



RAPPERSWIL
JONA 

CITY OF ROSES ON LAKE ZURICH





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Welcome to Rapperswil-Jona!

The town lies in one of the most attractive recreational regions of Switzerland – the ‘Riviera’ on upper Lake Zurich with a Mediterranean ambience and warm hospitality. Its sleepy lanes and lively squares entice visitors to take a stroll and linger awhile. Rapperswil received an award from the Council of Europe for the protection and conservation of its cultural heritage, and the Old Town has National Monument status. Discover for yourself the unique charm of this small town with its beautifully preserved medieval buildings.

The tourist information office on *Fischmarktplatz* is open 7 days a week. You can find out about the city and region of Rapperswil-Jona, book a guided tour, have an event organised for you, and choose from a range of souvenirs. We will be happy to provide you with all the information you need for your journey of discovery through the City of Roses on Lake Zurich and its beautiful surroundings.

i Tourist Information

A Schwanen Hotel (closed until further notice)

B Sorell Hotel Speer

C Hirschen Hotel

D Jakob – Hotel on the main square

 ZSG jetty

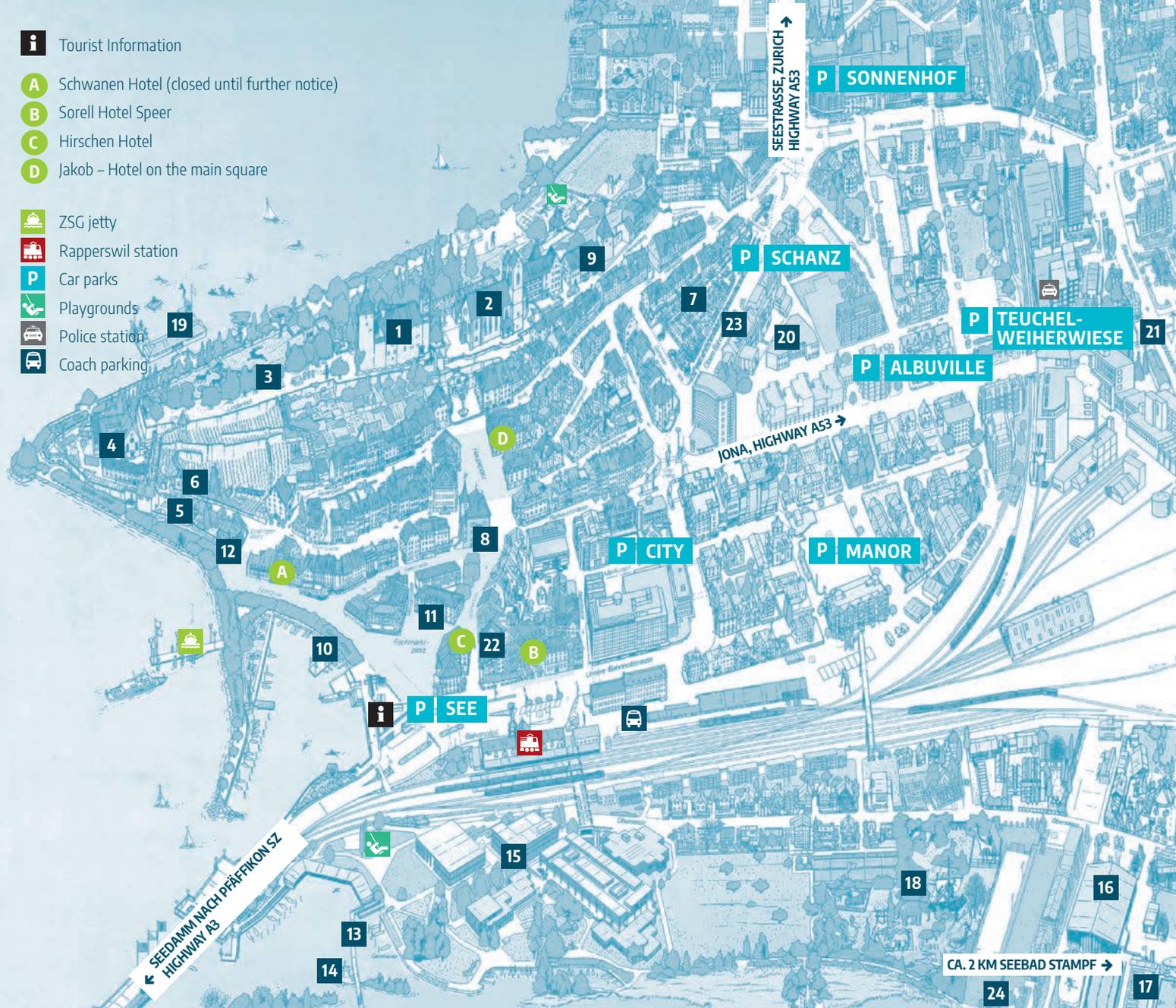
 Rapperswil station

P Car parks

 Playgrounds

 Police station

 Coach parking



1 Castle, Polish Museum

2 Parish church

3 Lindenhof, deer park

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5 Rose garden at the Einsiedlerhaus

6 Rose garden at the Capuchin monastery

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CITY OF ROSES

Roses adorning a house in the Hintergasse, Rapperswil



RAPPERSWIL-JONA – RICH IN ROSES AND IN HISTORY



FACTS AND FIGURES

Area 22.44 km²

Altitude 409 m.a.s.l.

Highest point

544 m.a.s.l. Eggwald, Wagen

Population in 2016 26,738

Rapperswil-Jona comprises the two districts of Rapperswil and Jona as well as Kempraten, Lenggis, Busskirch, Wagen und Bollingen.

