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What to do in **Bern**

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Welcome to Bern, the charming capital of Switzerland!

Nestled along the meandering Aare River, Bern is known for its relaxed atmosphere, rich history, and stunning views of the Alps. The UNESCO World Heritage Old Town, with its medieval arcades, cobbled streets, and iconic Clock Tower, invites you to step back in time while enjoying a vibrant and lively city.

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1. Seasonal activity

Rendez-vous Bundesplatz

The *Rendez-vous Bundesplatz* is an annual light and sound show held in front of the Federal Palace in Bern. Stunning projections are displayed on the facade of the building, accompanied by music and storytelling, creating an immersive experience.

- Daily at 7, 8 & 9 p.m. (duration: 30min)
- Free of charge, no seats, dress warmly
- [More Information](#)



2. Historical sights

The Bernese Minster

The Bernese Minster has the highest church spire in all of Switzerland and is one of the most important landmarks of the capital. There are 344 steps to reach the viewing deck, but the wonderful panorama from the Old City to the peaks of the Bernese Oberland is absolutely worth it.

- Mo-Sa from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tower climb fee: 6 CHF
- [More Information](#)



Parliament Building and Square

The Parliament Building in Bern is the heart of Switzerland's democracy: The parliament holds its meetings under the grand dome, the west and east wings house parts of the federal government and administration. And the large Parliament Square and long terrace are popular, lively meeting places.

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Bernese Treasures

Shopping in Bern's Old City is a unique experience. Countless quaint shops, elegant boutiques and creative studios can be found below the historic arcades. Here are some of our favourites!

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Vaulted cellars

Vaulted cellars are a characteristic feature of Bern's UNESCO-listed Old Town. Countless charming cafés, restaurants and boutiques now occupy these spaces where goods were once stored.

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Zytglogge (Clock Tower)

Every hour on the hour, people gather in front of the Zytglogge (Clock Tower) to watch this unique spectacle. That's when the puppet show starts and you can see bears, a jester, a golden rooster and even Cronos, the god of time, ringing in the new hour.

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3. Nature & Experience

Bearpark

The home of the Bernese bears is the city's BearPark. Since 2009, the bears have been in the park on the banks of the Aare river, an exclusive location with a view of Bern's Old City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Open: all the time, free of charge
- 1.6km walking distance from train station (20min.) or bus nr. 12 to stop „Bärenpark“
- [More informations](#)



Rose garden

The magic of cherry blossom in spring, around 250 varieties of roses in bloom in summer, a blaze of colour in the autumn months and the cosy fondue veranda of the Rosengarten restaurant in the winter season make a visit to the rose garden something special at any time of year.

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4. Museums & Culture

Einstein House

Albert Einstein lived in Bern from 1903 to 1905 and developed his Theory of Relativity here. The Einstein House gives visitors a chance to see where the great physicist completely revolutionized our understanding of space and time.

- Entrance fee: 7 CHF or Euro
- [More informations](#)



Bern History Museum

The Bern History Museum is one of Switzerland's most important museums of cultural history. Stories of local and global relevance invite reflection, emotion and interaction.

- Entrance fee: 16-24CHF
- [More Informations](#)



5. Special souvenirs

Berner Mandelbärli (Almond bears)

A sweet almond bear-shaped cake, a delicious and unique treat from Bern. Available in Coop, Loeb and Glatz.



Toblerone (Chocolat)

The world-famous chocolate bar, invented in Bern in 1908. The former factory building now belongs to the University of Bern (Unitobler at Länggasse). Available in Coop and Loeb.

Rivella

Switzerland's iconic soft drink, made with milk serum (red & blue) or soja (yellow), has a refreshing and unique taste you won't find anywhere else. A true Swiss original! Available in Coop.

