

**Population:**

376,500

**Currency:**

1 Swiss franc = 100 Rappen

**Opening hours:**

Most shops are open Monday to Friday from 09.00 to 18.30. The opening hours on Saturday are 08.30 to 17.00.

**Internet:**

[www.zuerich.com](http://www.zuerich.com)

**Newspapers:**

20 Minuten

Die Weltwoche

Neue Zürcher Zeitung

ZuriTipp (special supplement of Tages Anzeiger every Thursday)

Tages Anzeiger

Zurich News (A leaflet with listings which is available from the tourist office)

**Emergency numbers:**

Ambulance 144

Police 117

Fire Brigade 118

**Tourist information:**

Zürich Tourism

At Main Train Station

Tel: +41 442154000

[www.zuerich.com](http://www.zuerich.com)

# ZÜRICH

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## ZÜRICH

The charming metropolis of Zürich, Switzerland offers first-class quality of life. Zürich is distinguished by its unparalleled selection of stores lining the world famous shopping mile, the Bahnhofstrasse, not to mention its broad choice of leisure activities. Numerous gastronomic establishments in the surrounding region pamper food lovers with all manner of culinary delights. After dark, some 500 bars and clubs provide a wide variety of entertainment. Zürich is also the ideal departure point for all kinds of excursions, such as to the Rhine Falls, a chocolate factory, or the snow and perpetual ice on Titlis mountain.

## THE CITY



The River Limmat divides the city of Zürich into two distinct halves, and it makes more sense to speak about the two banks rather than the new town/old town split.

Niederdorf, on the east bank, is full of shops and cafés, it is also home to the twin towers of the Grossmunster and the grandiose architecture of the university.

The west bank is the old part of town, which is centred around the Lindenhof area where the streets are characterised by fashion outlets and offices. The beautiful spires of St. Peters Church and Fraumunster church, decorated by Marc Chagall, are nearby as well. The curving Bahnhofstrasse follows the course of the ancient city walls and is one of Europe's most prestigious shopping streets. As Switzerland has cultivated stability and neutrality during both World Wars, the country has built up a reputation for its banking system, which for decades has been one of Zürich's biggest industries. It is also for these reasons that today the stock market in Zürich is the fourth biggest in the world.

## DO & SEE



### The Grossmünster

The tall twin towers of Great Minster dominate the Zürich skyline. It was from this spot that the humanist, Ulrich Zwingli preached the Reformation.

*Address: Grossmünsterplatz*

*Phone: +41 442525949*

*Internet: [www.kirche-zh.ch](http://www.kirche-zh.ch)*

### St. Peters Church

The largest clock in Europe is situated on the tower of St. Peters Church and it has a diameter of 8.7 meters.

*Address: St. Peter-Hofstatt*

*Phone: +41 442112588*

*Internet: [www.st-peter-zh.ch](http://www.st-peter-zh.ch)*

### Kunsthaus

Switzerland's greatest art museum contains several important works of art, ranging from medieval religious paintings and Old Dutch masters to Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings. Contains paintings by Van Gogh, Picasso, Chagall and Monet.

*Address: Heimplatz 1*

*Phone: +41 442538484*

*Internet: [www.kunsthau.ch](http://www.kunsthau.ch)*

### Le Corbusier Haus

One of the last projects designed by the famous architect before his death in 1965, is home for a graphic art museum.

*Address: Höschgasse 8*

*Phone: +41 443836470*

*Internet: [www.centerlecorbusier.com](http://www.centerlecorbusier.com)*

### **Chinagarten**

The Chinese garden was given to the city as a gift from the Chinese city, Kunming, which is twinned with Zürich. The garden contains several plants and ornaments typical of the Chinese art of creating a garden.

*Address: Bellerivestrasse 144  
Phone: +41 44 4352851  
Internet: [www.chinagarten.ch](http://www.chinagarten.ch)*

### **Zürichsee**

This stunningly beautiful lake stretches an amazing 40 kilometres from Zürich to the foot of the Glarner Alps. Daytrip boats give tourists a possibility to explore several villages and towns along the lakeshore. Main landing in Zürich is at Bürkliplatz.

Contact Zürich Schifffahrtsgesellschaft for more information.

*Address: Bürliplatz  
Phone: +41 444871333  
Internet: [www.zsg.ch](http://www.zsg.ch)  
More information: Bürliplatz (meeting place)*

## **EATING**



Traditional Zürich cuisine is very rich and usually includes plenty of meat. The city's trademark dish is the 'Züri Gschnetzlets' – diced veal in a creamy mushroom sauce served with 'Rösti.' There are plenty of very good quality restaurants on every corner throughout the city. The area around Bahnhofstrasse generally provides the best atmosphere in the afternoon, while Niederdorf is the place to be for an evening meal.