Train stations at Rapperswil, Jona, Kempraten, Blumenau

Lake Zurich size 65 km²

Max. depth 136 m

Volume 3.3 km³

www.rapperswil-jona.ch



LOCATION

Rapperswil-Jona is readily accessible from all directions and extremely well served by public transport. It is part of the Zurich Transport Network (ZVV) as well as Eastern Switzerland's Ostwind fare network. Trains to Zurich run every 15 minutes. Zone tickets and day passes are valid for all means of public transport within the network, including trains, buses and boats (the latter with a small surcharge). There are good connections to Chur, Lucerne and St Gallen, and Zurich airport is just 55 minutes away. The map on the top right-hand side of the brochure (📍) shows how to get to various attractions in the region.

There are 6 car parks in the immediate vicinity of the Old Town, and further parking spaces are available throughout the town. Coaches can drop off passengers in *Fischmarktstrasse* close to the harbour before parking in *Güterstrasse* next to the train station.



HISTORY

The Rapperswil-Jona region has been inhabited for more than 3600 years. Its history has been shaped by its special location on major communication routes. The town of Rapperswil, which oversaw the surrounding farming districts of Jona, Kempraten, Busskirch, Bollingen and Wagen, was established ca. 1200 AD. With the death of the last Count of Rapperswil, the town came under Austrian Habsburg rule for over a century. In 1464, Rapperswil became a protectorate of the Swiss Confederacy. After the invasion of Napoleonic troops during the French Revolution in 1798, Rapperswil separated from Jona and became part of the then Canton of Linth. The Canton of St Gallen was formed in 1803, and the two political communities of Rapperswil and Jona joined this new canton. On 1 January 2007, the two municipalities became one again.

CASTLE, DEER PARK, LINDEN HILL

The silhouette of the castle and the church above the lake is the landmark of the town. The castle is one of the most important historical monuments on Lake Zurich. The view over Rapperswil-Jona and Lake Zurich from the *Gügeler-Turm* (castle tower) is unparalleled. The Deer Park with its fallow deer commemorates the legend of the town's foundation. Rapperswil Zürichsee Tourism is responsible for maintaining the enclosure and safeguarding the deers' welfare. Linden Hill, on which the castle stands, offers a magnificent panoramic view of the mountains and the lake, a roundabout vista from the *Zürcher Oberland* (Zurich highlands) to the Glarus Alps and all the way to the Säntis mountain.

TREASURES TO BE DISCOVERED

**WOODEN BRIDGE**

The footbridge that once crossed the lake at Rapperswil centuries ago was replaced in 2001 by a wooden bridge from Rapperswil to Hurden. With its 841 metres, it is the longest wooden bridge in Switzerland. The *Heilig Hüsli* (Holy House), an ancient bridge chapel built in 1551, is all that remains of the original wooden footbridge. Like its predecessor, the new bridge is part of a famous pilgrims' route – the St James' trail, which connects Eastern and Central Europe with Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain.

ROSE GARDENS

Rapperswil-Jona's coat of arms has always featured two roses. This explains why the tourist office set itself the target, back in 1958, of turning the City of Roses into a true city of roses. Today, over 20,000 rose bushes and some 600 different varieties bloom and fragrance the air from May until October. You can find them in the rose gardens next to the vineyard at the Capuchin monastery, at the *Einsiedlerhaus* (Hermit House), in the garden with especially fragrant roses for the disabled and visually impaired on the *Schanz* (Entrenchment), in the Mainau garden – designed by Count Lennart Bernadotte, who also created the unique flower and plant landscape on Mainau island – as well as in other public and private gardens.

WEDDING LOCATION

Rapperswil-Jona is perfect for a couple looking for that special wedding location. With its wealth of roses, the city is the epitome of romance, love and beauty. The fabulous backdrop of the Old Town makes for unique wedding pictures. Besides the many hotels and restaurants for overnight stays and wine receptions, there are a number of banqueting halls that will accommodate your every need. Several locations specialising in wedding ceremonies are available, including the small *Rittersaal* (knights' hall) in Rapperswil Castle, Busskirch Church right on the lake, and the *Neuhof* building in the centre of Jona. Given the town's proximity to the lake, boat tours are an excellent alternative for receptions and banquets. Rapperswil-Jona has everything you need for an unforgettable wedding day.

SHOPPING EXPERIENCE

The numerous shops in Rapperswil-Jona are great for browsing and shopping. Local specialities, arts and crafts, and everyday goods can be found both in the Old Town's design shops and specialist outlets and in the *Sonnenhof*, *Albuville* and *Manor* shopping centres. Various stores in the Old Town are also open on Sundays. Jona has a wide variety of shopping facilities too; for example, the *Eisenhof*, *Stadttor*, *Jonaport* and *Molkereistrasse* centre, which also houses restaurants and other service providers.

www.einkaufsziel.ch

A PARADISE
FOR ROSE
LOVERS

CITY OF NATURE

Vineyard Höcklistein, Rapperswil – Kempraten overlooking the castle and the lakeshore



RAPPERSWIL-JONA – A PARADISE FOR NATURE LOVERS



UFNAU ISLAND

The island of Ufnau, located in Freienbach in the canton of Schwyz and owned by the Einsiedeln monastery, can be reached by regular daily boat services (Zürichsee Schifffahrtsgesellschaft, ZSG) from April until October. There is also a guest jetty for private boats. The restaurant *Zu den zwei Raben* is open every day (April to October), except for Tuesdays in bad weather. The island is fully accessible and wheelchair friendly. You can simply enjoy the view over the idyllic lakeland scenery or stroll across the meadows to the vineyard and the island's two churches – St Martin's Chapel and the Church of St Peter and Paul are both well worth a visit.
www.ufnau.ch

LÜTZELAU ISLAND

The recreational island of Lützelau can be reached by private boat or by *Schiffstaxi* (water taxi), bookable through the tourist information office. The island warden also offers a Lütz-Shuttle service with a separate timetable. Locals enjoy coming to the island to escape the stress of everyday life for a few hours and enjoy the sunset. The island's restaurant, which is also run by the warden and his team, offers delicious fried fish, grilled dishes and other delicacies. The tourist information office organises special group events such as guided tours of the island and the Lützelau *Inselplausch* (fun meet).
www.insel-luetzelau.ch

LAKELAND SCENERY

The beautiful landscape along the shores of Lake Zurich, generally freely accessible and bordered by rolling hills, offers a range of opportunities for outdoor exercise. A 12 km-long lake-side path will take you as far as Schmerikon. Various species of lake bird can be observed near the shore. An extensive network of footpaths, hiking trails and cycle routes off the main roads is available for exploring the area. The *Frauenwinkel* is an impressive reed and moor landscape between Rapperswil and Pfäffikon. It is the last major nature reserve bordering on Lake Zurich and serves as a hibernation and nesting habitat for birds.

NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

The *Joner Wald* (Jona woods) offers sports activities in the form of a *Vita-Parcours* (fitness trail), *Finnenbahn* (natural running track) and various hiking paths. *Schauplatz Natur*, an educational trail, provides insights into the wonders of nature at eight information posts. *Joner Allmend* is a nature reserve of national importance. You can roam through the *Höcklistein* wine-producing region and enjoy the splendid views. Wine-tasting sessions can also be arranged.

ISLAND REMAINS
CLOSED UNTIL CA.
MAY 2018 DUE TO
CONSTRUCTION
WORK!

ENJOY
DELICIOUS
FRIED FISH



CITY OF CULTURE

City Museum Rapperswil with bronze connecting element 'Janus'



MUSEUMS FOR HISTORY, ART AND NATURE ENTHUSIASTS



STADTMUSEUM

The *Stadtmuseum* (City Museum), reopened in 2012 with its new *Janus* extension, the *Stadtpalais* (City Palace) dating back to 1492 and the medieval tower, represents a spectacular architectural combination. A detailed model in the entrance foyer depicts Rapperswil ca. 1780. Visitors can experience 800 years of municipal and cultural history on a museum tour.

www.stadtmuseum-rapperswil-jona.ch



KUNST(ZEUG)HAUS

The *Kunst(Zeug)Haus* (Art Museum) is a centre for Swiss contemporary art and is based on the collection of Peter and Elisabeth Bosshard. This is complemented by temporary exhibitions and a variety of events. The library is a small treasure trove of around 4000 works relating to Robinson Crusoe.

www.kunstzeughaus.ch



ALTE FABRIK

The *Gebert Stiftung für Kultur* (Gebert Foundation for Culture) has set up a platform in the *Alte Fabrik* (Old Factory) for promoting the contemporary arts scene. The *Kurator* project has a countrywide appeal with its focus on young visual artists and on bringing international art to Rapperswil-Jona.

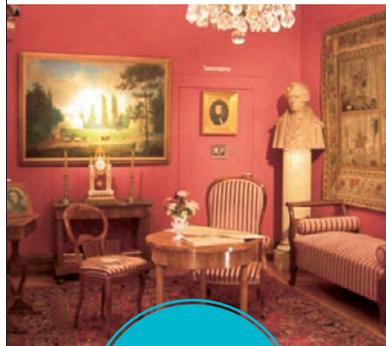
www.alte-fabrik.ch



ENEA BAUMMUSEUM

The *Enea Baummuseum* (tree museum), situated in a breathtakingly beautiful 75,000 m² park, opened in 2010. It displays a large number of selected trees from the collection of the Swiss landscape architect, Enzo Enea. The museum contains more than 50 trees representing over 25 different species. Some of the specimen are over 100 years old.

www.enea.ch



POLENMUSEUM

The *Polenmuseum* (Polish Museum), housed within Rapperswil Castle, provides an insight into the colourful history of mutual relations between Poland and Switzerland.

www.muzeum-polskie.org

ON THE TRAIL
OF ART AND
CULTURE



VÖGELE KULTUR ZENTRUM

The *Vögele Kultur Zentrum* (Vögele Cultural Centre) hosts interdisciplinary exhibitions involving visual art, scenic installations, everyday objects and media contributions. In an entertaining and thought-provoking way, visitors are encouraged to reflect on contemporary issues. Guided tours and events are also on offer.

www.voegelekultur.ch

A BROAD CHOICE OF CULTURE AND ENTERTAINMENT



KREUZ

The *Kreuz Kultur und Gastlichkeit* event hall in Jona offers a wide-ranging cultural programme with cabaret, theatrical performances, concerts, multimedia presentations and much more. It regularly attracts stars for young and older audiences.

www.kreuz-jona.ch



ZAK

ZAK stands for *Zentrum aktueller Kultur* (Centre for Contemporary Culture) and is a concert and event venue next to Jona station. It has a broad bandwidth of cultural offerings, ranging from hip-hop concerts and film screenings to readings and rock record launch parties.

www.zak-jona.ch



KELLERBÜHNE GRÜNFELS

The *Kellerbühne Grünfels* (Grünfels basement theatre) has been the cultural centre of Jona since 1993. It presents musical, cabaret and theatrical productions from the Swiss and foreign performing arts scene.

www.gruenfels.ch



STADTBIBLIOTHEK

The *Stadtbibliothek* (Municipal Library) in Rapperswil-Jona is a place of learning as well as somewhere to meet people and while away a few hours. Now housed in the *Alte Fabrik*, it offers around 40,000 books, magazines and other media in spacious rooms equipped with modern infrastructure. The library is open some 300 days a year, 45 hours a week.

www.stadtbibliothek-rj.ch



SCHLOSSKINO UND KINOBAR LEUZINGER

The *Schlosskino* is one of the oldest cinemas in Switzerland. It was here in 1906, before even Zurich had a cinema of its own, that Willy Leuzinger, the founder, presented the first 'moving pictures'. Today special screenings, including films for women and the *spectrum Filmtreff* multicultural film series, represent a particular attraction.

www.kinoevent.ch



GROSSER RITTERSAAL

The acoustically impressive *Grosser Rittersaal* (Large Knights' Hall) in Rapperswil Castle is a popular venue for a range of events such as the classical chamber music concert series *Musik im Schloss*, seminars and lectures.

www.ogrij.ch

Restaurant and catering
www.schlossrapperswil.com

TRADITIONAL MARKETS IN THE OLD TOWN



FRIDAY MARKET

The homely Friday market with some 25 stalls offers fresh produce, mostly sourced locally. The range of food products on sale includes fish, vegetables, fruit, salad, meat, pasta, cheese, Mediterranean specialities such as olives, as well as ginger and exotic fruits. Market gardeners and rose sellers offer a huge selection of flowers, plants and seedlings.

