

Discover Eastern Switzerland at your own pace

With the city of St.Gallen as your base, public transport is the ideal way to take your time exploring Eastern Switzerland. Stroll through the historic abbey town of Wil, bask in the tranquillity along the shores of Lake Constance or hike through the Rhine Valley vineyards. Eastern Switzerland is the perfect destination for an unforgettable getaway.

The abbots' legacy

Find inspiration in St.Gallen! Public transport is a fast, convenient and easy way to get from point A to point B throughout all of Eastern Switzerland.

Our route begins in Eastern Switzerland in the city of St.Gallen with the world-famous UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site, the historic Abbey District. A direct train takes us west to our next destination of Wil in less than half an hour. Walking through the well-preserved Old Town of Wil is like taking a journey back in time. The *Hof zu Wil*, a monument of national importance and the former summer residence of the abbots of St.Gallen, is the city's crown jewel. Other attractions in Wil's beautiful Old Town include the *Gerichtshaus*, or courthouse, with its ornately decorated courtroom, the *Baronenhaus*, or Baron's House, and the late Gothic parish church of St. Nicholas.

The tranquil shores of Lake Constance

Craving that holiday feeling? Then head to Lake Constance and the quaint port town of Rorschach, which can be reached from St.Gallen in just 15 minutes. The *Kornhaus*, or granary, is the town of Rorschach's landmark. It was built back in the 18th century, and helped make Rorschach the most important trading hub for grain traders from southern Germany. If you're feeling nostalgic, the historic Rorschach *Badhütte*, a wooden bathhouse built on pillars right in the lake in 1924, is a great place to unwind.

Hiking through the Rhine Valley wine region

The St.Gallen Rhine Valley can be reached in 30 minutes by car from St.Gallen. More than 20 different grape varieties, each with its own special character, thrive in this wine-growing region. The wine produced here is as distinctive as the valley itself where the borders of four different countries intersect. Hikers on the many wine routes learn exciting and interesting facts about grape-growing and wine-making at the vineyards. With plenty of opportunities to sample the different wines along the way.

Discover Eastern Switzerland with an old-timer

The "Textilland Classic Tour" for groups is a unique way to discover Eastern Switzerland: in a vintage PostBus. The tour begins in the St.Gallen Textile Museum, passing by the fruit farms that dot the magnificent banks of Lake Constance to the town of Arbon. Here, we visit the Saurer Museum with its exhibit of old-fashioned weaving and embroidery machines. The journey continues by boat from the harbour to the picturesque town of Rorschach. The tour promises visitors unforgettable memories with lots to see and experience along the way.

Free travel with the mobility ticket

Hotels in St.Gallen can give their guests a mobility ticket which grants free travel by public transport. With the “St.Gallen-Lake Constance Mobility Ticket” guests are entitled to ride public transport for free for the duration of their stay. The mobility ticket is valid for free travel on the public transport network in the city of St.Gallen all the way to Lake Constance in the OSTWIND tariff zones 210, 211 and 231.

Discover Eastern Switzerland with Oskar

Take advantage of free access to lots of different attractions in Eastern Switzerland with the Oskar tourist card. Be it a visit to the Abbey Library, an adventure tour of Lake Constance or a trip to a regional museum. It doesn't matter whether you're looking for fun for the whole family or spending a relaxing weekend alone. It's great value for the money and includes public transport. Oskar is available from two nights at participating partner hotels.

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