

Chur in a nutshell

Facts and figures

- Chur is the capital of the canton of the Grisons and the seat of the Diocese of Chur.
- With 13,000 years of settlement history, Chur is the oldest city in Switzerland.

Geography

- Chur lies 593 metres above sea level.
- The total area is 2,809 hectares, of which 1,525 hectares are forest.
- Chur lies on the Alpine Rhine and at the foot of imposing mountain peaks. The lowest point is 554 metres above sea level and the highest, the Fürhörnlí, is 1,885 metres above sea level.

Climate

- Chur often has a very mild climate due to the frequent occurrence of the «Föhn», a warm, dry southerly wind and its location protected by high mountains. Fog occurs only a few days a year.

Population

- The cantonal capital has a resident population of over 40,000 people.
- Chur belongs to the German-speaking part of the trilingual canton of Graubünden.

Quality of life

Chur offers a high quality of life thanks to its wide range of education and training opportunities, its special climate, the natural and recreational areas close to the city and the almost unlimited sports and leisure facilities.

Culture and Sightseeing

- Chur is home to three cantonal museums: the Bündner Kunstmuseum, the Bündner Naturmuseum & the Rätisches Museum.
- The Cathedral of the Assumption of St Mary is one of the most important cultural monuments in Switzerland.
- In his home town, Oscar-winning artist H.R. Giger created the Giger Bar in the Alien style. The "Gigerplatz" square is also dedicated to him.

Accommodation

- Around 14 hotels offer accommodation in Chur, ranging from the former Sennhof prison to the Swiss Historic Hotel Stern.
- In total, there are around 1,100 beds in Chur's hotels.
- Chur recorded over 220,000 overnight stays in 2023

Gastronomy

- With over 130 restaurants, Chur has the highest concentration of restaurants in Switzerland.
- In addition to Grisons specialities such as Capuns, Maluns and Pizokel, there are also various international restaurants.

Shopping

- With around 500 shops, Chur has the widest variety of shopping opportunities between Zurich and Milan.
- Chur's weekly market takes place every Saturday morning from May to October.
- Typical souvenirs from Chur are Pfirsichsteine, Bündnerfleisch or Churer Röteli.

Tours and Activities

- In 2023, Chur Tourism organised over 1,200 city tours. In addition to the classic Old Town tours, there are over 30 different themed tours on offer.
- The popular urban golf allows you to discover Chur's old town while playing golf. More than 3,000 people played urban golf in 2023.
- Culinary tours offer an active experience on foot, by bike or on snowshoes, combined with a delicious meal.
- Various group activities, such as an alphorn workshop with a Grisons menu or Adventure Rooms with a knights' table, are ideal for clubs or companies.

More information

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