Building on a long tradition of markets in Rapperswil, this particular one celebrated its 40th anniversary in 2013.

Location *Hauptplatz* (main square), Rapperswil

Opening hours Every Friday, 7:30 – 11 am (March to November)

AUTUMN MARKET

The Autumn Market is traditionally held in the Old Town of Rapperswil on the Wednesday following the Swiss national day of thanksgiving, repentance and prayer in September. Numerous market stalls offer visitors a variety of food, clothing, jewellery and other goods. Children can swap or sell old toys at the jointly held flea market.

Location *Hauptplatz, Seestrasse, Seequai, Fischmarktstrasse* and *Fischmarktplatz*

Opening hours 9 am – 8 pm
Flea market starting at 12 noon



ONE OF THE
PRETTIEST
CHRISTMAS MARKETS
IN SWITZERLAND

CHRISTKINDLIMÄRT

The *Christkindlimärt* in the heart of the Old Town captures the traditional Christmas spirit. With more than 230 booths and stalls on the *Hauptplatz*, *Marktgasse*, *Fischmarktplatz* and *Seequai*, the *Christkindlimärt* in Rapperswil-Jona is one of the largest and most attractive Christmas markets in Switzerland. The wide variety of items on sale includes culinary delicacies, jewellery and decorative articles as well as all kinds of handmade goods. Visitors come to look, marvel and enjoy the seasonal atmosphere conjured up by the beautifully decorated market booths and the elaborate array of lights adorning the Old Town.

The *Christkindlimärt* has something for everyone, including a merry-go-round and donkey rides for children. Musical highlights come in the form of live stage performances on the *Fischmarktplatz*.

Location Old Town, Rapperswil
Opening hours 3rd – 4th weekend of Advent. Closed on Mondays. From Tuesday, the market is held in the harbour area only.

www.christkindlimaert.ch

OLD CUSTOMS UPHELD TO THIS DAY



GUIDED TOURS

The best way to learn more about the history of the City of Roses and to discover fascinating facts about the Old Town is to go on a guided tour. These are organised by Rapperswil Zürichsee Tourism and are much in demand, especially by pre-booked groups. As a result, numerous Old Town tours take place on set days throughout the year, as well as various theme-based tours (in German only). From November until March, all city tours are conducted only in German. During the boat-trip season on Lake Zurich (April to October), tours of Rapperswil are offered both in English and German. They can be booked at short notice at the tourist information office.

www.rapperswil-zuerichsee.ch

EVERY
SATURDAY
FROM APRIL TO
OCTOBER IN
GERMAN/
ENGLISH



CARNIVAL

The first highlight of the carnival season is the colourful parade through Rapperswil on the Sunday before *Schmutziger Donnerstag*, the last Thursday before Lent. It continues with the *Wurstkranzbrüder* parade and the popular *Schübligbankett* (sausage specialties banquet) held in Jona on the Thursday itself. The carnival celebrations conclude with the Rapperswil-specific *Eis-Zwei-Geissebei* (one, two, goat leg!) on Shrove Tuesday. This custom dates back to the siege and destruction of the city by Rudolf Brun in 1350, when sympathetic residents passed down food from their windows to the hungry children below. To commemorate this, the windows of the banqueting hall open up on Shrove Tuesday at exactly 3:15 pm and a fanfare can be heard. The children cry '*Eis-Zwei-Geissebei!*', and sausages, bread rolls and *Biberli* (sweet pastry) rain down from the windows onto the children standing in the square. The carnival ends with the *Monsterkonzert* by marching bands at 10 pm.



SANTA CLAUS

Rapperswil-Jona has three Claus organisations (Santa Claus is distinct from Father Christmas in Switzerland and visits on December 6). The *Etzelchläuse* are organised by Rapperswil Zürichsee Tourism and are responsible for the Rapperswil city district. The annual Arrival of Santa Claus takes place at the beginning of December on the main square. The *Klauskomitee Jona* and the *Chlausgruppe* of the Lenggis-Kempraten district celebrate his arrival on the first Sunday in Advent at the *Schulhaus Dorf* and the *Schulhaus Paradies-Lenggis* school buildings. The Claus groups also make family visits, putting a smile on children's faces in the pre-Christmas time and helping to keep the Santa Claus custom alive.



CAROL SINGERS

On the last Advent Sunday at 6 pm, the procession of the Rapperswil *Sternsinger* (carol singers) departs on the sixth chime of the Capuchin Monastery to parade through the dark lanes of the Old Town to the main square. The long procession with the herald angel and other angels big and small, stargazers, Mary and Joseph, shepherds and the three kings, together with sheep, horses, donkey and camels – the latter provided by Knie's Children's Zoo – makes its way to the illuminated steps of the castle to perform the half-hour nativity play by Pius Rickenmann.



