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Emergency Numbers:

117 - Police

118 - Firebrigade

144 - Ambulance

1414 - REGA Swiss rescue

044 360 44 44 - 24 Hour SOS Emergency doctors - <https://www.sos-aerzte.ch/en/>

140 - Breakdown rescue for cars

Please write these down and place them on a piece of paper along with the name & no of your local hospital with and nearest A&E

Zurich - A Beautiful & Historic City

Zurich is a beautiful and historic city! Zurich is not the capital city of Switzerland that distinction lies with Bern. However, it is the largest and most culturally diverse city in Switzerland. It lies at 409 (1,342 ft) meters above sea level and its highest point is Uetliberg, its mountain, at 871 m (2,858 ft) above sea level. Lake Zurich is 28 km (17 miles) long and up to 4km (2.5miles) wide and has a maximum depth of 143 m (469 ft). The city of Zurich covers a total area of 92 sqm (35 sq miles) and is divided into 12 municipal districts.

Zurich was founded by the Romans as “Turicum” and became famous in the Middle Ages for being the center of the Protestant Reformation in German speaking Switzerland which was led by Ulrich Zwingli. With a population of approximately 400,000 today, Zurich headquarters a large number of banking and financial institutions and readily attracts global companies due to its low taxes and high quality of living in relation to other European cities.

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This guide covers the following topics:

- Registration
- Emergency Numbers
- Shopping
- Public transport
- Driving and licence exchange
- Recycling and rubbish
- Banks and insurance
- Hospitals, doctors, dentists
- Pets
- Cleaners
- Religious services
- Useful websites

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Registration

Registration

- You need to register within 14 days at the Einwohnerkontrolle or your local Gemeinde (town hall)
- You need to have a valid work permit
- You need to take with you:
- Valid passport or Identity document for each family member
- Birth certificates for all the children
- Marriage certificate
- Employment contract
- Rental agreement / contract
- 1 passport photo for each family member
- Cash / card to pay for Ausweis and registration fees
- Health Insurance is compulsory in Switzerland & within 3 months you will be asked to prove you have it
- Your residence permit – or "Ausweis" normally arrives within 2 – 12 weeks
- The B Permit is a residence permit, the C permit is a Settlement Permit (after 5 years)
- NB- every time you change address you have to de-register at the old Gemeinde and re-register at the new Gemeinde
- Registration of births, marriages or deaths is done at the Zivilstandsamt at the Gemeinde
- If you only have a single entry visa you are not allowed to leave Switzerland until you receive your Ausweis. If you need to do so you need to request a multiple entry visa from the Immigration Office

Gemeinde

If you're living outside Zurich then your local Gemeinde is the place where you can ask for any local information. They deal with registration, your Ausweis renewals, your tax, local festivals, sports, leisure, community clubs and lots more. Do get to know your Gemeinde.

Shopping

- The biggest shock to most people is that there is no shopping on Sundays. However the shops at the airport are open 365 days a year, the petrol stations often sell groceries and are open every day and Migros and Coop are open at the main stations, Zurich Hauptbahnhof and Stadelhofen and large stations such as Uster.
- Most shops in the city open from 9am till 7pm or 8pm – but in villages in the countryside they sometimes still close at lunchtime.

ICS / NewInZurich Offers:

- **Sport Shop Time Out in Uster** offers all ICS Parents 10% discount on all purchases if you mention ICS. They have great ski hire deals for kids & they speak English. They also offer a great selection of bikes and e-bikes. Address: Pfäffikerstrasse 30, 8610 Uster Tel: [044 942 06 16](tel:0449420616) Website: www.sportshop-timeout.ch
- **Pure Beauty Spa in Zollikon** are English speaking and offer 20% off your first beauty treatment (on Weds, Thursdays & Fridays) if you mention **NewInZurich**. Zollikerstrasse 82, 8008 Zürich Tel: [043 544 31 31](tel:0435443131) Website: www.purebeautyspa.ch