### **SEEFELD AREA**

#### **Blinde Kuh**

A restaurant run by blind people and in almost complete darkness; this is your chance to experience first hand what it is like to be blind. Menu changes every week.

Necessary to book several weeks in advance.

*Address: Mühlebachstrasse 148  
Phone: +41 444215050  
Internet: [www.blindekuh.ch](http://www.blindekuh.ch)*

### **NIEDERDORF AREA**

#### **Adler's Swiss Chuchi**

Serves really good traditional Swiss national dishes, enjoyed in a rustic atmosphere. Their selection of cheese - and the cheese fondue - are the main attractions.

*Address: Rosengasse 10  
Phone: +41 44 2669696  
Internet: [www.hotel-adler.ch](http://www.hotel-adler.ch)*

#### **Pinte Vaudoise**

Voted the best fondue in Zürich. Very helpful owner/entertainer is happy to explain the difference of the fondues on offer.

*Address: Kruggasse 4  
Phone: +41 (0)44 252 60 09*

#### **Spaghetti Factory**

Pasta restaurant with hearty dishes in Niederdorf centre.

*Address: Niederdorfstrasse 5  
Phone: +41 442519400*

### **BAHNHOFSTRASSE AND WEST**

#### **Bona Dea**

Excellent vegetarian restaurant attached to the main train station. Serves a great buffet with plenty to choose from.

*Address: Bahnhofplatz 15  
Phone: +41 442171515  
Internet: [www.bona-dea.ch](http://www.bona-dea.ch)*

#### **Zeughauskeller**

15th-century location adds flavour to this



beer hall where sausages are the main attraction. More than a dozen different kinds of sausages, the biggest one being one metre long.

*Address: Bahnhofstrasse 28a  
Phone: +41 442112690  
Internet: [www.zeughauskeller.ch](http://www.zeughauskeller.ch)*

### **El Parador**

A Spanish restaurant which serves fantastic tapas and very good paella. The food is expertly prepared and the service is excellent.

*Address: Luisenstrasse 43  
Phone: +41 433668885  
Internet: [www.elparador.ch](http://www.elparador.ch)*

## **CAFÉS**



### **Amsterdam**

Dark old town café serves fresh juice and healthy snacks.

*Address: Schwanengasse 4*

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### **Schober**

One of the best cafés in Zürich. Their hot chocolate with whipped cream is among the best around and comes highly

recommended.

*Address: Napfegasse 4*

### **Mövenpick**

An excellent people-watching café, which serves a great selection of teas and coffees from around the world.

*Address: Paradeplatz 4*

### **Sprungli**

Main branch of the famous confectioners, displaying the biggest selection of exquisite home made chocolate and cakes imaginable. Naturally, there is also the speciality of the house.

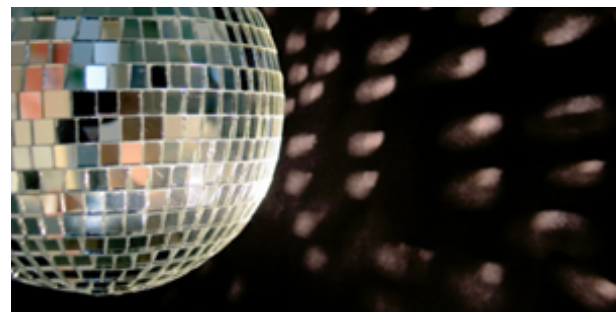
*Address: Bahnhofstrasse 21  
Internet: [www.spruengli.ch](http://www.spruengli.ch)*

### **Odeon**

Compact café-bar on Bellevue where Lenin once sat.

*Address: Limmatquai 2  
Internet: [www.odeon.ch](http://www.odeon.ch)*

## **BARS & NIGHTLIFE**



The best cafés and bars are in the area of Niederdorf, especially along the riverside Limmatquai, where it is a pleasant experience to sit, watch and enjoy a beverage of choice.

Live rock and jazz are available in plenty of venues. The city has a burgeoning local scene which offers rich pickings for live music. There is also a dynamic club scene, which covers the gamut from techno to salsa.

### **Oepfelhammer**

Nice café which is notoriously famous for its association with the city's literary son, Gottfried Keller.

*Address: Rindermarkt 12.  
Internet: [www.oepfelhammer.ch](http://www.oepfelhammer.ch)*

### **Oliver Twist**

Nice and cosy pub serving a good pint. Mainly English language spoken and live football on the TV.