RAPPERSWIL-JONA SPECIALITIES



SEENACHTFEST

The *Seenachtfest* takes place once every 3 years. Regularly attracting around 75,000 spectators, the festivities never fail to captivate and delight. Locals and visitors from afar enjoy memorable days and enchanting nights. The *Seenachtfest* is the largest and most traditional public event in Rapperswil-Jona, with the lake and the medieval town together forming a magnificent backdrop. Few people know that, when it was first held in 1924, the festival was organised by the erstwhile Rapperswil Zürichsee tourism office, and that it is also an event celebrating local associations.

Time of year

August (once every 3 years)
www.seenachtfest.ch



LA TAVOLATA

'Together at one table' is the motto of this unique culinary event. A single long table spreading through the alleys of old Rapperswil is set for diners. Local inhabitants, businesses and restaurants provide the culinary offerings, which means that both professionally prepared dishes and personal specialities are on offer. LA TAVOLATA exudes conviviality and charm, and is a great occasion for getting to know people. Street artists and musicians are responsible for entertainment and ambience. LA TAVOLATA is held each year in which there is no *Seenachtfest* in Rapperswil. As it is an outdoor event, there is always an alternative date scheduled.

Time of year

August
www.rapperswil-zuerichsee.ch



BLUES'N'JAZZ

Blues'n'jazz rapperswil-jona holds a special place in the Swiss music festival agenda, owing both to the beautiful lakeside setting and the high quality of the music programme. On three stages against the backdrop of the historic old town, renowned musicians from all over the world play a choice selection of blues and jazz.

The stage at Kapuzinerzipfel attracts audiences preferring more intimate sounds, lovers of New Orleans jazz head for Curtiplatz, while the big stars can be seen and heard on the main stage at Fischmarktplatz.

Time of year

June
www.bluesnjazz.ch



IRONMAN 70.3 SWITZERLAND

IRONMAN 70.3 Switzerland in Rapperswil-Jona has around 3000 athletes from over 30 nations compete against one another. Participants start with a 1.9 kilometre swim in the lake, followed by a cycling course of 45 kilometres – to be completed twice – on a beautiful route along the lake and past lush pre-Alpine meadows. The concluding half-marathon run takes the contestants through parts of Rapperswil-Jona. A highlight is the dreaded 'Stairway to Heaven', where runners have to master a steep climb from the main square up to Rapperswil castle.

Time of year

June
www.ironman.com

EVENTS FOR ALL SEASONS

**KNIE CIRCUS PREMIERE**

The dynasty of Knie-family circus directors and artists goes back to 1803. For over 200 years now, *Zirkus Knie* – Switzerland's national circus – has featured among the leading circuses in Europe. It maintains its off-season winter quarters in Rapperswil-Jona. This is also where the premiere of its new tour programme is held each spring. Circus artists and animals create magic moments for young and old.

Time of year März
www.knie.ch

**SLOWUP ZÜRICHSEE**

Once a year, the streets from Schmerikon to Meilen are reserved for cyclists, inline skaters, skateboarders, pedestrians, people in wheelchairs, riders of high-wheel bikes and the like. In short, for all those propelled by the strength of their own muscles. The slowUp route leads along the right-hand shore of Lake Zurich for 28 kilometres. Numerous booths offer refreshments on the way, and people are invited to take part in a variety of activities.

Time of year September
www.slowup.ch

BY THE
STRENGTH OF
YOUR OWN
MUSCLES

EVENT CALENDER

MONTH(S)	EVENT	DETAILS
February	Carnival	Carnival parades, <i>Eis-Zwei-Geissebei</i> , <i>Schübligbankett</i>
March	Premiere Circus Knie	Start of annual tour by Swiss national-circus Knie
March – Nov.	Friday market	Weekly fresh produce market
April	Spring festival	Goods market and festivities in the centre of Jona
June	IRONMAN 70.3	Triathlon for top athletes, children and groups
June	blues'n'jazz	Blues and jazz concerts with international stars in the heart of town
August (every 3 years)	Seenachtfest	Urban festival with fireworks, festival stands and supporting programme
August	Lützelau swim	Swimming for all from the island of Lützelau to the <i>Stadtbadi</i> in Rapperswil
August	Dragon boat race	Dragon boat race on upper Lake Zurich
August (alternative to Seenachtfest)	LA TAVOLATA	Culinary event, one long table through the Old Town
September	Autumn market	Market stalls with diverse range of offers
September	slowUp Zürichsee	Walking, jogging or cycling in a non-motorised trek along the banks of Lake Zurich
Sep. – Feb.	Ice-hockey matches with SCRJ Lakers	Ice-hockey matches in the St. Galler Kantonalbank Arena in Rapperswil
October	Castle run	Running event in the Old Town
November / December	Samichlaus parades	Parades in Jona, Rapperswil and Lenggis-Kempraten
December	Christkindlimärt	Atmospheric Christmas market in the Old Town
December	Sternsingen	Carol singing and nativity play on the last Sunday of Advent

All events can be found in event calendar at www.rapperswil-jona.ch

CITY OF SPORTS

slowUp Zürichsee

swissmilk



Kurze Demoschen.
Starke Fakten.
www.slowup.ch

RICH PICKINGS FOR SPORTS ENTHUSIASTS



RAPPERSWIL-JONA LAKERS

The St. Galler Kantonalbank Arena, one of the most modern sports stadiums in Switzerland, has replaced the LIDO, an iconic site for ice-hockey aficionados. Rapperswil-Jona Lakers play their home matches in front of up to 6500 spectators.

www.lakers.ch



MINIGOLF

The outdoor miniature golf course is located directly on the lakeside, between Knie's children's zoo and the ice-hockey stadium. Just the right setting for a relaxing game or an exciting championship play-off.