Shopping

Sports: Sports Shop Time Out Uster gives a 10% discount to ICS families on all purchases

Other Sport Shops: Decathlon, Migros Mxxx, Globus, Jelmoli, Ochsner Sport

Zurich Department Stores: Globus, Coop City in Bahnhofstrasse

Shopping Centres: MigrosCity, Glattzentrum, Sihlcity, Letzipark, Volkiland, Shoppi – Tivoli,

Outlet Centres: Landquart Fashion Outlet (1 hour from Zurich & open Sundays), Fashion Fish in Schönenwerd, Foxtown in Mendrisio,

Dry Cleaning: Migros, some Coops, Terlinden

Toys: Globus, Franz Carl Weber

Food: Migros, Coop, Volg, Lidl, Aldi, Too Good To Go App

Online Food Ordering: Migros www.leshop.ch & Coop www.coopathome.ch, www.hellofresh.ch

Ethnic Food Stores: see our list here: <https://newinzurich.com/ethnic-and-international-grocery-stores-in-zurich/>

Electrical Items: Fust, Media Markt, Interdiscount, Apple, M Electronics

Apple Stores: Rennweg and Glattzentrum

Opticians: Visilab in Zurich & Glatt

English Books: Orell Füssli, & Amazon.de and Amazon.co.uk

Furniture: Ikea, Möbel-Pfister, Interio, Schübiger, Fly, Neumarkt 17, Möbel- Zürich

Lighting: Luminart in Dübendorf, Globus, Interio, Ikea,

Nail & Beauty Salons: Pure Beauty Spa in Zollikon. 078 640 7178



Services

Hairdressers

Caroline Rohwer Zurich: Apollostrasse 8, 8032 Zürich (& also in Zug) Tel: [044 380 29 05](tel:0443802905)
www.CarolineRohwer.com

Hairstyling GLOW Zumikon: Dorfstrasse 66, 8126 Zumikon. Tel: [043 811 94 34](tel:0438119434)
www.hairstyling-glow.ch

Anna at Coiffeur Arté Zurich (10 mins from HB by train): Mutschellenstrasse 70, 8038 Zürich Tel: [044 482 99 33](tel:0444829933) www.arte-coiffeur.ch

See our online list of hairdressers here: <https://newinzurich.com/hairdressers-zurich/>

Telephones and Internet

The main telephone providers – Swisscom, Sunrise and GGA – Maur. Each offer different packages and ever changing deals. You can get your TV and internet and mobile phone data and minutes included in the package if you wish. You can compare prices at www.comparis.ch

Mobile Phones are known as Handys or Natels. Pay as you go is the main option before you get your Ausweis. You can get good value subscriptions or “Abbos” on all the main providers Swisscom, Salt, Sunrise and as well as deals from M-Budget at Migros and from Coop and Lebara etc. There are some great deals for under 26s.

Serafe - The radio and television tax. This is billed to you automatically (even if you don't have a TV – because you still have the possibility of using TV & radio. It costs CHF 335 per year.

12 Important Things To Do in Switzerland

1. Make sure you have your health insurance in place ASAP.
 2. Apply for your driving licence as soon as you get your Ausweis.
 3. Make sure your car has a valid Autobahnvignette for driving on motorways
 4. Make sure to have Winter tyres on your car from October till May
 5. Arrange with your doctor to have your Tick vaccination
 6. Buy the correct rubbish bags / and or stickers for where you live
 7. Take out Rega Insurance if you like hiking or skiing as they air lift
 8. Get Haftpflicht 3rd Party Insurance
 9. If you get a cleaner make sure you register as their official employer with the SVA
 10. Parking is mostly chargeable so have coins or a Parking App on your phone ready
 11. Speak to your neighbours to understand local customs & invite them for a Housewarming Aperero
 12. Don't keep translating prices back into your home currency!
- Plus : Learn some German!



