

Visiting Swissmedic

Practical Information

How to get to Switzerland and Bern

Switzerland can be reached by air, rail or road within a few hours from all major European cities. Berne is well integrated into the Swiss travel system and connected to all major Swiss cities and airports.



Arriving by air

Switzerland has three major airports which are served by numerous international airlines:

- Zurich Airport
- Geneva Airport
- Basel Mulhouse Airport

The airports of Zurich and Geneva are connected to the Swiss railway network and have their own stations. From Basel airport, there is a shuttle bus to the city centre (15 to 20 minutes). The shuttle stops directly in front of Basel's main train station. Intercity trains to Berne run hourly from all cities.

Link to the Swiss railways (SBB/CFF/FFS) online schedule: www.sbb.ch

Travel times to Berne by train

- From Zurich Airport: 1 hr. 15 min.
- From Geneva Airport: 1 hr. 50 min.
- From Basel Mulhouse Airport: 1 hr. 30 min.

Your accommodation in Berne

Your accommodation has been booked at the [ibis Styles Bern City](#) located approx. 15 min from Swissmedic HQ.

Footpath from the Train Station to the ibis Styles Bern City: [ibis Styles Bern City - Google Maps](#)

1. Leave Bern main train station from the exit on the eastern side.
2. Take the **bus no. 10 towards Schliern**
3. Get off at **bus stop "Eigerplatz"**
4. From there, the hotel is only a one-minute walk away:

How to reach Swissmedic Headquarters

Shuttle bus

Kindly note that a transfer service from/to the hotel has been arranged. The shuttle bus will follow this schedule:

Monday:

- Departure from Hotel to Swissmedic: at 08:15
- Departure from Swissmedic to Hotel: at 17:45

Tuesday:

- Departure from Hotel to Swissmedic: at 09:00
- No return shuttle to Hotel --> Social Event after end of day

Wednesday and Thursday:

- Departure from Hotel to Swissmedic: at 08:30
- Departure from Swissmedic to Hotel: at 16:45

Friday:

- Departure from Hotel to Swissmedic: at 08:30
- No return shuttle to Hotel --> City Tour after end of training

Please note that the bus **driver has been instructed to wait max 7 min after the scheduled departure time**, so you are kindly advised to be ready on time.


Alternatively, by public transportation:

- From the Hotel, walk to the nearby bus station "Eigerplatz".
- From there, take the bus no. 10 towards "Ostermundigen" and get out at the bus station "Bahnhof" (main station).
- From there you can reach our Headquarters by bus no. 20 towards Länggasse.
- Get off at bus stop "Universität".
- From the bus stop it's a 1 min walk

See itinerary on Google Maps: [ibis Styles Bern City to Swissmedic, Schweizerisches Heilmittelinstitut - Google Maps](#)

Practical Information & useful links



Currency	<p>Switzerland is not part of the European Union. The national currency is the Swiss franc (CHF).</p> <p>For current exchange rates see: http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/</p>
Electricity	<p>The voltage in Switzerland, as in most of Europe, is 230V/50 Hz. Switzerland uses type C (2-pin) and type J (3-pin) plugs. (Type C 2-pin plugs also fit J sockets.)</p> <p>Most power sockets are designed for three pin round plugs. The standard continental type plug with two round pins, applied for many electrical travel products, may be used without problem. To be sure to use your electrical equipment, please take an adaptor with you.</p> <p>More information: https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com/switzerland/</p> <div data-bbox="1163 510 1410 698">  </div> <p>Type J: This socket also works with plug C but NOT with N</p>
Time Zone	<p>During the winter, Central European Time (CET) applies in Switzerland. From the end of March to the end of October, Summer Time applies (CET + 1 hour).</p>
Weather	<p>The climate is moderate with no excessive heat, cold or humidity. From July to August the daytime temperature range is 18 to 28 °C (65° - 82° F) and from January to February the range is -2 to 7 °C (28° - 45° F). In spring and autumn, the daytime temperature range is 8 to 15 °C (46° - 59° F).</p> <p>Link to the actual weather situation: www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/service-updates/weather.html</p>
Information about Switzerland	<p>www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch</p>
Information about Berne	<p>www.bern.com/en/home</p>
City map of Berne	<p>www.stadtplan.bern.ch/TBInternet/default.aspx?User=101</p>
Swiss railways SBB/CFF	<p>www.sbb.ch</p>