FUN BOAT

Fun boat rides on Lake Zurich are an experience of the special kind – both exhilarating and instructive. Boats can be boarded in Altendorf, Rapperswil or, on reservation, from the Zürcher Seebecken. Top priority is attributed to safety. The result: undiluted pleasure combined with attractive sightseeing.

www.jetboatzurich.ch



BOWLING

Jona Bowling offers not only bowling alleys, but also billiards, darts and air hockey, as well as a bar for drinks and snacks. The ideal bad weather programme with a high fun factor.

www.jonabowling.ch



BOCCIA

Two indoor alleys next to the sports facilities in Grünfeld are available for some rounds of bocce. On the same premises, Ristorante Pallino offers a mouth-watering selection of Italian specialties and wines.



PEDALO

Pedalos, (pedal boats), rowing boats and small motor boats can be rented directly at the Rapperswil harbour, for example to get to the island of Lützelau, or simply to enjoy some time on the lake.

www.hensa-schiffahrt.ch

NUMEROUS GENEROUSLY DESIGNED SPORTS AND LEISURE FACILITIES ON OFFER



SWIMMING

The *Lido* outdoor swimming pool is located directly behind the ice-hockey stadium. In addition to its 50 m basin, a children's pool, a 3 m diving board and a large slide, it also has a restaurant with a garden terrace.

The regionally renowned *Stampf* public bathing zone on the lake (top photo), with its barbecue areas, slide, children's paddling pool, diving platform and playground, is located near the *Strandweg* and is an ideal place for the whole family to stay awhile.



The *Schlossbadi/Stadtbadi* (lower photo), providing free-of-charge access for swimming in the lake, is a 100-year-old wooden edifice with an open terrace on the roof. Swimming out into the lake from there gives you a magnificent view of the castle.

The three indoor pools at the primary schools of Schachen, Hanfländer and Paradies-Lenggis are open to everyone.

WELLNESS

Rapperswil-Jona can be justly proud of its wellness offers. Find inner peace, recreation and new vitality in the *Auravita* or relax during a soothing massage in the *Setareh* or the *Hörtner* massage centre. And these are just a few of the numerous wellness options.



SPORTS FACILITIES

Ice, water and ball sports feature prominently in Rapperswil-Jona.

The Lido water sports centre serves as a national centre for canoeing and rowing. *Grünfeld* sports facilities with its five grass playing fields and a pitch with artificial turf provides the infrastructure for a variety of sports.

Track and field athletes can use the all-weather 400-metre running track, as well as facilities for high jump, long jump, pole vault, shot put, discus and javelin. There are also six sand courts for beach volleyball, four indoor tennis courts, all-weather outdoor courts and two squash courts available.



SPORTS EVENTS / TRAINING CAMP

Are you planning a sports event, training camp, sports weekend or something similar? Rapperswil Zürichsee Tourismus, in cooperation with the region's sports clubs and other service providers, can put together a customized sports programme for you, topped up if required with an attractive leisure programme, to ensure an unforgettable stay in the region. Tourist Information will be happy to advise you.

ACCOMMODATION & GASTRONOMY

A fine glass of wine at Vinobar il Sottoscala, Rapperswil



CULINARY DELIGHTS AND CAMPING BY THE LAKESIDE



CUISINE

More than 80 restaurants in Rapperswil-Jona provide a refreshing range of culinary delights. Offered in fine dining restaurants and cosy cafés, they range from A as in Asian via T for tapas to Z as in *Züriseeknusperli*, a pick of local fish. For more information on the various restaurants, please contact Tourist Information.



WINE

Zürisee wines from the lakeside region are well worth discovering. You can participate in guided wine tasting tours on the *Schlosshügel* (castle hill) or in the surrounding vineyards. While sampling wine, you will be acquainted with interesting facts from the history of wine-growing. Tourist Information will be happy to provide details on the latest offers. Its office also stocks a small selection of domestic wines.



CAMPING

Seasonal and overnight tent-only campsites are available on *Stampflido* and the island of Lützelau (pictured). The closest campsites for motor homes and caravans are located in Goldingen, Walenstadt, Euthal (Canton of Schwyz) and Zurich.

ACCOMMODATION

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JAKOB - HOTEL AM HAUPTPLATZ ***	8640 Rapperswil	Phone 055 220 00 50 www.jakob-hotel.ch
FERIENWOHNUNG PFISTER - Eisenbahnstrasse and Greithstrasse	8640 Rapperswil	Phone 055 284 11 10/ 079 366 55 11 www.happyholiday.ch/cu24
PILGERHERBERGE	8640 Rapperswil	Phone 079 886 73 37 www.pilgerherberge.ch
GASTHOF FROHBERG	8645 Jona	Phone 055 210 72 27 www.frohberg.ch
LANDGASTHOF ZUM ZIMMERMANN	8645 Jona	Phone 055 225 37 37 www.hotelzimmermann.ch
JUGENDHERBERGE BUSSKIRCH	8645 Jona	Phone 055 210 99 27 www.youthhostel.ch/jona
HOTEL RESTAURANT KRONE KEMPRATEN	8640 Kempraten	Phone 055 210 90 00 www.krone-kempraten.ch
HOTEL RESTAURANT RÖSSLI ***	8640 Hurden	Phone 055 416 21 21 www.hotel-restaurant-roessli.ch
GASTHOF SEEFELD	8640 Hurden	Phone 055 410 34 20 www.gasthofseefeld.ch
HOTEL SEEDAMM PLAZA ****	8808 Pfäffikon SZ	Phone 055 417 17 17 www.seedamm-plaza.ch
LANDGASTHOF HALBINSEL AU	8804 Au ZH	Phone 044 782 01 01 www.halbinselau.ch
HOTEL WASSBERG	8127 Forch	Phone 043 366 20 40 www.hotel-wassberg.ch
HOTEL MARINA LACHEN ****	8853 Lachen	Phone 055 451 73 73 www.marinalachen.ch
HOTEL BELVOIR	8803 Rüschlikon	Phone 044 723 83 83 www.hotel-belvoir.ch
HOTEL SEDARTIS	8800 Thalwil	Phone 043 388 33 00 www.sedartis.ch
PARKHOTEL SCHWERT	8872 Weesen	Phone 055 616 14 74 www.parkhotelschwert.ch
BED & BREAKFAST 'IM RÖSELIGARTEN' ****	8633 Wolfhausen	Phone 055 243 46 46 www.roeseligarten.ch

