

1-3 DAYS IN LUCERNE CITY GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

Thanks for buying this guide, and placing your trust in me as your Lucerne guide!

I have lived in Switzerland since 2001 and visited almost every corner of this country. By train, on foot, or by campervan. There is hardly a corner of Switzerland that I have not visited.

Lucerne was one of the first places I visited when I moved here in 2001. Of course, I was in awe of the Chapel Bridge and the historic old town, and I will never forget standing on top of the Musegg Wall.

I have since returned to Lucerne more times than I can count, including living in an apartment there last summer. Having done hundreds of hikes in Switzerland, I also know Lake Lucerne and the surrounding mountains like the back of my hand.

This guide will show you all the area has to offer and more. Organised so you can find the things that matter to you the most!

Enjoy!

Ashley Faulkes
Founder of SwitzerLanding

PS. If you notice any errors or think something is missing, be sure to let me know - hello@switzerlanding.com

OLD TOWN HIGHLIGHTS

DISCOVER THE BEST OF HISTORIC LUCERNE

Below are the highlights of the old town of Lucerne.

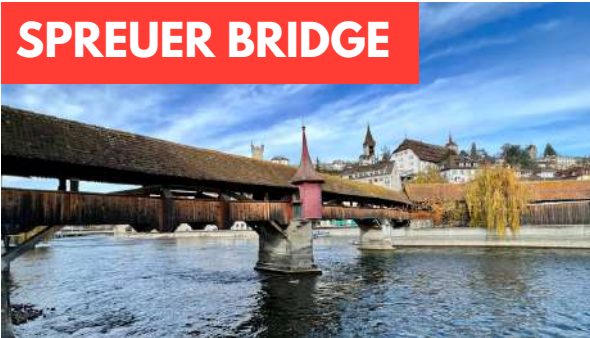
CHAPEL BRIDGE



JESUIT CHURCH



SPREUER BRIDGE



KORNMARKT



**HIRSCHENPLATZ
& WEINMARKT**



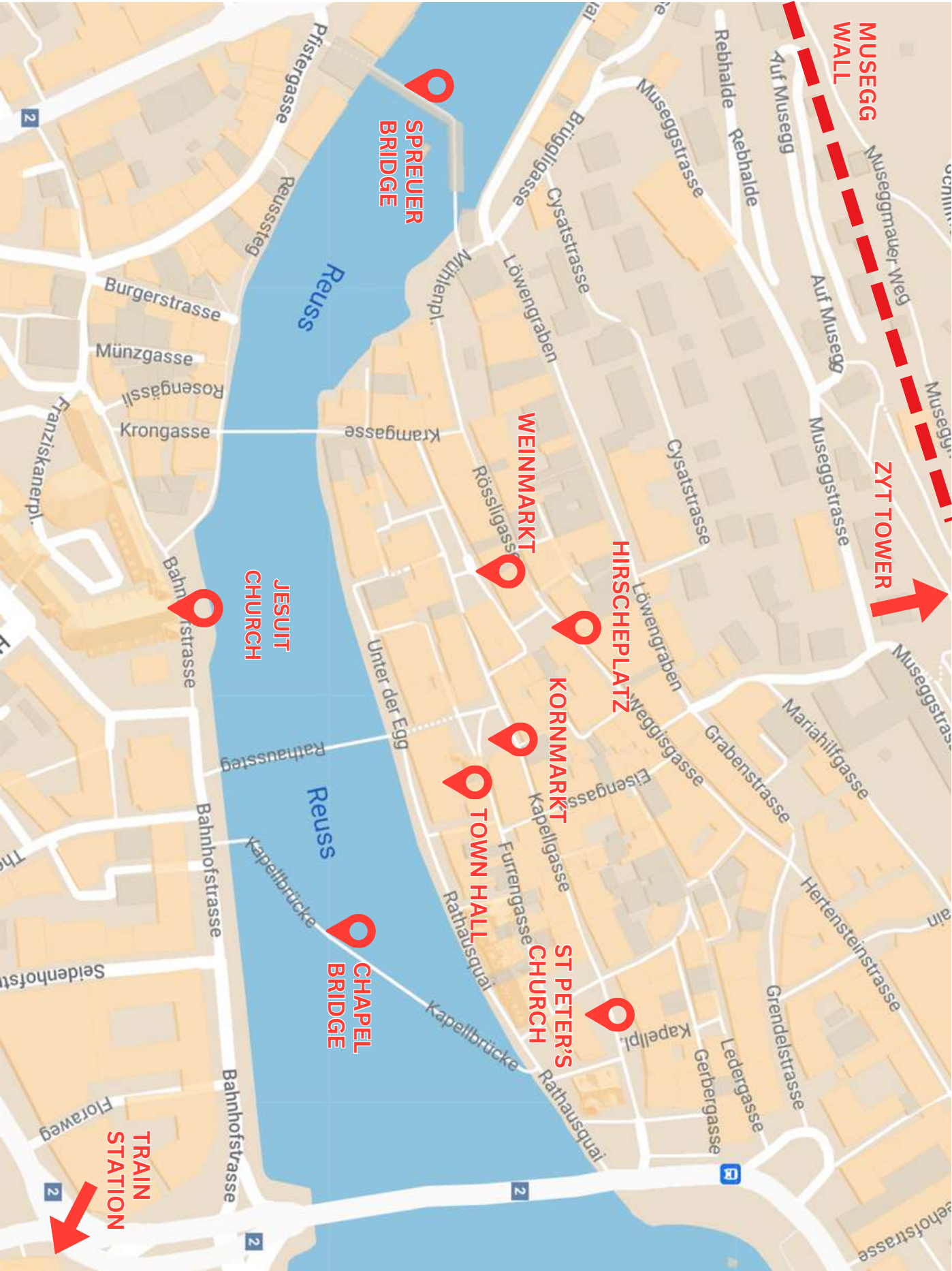
MUSEGG WALL



ST PETER'S CHAPEL



LUCERNE OLD TOWN HIGHLIGHTS MAP





CHAPEL BRIDGE

Chapel Bridge is "the" must-see highlight of Lucerne. This iconic wooden bridge, adorned with vibrant paintings, gracefully spans the Reuss River offering glimpses of Mount Pilatus as you cross.

The Chapel Bridge was part of Lucerne's original medieval fortifications and dates back to circa 1365. It features a water tower (Wasserturm) partway along the bridge, which pre-dates the bridge by 30 years.



Inside the Chapel Bridge, Lucerne

A long series of paintings depicting the city's history all along the bridge. Hans Heinrich Wägmann originally created 158 paintings in the 17th century. However, a fire in 1993 damaged several of them beyond repair.

There were originally three covered bridges in medieval Lucerne. Unfortunately, only the Chapel and Spreuer bridges remain today.

