

DEPOT

Depot. This is the name for Lucerne's Museum of History.
Visit the depot and experience history, live and close-up!



DISPLAY SPACE / This is the museum's public collection: many thousands of objects. The display space is where historical objects are presented and described by a method that allows you to learn all about them without needing a guide: using a scanning device, you point it at the bar code of the object that interests you and the information appears on the scanner.

THEATER TOURS – HISTORY IN ACTION / Stockroom tours are a permanent feature of our exhibition concept where we dramatise specific themes. They take place five times, every day the museum is open. Professional actresses and actors assume various roles and bring to life the world of history. Several times a year we compose new tours for adults, children or families. Each theater tour (in German!) lasts about 45 minutes. The timetable can be seen on our schedule of events. Check the Schedule of Events frequently, since new tours are constantly being offered.

SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS / In our changing intermediate display space you will see special exhibitions dealing with current themes.

CHILDREN AND SCHOOLS / Our museum welcomes children accompanied by adults free of charge. They experience time travels to past worlds or go on theater tours designed especially for our young guests and schools.

THE COLLECTION / Many objects are parts of the armaments and the „war booty“ of the ancient armoury of Lucerne: the coat of mail worn by Leopold III. at the battle of Sempach 1386. Milanese round shields from the battle of Giornico 1478. Medieval banners and baroque uniforms of Swiss Guards. Large wooden statues of heroes and paintings which enhanced the display of arms in the old armoury. Other important objects: The column on the Weinmarkt fountain by Conrad Lux 1481. Gothic altarpieces. Painted skeletons from the Jesuit Church of Lucerne: beggar, emperor and peasant. A baroque sleigh owned by the Amrhyn-Göldlin family 1673. The guillotine of 1836, used until 1940. Medieval battle horns. The original prototype plaster model of the Lion Monument by Bertel Thorwaldsen 1819. Pewter vessels. Swiss costumes. Coats of arms in stained glass. Industrial products. Souvenirs of tourism in Lucerne.

THE BUILDING / The museum is located in the ancient armoury of the canton of Lucerne, built 1567-1568. The museum was first opened in 1986 and newly refurbished in 2003 to create a modern storage depot.

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Opening hours:

Tuesday – Sunday: 10 – 17

Monday closed

Admission fee:

Adults: CHF 10.-

Seniors, students and Group rate: CHF 8.-

How to get there:

The museum of history is situated at the Pfistergasse 24, near the wooden "Spreuerbrücke".

The next bus stop is at the Kasernenplatz, with the buses No 2, 9, 12 and 18 from the main train station. The two parking lots „Zentrum“ and „Kesselturm“ are near the museum.