Further accommodation at www.zuerich.com

EXCURSIONS & ACTIVITIES

Grand Tour of Switzerland



BEAUTIFUL SURROUNDINGS TO BE EXPLORED ON A NETWORK OF HIKING AND CYCLING PATHS



HIKING

Rapperswil-Jona is the starting point for well-charted hikes of various lengths leading up the Etzel pass and in the direction of Ricken, Pfannenstiel and the Zürcher Oberland. Following the Lake Zurich trail offers stunning views of the lake and mountains from various vantage points. www.wanderland.ch



CYCLING

The region around Lake Zurich is extremely well suited for cycling tours. Be it around the upper lake, in the Linth region or into the hilly Zürcher Oberland, there are routes to fit every preference and state of fitness. For those more into the off-road experience, there are well-prepared mountain bike trails to be followed. www.veloland.ch



WAY OF ST JAMES

The famous route to Santiago de Compostela, signposted with a number 4, leads straight through Rapperswil-Jona. Several scallop shells, symbols of the pilgrimage, are visible in old town's paving stones. You leave town via a wooden bridge and hike across the Etzel pass and the Teufelsbrücke ('devil's bridge') on to Einsiedeln. A pilgrim's hostel in the old town offers comfortable and affordable accommodation for the night.



ROUTE OF THE HEART

The *Herzroute* (route of the heart) is currently the most popular route for bike and e-bike tours across Switzerland. Signposted as route 99, it leads from Lake Geneva to the Lake of Constance. Two of the stages run through our region – from Einsiedeln to Rapperswil-Jona and from Rapperswil-Jona to Wattwil. E-bikes can be hired and returned at every stage post. www.herzroute.ch

A VARIETY OF WAYS TO DISCOVER THE REGION



INLINE SKATING

The Linth region is ideally suited for extensive inline skating tours. On paved paths one can skate around the Benkner Büchel in the Linth lowlands or to the airfield in Schänis. Lake Greifen also offers perfect routes for inline skating excursions. Good public transport connections to Rapperswil-Jona allow you to relax on the way back. www.skatingland.ch



GRAND TOUR OF SWITZERLAND

The Grand Tour of Switzerland is a specially designed around-Switzerland route of over 1600 kilometres guiding travelers to a choice of best-in-Switzerland in terms of landscape and culture. Rapperswil and the lakeside region are on the itinerary in the stage from Lucerne via Schwyz and Einsiedeln to Zurich. MySwitzerland.com/grandtour



ZVV TRANSPORT NETWORK

All modes of public transport in the Canton of Zurich are joined together in a single network called *Zürcher Verkehrsbund* (ZVV). For travelers this means well-linked connections and one ticket valid for all means of transport – train, bus, cable car and ship (subject to surcharge). www.zvv.ch



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BOAT TRIPS

From April to October, ships operate several times a day to and from Rapperswil. Round trips to Zurich, Schmerikon, the Au peninsula and the island of Ufnau are on offer. In winter, passengers can travel by boat from Zurich to Rapperswil and back once a day. www.zsg.ch

FUN AND NEW EXPERIENCES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY IN RAPPERSWIL AND SURROUNDINGS



📍 Juckerfarm: Aathal, station
Bächlihof: Jona, Grünfeld

A JUCKER FARM / BÄCHLIHOF

Visiting *Juckerhof* in Seegräben and *Bächlihof* in Jona (both educational farms) is fun and instructive, and allows you to savour and purchase healthy regional farm products. (Don't miss the pumpkin season!) Children can let off steam on the playground and pick their own fruit. www.juckerfarm.ch



📍 Rapperswil, Kinderzoo

B KNIES' CHILDREN'S ZOO

Knie's children's zoo with its roughly 400 animals is a fascinating experience for young and old. Highlights include elephant and camel rides, the sea lion show and the big adventure playground. The children's zoo also offers evening walks providing a unique look behind the scenes. **Additions made in 2015/2016** include a cheetah and a penguin compound, an elephant park and the *Himmapan* restaurant. www.knieskinderzoo.ch



📍 Aathal, station

C DINOSAUR MUSEUM

Go back millions of years in time to find out how dinosaurs, rulers of the earth in their age, may have lived. Much about them is still unknown, but ongoing research and new fossil discoveries continue to shed fresh light on these fascinating creatures, their history and their environment. www.sauriermuseum.ch



📍 Pfäffikon, Seedamm-Center

D ALPAMARE

Alpamare in Pfäffikon (Canton of Schwyz) is the biggest covered water park in Europe, containing a host of adventure pools and water slides. It is located on the far side of the lake dam, only a five-minute drive by car from Rapperswil-Jona. Visitors can benefit from wellness offers such as massages and a sauna as well as an on-site restaurant. www.alpamare.ch

A RICH CHOICE OF TARGETS FOR EXCURSIONS



📍 Atzmännig, Schutt

E ATZMÄNNIG

Atzmännig is an ideal and popular excursion destination for the whole family. The rope park provides fun and thrills at lofty heights with varying degrees of difficulty. In the summer, attractions also include sliding, trampolining and bull riding. A special trail called *Spatz Männli Weg* makes hiking fun for children. In winter the area offers family-friendly skiing pistes and tobogganing runs.

www.atzmaennig.ch



📍 Sattel-Aegeri, station

G SATTEL-HOCHSTUCKLI

The journey commences at the valley station on a revolving gondola up to Mostelberg, where children will find a paradise of jumping and bouncing facilities. A toboggan run for the whole family is available, and you can venture out on the Skywalk, one of the longest pedestrian suspension bridges in Europe. In winter, the region offers ski and sledging pistes and winter hiking trails.

