

Neuchâtel – Guided tours :

Walking tours in Neuchâtel - Individual programs available on request

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Allow me to introduce you to the treasures of our region -- the shores of Lake Neuchatel, the Old City or the charms of surrounding villages.

I have been a guide since 1997 and have a master of arts in history as well as a post-graduate degree in tourism and heritage. My services include school programs, special-event tours, outings for conference attendees, treasure hunts, "team-building" sessions and tours for families relocating to the area.

Tours can be customized for individuals, families or business groups, and range from a few hours to several days. Just tell me what you're looking for and we'll organize it together!

Services

Below are standard tours, which can be lengthened, shortened or combined. With its manageable size, Neuchâtel offers many options for visiting.

- All tours can be adapted for families with children
- All tours are available for individuals or groups of two or three. No group is too small

Tour 1: Neuchâtel, city walking tour

We take a walk through the city and move gradually backward through history. The tour starts with 19th-century neighborhoods built on claims the lake. We move on to the "Faubourg" and its 18th-century mansions, and then to the old city center, with its Renaissance and classic buildings, fountains and Market House. Finally we arrive at the original 11th century settlement perched atop a hill, and visit its castle, church and prison tower. On our way back down, we stroll along the lake, admiring the Alps, from the Jungfrau to Mont Blanc.

Duration: 2 ½ hours

Tour 2: Neuchâtel, the stone and the craftsmen

This tour follows the same general route as Tour 1, with more detailed commentary on Neuchatel masonry, its craftsmanship and its historical role in the town's development.

Duration: 2 ½ to 3 hours

Tour 3: On the footsteps of the Reformation in the city of Neuchâtel

We stroll through the old city and explore the legacy of the Reformation. This small territory turned to the "new" religion in 1530, becoming the first French-speaking territory to do so and preceding Geneva's own embrace of the Reformation by six years. This interactive tour is particularly well suited for families or classes, as we hunt for traces of the Reformation together. We may also visit the Library to admire some of the great European treasures created during this time, including the Olivetan Bible, the Placards and the Livre des Marchands.

Duration: 3 hours (depending on Library visiting hours and availability)

Tour 4: A brief overview of Neuchatel

We explore a thousand years of urban development, using seven scale models in the city's historical museum. This is a good tour for a rainy day or a busy schedule.

Duration: 1 hour

Tour 5: La Maladière stadium

Built in 2007 in town, this stadium perched seven meters above the ground is the first of its kind: a multi-function complex comprising a football stadium and facilities, shopping center, offices, gymnasiums and parking. We'll visit the field, VIP areas, dressing rooms and gym facilities. We'll end with a drink in the lobby and a short film about the construction of the building. No need to be a football fan to appreciate this groundbreaking, elegant architecture!

Duration: 2 hour

Price:

1-10 people: 150 CHF

11-25 people: 190 CHF

Drink included

Tour 6: Auvernier, a jewel in the vineyards

The Guide du Routard calls this town nestled between lake and vineyards "the loveliest village on the shores of Neuchâtel." Modernity lives side by side with the past in this town of winemakers and fishermen. Here we will discover the legacy of the Renaissance in the castle, the winemakers' houses and the picturesque streets. A wine tasting can be organized on demand at one of the numerous local cellars.

Duration: 2 ½ without drink

Tour 7, standard: Le Landeron

The city of Le Landeron, built around 1325 on a drift in the midst of swamps, showcases three centuries of local architectural traditions and boasts artistic pieces of exceptional quality. This is a good tour for people who don't want to do a lot of walking: Everything is within 300 meters. The tour ends with the chapel and the museum, and can continue with a wine tasting at a local cellar.

Duration: 2 ½ hours

Tour 7, extended : A day in Le Landeron

We begin with a leisurely 40-minute walk from the train station to the Chapelle des Combes, with its magnificent view overlooking vineyards, the plain and two lakes. Inside, the chapel possesses charming baroque décor. After a meal in one of the picturesque local restaurants of the old village, we continue with the standard Tour 7, ending with a wine tasting.

Duration: One day

Price (City Guide)

Walking tours standard 2 ½ hours

1-5 people*: CHF 120.-

6-25 people: CHF 150.-

Additional hour: CHF 50.-

Walking tour N°4 (1 hour): CHF 100.-

One Day (7/8 hours): CHF 450.-

Extra fee for visit 7bis: CHF 150.- (donation to the chapels)

Extra fee for visit 3: CHF 100.- (donation for the library)

* Special price for a couple or a family