

DESTINATION

Zurich

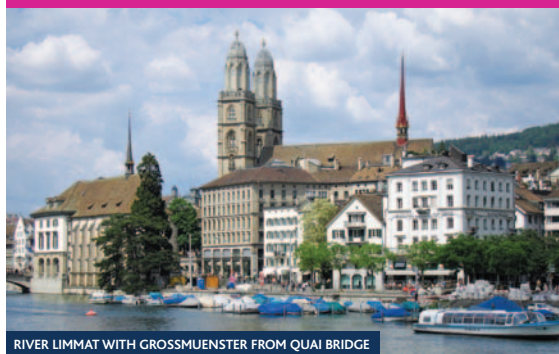


OVERVIEW

Blue Islands offers a direct flight to the financial capital of Switzerland, Zurich. Blue Islands has always prided itself on having no baggage charges, so if you are planning on taking to the slopes this winter you don't need to worry about being charged for taking your ski equipment.

Zurich is one of the world's leading financial centres; the home of many headquarters of leading international companies. Also, there are a number of high-end ski resorts near the city; including, Flumserberg and Engelberg. You can take an excursion up Mount Titlis; a range of activities are available there including sledding in the winter and hiking in the summer.

Why not sample some traditional Swiss food in the many superb restaurants Zurich has to offer? Zurich is said to have a rather an impressive bar scene, so you can really let your hair down. Zurich has so much variety trying to summarise it is almost impossible; so go and see it for yourself.



RIVER LIMMAT WITH GROSSMUESTER FROM QUAI BRIDGE



Blue Islands operates flights to Zurich from Bristol, Guernsey & Jersey. For full timetables, see pages 112-113.

LEISURE EVENTS

14-18 MARCH. GIARDINAZÜRICH. Swiss garden and lifestyle exhibition.

15-16 APRIL. SECHSELÄUTEN. Zurich's traditional spring festival. The celebrations start with a colourful children's procession. This is followed by the main festival on Monday: People in historical guild costumes, 500 horses, 30 marching bands, together with 50 carriages and coaches parade through the city centre to Sechseläuten-Platz on Lake Zurich. There, at 6pm, the 'Böögg' – a symbolic snowman – is set on fire.

22 APRIL. ZURICH MARATHON. Fast race times are possible on this beautifully varied route which has almost no ascents.

BUSINESS EVENTS

24-25 APRIL. ESE CONFERENCE, ZÜHLKE ENGINEERING AG.

Software experts around the world meet for an open and intensive exchange.

RESTAURANTS

CADUFF'S WINE LOFT. Only the best seasonal ingredients, bought fresh from the market that very day, are used at the Wine Loft. Beat Caduff surprises his guests with new ideas every single day. He and his kitchen team offer a cuisine that draws its refinement from the quality of the products and their excellent preparation.

HEUGUMPER. Reflecting a perfect synergy between tradition and the spirit of today's time, the restaurant is located in the heart of Zurich only a few steps from Paradeplatz. Pamela und Marco Pfoster run the restaurant and have created a meeting point with an inviting atmosphere for their guests.

HOTEL

THE DOLDER GRAND. The Dolder Grand is the perfect environment for people who are looking for pleasure, exclusivity and relaxation: 173 luxurious rooms and suites, exquisite cuisine, a spa covering 4,000 square metres and generous banqueting and seminar facilities. The original 'Curhaus' dating from 1899 presents itself anew as the luxury-class City Resort. Its elevated location, between the pulsating life of the city and a refreshingly natural green zone, provides a magnificent view of the city of Zurich, the lake and the Alps.

AIRPORT INFO

CHECK-IN. Opens 2 hours before departure. Closes 40 minutes before departure.

TAXIS. Airport taxi rank in front of Arrivals

1 and 2. A taxi from Zurich airport to central Zurich costs approx CHF 50.

BUSES & TRAINS. Frequent train service from the airport to Zurich main station. Tel: 051 222 73 27 or see www.sbb.ch. For buses see www.vbg.ch.

CAR HIRE. All leading car rental agencies can be found in the car rental centre on the upper floor of the Airport Shopping Mall.

PARKING. Short and long term parking available at the airport.

www.zurich-airport.com