

# Regatta Venue Information

## Lucerne, Switzerland



### Event

World Cup III

Lucerne, Switzerland

13th – 15th July 2018

### Event website:

<http://www.worldrowing.com/events/2018-world-rowing-cup-iii/event-information>

<http://www.lucerneregatta.com/en/>

### Tickets:

In 2017, expect to be similar in 2018

Friday - Free entrance

Saturday - Free entrance; Grandstand seat CHF 20.00

Sunday - Entrance & seat in Grandstand CHF 40.00 / seat in Numbered Grandstand CHF 60.00

Check following website for tickets:

[http://www.lucerneregatta.com/en/visitors/#tickets\\_en](http://www.lucerneregatta.com/en/visitors/#tickets_en)

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## Getting there:

Fly to Zurich with British Airways ([www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com)) or Swiss ([www.swiss.com](http://www.swiss.com)) from London Heathrow and London City, or with EasyJet ([www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com)) from London Gatwick and Luton.

Direct trains run from Zurich airport to Lucerne – a 40min journey and 65km away. Two trains per hour, one direct, one changing at Zurich central station.

It's cheaper to fly to Geneva but a longer distance to cover once you're there. Other options are to fly to Basle or Berne – appx. 110km away.

It's possible to drive this route or travel by rail. The Swiss train system is excellent – spotlessly clean and relentlessly on time. Driving possibly involves a stop-over in France but the route is apparently very pretty.

There is no need to hire a car as the train station, town and Lake are all linked by trams and busses.

If you buy a return railway ticket, ensure you stamp the ticket prior to the return leg, the inspectors suffer from humour failure if you don't!

Once in Lucerne it is possible to buy travel passes, valid for 1/2/3 days. They are valid on all local city busses, trams and local trains.

## Where to stay:

**Please avoid staying at the team hotel which is the Grand Hotel Europe.**

Details on Lucerne accommodation at : <http://www.luzern.com/en/hotels-accommodation>

Everywhere is expensive – with the exception of the Youth Hostel which has the added advantage of being close to the lake and absolutely fine as long as you don't need air conditioning! Details on the Youth Hostel can be found at [www.youthhostel.ch/luzern](http://www.youthhostel.ch/luzern).

Most people opt to stay in the town and catch the tram to the lake (the stop for the lake is called the 'Rotsee' and you buy tickets at the machines by the stop at which you get on in the centre of town.)

It is cheaper to stay outside Lucerne in Littau, Kriens and Emmen in which case a travel pass is a very good idea.

Specific feedback from Supporters for hotels:

For the 2011 World Cup we stayed at the 3 kings (Drei Konige) along with the Thornleys and the Netherlands rowing squad.

<http://www.drei-koenige.ch/welcome.html>

Not cheap, but nowhere in Lucerne can be considered cheap. However the room was fine, bathroom had bath which is an advantage in my opinion, breakfast OK (not awesome, but more than adequate) and very friendly helpful staff. Nice little bar in the corner with free broadband. About 10 minutes walk from station. I'd definitely book again. – Alan Williams (adwonhols@yahoo.co.uk)

## **The Rowing Lake:**

The waters of the Rotsee are ideal for competitive rowing. The lake's size and shape enable Olympic-style six-line racing over 2000 meters; its geographical position makes the course arguably the fairest in the world.

At the same time, the Rotsee is also a Nature Reserve with a rich variety of flora and fauna. Its shores are a year-round recreational area for large numbers of local residents.

How can all this best be combined? In 2010, Lucerne Regatta Association, the city and Canton of Lucerne and the lakeside town of Ebikon commissioned a study on "The Rotsee's Rowing Future". Its results demonstrate that the majority of interests are mutually compatible. The study, however, underlines the need for clearly defined "activity" and "tranquility" zones, as well as for a number of infrastructure investments. The common goal is clear: the Rotsee's future is for sharing. To maintain its natural beauty and diversity, environmental considerations will play a central role at all times. Canton Lucerne has recently issued new conservation regulations for the lake area. This is based on the compromise successfully reached by rowing representatives and environmental organizations that will extend the lake's permitted use for training and regattas.

The association called Naturarena Rotsee aims to renew the lake's rowing facilities while sustainably maintaining the natural surroundings and their public enjoyment. The 2010 study listed 22 measures to achieve this goal. They fall into four main groups: Finishing Tower replacement, Rowing Centre reconstruction, pathway and shoreline landscaping, and the creation of rowing-related infrastructures.

Known as the Rotsee, the regatta lake is situated on the North-East edge of Lucerne. If you arrived in Lucerne on the train from Zurich, you will have passed it and experienced that first frisson of excitement as you spot the rowers.

The race finish is at the town end but the tram drops you at the mid-way point and you have to walk through a housing area, signposted to the Rotsee, arriving at the lake at the boat-park. The whole length of the lake is good for watching the racing – you are never far from the boats.

Just behind the start is a lake swimming area.

Behind the grandstand and lining the tow-path are stalls selling drinks and snacks. There is a larger tent selling proper meals but you'll need a mortgage to eat.

There is a strange token system to encourage re-cycling – so don't be mystified when you get handed some, having paid over the odds for your beer. Hang on to the tokens and the container or you won't get your money back!

Likewise grandstand tickets for the weekend are expensive. (Free during the week.) Expect to pay over €40/ticket. However – you can stand on the grassy area adjacent to the grandstand and have just as good a view for free! (Just no seat!)

The officials are very strict about athletes not coming into the stand when finals are (several of our athletes were 'removed' last year) on but they can slope in if careful.

It looks easy to make your way back into town by following the towpath to the end of the Lake, past the finish line but – it's not! It's a very long way and many have got lost.

## What to do:

In Lucerne the highlights are the Art Galleries and the concert-hall/gallery.

There are plenty of good bars.

Shopping in the old town is interesting and it's lovely just to wander around and see the Kapellbrücke, the 14<sup>th</sup> century covered chapel bridge, whose octagonal tower was once a torture chamber.

Music lovers will be interested in the Richard Wagner museum ([www.richard-wagner-museum.ch](http://www.richard-wagner-museum.ch))

The river is impressive and so too are the wooden bridges which straddle it.

But the real highlight is to climb Pilatus. Get a ticket from the stalls outside the Conference Centre which includes the boat trip, funicular railway up and cable cars down (you have to catch a bus back into town at the end). Allow a whole day but it doesn't involve an awful lot of effort – there's only as much walking as you want to do. Once up the top you've obviously got breathtaking views of the Eiger and Jungfrau. There are leder-hosen-clad men playing horns and yodeling. The toboggan run is fun and there is a zip-wire for the more intrepid. Pilatus is a great, not-to-be-missed-experience.

<http://www.luzern.com/en/sightseeing-tours>

## Weather

For details on up to date weather - <http://www.yr.no/place/Switzerland/Lucerne/Lucerne/>

## Maps:

Interactive map:

<https://maps.google.co.uk/maps?q=google+maps+rotsee&hnear=Rotsee&gl=uk&t=m&z=15>



## More Information:

This has been compiled as a guide for supporters by the committee. It contains personal opinions and experiences of supporters and shouldn't be taken as complete or definitive in any way – only in the spirit of which it was intended.

Ticket information for events is generally available via the World Rowing website. World Rowing ([www.worldrowing.com](http://www.worldrowing.com)) has updated information about events including dates, schedules, racing draws and results. For major championships there maybe Friends & family tickets available, information about these will be circulated by via the applicable athletes.

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