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Constance and Kreuzlingen

Constance is situated at the picturesque transition between the upper and lower lake and is linked with the Swiss town of Kreuzlingen. Constance has a population of approx. 80,000 and is the largest town on Lake Constance. Kreuzlingen has a population of approx. 17,000 people.

The Romans established a fortified town on the remains of a Celtic settlement, which became the town „Constantia“. In the 6th century the town became a diocesan town and became one of the largest German dioceses. Due to its situation at the crossing point of many important trading routes in the direction of Italy and France, the town established itself as a powerful trading and imperial town.

Between 1414 and 1418 King Sigismund summoned the ecclesiastical council to Constance. The goal was to end the split in the church. As a result the rival popes resigned and Martin V. was elected as their successor. The council also examined the teachings of the Czech professor Jan Hus and rejected them. Hus was then arrested despite assurances that he was free to leave in safety, and was burned at the stake as a heretic in Constance.

After the failure of the reformation, the town came into Austrian possession, lost its powerful position and became an insignificant country town. In 1805 Constance became part of the newly formed grand duchy of Baden. Due to the location of industry in the town and the development of the steam ship, the town began to experience an economic boom. Due to its proximity to the border, Constance was and still is of particular importance to the Swiss, and it was formerly the capital of the Swiss canton of Thurgau. The town survived the 2nd World War without any damage, and the medieval section of town is still standing. In the 1960's the university and the college were founded, which attract over 12,000 students annually to the town.

Directly on the harbour is the council building ("Konzil") from the 14th century, formerly one of the largest buildings in the town. At the entrance to the harbour is the modern symbol of the town: the 9 metre high „Imperia“. She was created in 1993 by the artist Peter Lenk. The female figure symbolises a prostitute and their status during the time of the ecclesiastical council. She carries two figures in her

hands, which represent the emperor and the pope. The cathedral is also well worth a visit. It was built in the 11th century as a Romanesque basilica. One section of the old town is called the "Niederburg". This old section of town is characterised by a maze of narrow laneways and numerous houses from the 13th to the 16th century. For visitors who are interested in museums, a visit to the Rosgarten museum or to the Archäologische Landesmuseum is a must.

Kreuzlingen owes its name to a relic of the cross of Jesus, which is stored in the convent church. In the north eastern section of the town, the well kept Seeburg park stretches along the water's edge with the ivy covered castle Seeburg, which was built in 1598 as a country estate for the Constance bishops, and was extensively damaged in the 30 year war. It was converted into a lord's estate in 1879 and 1894. Other attractions include the former Franciscan monastery, which is on the main street and St. Ulrich's basilica, which was restored along with the convent buildings after a serious fire.

Bus Information Hotel Plaza Kreuzlingen – Town centre Konstanz

From the bus stop outside the Swiss train station (Schweizer Bahnhof) in Konstanz or at the stop „Marktstätte“ (opposite the train station) the No. 908 will bring you in about 8 minutes to the Swiss partner town of Kreuzlingen to the bus stop „Bärenplatz“. The Plazahotel is 600m further along Löwenstraße from the bus stop. .

No. 908	Monday – Saturday	Sunday and holidays
Marktstätte Constance – Bärenplatz Kreuzlingen	07.12 - 19.42 every half an hour (from Marktstätte, facing Constance train station) 20.29 - 23.29 every hour (from Swiss trainstation, next to Constance train station)	07.29 - 23. 29 every hour (from the Swiss trainstation, next to Constance train station)
Bärenplatz Kreuzlingen – Constance train Station	08.06 - 20.36 every half an hour 21.21 - 23. 21 every hour Fri+Sat also 00.21 (a small bus travels to the Swiss train station in Constance)	08.21 - 20. 21 every hour (Swiss trainstation, next to Constance train station) 21.21 - 23.21 every hour (a small bus travels to the Swiss train station in Constance)

Bus Information Hotel Volapük / Hotel Viva Litzelstetten – Town centre Konstanz

The No. 4 bus will bring you from the bus stop at the Constance train station directly to the hotel in about 20 minutes. The bus stop at „Litzelstetten/Tankstelle“ is only about 50 m away from the hotel „Viva“ and about 500 m away from the hotel „Volapük“.

No. 4	Monday – Saturday	Sunday
Constance – train station - Litzelstetten / Tankstelle	06.40 - 20.10 every half an hour 21.10 - 23.10 every hour	08.10 - 20.10 every half an hour 21.10 - 23.10 every hour
Litzelstetten / Tankstelle - Marktstätte Constance	08.04 - 19.34 every half an hour 20.30 - 23.30 every hour	08.04 - 19.34 every half an hour 20.00 - 23.30 every half an hour

Price Excerpt

Price per person as a single ticket 2.30 Euro; Day Ticket: for the entire day: Price 4.30 Euro per person

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Attractions in Constance

Rosgartenmuseum

Rosgartenstraße 3-5
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www.rosgartenmuseum-konstanz.de

Opening Hours:
Tuesday - Friday 10.00 - 18.00 h
Sat, Sun and holidays 10.00 - 17.00 h

The collections of this museum which is located in the heart of the old town give visitors insights into the pre historic and early history of the Lake Constance region. The collection also focuses on the Middle Ages, when in the 15th century the Council, an event of worldwide significance, took place in Konstanz. There are also regular special exhibits and collections, for example in 2008 about Napoleon III, who spent his childhood in the region.

The museum is housed in the former Butchers' guild house and provides beautiful views of the old town of Konstanz.

Mainau Island

Mainau GmbH
78465 Insel Mainau

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www.mainau.de

Opening Hours:
daily from sunrise to sunset

From spring to autumn a stunning sea of flowers awaits you here with millions of tulips, an historical rose garden, a butterfly house with countless colourful butterflies and a palm garden. At the centre of the island is the majestic castle, an example of Southern German baroque architecture.

Archäologisches Landesmuseum

(Archaeological museum)
Benediktinerplatz 5
78467 Konstanz

Tel: +49-(0)7531 - 98 0 40
www.konstanz.alm-bw.de

Opening Hours:
Tuesday - Sunday 10.00 - 18.00 h
Entry is free every first Saturday of the month!

The archaeological museum shows the ways of life of past cultures in its permanent exhibition. Visitors can view the oldest ship from Lake Constance, as well as stone-age lake dwellings, Celtic graves, examples of Roman city life and graves of Alemannic nobles. Archaeological working methods are also demonstrated.

Sea Life Konstanz

Hafenstraße 9
78462 Konstanz

Tel: +49-(0)7531 - 12 82 70
www.sealife.de

Opening Hours daily:
March - June 10.00 - 17.00 h
July, August 10.00 - 18.00 h
September, October 10.00 - 17.00 h

Sea Life Konstanz presents a fascinating insight into an under water world in over 30 fresh water and salt water aquariums with a total of 660,000 litres of water. You can do a tour of the Rhein, following it from its source in the Alps to its mouth in the North Sea. The highlight of the aquarium is the 8 m long tunnel through the 320,000 litre Mediterranean aquarium.



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