The city of adventure
Culinary paradise, leisure and nightlife

St.Gallen’s approximately 350 catering establishments range from cordon bleu restaurants and cozy cafés to stylish bars and modern clubs. Coupled with concert and theatre venues, the casino, several cinemas and countless other places to go, it’s the meeting point for relaxation and enjoyment in eastern Switzerland. The city nightlife receives another touch of colour through over 8,000 students at the University of St.Gallen (HSG).

Numerous festivals, trade shows, sporting and cultural events throughout the year draw tens of thousands of visitors from the region, the country and across its borders.
Fans of good food and drink will find a tempting selection in St. Gallen, from the humble sausage vendor to steakhouses and gourmet restaurants. A dozen star chefs in the city have around 140 Gault-Millau points between them. Like the town’s 300 bay windows, the traditional «Erststockbeizli» restaurants have made the old town famous and link satisfying cuisine with unique charm. They share the setting with modern, yet equally delicious bars and restaurants that provide a perfect urban counterpoint. So whether it’s traditional Swiss cooking, Asian, French, Italian, Mediterranean or Mexican cuisine – St. Gallen’s restaurants have something for every taste.

In the bars of the city’s «Bermuda Triangle» in the north section of the old town, younger and older people from near and far meet up for drinks, especially at the weekend. The various clubs are virtually all in the hands of the younger generation, but folk of all ages mix there at special large events and at parties. The evening is not the only meeting time favoured – brunch or coffee at the weekend is also popular in one of the many traditional cafés and stylish restaurant bars with terraces for warm summer evenings.

St. Gallen’s event calendar reads like a train timetable. Numerous attractive events are held at regular intervals every year. A fixed date in the calendar is the CSIO St. Gallen in June, one of the world’s four best outdoor show-jumping tournaments. Also in June is the four-day OpenAir St. Gallen, the oldest and one of the largest open-air festivals in Switzerland. The OLMA, the Swiss Agricultural and Food Fair, is held in October.

Every three years the people of St. Gallen celebrate the traditional children’s festival, which was founded in 1824. Other annual events are the «New Orleans meets St. Gallen», «Jazz Festival», the «St. Gallen Fest» in the old town, the «St. Gallen Festspiele», the «St. Gallen Musicaltage» and the «St. Gallen Genusstag».

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