

Carnival in Lucerne Switzerland

Party at the Carnival in Lucerne Switzerland

Lucerne, located in Central Switzerland, embedded in on the shore of Lake Lucerne (der Vierwaldstättersee) and within sight of Mount Pilatus and Rigi in the Swiss Alps, is all and by itself a top destination for tourists. Its cultural offerings include the Lucerne Culture and Congress Centre that is home to the is home to the 21st Century Symphony Orchestra, the Museum of Art Lucerne and besides other goodies one of my favorites is the [The Swiss Museum of Transport](#) on the shores of the lake.

Now that we got all that taken care of, here is another top attraction the most popular Carnival in Lucerne. The next carnival ("Fasnacht") begins on 8 February and ends on 13 February. As described in Wikipedia: Every year, towards the end of winter, Carnival (Fasnacht) breaks out in the streets, alleyways and squares of the old town. This is a glittering outdoor party, where chaos and merriness reign and nothing is as it normally is. Strange characters in fantastic masks and costumes make their way through the alleyways, while carnival bands (Guggenmusigen) blow their instruments in joyful cacophony and thousands of bizarrely clad people sing and dance away the winter. Lucerne Carnival starts every year on the Thursday before Ash Wednesday with a big bang. There are big parades on Dirty Thursday and the following Monday, called Fat Monday, which attract tens of thousands of people. Lucerne's Carnival ends with a crowning finish on Fat Tuesday evening with a tremendous parade of big bands, lights and lanterns. After the parade, all the bands wander through the city playing joyful music.

Behold its normally cold that time of the year in Central Switzerland so get dressed appropriately, but know there are many good restaurants or even street bars open that serve hot beverages like the famous cafe luz (Lucerne Coffee) that is coffee with schnaps (so much, that the coffee is clear, its said you must be able to read a newspaper trough it) and dont miss the great food like you get in many places as well.

As long as your in this part of the world see also our page and images from the [Swiss Rigi region](#) nearby a good choice for another tour and day.

The attached photos where taken at the Carnival in Lucerne a couple years ago, enjoy:



Lucerne Carnival



(Fasnacht)



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Lucerne Switzerland

Lucerne Carnival
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Lucerne Carnival
(Fasnacht) Big Band



Lucerne Carnival
(Fasnacht)



Lucerne Carnival
(Fasnacht) with lots of cool
music



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