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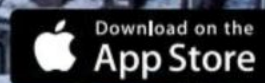


How locals survive winter
Melted cheese, thermal baths
and ice skating

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Take a piece of Zurich with you

If you've asked yourself what to take home from your trip to Zurich, here are some local products, apart from pocket knives and cuckoo clocks. We think they make a good gift or souvenir, as most are made or designed in and around the city. For all of the classic souvenirs take a look at souvenir shops on p. 42.



FRANZISKA LUETHY KNITWEAR

Zurich fashion designer Franziska Luethy lives in Zurich and designs knitwear for women that is somewhere between casual and elegant. Be it her pullovers, hats or jackets, we think her designs with unique colour combinations make for an extraordinary Zurich souvenir. She has also received the Swiss Design award several times for her work. Her clothes are produced in limited editions at small knitting mills with only the finest of yarns. Available at Erbudak, Ankerstrasse 8, (+41) 44 240 04 14. ▶ www.franziskaluethy.ch.

STRAUMANN HÜPPEN

These traditional Zurich wafer rolls are crispy and filled with fine chocolate, making them a perfect gift for nearly anyone. Although the predecessors of today's sweet hüppen, which are said to have been produced centuries ago, did not have a filling and were considered to be more of a treat for the poor, these Hüppen are now considered a delicacy. The Straumann family has been producing them since the 1940s, at first within the city, but have since moved to Wädenswil, a short distance outside of Zurich. You can buy Hüppen at the Globus and Jelmoli (see p. 36) department stores. ▶ www.straumannhueppen.ch.



ZÜRIHONIG - HONEY FROM ZURICH

The Swiss love honey, which is why Zurich has a number of honey bee colonies that actually live within city limits. Bee keepers Peter Schneider, Urs Gähler and their colleagues have placed bee colonies on some of the city's highest rooftops including the Marriott hotel and the Globus department store. The bees fly out and gather nectar from trees and flowers in Zurich's parks, balconies and rooftops, which is then stored as honey and sold as Zürihonig. This is certainly a special souvenir. Available at the Jelmoli and Globus department (see p. 36) stores and at the Marriott hotel (see p. 55). ▶ www.zurihonig.ch

Shopping



A stroll through the old town comes with lots of shopping opportunities. | Zurich Tourism

Zurich has a reputation as a shopping city, even if it's not quite London or Milan. Bahnhofstrasse is especially renowned as one of the most exclusive and expensive shopping streets in the world. For Swiss and urban design, Europaallee and the area around Langstrasse are good places to start. As far as shopping malls are concerned, Switzerland can't match other European nations where huge centres are the order of the day, but perhaps that's a good thing. The Sihlcity shopping centre, an easily accessible mall that opened in 2007, is an example of innovative development, without the massive sprawl of other malls. The Glatt shopping mall just outside city limits is Switzerland's most popular shopping centre. The malls and best shopping areas of the city are listed here together with other notable shops. Remember that all shops are closed on Sundays except those at the railway stations and some souvenir shops. For more suggestions visit www.zurich.inyourpocket.com

The main shopping areas are:

Bahnhofstrasse (F-11/14) Bahnhofstrasse leads from the main railway station to the lake and is mostly a pedestrian area with nearly no traffic, but watch out for the trams! It's world-famous for its luxury stores: find jewellery, watches and designer boutiques as well as the big department stores Jelmoli, Globus and Manor here. In recent years, more big foreign companies like Apple have opened stores on Bahnhofstrasse displacing some traditional Zurich businesses and some say Bahnhofstrasse is losing its atmosphere. Naturally not everyone is happy about this. Nevertheless, a walk down this famous street is a must for

every shopping fan. Wander down the side streets as well, where shops are no less luxurious and some more unusual little gems are hidden.

Niederdorf (G-11/13) Even if Niederdorf - the part of the old town east of the River Limmat - is better known for dining and nightlife than shopping, it's well worth expanding your shopping tour into this quarter. Along the Limmatquai and Niederdorfstrasse streets - both pedestrian areas - you'll find smaller shops with up-to-date street wear, fancy shoes and fashion stores. The smaller alleys are also well worth a peek.

Old Town (F/G-12/13) The old town between Bahnhofstrasse and the River Limmat is another shopping area not to be missed. Try the pedestrian street Rennweg with its international clothing brands and boutiques or Storchengasse with its luxury designer stores.

OPENING HOURS

Many shops on and around Bahnhofstrasse are open **Mon to Fri 09:00 - 19:00 / 20:00**. Smaller shops including jewellers and shops outside the centre often close at 18:30, some are closed on Monday mornings. On **Saturdays most shops open from 09:00 - 17:00** (or 18:00, department stores until 20:00). On **Sundays all shops are closed** (except in train and petrol stations). Banking hours are Mon - Fri 08:30 - 16:30.