*Address: Rindermarkt 6.  
Internet: [www.pickwick.ch](http://www.pickwick.ch)*

### **Rheinfelder Bierhalle**

Wooden benches, bright lights and no décor on display, this Bierhalle expects you to get drunk and have a good time.

*Address: Niederdorfstrasse 76  
Internet: [www.rheinfelder.ch](http://www.rheinfelder.ch)*

### **Schlauch**

Friendly and relaxed bar with a snooker table. Very popular among young people.

*Address: Munstergasse 20*

### **Lions**

English pub with fine pub grub!

*Address: Uraniastrasse 9*

### **Nelson**

Very popular with the younger generation at the weekends. Typically full of teenage au-pairs and exchange students on the pull.

*Address: Beatengasse 11  
Internet: [www.thenelsonpub.com](http://www.thenelsonpub.com)*

### **Widder Bar**

The bar inside the hotel offers quality live jazz most nights.

*Address: Rennweg 7  
Internet: [www.widderhotel.ch](http://www.widderhotel.ch)*

### **Rote Fabrik**

An alternative art complex 5 kilometres southwest of town, hosting a stream of

bands of all genres.

*Address: Seestrasse 395  
Internet: [www.rotfabrik.ch](http://www.rotfabrik.ch)*

### **Moods**

Zürich's premiere Jazz club offers first-rate music from big names.

*Address: Schiffbaustrasse 6  
Internet: [www.moods.ch](http://www.moods.ch)  
More information: In the Schiffbau building off Hardstrasse*

### **El Cubanito**

One of the city's most famous clubs, well-known for salsa and funk music.

*Address: Bleicherweg 5  
Underground: Kaufleuten*

### **Kaufleuten**

A popular club in the city centre with a good mix of hardcore clubbers and young professionals. Recently voted one of the world's best party venues by 'Wall Street Journal.' Dress to impress.

*Address: Pelikanstrasse 18  
Internet: [www.kaufleuten.com](http://www.kaufleuten.com)*

## **SHOPPING**



The main shopping area in Zurich is concentrated around the city centre, which makes it ideal for pedestrians and tourists. The most famous and one of the prettiest of the shopping areas is the Bahnhofstrasse where you will find big department stores, fashion shops, accessories, Swiss watches and everything else your heart desires. The Bahnhofstrasse area is part of Zurich's banking district, and that is clearly visible

in the number of exclusive and upmarket shops available. The area around Langstrasse contains a very cosmopolitan selection of shops and people which makes it a special experience every time you shop or just go there. The pedestrian alleyways around Niederdorf are a shopper's paradise as there are several boutiques hidden away in a patchwork of alleys. Alongside the River Lammat is the old town, which is also a very attractive shopping area. It has fashion shops, jewellery and plenty of other things to offer. It is also in that area of Old town that you will find the smaller and more untraditional shops. It is, for instance, a very good place to find anything antique. Schipfe is the place to find the craftspeople who sell their handmade products along the river.

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



### Airport

Zürich Airport is voted to be one of the best in the world. It consists of two terminals and they both have a Tourist Information Centre based in the arrivals hall. The airport is situated 11 kilometres outside Zürich and there are several ways of getting into the town centre. The subterranean train station is directly beneath Terminal B, and trains depart roughly every 10 minutes for the city's main station. You can buy tickets direct from the machines. A taxi from the airport to town centre will set you back about CHF50.

### Public Transport

Local traffic in Zürich is very well-organised with eco-friendly and reliable trams. However, the city is easily covered by foot or you can use the free bike rental scheme.

The ZürichCard is a card that is valid for 24 hours (adults CHF 15, children CHF 10) or 72 hours (adults CHF 30, children CHF 20) within the greater Zurich area. It offers unlimited city transport by train, bus, tram and funicular railway. It also gives free admission to over 40 museums and a diverse range of reductions. You even get a complimentary welcome drink in 20 restaurants! Read more about the ZürichCard at [www.zuerichcard.com](http://www.zuerichcard.com) or [www.zuerich.com](http://www.zuerich.com).

### Taxi

Taxi 444 AG is one of the biggest in Zürich

*Address: Ausstellungsstrasse 36*  
*Phone: +41 44 4444444*  
*Internet: [www.taxi444.ch](http://www.taxi444.ch)*

### Post

Sihlpost

*Address: Kasernenstrasse 95/97*  
*Opening hours: Mon-Fri 06.30-22.30; Sat 06.30-20.00; Sun 10.00-22.30*

### Pharmacy

Permance Medical Centre, 24 hours emergency service

*Address: Bahnhofplatz 15*  
*Phone: +41 442154444*

Alongside is Bahnhof Apotheke Pharmacy, open daily from 07.00 to midnight.

