with St. Gall. From Bern, the IR Aare Linth takes you on a relaxed journey past the Tectonic Arena Sardona to Chur. Here there is a connection to the Rhaetian Railway, which runs on the impressive Albula and Bernina line between Thusis and Tirano.

Did you know?

With the Südostbahn you can visit seven of 13 UNESCO World Heritage properties in Switzerland.

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Coupon code

Coupon code for a
coffee in the Bistrozone



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Voucher for a coffee in the bistro zone of the Treno Gottardo, Voralpen-Express, IR Aare Linth or Alpenrhein-Express with the voucher code KAFFEE_UNESCO at www.sob.ch/unesco. You can redeem the voucher on the specified page by first creating a login and adding the product "Coffee and tea on the train" to the shopping basket. Enter the voucher code and complete the purchase process. Show the voucher to the customer attendant on the train and then enjoy your coffee.

Voucher cannot be combined. Redeemable once per account.



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www.sob.ch/unesco

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Bahnhofplatz 1a
9001 St. Gallen

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