

Wednesday afternoon excursions

We list five suggestions for activities for Wednesday afternoon: a boat trip on lake Zurich, a tour of Zurich's old town, and three hikes of easy to medium difficulty: Uetliberg, Walensee, Rigi.

Boat trips



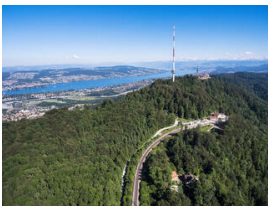
Slow down, take a break and relax on a captivating cruise on Lake Zurich. With a valid ZVV ticket, you can hop on and off at any of Zurich's 31 picturesque ports of call. And along the way, you can enjoy a delicious savoury snack or meal in the boat's floating restaurant. Zurich offers boat trips of various length and duration on the lake and on the river Limmat. There are short (1.5h), medium (2-3h), or long (4h) round trips leaving hourly from Bürkliplatz. Make sure to check the [timetable](#) to find the right trip for yourselves!

Tour of the Old Town

Zurich's Medieval houses, contorted, narrow lanes and guild and town halls from the Renaissance period offer an attractive backdrop for world-class entertainment. A tour of the Old Town lets you experience Zurich's multifaceted past, which turns into a living history of characteristic buildings and the people that lived and acted out their lives in them. If you go to the tourist information office at the main station, you can get a map with a very nice self-guided tour marked in green. Another option pretty nice self-guided walking tour can be found [here](#). You can also book a guided tour which starts at 3pm from the main station for 25CHF [here](#).



Panoramic walk from Uetliberg to Felsenegg



This scenic 6km trail starts at the top of the Uetliberg (Zurich's local mountain). The gondola at Felsenegg can then take you down to Adliswil to return to Zurich by train. The wide trail is flat and easy with small elevation gains and descents. There are shady forested areas as well as open fields along your path. Featuring amazing views of the city of Zurich from Uetliberg, as well as Lake Zurich, as the trail follows along the lake at 800 meters. This trail is also known as Planetenweg ("The path of the planets"). The path features a model of our solar system at a scale of 1:1 billion. You will find the model of the Sun shortly after starting the hike from Uetliberg – keep your eyes peeled for Pluto

at the end as it is quite small!

Getting there and back. To get to Uetliberg, either take the S10 train (requires ZVV zones 110, 154, 155) or take Tram 13 (zone 110) and then hike up to Uetliberg from Albisgütli (about 45-60 min). From Felsenegg take a cable car down (zones 150, 155) and then a train from Adliswil (zones 110, 150).

You can find a map of the various options for the hike [here](#).

Costs. 17.80CHF.

Rather than buying five ZVV zones (note that zone 110 counts as two zones) you can buy a daily ZVV ticket for

zone 110 (central Zurich, costs 8.80CHF) as well as a daily ZVV 1-2 zones upgrade ticket (8.80CHF). Both tickets can be bought all over Zurich from the blue machines stationed at pretty much any tram/train/bus stop.

Suggested schedule. For the train option: 14:35, platform 22, Zurich HB (arrives 14:55, Uetliberg).

The cable car from Felsenegg leaves every 15 minutes, until 22:05.

For alternative options, see the schedule at [sbb](#).

Trip to Walensee

One hour from Zurich lies the beautiful Walensee. The 9km hike from Weesen to the Seerenbach Falls and back is along a mostly paved road, going through a couple of tunnels and always having a gorgeous view of the Walensee on your side. It is a route from Weesen to a lovely bistro/viewpoint called Lago Mio, and then East along the lake to Kapelle Betlis (a very cute chapel with lake views) and then 10 minutes further to the beautiful Seerenbach Falls. It is a convenient, quick and beautiful day trip from Zurich!



Another, possibly nicer option, is to continue from Seerenbach Falls until Quinten (roughly the same distance as returning to Weesen, but with more elevation gain and a rocky path for the decent) then take a boat to Murg.

Getting there and back. To get to (and from) Weesen, take a train to Ziegelbrucke and then bus 650 (or vice versa). To get back from Quinten, take a ferry to Murg and then a train back to Zurich (via Ziegelbrucke or Walenstadt).

Costs. 55.60CHF (+7.20CHF)

The train ticket needed is Z-Pass OSTWIND-ZVV All Zones Day pass (55.60CHF). The ferry to Murg costs 7.20CHF. You can also buy a ZVV OSTWIND Day pass plus for 64 CHF if you want to take a different/longer boat trip, e.g. back to Weesen. (Note that both these tickets give you free public transport for the day in Zurich as well, not just the trains.)

Suggested Schedule 14:12, platform 7, Zurich HB (arrives 14:58, Ziegelbrucke). Then 15:04, Ziegelbrucke, bus 650 (arrives 15:10, Weesen).

There is a bus (and then train) from Weesen every 30 minutes until 20:45, and then every hour until 23:45 (see [sbb](#)). There is a ferry (and then a train) from Quinten to Murg every hour from 16:00 until 22:00 ([here](#) you can find the schedule and a map for the ferry, see also [sbb](#) for the train schedule).

Rigi Panoramic Trail



This popular 7km panorama path is simply stunning, affording magnificent views of Lake Lucerne and Lake Zug, as well as of the imposing Alps in the distance. The route starts at Rigi Scheidegg, accessible by cogwheel train (Rigibahn) and a cable car from Arth-Goldau. The path leads, alongside the railway line of the former Scheideggbahn and partly through shady forests, to the Rigibahn stop called Rigi Wölfertschen-First.

It is also possible to extend the route by continuing to Rigi Kulm, the highest peak of Mount Rigi, or to use the cogwheel train to get to various other points. [Here](#) is a link to a

map of stations and trails.

Another option for a hike in the area is to walk down all the way from Rigi Kulm to Weggis; note that this involves a lot of downhill walking (1400m difference in elevation).

Getting there and back. To get there, take a train to Arth-Goldau, then a cogwheel train to Kräbel, and then a cable car to Rigi Scheidegg. To get back, take the cogwheel train to Arth-Goldau (from either Rigi Wölfertschen-First or Rigi Kulm), and then a train to Zurich.

Costs. Up to about 120CHF, cheaper options available if booking in advance.

Buying on the day is expensive (120CHF+). We recommend you buy a saver day pass asap [here](#), currently the price is 70CHF but it increases as it gets closer to the day.

Suggested schedule 13:10, platform 8, Zurich HB (arrives 14:03 Arth-Goldau). Then 14:08, Arth-Goldau, cogwheel train (Rigibahn) (arrives 14:16, Kräbel; stop on request). Then 14:25, Kräbel, cable car (arrives 14:31, Rigi Scheidegg). This somewhat early option is highly recommended as transportation from Rigi stops early in the evening, you could grab something quick to eat at Zurich HB.

There is a train from Rigi Kulm (with a stop at Rigi Wölfertschen-First) every hour until 19:01 (the schedule can be found in [sbb](#) and [here](#)).