### Dentist

Dentists are to be found at the main train station or at the general hospital for emergency service.

### Telephone

Country code: +41

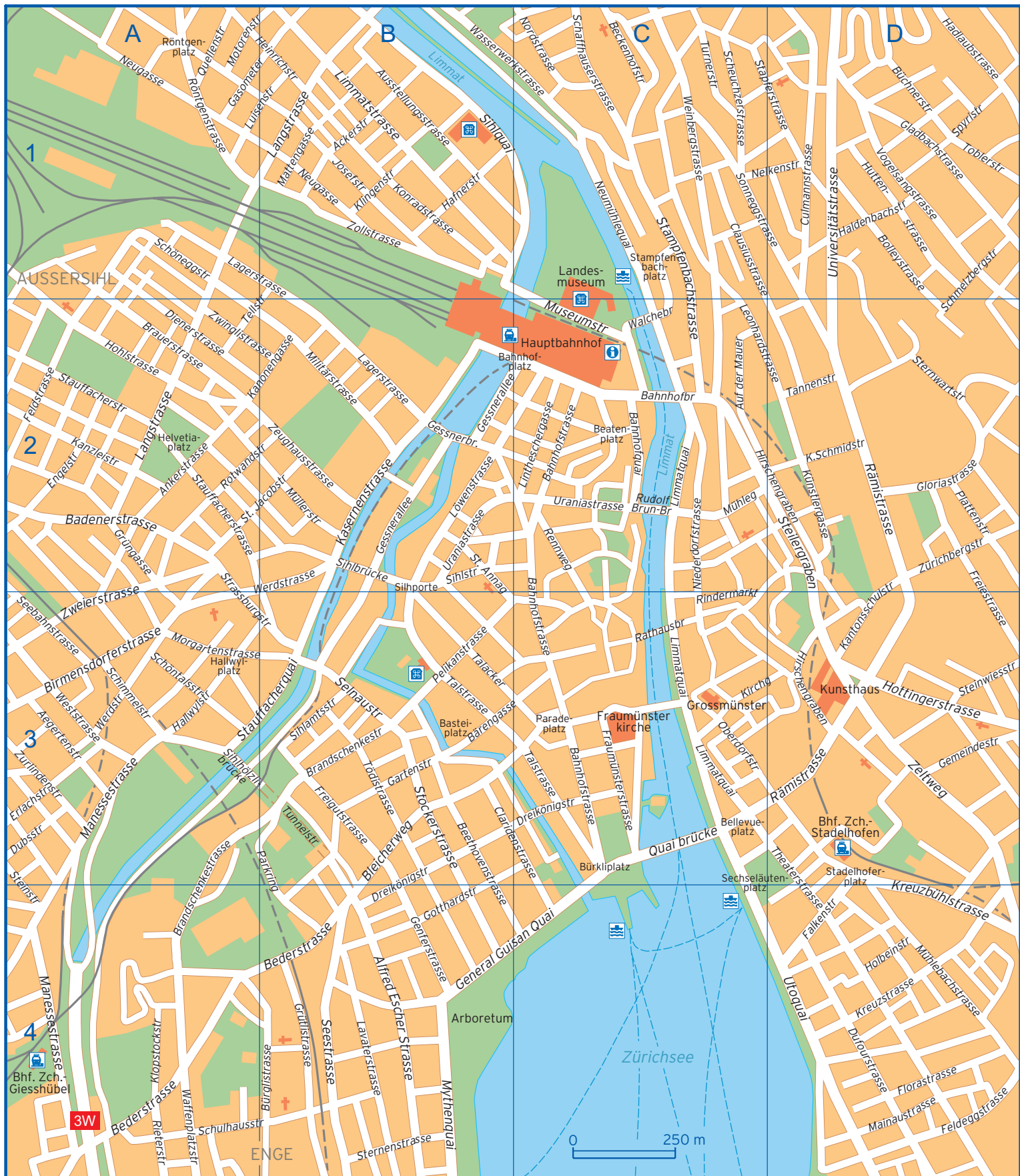
Area code: 044 and 043

**Electricity**

220 volt, 50 hz







Ackerstrasse	B1	Hirschengraben	C2 D2 D3	Schimmelstrasse	A3
Aegertenstrasse	A3	Hohlstrasse	A2	Schmelzbergstrasse	D1 D2
Alfred Escher Stra.	B4	Holbeinstrasse	D4	Schulhausstrasse	A4 B4
Ankerstrasse	A2	Hottingerstrasse	D3	Schöneggstrasse	A1
Auf der Mauer	C2	Huttenstrasse	D1	Schöntalsstrasse	A3
Ausstellungsstrass.	B1	Josefstrasse	B1	Sechseläutenplatz	C3 D3
Badenerstrasse	A2	K.Schmidstrasse	D2	Seebahnstrasse	A3
Bahnhofbrücke	C2	Kanonengasse	A2 B2	Seestrasse	B4
Bahnhofplatz	B2 C2	Kantonsschulstrass.	D2 D3	Selnaustrasse	B3
Bahnhofquai	C2	Kanzleistrasse	A2	Sihlamsstrasse	B3
Bahnhofstrasse	C2 C3	Kasernenstrasse	B2	Sihlbrücke	B2
Basteiplatz	B3	Kirchgasse	C3 D3	Sihlhölzlibrücke	A3
Beatenplatz	C2	Klingenstrasse	B1	Sihlquai	B1
Beckenhofstrasse	C1	Klopstockstrasse	A4	Sihlstrasse	B2
Bederstrasse	A4 B4	Konradstrasse	B1	Sihlporte	B2
Beethovenstrasse	B3 B4	Kreuzbühlstrasse	D4	Sonneggstrasse	C1 D1
Bellevueplatz	C3	Kreuzstrasse	D4	Spyristrasse	D1
Birmensdorferstras.	A3	Künstlergasse	D2	St. Annagasse	B2 B3
Bleicherweg	B3	Lagerstrasse	A1 B1 B2	St. Jacobstrasse	A2 B2
Bolleystrasse	D1	Langstrasse	A2 B1	Stadelhoferplatz	D3
Brandschenkestra.	A3 A4 B3	Lavaterstrasse	B4	Stampfenbachplatz	C1
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Bäregasse	B3 C3	Luisenstrasse	A1 B1	Steilergraben	D2
Claridenstrasse	B3 C4	Löwenstrasse	B2	Steinstrasse	A3 A4
Clausiusstrasse	C1	Mainaustrasse	D4	Steinwiesstrasse	D3
