



# Switzerland

## TIPPING

While it's not customary to always tip in Switzerland, a little extra is always appreciated as a thank you. Many places add a service charge (a tip) so, double check your bill to see if that is included. If you pay with a credit card, leave a cash tip in the local currency.

Restaurants	Round up or 10-15%
Bartenders	Round up or 10-15% per drink
Bellhops	€1-2 per bag
Housekeeping	€1-5 per day
Concierge	€5-15 depending on complexity
Taxis	Short Trips: Round up · Long Trips: 5-10%
Spa Services	10-15% of service cost
Private Tour	15% of trip cost
Free or Group Tour	€5-€15
Tour Bus Driver	€2-5
Valet/Doorman	€5-10



- Switzerland is known for its cleanliness—always dispose of trash properly.
- Let boarding passengers exit first when using public transport.
- Say 'please' when asking questions in English.
- Dial 112 for emergency services.

## LANGUAGE

The four national languages of Switzerland are German, French, Italian, and Romansh. German is the most common, followed by French, but many speak a variation "Swiss German."

- Switzerland: Schwiz (sh-v-eez)
- Hello: Gruetzi (Gru-ah-tsi)
- Pleased to meet you: Fröit mi (fr-oi-t mee)
- Goodbye: Uf Widerluege (Uff vid-er-LOO-ge)
- Good Morning: Guete Morge (Goo-teh MOHR-ge)
- Good Day: Guete Daag (Goo-teh DAAK)
- Good Evening: Guete Abig (Goo-teh AH-big)
- Please & You're Welcome: Bitte (BIT-uh)
- Thank You: Danke (dahn-kuh) · Merci (Mer-see)
- Yes: Ja (Yah)
- No: Nein (Nayn)
- How Are You: Wie goht's (Vee goht-ts)
- I'm fine/good: Mir gaats guet, danke! (Meer goo-et, dahn-kuh)
- Excuse Me: Entshudigung (ent-SHOOL-degen-see)
- Do You Speak English: Sprechen Sie Englisch (SHPREH-khen zee EHNG-lish)
- Can you help me: Kannsch mir hälfe? (kahnsh meer hell-fuh)
- Where is the bathroom: Wo isch d'Toilette? (VOH is-ch duh' to-ah-LET-tuh)
- How do I get to: Wie chum ich zu (vee KOM-me isch tsoo)
- I would like (ordering): I hätti gern es (ee het-tee gern ess)
- Request the check: Die Rechnung, bitte (dee REH-kh-noong BEE-teh)



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# Switzerland: Currency

- The official currency of Switzerland is the Swiss franc ₣ (CHF)
- US currencies are not accepted at most establishments.

**BANKNOTES:** ₣ 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 1,000

**COINS:** ₣ 5, 2, 1, 1/2 franc, 20, 10, and 5 centime

Credit cards are widely accepted in cities, but you may need cash for smaller purchases, especially in rural areas, mountain huts, or small village shops.

- The 5, 10, and 20 centime coins show a head of Liberty in profile.
- The 1/2, 1, and 2 francs coins show a standing figure of the national personification Helvetia.



Banknotes display hands and a globe on one side and a location on the other. Each has a distinctive colour and specific motif:

- ₣ 10 is yellow, time
- ₣ 20 is red, light
- ₣ 50 is green, wind
- ₣ 100 is blue, water
- ₣ 200 is yellow, matter
- ₣ 1000 is purple, communication



Dream.  
Explore.  
Repeat.