www.sattel-hockstuckli.ch



📍 Unterterzen, station

F FLUMSERBERG

High above Lake Walen, Flumserberg is an attractive destination throughout the year. Activities on offer include hiking and mountain-biking in the warmer seasons, skiing, snowboarding and sledging in winter. Be it the thrill of a downhill skiing run, action on the spectacular climbing tower, a toboggan run or simply the magnificent Alpine panorama and the tranquility of a hiking trail – you will definitely find something to make it a memorable visit. www.flumserberg.ch



📍 Amden, Post

H AMDEN / WEESEN

Amden is the region's sun terrace overlooking Lake Walen. It is a perfect starting point for mountain tours and hikes. You can enjoy the gorgeous view and the moor landscape, or have fun with your children on the *Murmeltier* (marmot) *Amdo* adventure trail. A hike or boat trip from Weesen to Beetlis and Quinten is ideal in summer, while winter offers plenty of possibilities for snow sports.

www.amden-weesen.ch

FURTHER DESTINATIONS IN THE LAKE ZÜRICH REGION



📍 Braunwald

I BRAUNWALD

The Alpine mountain village of Braunwald (Canton of Glarus) is situated at 1256 metres above sea level. No cars are allowed, making it an ideal location for unspoilt enjoyment of the spectacular natural surroundings. Whether strolling, hiking, skiing or mountainbiking, you will always have a breath-taking Alpine panorama in view. Families with children can enjoy a walkable fairy-tale route called the *Zwäärg Baartli* trail, a ride on a horse-drawn carriage, or a spot of lama trekking. www.braunwald.ch



📍 Brunni SZ, Valley station LBH

I SKILIFT BRUNNI – ALPITAL

Small but beautiful is the motto of the Brunni skiing resort, situated in an idyllic mountain landscape not far from Einsiedeln. Offering a wonderful view of the two impressive Mythen mountains, the area is especially suited for family skiing outings or holidays. It comprises 7 ski lifts, 14 pistes, a motor sledging park for kids and a toboggan run. www.skiliftbrunni.ch



📍 Hoch-Ybrig, Valley station Weglosen

K HOCH-YBRIG

In summer the Ybrig region is best discovered with hiking boots or on a mountain bike. Hoch-Ybrig also offers the longest zip-line in the world on which you can hurtle valley-wards through the fresh Alpine air. Perfectly prepared pistes surrounded by an unforgettable panorama and a top-notch snowpark makes Hoch-Ybrig a destination of choice in winter for both ordinary and ace skiers and snowboarders. www.hoch-ybrig.ch

OTHER WORTHWHILE DESTINATIONS

Käpfnach mountain mine, Horgen (ZH)	www.bergwerk-kaepfnach.ch
Elm in Glarnerland (GL)	www.elm.ch
Vineyards alongside Lake Zurich (ZH)	www.zuerichseewein.ch
Ritterhaus Bubikon (ZH)	www.ritterhaus.ch
Boat trips on Lake Walen (SG)	www.walenseeschiff.ch
Wine-growing museum at Lake Zurich, Au (ZH)	www.weinbaumuseum.ch

For further excursion goals see pages 40 et seq.

ABOUT US

Rapperswil Zürichsee Tourismus (RZST), resulting from a merger between Verkehrsverein Rapperswil-Jona (VVRJ) and Zürichsee Tourismus (ZST), has been the region's competence centre for tourism since 1 January 2017. www.rapperswil-zuerichsee.ch

MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS, BAROQUE MONASTERY OR VIBRANT CITY – TAKE YOUR PICK



📍 Einsiedeln, station

L EINSIEDELN MONASTERY

The magnificent Baroque edifice of the Einsiedeln monastery is one of most beautiful of its kind in the world. It is also an important stopover on the St James' pilgrimage trail. The monastery is said to have been founded by St Meinrad, a 9th century hermit. The surroundings are ideal for hiking, and nearby Lake Sihl is an attractive venue for sailing. www.einsiedeln-tourismus.ch



📍 Zurich, main station

N ZURICH

Zurich offers an exceptional mix of architectural sights, culture and proximity to nature. With over 50 museums and over 100 galleries, Switzerland's most vibrant night-life, boundless shopping choices, culinary highlights, an array of events and a beautiful river and lake waterfront, Zurich represents a not-to-be-missed highlight. www.zuerich.com



📍 Pfäffikon SZ, Schweizerhof

M SWISS CASINOS PFÄFFIKON-SEE

When you hear the call 'Faites vos jeux!' and 'Rien ne va plus!', you know you have entered one of the four stunningly furnished Swiss casinos in Pfäffikon (SZ). Only a five minute drive away from Rapperswil-Jona, it offers suspense and entertainment at 12 gambling tables and 167 slot machines. www.swisscasinos.ch

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- A** Bächlihof Jona and Juckerhof Seegräben
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- C** Dinosaur museum
- D** Alpamare water park
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EXPLORE RAPPERSWIL-JONA

A picturesque small town from the Middle Ages awaits you with its castle, numerous restaurants, bustling lanes, rose gardens and lakeside promenade. To learn more about the town's past and discover its historic buildings and pretty squares, you can book a short, medium or long city tour, including visits to the castle tower, castle bunker and wooden bridge.

Special theme tours are also available. From a culinary stroll with stops at different restaurants to a night-time walk during which the night-watchman regales his listeners with scary tales of old, there's a tour for every occasion, be it a team event, group outing or family celebration.

The Tourist Information team can organise a customised event for you, to suit your individual needs and wishes.

Solo travellers can join one of the regular, public guided city and theme tours, or download the free Drallo app for smartphone or tablet and explore the town at their own pace.

Find out more at www.rapperswil-zuerichsee.ch

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