

Basic Copy Appenzellerland

From the Lake of Constance to the Säntis

An immersive mixture of culture, nature, tradition and customs – this would be the perfect description of the Appenzellerland. The Canton of Appenzell Ausserrhoden is characterized by gently sloping hilly landscapes. In the Tobel, wild creeks circulate through it. This backdrop with views of the massive Säntis, the Lake of Constance and the Rhine Valley is simply breathtaking.

You are bound to discover countless pearls alongside the numerous paths of the very dense hiking trail network in Switzerland. Not only is nature in the Appenzellerland an unrivaled experience, the customs and traditions have a high level of focus among the residents. People in none of the other regions of Switzerland pay so much intense attention to the original values as they do in the Appenzellerland. Alpine drives, “Silvesterchlausen” on New Year’s Eve or Bloch events are just some of the examples.

Culturally and historically, the textile industry, the century of the Zellwegers in Trogen or the Biedermeier Time in Heiden should be pointed out.

Four Regions – One World

The Appenzellerland is composed of two semi-cantons: Appenzell Ausserrhoden and Appenzell Innerrhoden. Geographically, the terrain is divided into four regions: the frontal land (Vorderland), the central land (Mittelland), the back land (Hinterland) and the interior land (Inneres Land). The latter is a part of Appenzell Innerrhoden. The two Appenzell regions were divided in 1597 due to the differences in religion. The division of the land was a peaceful process. The land division declaration just states: «The division is not supposed to last and eternity.» Yet even today, the Catholic Innerrhoden and the Reformed Ausserrhoden pursue minor cultural differences. Above all, though, there is a distinct connection through the shared love for the joined traditions that are as alive today and are being authentically practiced, just like they have been for so many years.

Culinary Specialties

Anyone looking for culinary diversity has come to the perfect place in the Appenzellerland. The range of available options in the Appenzellerland provides a balanced yet richly diversified choice. The front land of the Appenzeller region is known for its leading fine cuisine. An amazing five restaurants have been awarded 13 or more Gault-Millau points. However, the Appenzellerland also offers great choices of rustic and simple meals. Appenzeller cheese, boiled sausage, cheese macaroni (Chäshörnli), dried meat sausage

(Pantli), raw beef meat sausage (Mostbröckli) and lebkuchen (Biber) dominate the scene: Appenzeller menus are scrumptious and refined at the same time. Thanks to ever new combinations and high quality,, the local specialties will turn your stay in the Appenzellerland into a very special treat for your palate. Visitors have a choice between about 600 restaurants – from rustic mountain guesthouses to Gault-Millau rated restaurants, in idyllic settings and with overwhelming views. The Appenzellerland will capture all of the senses.

For information on producers stemming from the Appenzellerland check [here](#).

Facts and Figures About Appenzell Ausserrhoden (2021)

Inhabitants AR (2023):	56'263
Hotels:	43
Territory AR:	243 km ²
Classified vacation residences:	43
Number of municipalities AR:	20
Classified bed and breakfasts:	17
Hiking trails:	817 km
Mountain guesthouses:	4
Bicycle/MTB routes:	259 km
Overnight stays total:	116'184
Cross country skiing tracks	65 km
No. of ski lifts (excl. small lifts)	7

Public Transportation / Funiculars

Appenzeller Bahnen	appenzellerbahnen.ch
Postauto	postauto.ch/ostschweiz
Säntis-Schwebebahn AG	saentisbahn.ch

Travel ton the Destination

Via rail:	Luzern	2 h		
By car:	Lucerne	2 h		
	Zürich	1 ¼ h	Zürich	1 ¼ h
	Schaffhausen	1 ¾ h	Berne	2 ½ h
	Chur	1 ¾ h	Basel	2 h
	Berne	2 ½ h	Innsbruck	2 ¾ h
	Basel	2 ¼ h	Munich	2 ¾ h

Events in the Appenzellerland

www.appenzellerland.ch/de/informieren/aktuelles/veranstaltungen.html

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Information About Programs Offered in the Canton of Appenzell Innerrhoden (Interior Land):

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