



Northeastern Switzerland

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Why Go?

Northeastern Switzerland is the place to tiptoe off the map and back to nature for a few days. Country lanes unravel like spools of thread, weaving through Appenzell's patchwork meadows, past the fjord-like waters of Walensee and south to remote hamlets engulfed by the glacier-licked peaks of the Glarus Alps. This region calls for slow touring: whether you're cycling through cornfields and apple orchards on a cloudless summer's day, or walking through Klettgau's gold-tinged vineyards in the diffused light of autumn.

From the thunderous Rheinfall to the still waters of Lake Constance, nature is on a grand scale. Completing the storybook tableau are castle-topped towns such as Stein am Rhein and Schaffhausen, their facades festooned with frescos and oriel windows; while in graceful St Gallen, you will catch your breath at the rococo splendour of the abbey library.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Wii am Rii (p252)
- ➔ Bäuml (p260)
- ➔ Wirtschaft Zur Alten Post (p260)
- ➔ Fischerzunft (p253)
- ➔ Marktplatz (p261)

Best Places to Stay

- ➔ B&B Stein am Rhein (p254)
- ➔ Schloss Wartegg (p257)
- ➔ Annahaus (p258)
- ➔ Lofthotel Murg (p264)

When to Go

- ➔ Summer brings folksy festivals galore to the rural hinterland, and open-air concerts to St Gallen and Schaffhausen.
- ➔ Fireworks light up the Rheinfall and Kreuzlingen on Lake Constance in August.
- ➔ Make the most of warm-weather cycling around Lake Constance and hiking in the Alps.
- ➔ Autumn is toasted with new wine in Klettgau's vineyards, while winter's arrival brings twinkling Christmas markets to the region's towns, and skiers to its slopes.



Northeastern Switzerland Highlights

- 1 Slip back to the Middle Ages when exploring the half-timbered heart of **Stein am Rhein** (p254).
- 2 Feel the spray of the **Rheinfall** (p253), Europe's largest plain waterfall.
- 3 Enjoy a fascinating romp through literary history at

- St Gallen's **Stiftsbibliothek** (p258), a rococo masterpiece.
- 4 Hike through the magnificent karst mountains above Appenzell on the **Zwinglipass** (p263).
- 5 Pedal, walk or canoe over to Germany and Austria on **Lake Constance** (p255).

- 6 Meet Daisy and co at **Bolderhof** (p255) in Hemishofen, where you can cow trek to the Rhine.
- 7 Admire the ornate oriel bay windows in **Schaffhausen** (p250).
- 8 Lose the crowds and find remote Alpine wilderness around **Piz Sardona** (p265).