**Zurich Sights or Things to Do**

Sample one day visit

1. **Bahnhofstrasse**—this is the main shopping street. It is full of elegant shops that reflect the affluence of Zurich.
2. **Old Town**—has a number of medieval streets and squares and historic buildings. The streets of Neumarkt, Rindermarkt and Kirchgasse are the most interesting. The Old Town occupies both banks of the Limmat River.
3. **Niederdorf**—this street is the nightlife center in Zurich. There are night-clubs, discos cafes, restaurants, and bars in this area, along with striptease shows. It is located on the east bank of the Limmat River.
4. **Grossmuster**—an impressive Cathedral building, its twin towers dominate the horizon and are the most recognized landmarks of the city. One tower has a statue of Charlemagne on top. Inside the building are the original crypt of Charlemagne and chancel (place for the priests and choir). Great view from the belfry (there is a fee to go up to the top of these towers). It is located on the east bank of the Limmat River.
5. **Rathaus**—this wonderful baroque building is not open to the public, as it still is used for government purposes, but it is an impressive building from the outside. It is located on the east bank of the Limmat River.
6. **Lindenhof Quarter**—the square overlooking the old town was once a Roman settlement—portions of the customs house and fortress remain. The fountain in the square commemorates the heroism of Zurich’s women, who are credited with saving the city from the Habsburgs in 1292. It is located on the west bank of the Limmat River.
7. **Fraumunster**—this church was originally built in the 13th century; it has a modern stained glass windows designed by Marc Chagall and Swiss contemporary Alberto Giacometti. 2 lovely guildhalls flank the church—the Weavers’ Guild, and the Wine-growers’ Guild hall. It is located on Munsterhofplatz, the grandest square in the Old Town, on the west side of the Limmat River.
8. **Peterkirche**—this is the oldest parish church in Zurich. The first church on this site was erected in the 9th century, but the current building dates from the 13th century. The church’s tower supports an enormous gilded clock, one of the largest in all of Europe. It is located on the west bank of the Limmat River.
9. **Zurcherspielzeugmuseum (Zurich Toy Museum)—**houses a collection of dolls, teddy bears, and train sets dating from the 1700s to 1900s. It is located on the west bank of the Limmat River, near Linderhof Square.
10. **The Opera House**—another baroque structure, the Zurich Opera House hosts performances of operas and ballets for the people of the city. More information is available from the website ([www.operahaus.ch/en/index.php](http://www.operahaus.ch/en/index.php)) It is located on the eastern bank of Lake Zurich (Zurichsee) on the south side of Sechselauten-Platz.
11. **Swiss National Museum**—located behind the main rail station, this museum tells Switzerland’s history. On display are ceramics, stained glass, musical instruments and Swiss costumes.