Culmannstrasse	D1	Manessestrasse	A3 A4	Sternenstrasse	B4
Dienerstrasse	A2	Mattengasse	B1	Sternwartstrasse	D2
Dreikönigstrasse	B3 B4 C3	Militärstrasse	B2	Stockerstrasse	B3
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Engelstrasse	A2	Museumstrasse	C2	Talstrasse	B3 C3
Erlachstrasse	A3	Mühlebachstrasse	D4	Tannenstrasse	D2
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Feldstrasse	A2	Mythenquai	B4	Toblerstrasse	D1
Florastrasse	D4	Nelkenstrasse	C1 D1	Tunnelstrasse	B3
Fraumünsterstrasse	C3	Neugasse	A1 B1	Turnerstrasse	C1
Freiestrasse	D2 D3	Neumühlequai	C1	Tödistrasse	B3
Freigutstrasse	B3	Niederdorfstrasse	C2	Universitätstrasse	D1
Gartenstrasse	B3	Nordstrasse	C1	Uraniastrasse	B2 C2
Gasometer	A1 B1	Oberdorfstrasse	C3	Utoquai	D4
Gemeindestrasse	D3	Paradeplatz	C3	Waffenplatzstrasse	A4
General Guisan Qua.	B4 C4	Parkring	A3 B4	Walchebrücke	C2
Genferstrasse	B4	Pelikanstrasse	B3	Wasserwerkstrasse	B1 C1
Gessnerallee	B2 C2	Plattenstrasse	D2	Weinbergstrasse	C1
Gessnerbrücke	B2	Quai brücke	C3	Werdstrasse	A3 B2
Gladbachstrasse	D1	Quellenstrasse	A1	Weststrasse	A3
Gloriastrasse	D2	Rathausbrücke	C3	Vogelsangstrasse	D1
Gotthardstrasse	B4	Rennweg	C2	Zeltweg	D3
Grüngasse	A2	Rieterstrasse	A4	Zeughausstrasse	B2
Grütlistrasse	B4	Rindermarkt	C3	Zollstrasse	B1
Hadlaubstrasse	D1	Rotwandstrasse	A2 B2	Zurlindenstrasse	A3
Hafnerstrasse	B1	Rudolf Brun-Brücke	C2	Zweierstrasse	A3
Haldenbachstrasse	D1	Rämistrasse	D2 D3	Zwinglistrasse	A2 B2
Hallwylplatz	A3	Röntgenplatz	A1	Zürichbergstrasse	D2
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Heinrichstrasse	A1 B1	Schaffhauserstrass.	C1		
Helvetiaplatz	A2	Scheuchzerstrasse	C1		