

Pub Guide

1 Oepfelhammer (Restaurant & Bar)

Rindermarkt 12
Tel. 01 251 23 36

<http://switzerland.isyours.com/e/guide/zurich/cafes.html>

A 200-year-old building, all creaking timbers and lop-sided ceilings, famous for its association with the city's literary son, Gottfried Keller. The reason for visiting it is to drink beer in the tiny, low-beamed, upper front room, which is consistently packed. Legend has it that if you can swing up and wriggle your way through the gap between the beams and the ceiling, your beers are on the house: Keller may have done it, but few have braved the waiters since.

2 Mère Catherine (Restaurant)

Nägelihof 3/Niederdorf
Tel. 01 262 22 50/262 22 38

<http://www.commercio.ch/e/catherine/index.html>

An exquisite little French restaurant, simply and tastefully furnished. On the Nägelihof where the architecture radiates a unique Mediterranean atmosphere, spicy southern specialities can be enjoyed to the fullest. Mère Catherine invites people to her table for fish and other delicacies, everything un peu provençal. The restaurant's interior is as varied as the menu. On the ground floor is a gem of a bistro seating up to 60 people. In the gallery above are enthroned another 60 seats. Daily 11 am-midnight.

3 Restaurant Hiltl (vegetarian)

Sihlstr. 28
Tel. 01 221 38 70

http://www.hiltl.ch/f_main_e/f-main.htm

Is it the excellent reputation of the vegetarian restaurant or what is the reason why every day, approximately 1200 (!) guests eat a vegetarian meal at the Hiltl Vegi. It is the oldest vegetarian restaurant in Europe. The incomparable salad buffet (50 different salads) and the Indian buffet (25 specialities). 30 à la carte entrees and 10 fruit juices are also on offer. Quick service and good value for the money are the goals of Rolf Hiltl. Monday-Saturday 7 am-11 pm, Sunday 11 am-11 pm.

4 Zeughauskeller (Swiss Specialities and Bar)

Bahnhofstrasse 28a/ im Gassen 17
Tel. 01 211 26 90

<http://www.zeughauskeller.ch/english/approach2.htm>

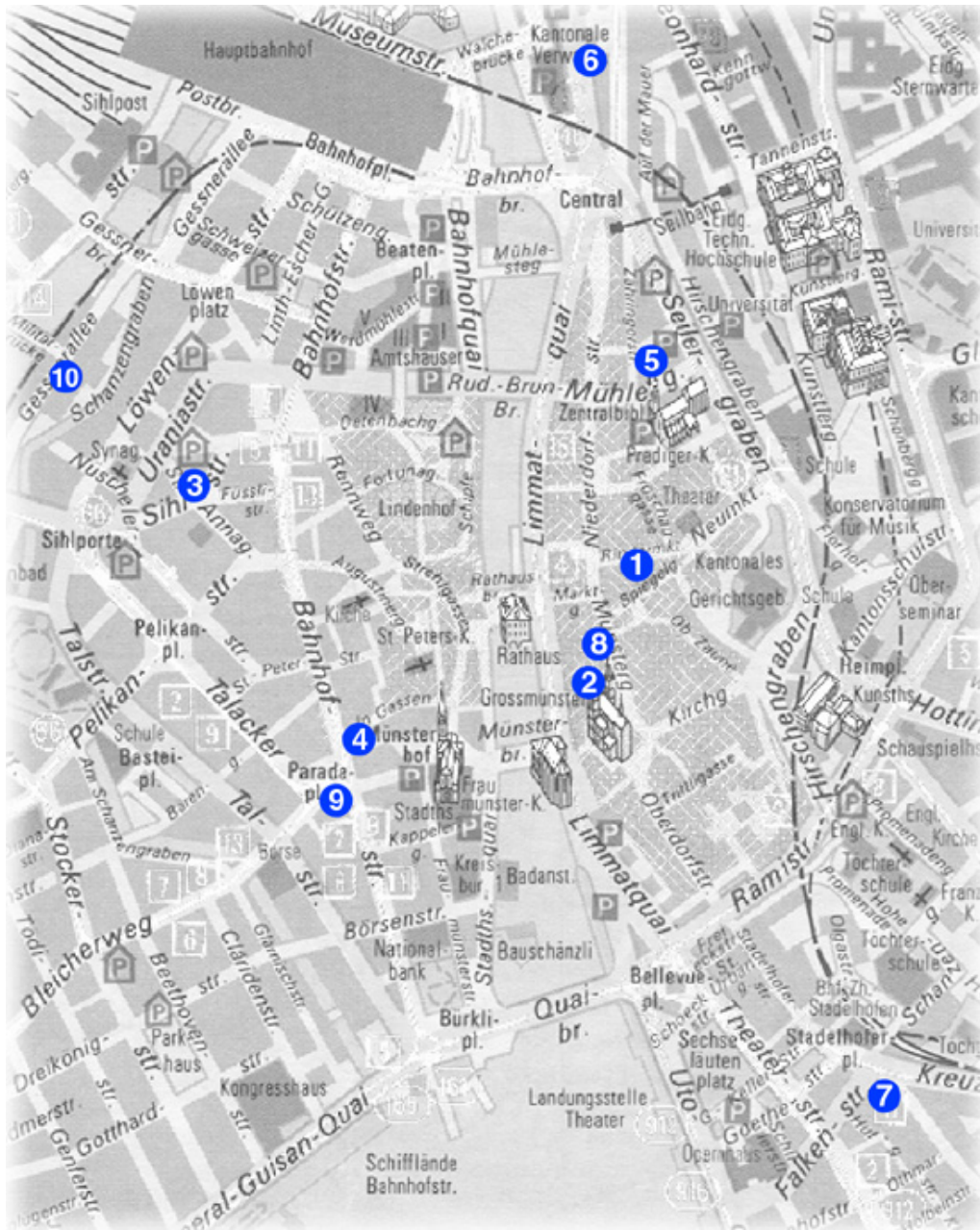
The Zeughauskeller is known well beyond Swiss borders for its fine Swiss cooking, featuring traditional meals that are often based on old recipes. The house with a large dining hall was built in 1487. In 1927 the new owner, the Zurich-based Hürlimann Brewery, established on the premises a beer hall and restaurant known as the Zeughauskeller. The medieval character of the restaurant is underscored by the wall decorations: enlarged engravings of noblemen from the time of the European mercenaries. Daily 11 am-11pm (kitchen closes at 9:55 pm).

