

Save with the SWISS MUSEUM PASS on Admission Tickets

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Bearers of the Swiss Museum Pass enjoy unlimited access to virtually all museums and art galleries in Switzerland. The museum pass (Schweizer Museumspass / Passeport Musées Suisses / Passaporto Musei Svizzeri) is valid for a year but a shorter version is also included free in some rail passes aimed at foreign visitors. The pass is excellent value for money and pay for itself very quickly. Family passes are particularly good deals when traveling with children under 16 years old.

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The Swiss Museum Pass is a fantastic deal that offer bearers huge savings on admission tickets to many of the top sights in Switzerland. Almost all museums in Switzerland accept the museum pass for unlimited visits. Simply show the Swiss Museum Pass at the normal ticket counters to receive a free admission ticket or often simply be waved through.

The Swiss Museum Pass gives free admission to more than 490 museums, galleries, castles, and attractions in Switzerland. (Some, but not that many, of these museums are always free.) The database or pdf list can be consulted [online](#) .

The enormous transportation museum in Lucerne (Verkehrshaus der Schweiz in Luzern) gives only 50% discount, which is still a saving of CHF14 for adults, while a charge is sometimes applied to major temporary exhibitions.

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If visiting some of the major museums – marked in red on the museum pass listings – a 10% savings on the rail fare to the applicable city is offered to museum pass holders.

Buying the Annual Swiss Museum Pass

The annual Swiss Museum Pass comes in three versions:

1. annual pass adults is CHF 166;
2. annual pass adults PLUS is CHF 199 (5 children included); and
3. annual pass families is CHF 288 (2 adults incl. 5 children).

The family pass functions as two adult plus passes, i.e. the adults each get a card and can use it to visit two different museums independently if desired. Children have to be younger than 16 – children under 6 generally enters all attractions (and public transportation) in Switzerland for free

The Swiss Museum Pass is excellent value for money. Many large museums in Switzerland charge CHF12 per visit making the pass pay for itself in as few as one museum visit per month. (Visit the [Zentrum Paul Klee](#) in Bern – CHF24 – to make up for any month missed!) Travelers with children save even faster as many Swiss museums charge admission for children over 6 years old.

The museum pass makes it also easy to visit any museum and not feel obliged to spend the money's worth if not that interesting or having to wonder whether it will be worth entering in the first place. Around a million museum visits are paid for by the museum pass – many of these visits are estimated to have been short visits that would never have occurred if the visitors had to pay full price.

The annual Swiss Museum Pass is available from larger museums, any railway station with ticket window, most post offices in Switzerland, [online](#) , and from many tourist information offices. It is personal and identification may be asked.

Short Term and Holiday Swiss Museum Passes

The Swiss Museum Pass is included in some rail passes and holiday rental contracts:

- Travelers renting a holiday home through Reka receive a Swiss Museum Pass valid for the duration of the rental contract.
- The [Swiss Railways](#) also include the Swiss Museum Pass in the Swiss Travel Pass, Swiss Youth Pass and Swiss Flexi Pass international [railway passes](#) for Switzerland.

Reviews of some museums in the Lake Geneva region where the Swiss Museum Pass is accepted include:

- Aigle – [Chateau & Wine Museum](#)

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- Avenches – [Roman Museum](#)
- Broc – [Cailler Chocolate Factory](#)
- Fribourg / Freiburg – [Gutenberg Museum](#), [Espace Jean Tinguely](#) Niki de St Phalle
- Geneva – [Red Cross Museum](#), [Reformation Museum](#), [Archaeological Site under the Cathedral](#), [Maison Tavel](#)*
- Gletterens – [Lacustre Village](#)
- Grandson – [Chateau](#)
- Gruyères – [Cheese Factory](#), [HR Giger Museum](#), [Tibet Museum](#)
- La Tour-de-Peilz – [Swiss Museum of Games](#)
- Lausanne – [Olympic Museum](#), [Roman Museum](#)
- Lucens – [Sherlock Holmes Museum](#)
- Martigny – [Foundation Pierre Gianadda](#), [St Bernard Dogs](#)
- Montreux / Vevey – [Chateau de Chillon](#)
- Morges – [Chateau with four museums](#)
- Neuchatel – [Laténium](#)
- Nyon – [Castle](#), [Léman Museum](#), [Roman Museum](#)
- Payerne – [Military Aviation Museum](#)
- Prangins – [Swiss National Museum](#)
- Romont – [Stained-Glass Museum](#)
- Vallon – [Roman Museum](#)
- Vevey – [Alimentarium Food Museum](#), [Swiss Camera Museum](#)
- Yverdon-les-Bains – [Chateau](#)

* Generally free admission for all.