Zurich Public Transport

- Fantastic integrated transport system
- In Canton Zurich you can use the same ticket on the bus, train, tram & many boats
- Check out www.ZVV.ch/en for Zurich transport - also use App
- Check out www.SBB.ch for Swiss transport – also use App
- Also use Google Maps App to get around – also use App
- Children from 6 to 16 Juniorkarte. Children can travel all over Switzerland for just CHF 30 per year with the Juniorkarte as long as they are travelling with their parents. Another great ticket for the Summer holidays is the Ferienpass (see here: <https://bit.ly/3zu364O>)
- Swiss Pass – your credit card style ticket onto which you load your Halbtax or GA card – see below:
- Halbtax Card CHF 190 per year: with the Halbtaxabo you only pay approx. half fare on trains, trams, buses etc & some cable cars. On renewal you pay CHF 170. There is also a Halbtax Youth for under 25s & a Halbtax Plus care. See more information here: <https://bit.ly/3DvzTsy>
- GA GeneralAbonnement Card: The GA is the Rolls Royce of cards & allows you to travel all over Switzerland by public transport for free once you have purchased
- Normal Tickets
- Single tickets – Einzelbillett– valid for 1-2 hours depending on the destination
- Return tickets – A return (24 hour) ticket which can be used as many times as you like within 24 hours.
- Please note when you buy the paper tickets they are transferrable. When you buy the tickets electronically or via the App they are only for use by the named person. PLUS, very importantly you must buy your e-ticket BEFORE getting on the train or you may be fined.
- Other tickets of interest
- The Night GA Travelcard is a travel card for under 25s for free travel between 7pm and 5am during the week (or 7am at weekends) See details here: <https://bit.ly/3sWFmnp>
- Tageskarte – A Day Ticket for the whole of Switzerland. Available as 1st or 2nd class. Can be bought at ticket office or online.
- 9 UHR Card offers great value as a monthly ticket as long as you are travelling after 9am Monday to Friday. Also available as a daily card in ZVV (Zurich) area.
- Zurich CARD – the Zurich CARD is ideal for visitors or for when you want to discover the city and visit many museums all for one price. It's available as a 24 or 72 hour card. Read all about it here: <https://newinzurich.com/2019/01/zurichcard-travel-and-more-in-zurich/>



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Fines, Bikes and Car Sharing

- Penalty Fines – if you travel without a valid ticket, the fine is CHF 100 plus the cost of the ticket for the first offence, CHF 130 for the 2nd Offence and CHF 160 for the 3rd Offence.
- If you forget your Halbtax or GA and are “controlled” you must present your card at a ZVV station within 10 days and pay CHF 5.
- There are frequent “controls” by both uniformed and non uniformed staff. Always buy a ticket and make sure to validate it (if it needs validating). If purchasing on your phone via the App make sure to purchase your tickets a minimum of 5 minutes before you get on the train.
- Mobility Car Sharing – www.mobility.ch offer various car sharing stations throughout Switzerland for residents.
- Free bikes in Zurich – “Zueri Rollt”. Show your ID card - leave a CHF 20 deposit and off you go. Open all year round from 8am to 9:30pm at:
 - Zurich Hauptbahnhof – Bikestation North (Landesmuseum)
 - From May to October, they are often available at various other locations
 - More info: <https://www.stadt-zuerich.ch/aoz/de/index/shop/veloverleih.html>
- E-bikes and E-scooters – a number of companies operate in the city .You can pick them up and drop them off anywhere in the city. They typically cost 1 CHF to unlock and around 0.30 CHF per minute
- Taxis are very expensive. However, Uber and Vertt.ch (a Zurich start up) also operate in Zurich.
- **Cars / Fines & Penalties / Parking**
- There are many speed cameras all over Switzerland, both fixed and mobile and the fees gained by these machines earn a huge amount of revenue for the Cantons.
- Be very careful as although each fine may be cheaper than some other European companies, if you get too many, you may get disqualified from driving as well as face additional fines or in the worst case, prison. For excessive speeding, you can be fined up to 20% of your family income. Please note that it is also common to find a huge variation in speed limits on a short stretch of road. Swiss drivers often regard the speed limit as the speed to drive at rather than the maximum speed for the area. Be warned and drive safe!

