

Aargau: Top quality living attracts top quality businesses



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The canton of Aargau taps into all the amenities Switzerland has to offer. Aargau distinguishes itself through an outstanding quality of living and an enviable lifestyle that is especially attractive for international companies and their employees.

In the canton of Aargau, highest levels of safety, stability, economic and personal freedom as well as great health and educational services are standard fare. So are daytrips to remote alpine sceneries with countless outdoor activities. You will be pampered in sophisticated designer thermal spas and enjoy the savoir-vivre at haute-cuisine restaurants. From the canton of Aargau, it is just a stone's throw to nearby France, Germany and Italy. And an abundance of world-class cultural attractions like the Zurich Opera or the Beyeler Foundation in Basel are only a short drive away.

Aargau in light of the Mercer Quality of Living Index

Along with Swiss cities such as Zurich and Geneva, which are regularly ranked high in worldwide quality of living surveys, the canton of Aargau fares extremely well in light of the following key criteria in the Mercer Quality of Living Index:

■ Political stability and safety

Aargau enjoys high political stability and reliable law enforcement. Crime rates are close to zero in the canton.

Aargau is so safe, most children routinely walk alone to kindergarten or elementary school.

■ Economic and financial environment

Switzerland offers a stable business and financial environment along with maximum economic freedom and low interest rates.

Year after year, Aargau has enjoyed a rock-solid AAA rating by Standard & Poor's.

■ Healthcare, public service, infrastructure and transportation

Aargau is home to several top-of-the-line hospitals and private clinics, as well as thermal baths and spa towns. And one of the world's most modern, eco-friendly transportation infrastructures will get you there quickly and safely.

■ International schools and education

Switzerland's dual education system combines apprenticeship and higher education. It is considered a model for education worldwide.

In addition to its top-quality public school system, Aargau offers several international and multilingual school, daycare and preschool options.

■ Great consumer convenience

Maximum availability of top-of-the-line housing and a broad array of the latest consumer products, as well as stellar quality of services are a matter of course in Aargau.

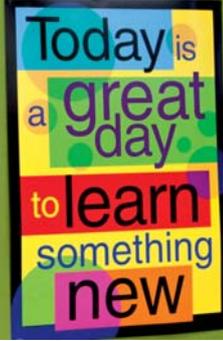
Aargau offers lifestyle and shopping convenience second to none.

■ Natural beauty and recreation

Living in Aargau means immediate access to vast natural resources (lakes and rivers, forests, mountain ranges), as well as to local culture and urban entertainment.



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Aargau's international schools

With its real estate inventory and advantageous cost of living, the canton of Aargau has already proven to be an attractive location to many Swiss professionals and their families. Thanks to the recently expanded bilingual international school, and several bilingual daycare and kindergarten facilities, Aargau is more than ever on the map for international expats and their families:

■ ISRH – International School of Rheinfelden, with kindergarten, Aargau

- Campus:** opened January 2014, new campus planned for 2018
- Students:** 35 co-ed, ages 3–12 years, 12–16 (starting 2015/16)
- Program:** IB PYP International Baccalaureate Organisation Primary Years Programme (candidate status) plus Swiss standards in German

www.isrh.ch

«We offer maximal furthering of individual talents of children in small groups. Many cultural and sports activities with Swiss children in Rheinfelden encourage integration, including exposure to Swiss German during break times.

Due to the excellent international curriculum, ISRH is not only geared to suit the needs of expat children but also ideal for longterm international or Swiss families who are looking for a bi-lingual education.»

Sabina Sümegi-Schärli, Head of School, ISRH

■ Children's World – Swiss premium daycare, pre-school, and kindergarten in Baden, Aargau

- Campus:** two locations in Aargau: Baden and Ennetbaden
- Staff:** 12 (5 daycare/nursery, 7 pre-school/kindergarten)
- Curriculum/ Certification:** multilingual education (English, German, Chinese), Montessori-based Swiss certified curriculum from daycare to kindergarten (4 months to 6 years)

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Water games

Local spas and thermal baths are in use since the Ancient Romans roamed in Aargau. Its natural rivers and lakes make the canton of Aargau a perfect recreational destination. Make a splash and have fun in Aargau's waters!

- **Spa and wellness:** thermal baths in Baden, Bad Schinznach, Bad Zurzach and Rheinfelden

www.limmathof.ch

www.baederstadt.ch

www.bad-schinznach.ch

www.thermalbad.ch

www.soleumo.ch

- **Water activities:** swimming, boating, rafting, fishing in rivers Aare, Limmat, Reuss and Rhine

- **Medieval river towns:** discover the charm of Aarau, Baden, Brugg, Bremgarten, Lenzburg, Laufenburg and Rheinfelden.

- **Moated castle of Hallwyl**

Local culture, arts & entertainment in Aargau

Aargau is a cultural destination in its own right. Towns like Baden or Aarau (each with a population of around 20,000) with many restaurants, cinemas, theatres, and museums make going-out in Aargau a local convenience and a delight you will never want to miss again. Here are a few highlights:

- **Argovia Philharmonic** – www.argoviaphil.ch

- **Museum Langmatt** (leading impressionist collection) – www.langmatt.ch/en

- **Aargau Art Museum** (modern and contemporary art) – www.aargauerkunsthaus.ch/en

- **Castle Sightseeing** (castles of Lenzburg, Hallwyl, Habsburg, Wildegg) – www.museumaargau.ch

- **Roman Legionary Trail** – www.legionaerspfad.ch

- **Theater Baden** – www.kurtheater.ch

- **International Animation Film Festival Fantoche** – www.fantoche.ch/en

- **Swiss Children's Museum in Baden** – www.kindermuseum.ch



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Aargau is a hikers' and bikers' paradise

The canton of Aargau is a beacon for outdoor sports. It boasts the highest number of bicycle paths in all of Switzerland, plenty of hiking opportunities for all ages in a bucolic and diverse landscape, as well as many walking and fitness trails and 4 beautiful golf courses.

Why not hike around and go for a swim in the picturesque lake of Hallwil or walk through the industrial past of Aargau on the culture trail in Baden, Neuenhof, and Wettingen? Or just go for a stroll and a swing on the golf course?

■ **All things hiking in Aargau:**

www.aargauer-wanderwege.ch

■ **All things bicycling in Aargau:**

www.aargautourismus.ch/de/sport-erholung/velofahren.html

■ **All things golfing in Aargau:**

www.aargautourismus.ch/de/sport-erholung/sportarten/golfen.html

■ **All things tourism in Aargau:**

www.aargautourismus.ch

Wine country Aargau

From its famous carrots (yes, carrots), to delicious pastries or hearty meats – Aargau has many culinary delights on the menu. One of the less known facts is that the lush hills and mountains are great terroirs for wine-making. From a fresh Pinot Noir of the Lägern or Schinznach to the more fruit-heavy Riesling-Sylvaner in Tegerfelden, you will be surprised by Aargau's enological variety.

For more on Aargau's attractions, please visit www.aargautourismus.ch or talk to one of our representatives.