



Eats Around Zurich: Layover Edition

While on our whirlwind adventure of a pre-wedding honeymoon, we had a couple layovers in Zurich, Switzerland. Beautiful, pristine, and with all the efficiency and hospitality that only the Swiss-Germans can conjure, Zurich bookended our trip around Europe due to some favorable flight deals. On our way in we spent 6 hours around the city center before skipping off to London, but on the way back we spent 2 days strolling the streets and soaking our tired feet. A word of warning, Zurich is not a cheap city, so be mindful of where you are headed before you go. Nevertheless, it is safe and fun. Here's what we did there:

Where We Stayed:



Certainly, the main highlight of our time in Zurich came at the end of our trip. With our 2 days at the end of our journey, we stayed at the B2 Boutique Hotel and Spa, a gem of a spot steeped in both history and hot water (literally). The B2 Hotel was constructed out of the Hurlimann brewery, one of the premiere breweries of Switzerland founded in 1836. Don't assume it's only silos and water wheels, though, the B2 hosts a beautiful modern interior with extremely hospitable staff and amenities. And if modern hospitality, rich history, and high caliber in-house dining aren't enough for you, fear not! While staying at the hotel you are free to access the Thermal Baths and heated rooftop pool on sight! While we weren't able to take

any photos (phones aren't allowed in the spa) we spent numerous hours soaking away the many miles we had walked on our trip. This was the only hotel of our trip, and boy was it a magical experience.

Here's a picture from our hotel room window. The minifridge is stocked with beer from the old brewery and it's complimentary in each room!

The B2 Hotel is just outside the city center of Zurich. We recommend either taking a train into the Zurich HB (main station) and grabbing a quick tram ride, if you want to explore the city a little, or take a train directly from the airport (Flughafen) to Zurich Enge and it's only about 5 minutes on foot. Don't forget to enjoy the scenery while you're heading to the hotel!



What We Did (part 1):

Our time in Zurich was somewhat brief, but we were able to have a little fun while we were there. Starting with our first layover, we landed in Zurich at around 8am on a Sunday. Things were quite, and we were very jetlagged, but we opted to head into the city center and explore. We had some amazing

hot chocolate and walked around the alleyways and Fraumunster and Grossmunster Churches. We had lunch with some artillery (no really) before heading off to London.

What We Did (part 2):

When we finally returned to Zurich at the end of our trip we took some excursions around the lake. We found our way into a bathhouse that becomes a beer garden at night, and took a stroll by the water to get some ice cream. And what better way to see the lake than on a spontaneous paddleboat ride?

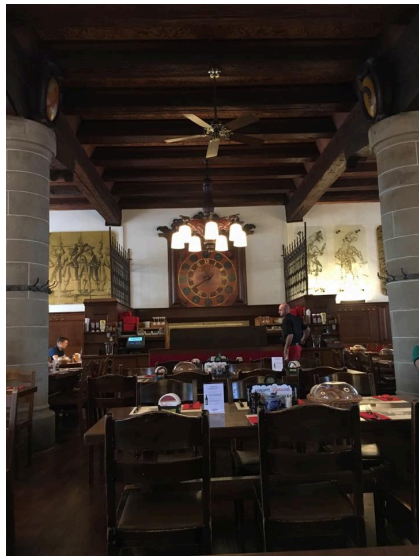


Here's some of the places we enjoyed:

Nothin' like some quality German faire to put some metaphoric hair on your chest. When we first stopped in Zurich we had time for only some hot chocolate and veal. On our return stop we had a chance to enjoy a little quality ice cream, some surprisingly tasting dumplings, a bar pizza in a bath house, and, of course, tasty food at the hotel. Not a comprehensive list, by any means, but a bite of a couple spots to get some flavor of the city.

Café Schober for some Hot Chocolate

A quaint little spot tucked behind Fraumunster, feel free to sit and enjoy a hot cocoa and a pastry. Just be sure to get there before the mom-squad takes all the tables!

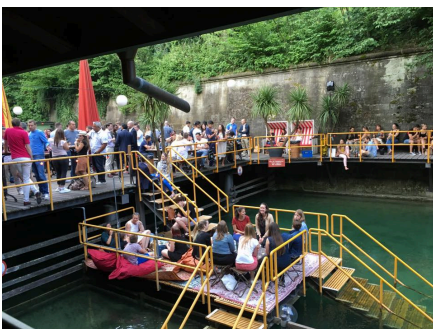


Zeughauskeller Beer Hall

A proper beer hall with an appropriate amount of medieval armor and artillery for good ambiance. We had the house special veal with a brown mushroom sauce over a German fritter. Oh and beer of course.

Am See Gelato by Lake Zurich

A sweet treat indeed, perfect for a hot day by the water. We stopped to grab a few scoops and enjoy the views and the weather.



Rimini: A beer at a Bathhouse

This men's bathhouse is converted to a youth-filled beer hall at night in the summer. It's packed, so seats are hard to come by, and the wait for some bar pizza is quite long, but for a stop in it's fun to just hang your feet over the side and not think about dropping anything.