Useful Guides for Zurich

[Top Tips For Newcomers](#)

[More Tips For Newcomers](#)

[Using The Public Transport System in Zurich & Switzerland](#)

[How to Get Your Swiss Driving Licence](#)

[What You Need to Know About Speeding Fines in Switzerland](#)

[Using a Shared Swiss Laundry Room](#)

[Top Tips On Transitioning To Switzerland with Kids](#)

[Top Tips On Caring For Pets in Switzerland](#)

[Top Tips on Ticks in Switzerland](#)

[Top Tips For Expats Leaving Switzerland](#)

[Top Rooftop Bars in Zurich](#)

[Top Waterside Restaurants in Zurich](#)

[Top Restaurants with Outdoor Terraces in Zurich](#)

[Top Sushi Restaurants in Zurich](#)

[Family Excursions Not Too Far From Zurich](#)

[Top Things for Kids and Teenagers to Do In Switzerland](#)

[Top Things for Kids and Teenagers to Do in Zurich](#)

[Burgers Guide](#)

[Café Guide](#)

[Ice Cream Guide](#)

[Dessert Guide](#)

[Healthy Restaurant Guide](#)

[Indian Restaurant Guide](#)

All available on www.NewInZurich.com



Driving in Switzerland

Motorway Driving – Motorway/highway signs are in blue and dual carriage ways and other roads are in green

Drink driving: the legal limit for blood alcohol is 0.0% Anything over 0.8% results in the immediate loss of your license and a steep fine

IMPORTANT - Winter and Summer tyres need to be changed around October/November time and then again in April/May

An Autobahnvignette is required for driving on motorways and is valid for a calendar year. You can buy them at petrol stations, post offices and at borders. You are required to stick it onto your window-shield

You should keep your driving licence on you at all times while driving. Always keep the car's identity booklet in the car. If you are stopped both documents need to be shown,

Parking

Be careful when parking, failure to park in the correct area or display the right ticket will result in a fine. When parked at a meter you are not allowed to feed it again unless you have moved the car. Always park in the correct visitor "Besucher" bay when visiting.

Blue Zone Parking Cards

You can park in designated "blue zones" with a blue parking disk, usually for 1 hour or more depending on what signs in the area say. You set the time on the disk at your arrival time or the next ½ hour. So for example if you arrive at 10.45 – you set the disk to 11.00. You can obtain a disk at the Post Office, your local Gemeinde or the police station. You are not allowed to re-set the time without moving the car to a different location. If you live in the city of Zurich you can get an annual pass for the whole year.

Keep dipped headlights on day and night

Children under 150cm or under 12 have to use a child seat EEC series 3 or 4

Children are allowed to sit in the front as long as they are strapped in and are in an appropriate car seat for their height/age

Vorführen (M.O.T/Inspection): if your car is above a certain age you will be notified by the Strassenverkehrsamt when your car is due to be tested

In villages/towns the maximum speed is usually 50 kmh, 80 kmh on main roads and 120 kmh unless otherwise signposted

Recommended reading: Driving Today - a book on Swiss driving

Recommended website: Strassenverkehrsamt -

<https://www.zh.ch/de/sicherheitsdirektion/strassenverkehrsamt.html>

Information on Travel and Driving News: <https://www.ch.ch/en/traffic-and-travel-news/>

If you break down, call 140 for 24-hour breakdown assistance (CHF 0.20 / call). For the police call 117 & for ambulance service call 144. Both numbers are free of charge.

