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BEAUTY OF THE LAKE

The main attractions to Zurich are really not restaurants, bars and hotels. They do exist but not many are actually buzzing. I have outlined a few. The main thing you need to do here is absorb the beauty of the lake and slow pace of life and if time allows get to the mountains for some skiing. Engelberg is close and easy to get to.



RESTAURANTS

Terrasse

It’s the only real restaurant that converts into a nightclub at the end of the night – it’s bang in the centre of Zurich at the end of Bellevue. There’ll be plenty of champagne in stock. Bring two credit cards.

terrasse-zuerich.ch



Strozzi’s, Herliberg, on the Gold Coast

A little down the lake on the Gold Coast is a wonderful high-end pizzeria on the shore of the lake. You can arrive by speedboat and drink rosé in the summer. You need a reservation and try to get a shoreline table.

strozzis.ch/strandhaus



RESTAURANTS

Sternen Grill

This institution of the most basic standard Swiss food is in Bellvue and recently at the airport. Their standard fare consists of a St Gallen wurst, senf (mustard) and a piece of bread all served separately. A must-have when passing by.

sternengrill.ch



Razzia

I love this place in Seefeld because it’s nearly all things to all people from coffee in the morning to late night revelry. The restaurant is a converted theatre and it still has a stage for private concerts that they put on with old famous bands doing one time only gigs for about $1,000 for dinner and show. They also do film nights and dinner, which is no extra charge.

razzia-zuerich.ch



RESTAURANTS

Brasserie Schiller

This is a reasonably priced bar and restaurant in the centre beside the Opera House. You shouldn't need a reservation and probably best value place in an otherwise very pricey Zurich.

brasserie-schiller.ch



Palestine Grill

The life and soul of Zurich nightlife is in Langstrasse where there are plenty of bars and clubs. This wonderful outdoor takeaway only serves shawarma, homous, baba ganoush and everything else you would expect to devour at 10pm or 2am.

palestinegrill.com



RESTAURANTS

Loft Five

This is a cocktail bar and restaurant in one in Europaallee by the Hauptbahnhof so it’s perfect if you need to meet anyone as all roads lead to the Zurich HB!

loftfive.ch



Lady’s First

This Seefeld hotel does exactly what it says on the tin. Once a ladies only hotel they then opened two of the other floors also to men. Unique, different, very Swiss and not too costly.

ladysfirst.ch



Atlantis by Giardino

A little out of the way half the way up a hill giving great views and walks this designer spa hotel is immaculate with huge attention to detail and huge price.

giardinohotels.ch/en/zurich



THINGS TO DO

After 5 years the list is still short.

A boat taxi around **the lake** is a must-do activity. The boat taxi will drop you off at many ports for a hop-on hop-off or just sit and do the circle.

During the summer the Badis or beaches around the lake are divine facilities to swim and sunbathe by the lake. One interesting one is in the female only Frauenbad city centre. Situated at the Stadthausquai by the Bürkliplatz, the bath was built for, and is still exclusively used by women (Frauenbad means ‘bath for women’). However it often is open to all for parties on Sunday nights.

Fifa Museum – this homage to Sepp Blatter is a great thing to see what unlimited budgets can provide. Any boy 7–14 will love this and be particularly entertained by the gamezone at the end. There is also a large bar, restaurant and football sports bar on the ground floor.



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