5 Raclette Stube (Swiss Cheese)

Zähringerstrasse 16
Tel. 01 251 41 30

<http://www.excite.com/travel/countries/switzerland/zurich/?page=restaurants&content=more>

The Raclette Stube has a charming and cozy atmosphere—great for fondue or raclette. Old cheese specialities at reasonable prices in a typical Swiss restaurant in the center of the old town. Reservations required. Tuesday-Sunday 11:30 am-2 am.



6 Commihalle (Food after Midnight)

Stampfenbachstrasse 8

Tel. 01 250 59 60

<http://www.commercio.ch/e/commihalle/index.html>

The Commihalle at the Central tram-stop is in the perfect position to attract an illustrious multitude of guests. They all want the same thing: the pleasant atmosphere of the 280 seats and two bars, the menu with its exquisite Italian specialties and home-made pasta, the temptation of Tavolata and the buffet à discretion. All this every now and then in the rhythm of live jazz & blues. Constant coming and going is a tradition here. There's a place for everybody: for the small appetite, the big appetite or the adventurous appetite. Until two a.m.

7 Commercio (Food after Midnight)

Mühlebachstr. 2

Tel. 01 261 38 77

<http://www.commercio.ch/e/commercio/index.html>

Welcome to the the headquarters of the Zurich bar scene. The legend lives! Commercio belongs to Zurich as much as Bellevue or the Grossmunster. The interior has remained the same, the oldest and perhaps still the most beautiful stand-up bar in Zurich. Another thing that has remained the same is the unique atmosphere of the bar and restaurant with its crammed 45 seats always jam-packed on into the wee hours. Whoever wants to enjoy Zurich's most famous after-midnight pasta will need time and patience. Or good connections. Or both. However, any real institution has its oddities, doesn't it?

8 Bodega Espanola (Bar and Restaurant)

Münstergasse 15

Tel. 01 251 23 10

<http://www.excite.com/travel/countries/switzerland/zurich/?page=restaurants&content=more>

A cozy Spanish restaurant in the center of the Old Town. All their dishes are good, but make it a point to try the paella. Reservations for the restaurant a must. Monday-Saturday 10 am-12:30 am.

9 Sprüngli (Cafe and Sweet Gifts)

Bahnhofstrasse 21

Tel. 01 22117 22

<http://www.spruengli.ch>

Main branch of the world-famous confectioners, displaying cabinets full of the most exquisite chocolates and cakes imaginable, plus their own speciality, Luxemburgli, cream-filled bites that you'd have to be made of stone not to drool over. Monday-Friday 7:30 am-6:30 pm, Saturday 8 am-4 pm.

10 Reithalle (Theaterhaus Gessnerallee)

Gessnerallee 8

Tel. 01 212 07 66

[http:// www.gessnerallee.ch](http://www.gessnerallee.ch)

Trendy restaurant serving ethno-food. A place where the urban scene is mixing. Monday-Friday 11:00 am-12:00 am, Saturday-Sunday 6:00 pm –12:00 am.

Further Information:

www.zhol.ch: Zürich online

www.zueri.ch: Tourist guide

www.zuerich.ch: Tourist guide

www.eat.ch: Information on Gastro

www.Kulturinfo.ch: cultural events

www.hugo.ch: Information on Music