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Driving in Switzerland

Exchange of Driving Licence

Failure to exchange your driving licence within 12 months may result in you having to sit the Swiss Driving Test – ***so make sure to get your Swiss licence as soon as you receive your Ausweis.***

If you're from EU and EFTA countries and some others like USA, Japan, Canada and some others (see the list at www.stva.zh.ch) you can exchange your driving licence without a test. If you are coming from the UK or Eu or an EFTA country you will need to:

- Visit Optician and get Driving licence form and have an eye test for driving
- Eye sight test available from any optician e.g. Visilab in Zurich or Glattzentrum
- Get a colour passport photo
- Take your Ausweis + a Wohnsitzbestätigung (proof of residence from the Gemeinde) which shows the date of your arrival in Switzerland
- Take along your home driving licence and a fee

If you're NOT from UK or EU or EFTA Country

- Drivers from all other countries have to go to the Einwohnerkontrolle of the Gemeinde or the Strassenverkehrsamt with the above mentioned documents.
- They will have to sit a Kontrollfahrt (driving test). If you fail, you have to redo the test along with the theory test. Allow around 3 months for the whole procedure. **If you have to sit a driving test, we recommend taking some driving lessons with an instructor.**
- Check this website to find a driving instructor near you:
<https://www.fahrlehrervergleich.ch>
- See this step by step article on New In Zurich on how to get your Swiss driving licence: <https://newinzurich.com/2017/08/how-to-get-your-swiss-driving-licence/>
- See this article all about the Autobahnvignette:
<https://newinzurich.com/2013/01/auto-vignette-for-motorway-driving-in-switzerland/>

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Recycling & Rubbish

- Recycling is very important in Switzerland and there are various rules on what you can and can't recycle depending on where you live. Each Gemeinde will offer slightly different recycling facilities & has its own rubbish bags or stickers. Check your local Gemeinde's website for full details. Do NOT use any plastic sack on its own
- You can buy rubbish bags and rubbish stickers (Abfallmarken) at your local supermarkets in various sizes from 17.5L all the way to 60L
- In the city of Zurich you buy Zürisacks

Recycling

- **Always recycle the following items: batteries, electrical goods, oil, chemicals, tyres and car batteries**
- **Paper:** Plastic must be removed from envelopes and you can't recycle plasticized books, only paper backs. Most locals package paper into neat bundles with string and leave it outside on their recycling day, however you can also take paper to your local recycling centre.
- **Pet-bottles:** Can be recycled at your local recycling centre and at supermarkets
- **Glass bottles:** Bottles can be taken to bottle banks or your local recycling centre
- **Tins/cans:** You should remove any paper and they should be clean. You can recycling them at bottle banks or at your local recycling centre"
- **Large objects (e.g. furniture):** You can take large items of furniture to your local recycling centre and pay for it to be disposed of (the price will depend on its weight and prices vary in each Gemeinde. Alternatively you can take them to:
 - **Kehrictheizkraftwerk Hagenholz**, Hagenholzstrasse 110, 8050 Zürich, Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm www.erz.ch
 - **Kehrictheizkraftwerk KEZO Hinwil**, Wildbackstrasse 2, 8340 Hinwil, check opening hours www.kezo.ch
 - **Brockies** will take high quality household items or clothes
 - Garden rubbish & food waste (uncooked): is collected in most Gemeindes for free or a small fee. Use a green plastic bin and check the correct collection day

