



IS IT SAFE?

Zurich

SOLO TRAVELER SAFETY GUIDE

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OVERALL SAFETY ASSESSMENT

RATING ●●●●● Very safe. Consistently world-ranked.

Zurich is one of the safest cities on earth. Crime against tourists is rare to the point of statistical insignificance. The city is meticulously maintained, its public transport is world-class, and solo travel at any hour presents minimal risk. The only significant practical concern is the cost of living — Zurich is among Europe's most expensive cities. Budget carefully, but travel with complete confidence.

RATING SCALE

- = Very safe
- = Safe
- = Use caution
- = Avoid at night
- = Avoid

NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFETY AT A GLANCE

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Very safe

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Safe

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Use caution

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Avoid at night

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Avoid

AREA	RATING	NOTES
Altstadt (Districts 1 & 2)	●●●●●	Historic core. Exceptional safety.
Niederdorf	●●●●●	Lively pedestrian zone. Very safe.
Langstrasse / District 4	●●●○●	Red-light district. Evening awareness.
Zurich-West / District 5	●●●●●	Trendy. Safe at all hours.
Enge / Wollishofen	●●●●●	Lakeside. Quiet and very safe.
Hurlimann Areal	●●●●●	Upscale. No concerns.
Oerlikon	●●●●○	Business district. Safe.

Langstrasse has a visible red-light district but is not dangerous. It is gentrifying quickly and is home to some of Zurich's best bars and restaurants.

GETTING AROUND SAFELY

MODE	RATING	NOTES
ZVV Trams	●●●●●	World-class system. Safe at all hours.
S-Bahn	●●●●●	Excellent. Safe day and night.
Buses	●●●●●	Punctual and safe.
Walking	●●●●●	Outstanding pedestrian infrastructure.
ZuriVelo cycling	●●●●●	Excellent bike share; safe routes.
Night transport	●●●●●	Night trams Fri/Sat; comprehensive coverage.

COMMON SCAMS & HOW TO AVOID THEM

- ATM card skimming:**
Use bank-branch ATMs only. Always cover the keypad when entering your PIN.
- Hotel minibar / extras:**
Review your bill carefully before checkout. Charges can be added without notification.
- Currency exchange kiosks:**
Airport and tourist kiosks offer poor rates. Use bank ATMs for best exchange.

HEALTH & MEDICAL

- Dial 117 (Police), 144 (Ambulance), 118 (Fire), or 112 for all emergencies.
- UniversitätsSpital Zurich (USZ) is one of Europe's leading hospitals.
- Apotheken (pharmacies) are common; staff typically speak English.
- Tap water in Zurich is exceptional quality — safe and highly recommended.
- Travel insurance strongly recommended given Switzerland's high healthcare costs.

SOLO WOMEN TRAVELERS

Zurich is one of the best cities in the world for solo women travelers. Safety concerns are minimal across the entire city at any hour. Langstrasse has a visible red-light district but is not dangerous and is home to some of Zurich's best nightlife. Women travel solo throughout the city at all hours without incident. This is as safe as solo travel gets.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Police (Polizei)	117
Ambulance (Sanitat)	144
Fire (Feuerwehr)	118
All Emergencies	112
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