The living city
Ideal for families, urban, liveable

Quiet and family-friendly or urban and pulsating: St. Gallen has suitable residential areas for every need. They all are close to the city centre, public transportation is available and green oases are nearby. Attractive recreation areas are not far away from the city centre.

Sporting and cultural activities in St. Gallen are almost limitless in their variety. Both the city and region have a wide range of locations to offer for leisure, recreation and excursions. Families and other interested individuals will also find the city is home to a broad selection of associations involved in sports, culture, the church and youth work. Alongside nurseries and crèches, an array of organisations offering support and advice for parents completes the picture.
It’s easy to find somewhere to live in St.Gallen – either for rent or purchase. The city’s home and property market has something for everyone: appealing flats in the old part of town, tranquil properties with land in the nearby Rosenberg hills or in the Solitude district, family homes in Wolfganghof or St.Georgen with their distinctive rural features, flats for rent with views of the lake or in the multicultural districts of Lachen and St.Fiden, and attractive owner-occupied flats in new projects like the Birnbäumen – to name just a few options. As different as all these living areas are, they all share one feature: they offer excellent value for money.

Sport, leisure and recreation are right on your doorstep in St.Gallen: from football, handball and bicycle polo to equestrianism, swimming, dancing, climbing, trick riding and curling. The city has a climbing hall, dancing schools, a modern athletics centre, two indoor and outdoor swimming pools, a curling hall and skating rink, die Drei Weiher, the Esper- and Gründenmoos sports centres and the Säntispark water and leisure centre, all adding up to inexhaustible options for young and old alike. If you prefer to jog, walk, cycle, skate or hike, you will find what you are looking for in several cross-country routes and fitness trails. A dense network of hiking and cycle trails, the Peter and Paul nature reserve, Lake Gübsen and nearby Lake Constance.

The city is home to Switzerland’s oldest football club (FCSG), whose junior teams and cheerleaders are first class. Countless youth associations exist pursuing a wide range of interests such as scouting and Knabenmusik, and branches of the Jungwacht, Blauring and JugendElektronikZentrum. In all, some 300 clubs offer sports and fitness activities covering more than 70 disciplines. The city of St.Gallen offers a range of childcare services for children up to the end of primary level. There are 23 private day nurseries that can take about 700 children, 300 of which are subsidised by the city. Furthermore, the city’s «foster child» campaign provides childminders for more than 161 children during the day. In the year before they start nursery school, children in all catchment areas of the primary schools are offered the chance to join «SpiKi» playgroups, which are supported by the city. Further playgroups are also available, including for younger children. The entire offer can be found online at www.familiplattform-ostschweiz.ch.

Associations online www.sanktgallemetz.ch
Crèches and nurseries www.stadt.sg.ch > School and education > Care and assistance > Day-nurseries and child-minding services
Crèches in the region www.familienplattform-sg.ch
Fostering children in St.Gallen www.pasg.ch
Lake Constance Tour www.bodensee-radmarathon.ch
slowUp www.slowup.ch > Bodense Schweiz
Swimming pools and ice skating rinks www.badundeis.stadt.sg.ch

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