

Events and entertainment

1. Annual events

Note: For exact dates please check websites or the local press.

This section is organized following the calendar year, not the cities.

Zürich

Art on Ice: Ice Gala

End of January / Beginning of February

This world famous ice skating and music show right within your reach.

📍 Hallenstadion, Wallisellenstrasse 45, 8050 Zürich

Art on Ice Production AG

📍 Breitackerstrasse 2, 8702 Zollikon

☎ 044 315 40 24

✉ info@artonice.com

🌐 www.artonice.ch

Sechseläuten

3rd Monday in April

Traditional spring festival for the whole town. On Sunday a colorful children's parade takes place where children are welcome to dress in traditional costumes. On Monday afternoon, members of various guilds dressed in traditional costumes begin the parade's procession from Zürich main train station (**Hauptbahnhof**) at the Limmatquai to the Sechseläutenplatz. At 18:00 sharp, a 3 m high specially prefabricated cotton snowman (the **Böögg**) is set on fire. Legend claims that if the head bursts quickly, then the summer months will be more pleasant.

📍 Sechseläutenwiese, 8001 Zürich

☎ 044 215 40 00

🌐 www.sechselaeuten.ch

🌐 <http://zurich.all-about-switzerland.info/zurich-sechselauten-guilds-spring-festival.html>

Zürich Marathon

April

Its varied path gives this event a special character. Run as a single participant or as a team. Apart from watching

sports, spectators can enjoy countless festivities; entertainment activities are also available for children. If you are interested in participating, check website for up to date information.

📍 Verein Zürich Marathon, Spindelstrasse 2, 8041 Zürich

☎ 043 215 40 00

✉ info@zurichmarathon.ch

🌐 www.zurichmarathon.ch/e/index.php

Winterthur (ZH)

Afro-Pfingsten- The Soul of Africa

June

You will encounter the Soul of Africa in the old town of Winterthur, the biggest African festival in Switzerland. During this 4 day festival there is an African market which sells authentic food, traditional clothing, jewelry and an array of art work, and much more. The market runs Thursday through Saturday. There is also a huge selection of workshops that provide instruction on African and Caribbean dance, African percussion instruments, voice, art and culinary delights. Workshops are organized Saturday to Monday. Enjoy films, art work exhibitions or concerts from 19:00 until 01:30.

📍 Schaffhauserstrasse 4, 8400 Winterthur

☎ 052 260 30 30

🌐 www.afro-pfingsten.ch

Rapperswil-Jona (SG)

Half-Ironman Rapperswil-Jona

Beginning of June

Each sports category covers half of the traditional Ironman distances: swimming 1.9 km–1 lap; biking 90 km–2 laps; running 21.1 km–2 laps. Make sure to register prior to December 31st the year before you plan to participate for a reduced registration fee.

📍 BK Sportpromotion AG, Steinwiesenstrasse 3, 8952 Schlieren (ZH)

☎ 043 433 70 90

✉ office@ironman.ch

🌐 www.ironman.ch

Rosengala

June

This tradition was first founded in 1229. Rapperswil was nominated the city of Roses because of its 3 rose gardens. Every June a new Rose Queen (**Rosenkönigin**) is picked to represent the city and region.

-  Verkehrsverein Rapperswil, Fischmarktplatz 1, 8640 Rapperswil
-  Tel 055 220 57 57
-  @ info@rosengala.ch
-  W www.rosengala.ch

Zürich

Ironman Switzerland

July

Taking place in Zürich, this race hosts athletes from approximately 50 nations and is an official qualification competition for the Hawaii Ironman. Make sure you register (on www.ironman.ch) early enough for this race, preferably 12 months in advance. The race parameters include: a 3.8 km swim-2 laps; a 42.2 km run-4 laps; and a 180 km bike ride-2 laps. For spectators, there is lots of entertainment which takes place at Lake Zürich (Landiwiese). There are also activities for children.

-  BK Sportpromotion AG, Steinwiesenstrasse 3, 8952 Schlieren (ZH)
-  Tel 043 433 70 90
-  @ office@ironman.ch
-  W www.ironman.ch

Street Parade

August

One of the biggest and most colorful techno/house parades in the world. Check website for the map of the parade. Starts at 13:00. The after party is held in over 100 clubs in Zürich city and its surroundings. Public transport is available the whole night.

-  Tel 044 215 40 40
-  W www.streetparade.ch

Weltklasse Zürich, Leichtathletik Meeting

August

The biggest track & field competition in Switzerland.

-  Letzigrund Stadion, Herdernstrasse 47, 8004 Zürich
-  @ office@weltklassezuerich.ch
-  W www.diamondleague-zurich.com




Pre-sale of tickets:

-  Geschäftsstelle Weltklasse Zürich, Baslerstrasse 30, 8048 Zürich
-  Tel 044 495 80 90

Zürcher Theaterspektakel

August

In late summer, the **Zürcher Landiwiese** – idyllically situated on the shores of Lake Zürich – is host to one of the most important European festivals for contemporary performing arts. During the 2 last weeks of August, the festival features numerous artists from all over the world, in brilliant, partly avant-garde performances.





-  Stadthausquai 17, 8001 Zürich
-  Tel 044 412 35 51
-  @ contact@theaterspektakel.ch
-  W www.theaterspektakel.ch

Winterthur (ZH)

Sommertheater Winterthur

June–September

Take a place under the grand chestnut trees and enjoy the enthusiastic atmosphere and outstanding performances at this unique outdoor theater which has been hosting representations since 1890.

-  Stadthausstrasse 8a, 8400 Winterthur
-  Tel 052 212 31 12
-  @ info@sommer-theater.ch
-  W www.sommer-theater.ch

Kyburgiade

August



The internationally renowned artists performing at the Kyburg castle's courtyard give this summer concert festival a unique character and a very special atmosphere.

-  Museum Schloss Kyburg, 8314 Kyburg
-  Tel 052 232 46 64
-  @ info@kyburgiade.ch
-  W www.kyburgiade.ch

Winterthurer Musikfestwochen

August

This oldest and longest Swiss Open air-festival fills Winterthur's old town for 12 days with music genres as well as theater and film productions for all ages and tastes. Don't miss the numerous free live concerts in the little town streets.

-  Verein Winterthurer Musikfestwochen, Metzggasse 8, 8401 Winterthur
-  Tel 052 212 61 16
-  @ info@musikfestwochen.ch
-  W www.musikfestwochen.ch
-  W www.starticket.ch