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MOUNTAIN EXCURSIONS

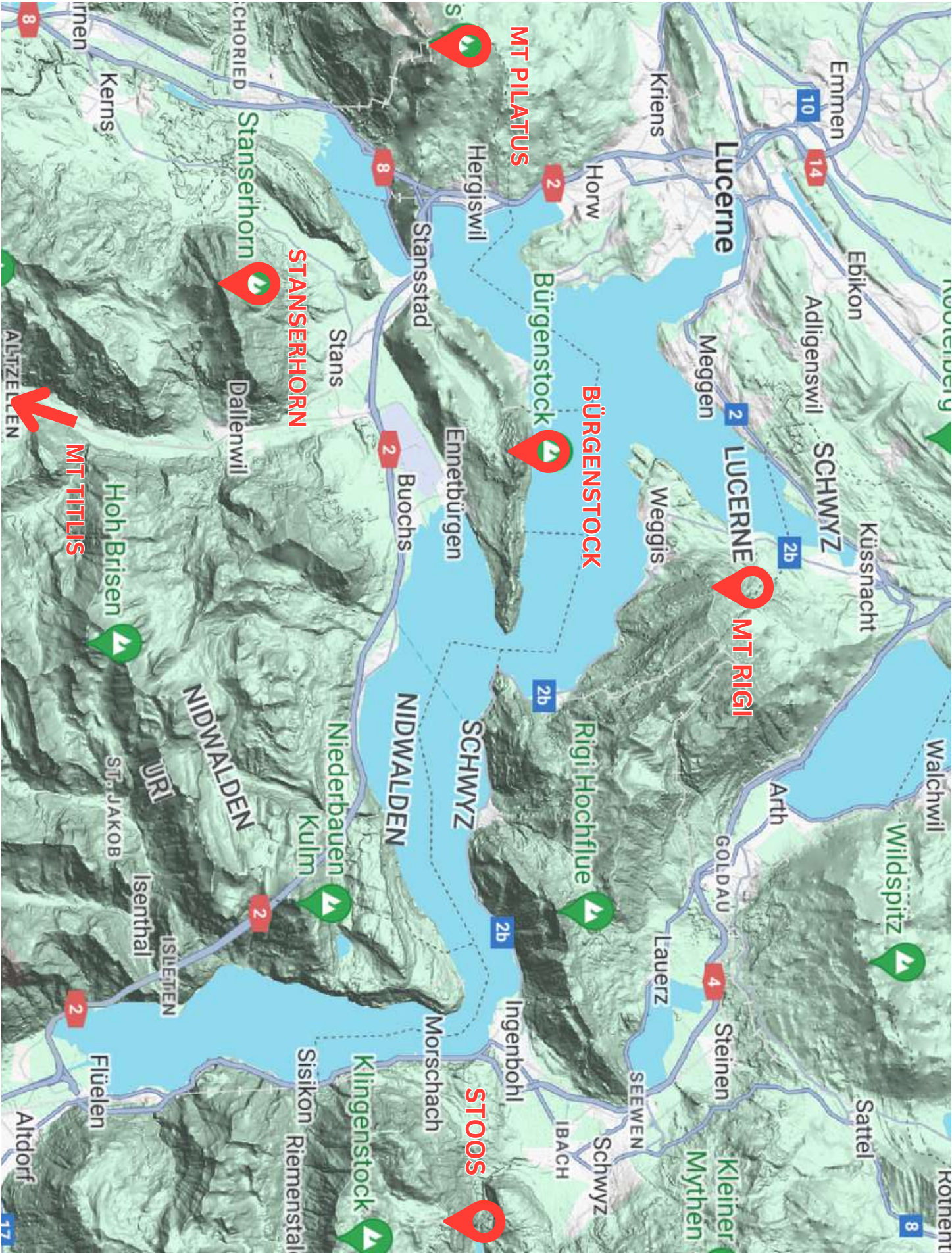
ENJOY THE BEST VIEWS IN THE REGION

The Lucerne region is brimming with unparalleled mountain adventures. From the awe-inspiring peaks of Pilatus and Rigi to the breathtaking vistas offered by Stanserhorn and the Bürgenstock, this area promises unforgettable views and experiences.

Continue reading for detailed information on each mountain to help you select the perfect destination for your Swiss adventure!



MOUNTAIN EXCURSIONS MAP





MOUNT PILATUS

QUICK FACTS



Height: 2,128 m / 6981 ft

Open: Year-round (Funicular only open in Spring - Autumn)

Journey Start: Alpnachstad or Kriens ([See Map](#))

Average Cost: 78-114 CHF

Discounts: Swiss Travel Pass, Half Tax, Eurail Pass, Tell Pass

Perhaps the most famous and visible mountain in Lucerne, Mt Pilatus is a popular day trip from the city. The journey to the top includes almost every highlight you would want in a trip from Lucerne: a boat ride, a steep cogwheel train, a stunning mountain view and a gondola ride back down. This journey, commonly called **the Golden Round Trip**, should be on every Lucerne Bucket List.

GETTING THERE



Boat: Lucerne Bahnhofquai to Alpnachstad

Train: Lucerne Bahnhof to Alpnachstad
(connects to Pilatus cogwheel train)

Bus: From Lucerne to Kriens, Zentrum Pilatus (Bus + 10 min walk)
(connects with Pilatus Gondola)