



Many Christian Cultural Treasures – Only A One-Hour Drive Away

You don't have to travel far to explore these sacred Christian sites and historical treasures. From Lucerne, which is situated in the heart of Switzerland, all of these wonderful sights can be reached within an hour by car.

Whether you are interested in great monasteries with a thousand years of history or small places of pilgrimage – each of these places has its own charms, and has all manners of sights, stories, and legends in store. Come to Central Switzerland and discover the unique Christian heritage and cultural jewels, as well as the culinary specialties of the region.



Experience More

Central Switzerland has even more to offer: themed tours of Lucerne; a ride on a historic steamboat on Lake Lucerne; guided visits of museums and châteaux; rail and cable car rides to Mount

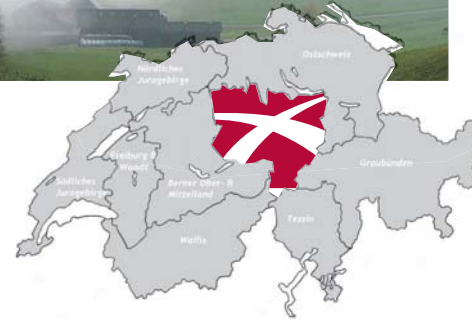
Pilatus and the Rigi; hiking and various winter sport activities; and, of course, the regional culinary delights.



Hikes and Pilgrimages

In addition to the Camino de Santiago (or the Way of St. James), there are many lesser-known pilgrimage trails in Switzerland. On the "Himmlische Pfade" ("Celestial Paths") of Sakrallandschaft Inner-

schweiz, you can reach choice sites of pilgrimage and monasteries in (multi-)day trips, both on foot or on your bike. Detailed directions and maps are available on the website of Sakrallandschaft Innerschweiz under the heading "Himmlische Pfade" (only in German).



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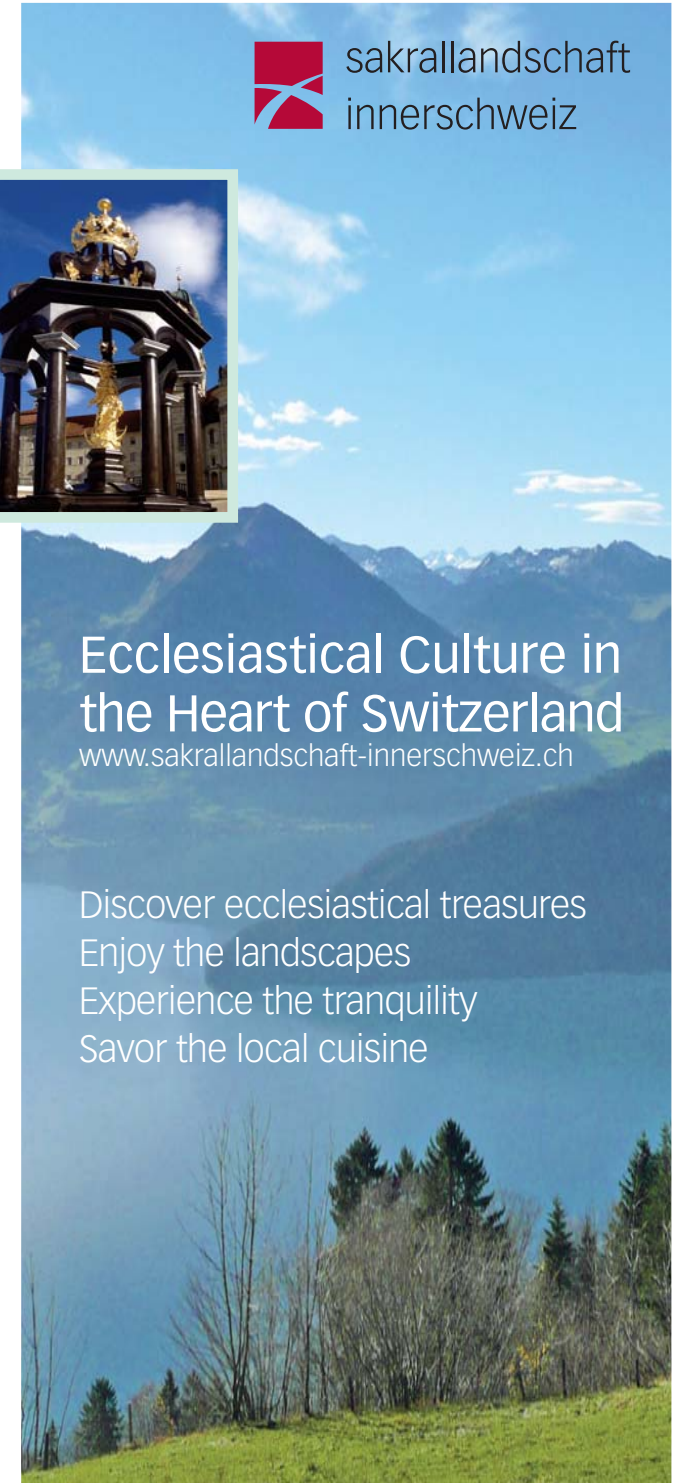
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St. Urban – Baroque Pipe Organ

The former minster is an impressive example of Baroque and Cistercian architecture and culture in Switzerland. This masterpiece is one of the few well-preserved Baroque organs in Europe.



Engelberg Abbey – The 900-Year-Old Monastery in the Valley

The Baroque edifices of the Benedictine monastery Engelberg, as well as the unique mountain range that peaks at the Titlis and the various winter and summer recreational offers, make a stay in Engelberg exceptional.



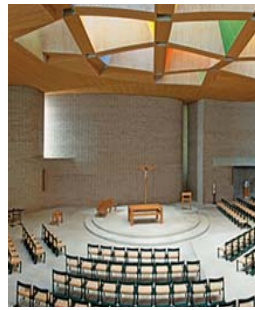
Muri and Beromünster – Charming Scenery in the Hills

The townships of Muri and Beromünster look back on a thousand years of sacral history. From Romanesque structures to Baroque churches and stained glass dating from the Renaissance - visitors can expect wonderful sights amid the beautiful hilly landscape.



Places of Serenity – Popular Sites of Pilgrimage

Embedded in a landscape that imbues the peaceful atmosphere with natural beauty, small, historical places of pilgrimage such as Luthern Bad, Heiligkreuz and Hergiswald, as well as the Werthenstein and Maria Rickenback monasteries, offer visitors an experience of tranquil contemplation.



Convent of Ingenbohl – At Lake Lucerne

The merciful Sisters of Ingenbohl live in accordance with the teachings of Saint Francis of Assisi. The minster and crypt are distinguished by the modern architecture. Located on a hill, the convent offers a view on Lake Lucerne and Brunnen.



Healing Water – Luthern Bad and Werthenstein

Tales tell of the healing effect of the springs. Numerous votive tablets prove miraculous. Daily pilgrims find their way to the two healing springs. Both places of pilgrimage are embedded in the hilly landscape of Lucerne.



Flüeli-Ranft/Sachseln – St. Niklaus of Flüe

Saint Niklaus of Flüe (1417-1487) is the patron saint of Switzerland and lived as a hermit in the Ranft Gorge. As a peacemaker and mediator, he kept the old confederation – and therefore Switzerland – from breaking apart in discord.



Einsiedeln Abbey – The Black Madonna

The monastery of Einsiedeln is considered as one of the most important Baroque cultural possessions north of the Alps. Every day, the monks sing the “Salve Regina” by the feet of the Black Madonna. Guided tours of the church, library, and through the abbey’s own stud offer special insights into the inner workings and history of the monastery.



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