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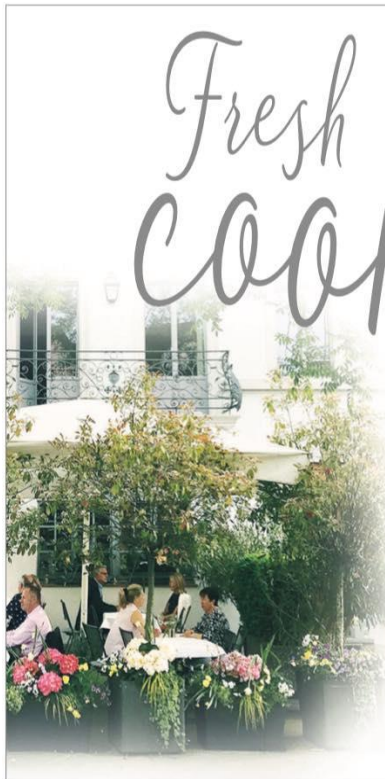
- Michael Silbermann of Helping Hand offers a moving service and a storage facilities for furniture and goods near Ebmatingen. Tel. 043 443 17 37
- ZUZUG Consulting offer lots of general help and information for newcomers to Switzerland <https://www.zuzugconsulting.ch>
- If you are moving house at any stage in Switzerland you may wish to read this guide: <https://newinzurich.com/moving/>

Banking, Post Office, Paying Bills

- The main banks are Credit Suisse (CS), UBS, Zurich Kantonal Bank (ZKB), Raiffeisenbank, Migrosbank, Coop Bank and the Post office also offers banking
Dauerauftrag (standing order) – used for rental payments etc.
 - Lastschriftverfahren (Direct Debits) – used for regular payments like phone bills ect.
 - From 1st October 2022 the QR Code Slips will replace the Einzahlungsschein (pink and orange payment slips) for bills
 - Since covid paying by card has been more common place, you can pay by card or cash in most shops however beware some smaller shops, cafes and restaurants only take cash, especially in small villages and the mountains

Insurance

- **Health insurance**
- Basic health insurance is compulsory for all members of your family, your Gemeinde will ask you for proof once you have been resident for 3 months
- Additional insurance, with higher levels of cover is recommended. For more details go to www.Comparis.ch to compare policies and to get quotes. Alternatively, you can contact an insurance broker.
- Some health insurance policies give you a discount towards gym membership
- **Dental insurance**
- Dental insurance is not included in your normal health insurance policy and has to be taken out separately. It is often very expensive.
- **Accident Insurance**
- Every employee employed for more than 8 hours a week is covered by the company they work for accidents at work and at home
- Children and non-salaried people have to take out separate accident insurance with their health insurance provider



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Events in Zurich

There are always plenty of events in Zurich.
Sign up for a once a week events listing
from NewInZurich.com every Friday.

Insurance

3rd Party insurance (Haftpflicht)

- Covers you against:
 - Personal injury, i.e. death, injury or other impairments of the health of a person
 - Property damage, i.e. destruction, damage of the property, injury to animals
- **We highly recommend you take out 3rd party insurance. If you have pets make sure they are included.**
- **Household goods insurance for**
- Anything that is not built into the apartment/house can be insurance against fire, theft and water damage

Car insurance

- Third party car insurance is mandatory
- Comprehensive insurance, collision insurance and passage accident insurance are all optional. Read through your policy carefully to check what is covered and not covered
- You may also want to ensure that you are covered against **damage from martens** (small creatures which eat your brake linings when your car is left out)
- Compare insurance companies on: www.comparis.ch
- Various Insurance companies: www.Zurich.com www.axa-winterthur.ch www.helvetica.ch www.alliaz-suisse.ch

Rega

- Rega is the Swiss rescue service – if you hike or take part in any Winter sports it is well worth being covered by this charitable institution. For individuals it is 40 CHF per year and children under 18 are free. But you do need to register: www.rega.ch



Hospitals and Emergencies

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044 360 44 44 - 24 Hr SOS Emergency doctors - <https://www.sos-aerzte.ch/en/>

Make a note of your nearest hospital with A & E and keep it on a piece of paper in the kitchen or hallway with the telephone number and the emergency numbers above

For Medical Emergencies:

- Any major hospital with the exception of Balgrist can be used, they include:
- **Universitätsspital** (University Hospital): Ramistr. 100, 8091 Zurich. Tel. 044 255 11 11, www.usz.ch
- **Kinderspital Zurich** (Children's Hospital): Steinwiesstrasse 75, 8032 Zurich. Tel 044 266 71, www.kispi.uzh.ch
- **Spital Zollikerberg**: Trichtenhauserstrasse 20, 8125 Zollikerberg, Tel 044 397 21 11 www.spitalzollikerberg.ch
- Check Google or with your health insurance provider for the nearest hospital with an A&E department.

