



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Liechtenstein

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Vaduz
- ✓ **Language:** German
- ✓ **Population:** ± 38,400
- ✓ **Sq. km:** ± 160
- ✓ **Currency:** Swiss Francs (CHF)
- ✓ **Country code:** +423
- ✓ **Visa:** Yes, part of [Schengen](#)
- ✓ **Emergency phone:** 117 (police), 118 (fire), 144 (medical)



History Recap Over 1 Drink

1291: Origin Swiss Confederation: 3 cantons form alliance. 1719: Independent principality of Holy Roman Empire. 1815: Member of German Confederation. '66: Fully independent. 1914-18: WWI. 1919: Habsburg monarchy of Austria is abolished. Switzerland replaces Austria as the representative of Liechtenstein's interests abroad. '21: Swiss Francs. '21: Customs Union with Switzerland. '38: Prince Franz Josef II. '39-'45: WWII - Liechtenstein remains neutral. '84: Prince Franz Josef II hands over executive power to his son, Crown Prince Hans-Adam II. Women voting rights. '90: United Nations. '91: European Free Trade Association. 2000: G7 group of nations and Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development criticise Liechtenstein for not cooperating in fight against money-laundering. Liechtenstein changes its banking laws. '04: Prince Alois. Government-commissioned report: Liechtenstein banks' dealings with Nazis + slave labour from Nazi concentration camps was used on Crown estates in Austria, but describes the principality as a bystander rather than a perpetrator. '05: Referendum legal abortion. '08: Start political tax affairs. '11: Prince Alois sparks controversy by threatening to veto a proposal to decriminalise abortion.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 1600m. Climate: Temperate Alpine Climate (Dfb).

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ **Cities / Villages:** Vaduz, Malbun, Triesenberg, Balzers, Schaan, Triesen, Rugell, Nendeln, Eschen, Schellenberg, Gamprin, Mauren, Planken, Bendern, Mühleholz, Ebenholz, Rotenboden Wangerberg & more.
- ☺ **Hiking Trails:** [Liechtenstein Trail](#) (75km), Furstin-Gina-Weg, Malbun-Schönberg, Sassweg, Alpispitz, Panoramaweg, Wals Fable Trail, Samina Valley, Valüna Valley (total: [400km network](#) – 3 mountain huts)
- ☺ **Sights:** [Vaduz Castle](#) (private), [Alte Rheinbrücke](#) (bridge), [Cathedral of St. Florin](#), Reclining Woman (statue), Tre Cavalli (statue), African King (statue), [Government House](#), [Burg Gutenberg](#), [Gängesee](#) (lake), St. Mamerten Kapelle, [Red House](#), [Postal Museum](#)

Paid Attractions \$€¥

- 👍 **Museums / Sights:** [Liechtenstein Center](#), [Liechtenstein National Museum](#), [Kunstmuseum Liechtenstein](#), [Schatzkammer Liechtenstein](#), [Uhrenmuseum Kurt Beck](#), [FIS Ski Museum](#), [Walsermuseum Triesenberg](#). If you like all of this, it might be worth looking into the [Erlebnisspass](#).
- 👍 **Sports:** [Skiing](#) (Malbun).
- 👍 **Booze:** [Hofkellerei of the Prince of Liechtenstein](#), [Brennerei Telser](#).

The Earth Becomes My Throne

Budget Bites

- ⌘ **Supermarkets:** Coop, Migros, Lidl (*just over the border*).
- ⌘ **Local food:** Asparagus, Hafalaab (*ham/bacon soup with cornmeal dumplings*), Kasknopfl (*cheese-topped dumplings*), Ribel (*grain*), Sauerkas (*cheese*), Torkarebl (*porridge dish*), Liver, Rösti (*potato dish*), Birchermüesli (*mixed muesli*).
- ⌘ **Go veg:** Being vegan/vegetarian is ridiculously easy in Europe, and also in Liechtenstein. Vegan Restaurants: [Happy Cow – Liechtenstein](#).

Mama Said

- ☠ Europe is generally safe... and Liechtenstein is no exception. Relax.
- ☠ Tap water is safe to drink in Liechtenstein. You can even drink straight out of the river.
- ☠ If you truly love animals, don't support businesses where they're exploited for our entertainment... such as Vogelparadies and the Galina Falcon Center.

Festivals

- ⚙ Monster Concert: March.
 - ⚙ Liechtenstein Guitar Days: July.
 - ⚙ National Day of Liechtenstein : Aug-15.
- More festivals [here](#).

Next?

- ➔ **In Switzerland:** See list under 'Bucket List for Free'.
- ➔ **International destinations close by:** Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Italy.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are extremely expensive in Liechtenstein. Check [Booking.com](#) for deals, but always book directly with accommodation to avoid fees. [Air BnB](#) usually has slightly cheaper deals, but expect to pay the head price.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or Housesitting ([20% discount for Trusted Housesitters via this link!](#)). Also check [WorkAway](#) or [HelpX](#) for work-exchanges. Wild camping generally not allowed, but you can get away with it if you hide well off-trail.

Free-Riding?

- The entire country is 160 km². You can reach anything by foot.
- Biking is another fun way to explore. Find more info [here](#).
- There's a bus network in Liechtenstein ([LIEmobil Bus](#) – they have an app too, in German). Tickets can be bought online, from vending machines, in kiosks and from the driver. There are also weekly and monthly cards available offering cheaper rates.
- There are 3 train stations in Liechtenstein. There's a line from Buchs ([Switzerland](#)) and Feldkirch ([Austria](#)). From Switzerland go to Sargans and take bus 11, hitchhike or walk. Tickets can be bought in advance online, or at ticket stands at the railway stations. The fare depends on the class of the wagon, the time of day, and the day of the week of travel.
- Airports: None. Either use St. Gallen-Altenrhein Airport in Switzerland, or Friedrichshafen Airport in Germany.