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## Removals to Switzerland

At Universal Removals we specialise in helping people moving to or from Switzerland. We are experienced in European removals and removals to Switzerland and we can also organise shipping for international removals from Switzerland and removals back to the UK

### Useful information if you're moving to Switzerland

About 7.5 million people live in Switzerland, which is a federal republic comprising 26 states, known as cantons. The country is completely landlocked – it's bordered by Austria, France, Germany, Italy and Liechtenstein. The capital of Switzerland is Bern, and the largest city is Zurich. Switzerland is multilingual and has four national languages. German is the main language spoken in the north, east and central areas of the country; French is spoken in the west, and Italian in the south. The fourth language, Romansh, is spoken only in one specific canton in the south east of Switzerland

The official name for Switzerland is Swiss Confederation. However, you may have seen its country code, which is CH, and been puzzled – the CH comes from the Latin name for Switzerland, which is Confoederatio Helvetica.

Switzerland is considered to be one of the richest and safest countries in the world, famous for its Swiss bank accounts and its fantastic Swiss Alps ski resorts. It is the watch making capital of the world and is also home to Nestle chocolate and the children's book "Heidi". Politically, Switzerland is known as a neutral country and it didn't take part in either World War I or World War II.

Most of the shops stay closed on Sundays in Switzerland because the Swiss employment laws ban working on a Sunday. However, family businesses run by the owner are allowed to open, as are the railway stations.

In Switzerland there are celebrations for National Day every year on 1st August. This is to commemorate the first Swiss Confederation back in 1291.

### Removals to Zurich

Zurich is the largest city in Switzerland and it's the centre for art and culture, with over 50 museums and a hundred art galleries around the city. It's also a great destination for fashion, with outlets for many of the world's top fashion designers as well as more local brands. Zurich also has an active nightlife and there are lots of recreational things to do, from hiking up Uetliberg Mountain to bathing in the lakes.

### Removals to Geneva

Geneva is a bright, lively, vibrant city which lies at the point where the Rhone flows from Lake Geneva. It is home to the Red Cross and the United Nations, which has earned it the nickname "capital of peace". The lake is surrounded by hotels and restaurants and there's also another famous feature, the "Jet d'eau", which shoots a jet of water 140 metres into the sky.

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## Removals to Basel

Located on the river Rhine, Basel is the oldest university city in Switzerland and home to the world's oldest public collection of art. The focal point of the city is the large market square, around which are many landmark buildings, including the Town Hall and cathedral. Shopaholics will love Basel, with its intriguing mix of boutiques, bookshops and designer stores. However, Basel is also a very green city and visitors enjoy walking through the parks, relaxing on the banks of the Rhine or visiting the botanical gardens. Switzerland's largest zoo is also located in Basel.

## Removals to Lausanne

Lausanne is a thriving holiday resort and commercial centre located on the banks of Lake Geneva. Built on three hills with a gorge through the centre, Lausanne is one of Switzerland's most picturesque cities. Lausanne looks out over the Savoy Alps and is surrounded by gently sloping vineyards. Though not completely pedestrianised, Lausanne is mostly car-free, and its narrow alleyways are lined with cafés and boutiques. Travelling around Lausanne is easy because of the excellent metro system, which links the city and makes light work of the hills.

## Removals to Bern

The capital of Switzerland, Bern is a beautiful city with stunning architecture. It's also an excellent shopping destination as it has six kilometres of arcades. In the summer time people swim in the River Aare and there's also an opportunity to see the famous Bern bears who are immortalised in the city's coat of arms.

## Removals to Lucerne

Located on the lake of the same name, Lucerne is set amidst some of the prettiest mountain scenery in Europe. It's regularly used as a stop off point by travellers on their way to the mountains of Rigi, Pilatus and Stanserhorn. Souvenir shops are plentiful and the older part of Lucerne is a delight to walk around, as it is car-free and has many historic houses, some of which are decorated with frescos.

Removals to Switzerland customs information - [click here switzerland customs regs.pdf](#) for a rough guide on what you can and can't import, and laws on taxes.

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