For non-critical emergencies:

- **Emergency day clinic Permanence Hauptbahnhof**, Bahnhofplatz 15, 8001 Zurich. Open 7am – 10pm daily www.permanence.ch

Emergency dentist: Theaterstrasse 14, 8001 Zurich. Open 24 hours a day. Tel 044 262 11 11 www.sos-zahnaerzte.ch

Ticks / Zecken: Please ask your doctor to arrange your vaccination against Ticks as they are widespread in Switzerland

Emergency Pharmacy

- **24-hour pharmacy:** Bellevue Apotheke, Theaterplatz 14, 8001 Zurich. Tel. 044 266 62 22
- **24-hour pharmacy** at Zurich Main Station
- **Swiss Toxicology information centre:** Provides free medical advice in case of poisoning/drugs, open 24 hours a day, 044 421 21 21
- **Doctors English Speaking**
- Children: Dr. Michael Bischofberger, Geissacher 8, Zumikon, Tel. 043 288 07 80
- Dr Carolin Schäfer (GP), Dufourstrasse 29, 8008 Zurich Tel. 044 261 3939
- **Dentists English Speaking:**
- Dr. Marina Thomas, Seestrasse 67, 8002 Zurich. Friendly and speaks excellent English, uses the latest techniques plus general and cosmetic dentistry. Tel. 044 202 2041

Churches, Pets, Cleaners

Church tax

- If you entered a religion on your registration form at the gemeinde you may be liable for a Church Tax. Visit www.steueramt.zh.sh to calculate your church tax
- English Speaking Christian services:
- Roman Catholic English Speaking Mission, Neptunstrasse 60, 8032 Zurich – www.englishmission.ch
- Anglican – St Andrew's Anglican Church Zurich, Promenadengasse 9, 8001 Zurich – www.standrewszurich.org
- Judaism :
- Israelitische Religionsgesellschaft, Synagogue, Freigutstrasse 37
- Israelitische Cultusgemeinde Zurich, Lavaterstrasse 33, 8002

Pets

- Dogs and cats must have a Pet passport and be micro-chipped and have a valid vRabies vaccine a minimum of 30 days before entering Switzerland,
- Dogs have to be registered at the Gemeinde and by the vet to be added to the ANIS database
- Free plastic bags and green Robidog bins are provided all over Switzerland for clearing up after your dog.
- For dog training courses see www.bvet-admin.ch
- Animal Hospital – Tierspital, Winterthurerstrasse 260, Zurich and 24 Hour Emergency Service - Tel: 044 635 8111 Always call before arriving.

Cleaners

- **If you have a cleaner you are deemed to be the employer and as such you need to register and insure your cleaner to be legal**
- Every employer also has to insure against accidents occurring in the workplace.
- Every employer has to pay AHV/IV/EO/ALQ and the employee needs to be registered with the Ausgleichkasse
- If you do not employ your cleaner correctly you can both be fined if caught
- You can use an agency like www.batmaid.ch or www.Helpling.ch and they will employ the cleaner for you and do all the paperwork

Lost Property

- If you lose something in Zurich contact the Fundbüro – www.vbz.ch/fundbuero If you lose something on the train contact <https://lostandfound.sbb.ch/>

Further Information

- Travel / Tourist Information – Zurich Hauptbahnhof
- Zueritipp weekly newspaper www.zueritipp.ch
- Zurich tourist board www.Zuerich.com
- Zurich Restaurant Guidebook – “Zürich Geht Aus”
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