

FILM- PRODUCTION IN LUCERNE

Lucerne Tourism Lucerne -
Lake Lucerne Region



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The Lucerne-Lake Lucerne Region provides wonderful locations for TV and film productions. Lucerne Tourism and Film Commission Lucerne & Central Switzerland provide their expert, straight-forward assistance in the realisation of projects.

We provide assistance in the realisation of projects, including supervising productions in the region, scouting production locations, coordinating shooting permits and other forms of facilitation.



Competencies and Support

The media department of Lucerne Tourism is happy to help with film and video productions in a touristic context.

For large-scale film and TV productions (e.g. crime thriller or documentary) as well as commercial assignments of all kinds, the Film Commission Lucerne & Central Switzerland offers professional support and coordination.

Footage

Lucerne Tourism provides media representatives with free footage for media-related work. Our [gallery](#) contains a selection of high-quality visual content featuring the Lucerne-Lake Lucerne Region. Please contact us at media@luzern.com for any other footage you are looking for.

Filming in the city of Lucerne

Being one of the most beautiful cities in Switzerland, Lucerne is perfectly suited as a scenery for film and video productions of all kinds. For a successful filming process, a few important points must be observed:

Generally, permission must be obtained from the City of Lucerne for filming in public spaces. Filming on private property is only permitted with the consent of the owner. Filming on bridges is not permitted for safety reasons.

In the city of Lucerne and the Lucerne lake basin, the use of a drone is not possible without a permit (see below). There is a zone with restricted air traffic above Lake Lucerne. Permits must be obtained by the drone pilot himself from the respective authority.

Operation of drones

The EU drone regulation applies in Switzerland from 1 January 2023. It specifies three different categories for the operation of drones: open, specific and certified. For operation in the open category:

- Mandatory registration via UAS.gate
- Training with examination as specified in the sub-category (A1, A2, A3). No training is required to fly a drone that weighs less than 250g.
- Minimum age for drone pilots of 12
- Minimum distance from uninvolved persons as specified in the sub-category.
- Maximum flight altitude of 120m above ground level.
- Drones must bear a CE marking and a class identification label. The transitional provisions apply to drones without a class identification label.

For the use of drones in the special category and the category requiring approval, the relevant authorities must be contacted.

For drone flights over the lake or any water body in the Canton of Lucerne, a permit must additionally be obtained from the Lucerne Water Police (by telephone).



The interactive RPAS map (RPAS Remotely Piloted Aircraft System) published by FOCA shows those locations where restrictions and bans apply.

The FOCA drone guide (see next page) provides an overview of the applicable rules (green boxes) and information about the scenarios in which drone flight is subject to an authorisation (yellow boxes).

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DRONE GUIDE



Further information



Online version of the drone guide including further links to the individual boxes.



FAQ on the new EU drone regulations in Switzerland.

GOOD SPOTS FOR FILM SHOOTING IN THE CITY OF LUCERNE



The following locations are well suited for shooting sights and impressions of the city of Lucerne:

1 Church of St. Leodegar

2 Musegg Wall

3 Spreuer Bridge

4 Old Town

- Kornmarkt
- Unter der Egg
- Mühlenplatz
- Weinmarkt

5 Rosengart Collection Museum

6 Chapel Bridge / Water Tower

- Rosengartplatz
- Bridge head of the «Seebrücke»
- Jesuitenplatz

7 Lucerne railway station

(Interior filming requires a permission!)

8 Bourbaki Panorama

9 Lion Monument

10 Grand Casino Luzern

11 Swiss Museum of Transport

Locations by the lake

12 Europaplatz / KKL Luzern

13 Schweizerhofquai

14 Lucerne lido

Viewpoints near the city

15 Park «Dreilinden»

16 Gütsch

THE PERFECT SCENERY: LUCERNE- NE-LAKE LUCERNE REGION



The Lucerne - Lake Lucerne region offers a wide variety of ideal filming locations, such as historical and new districts, old and new industrial plants, single-family housing estates and villa districts, villages, farms and commercial enterprises, leisure facilities, cultural centres and museums, hiking and skiing areas, lake, river and mountain landscapes, tourist infrastructures such as hotels, holiday homes, mountain railways and ships.



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