

From Bern the trip went on with train to [Sevelen](#) in Switzerland. From there we were going to visit [Vaduz](#), which is the capital of [Lichtenstein](#).



The location of Lichtenstein in Europe



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Coat of arms

Lichtenstein is a constitutional monarchy, headed by a prince. The present monarch, [Hans Adam II](#), followed his father in 1989.

The principality is based on the Liechtenstein dynasty's acquisition of the herrschaft [Schellenberg](#) (1699) and the county of Vaduz (1712). The German emperor [Karl VI](#) elevated the county to the dignity of a principality. The name Liechtenstein originate from the castle Liechtenstein at Mödling.

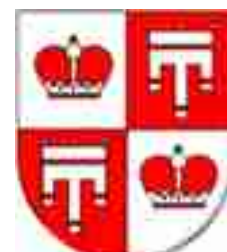
When the [Holy Roman Empire](#) was dissolved, the principality Liechtenstein entered as a sovereign state into the [Confederation of the Rhine](#) and from 1815 the [German confederation](#). When this was dissolved in 1866 Lichtenstein stayed an independent German state, and was one of few German states that not became a part of the [German Empire](#) in 1871. Until WWI Liechtenstein was strongly connected to [Austria-Hungary](#). After this was dissolved, Liechtenstein connected stronger to Switzerland, used their currency and entered into a customs union. The country was spared of WWII because of its political neutrality. The country has after that experienced a great growth of commerce.



The location of Vaduz in Lichtenstein



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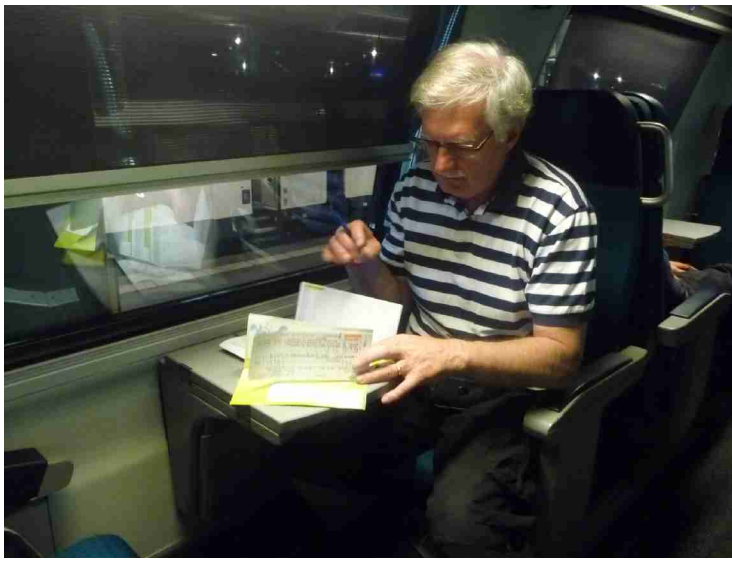
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Vaduz lies by the river Rhine. Vaduz is not the biggest town in Liechtenstein. The neighbor town [Schaan](#) has more inhabitants.

Vaduz was spoken of for the first time in written sources in 1150. Since the middle of the 14. century the castle in Vaduz was the seat for the count of Vaduz. In 1712 the county was bought by the Austrian family Liechtenstein, and in 1719 the countship of Vaduz and the herrschaft Schellenberg united into one principality under the name of Liechtenstein. In 1723 the parliament was located to i Vaduz.

The castle in Vaduz lies on a hill overlooking the town.



Here we are on the train from Bern that left 10.32. Kjell is doing the paper work by filling in correct data in the Inter-rail tickets.



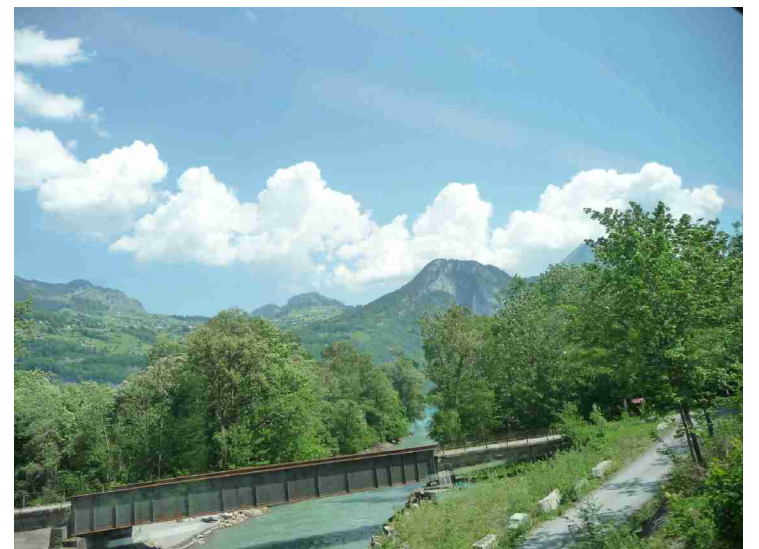
The train was arriving in Zurich 11.28. There we had to make a change. The train left 11.37. After leaving Zürich we went for a long time along the [Lake Zürich](#).

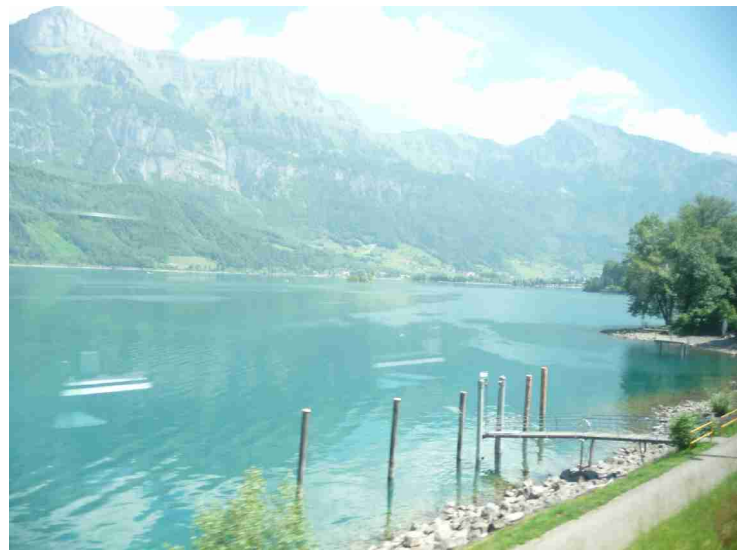


There are many tourist ferries and car ferries on the lake.



In between there are some high mountain tops.



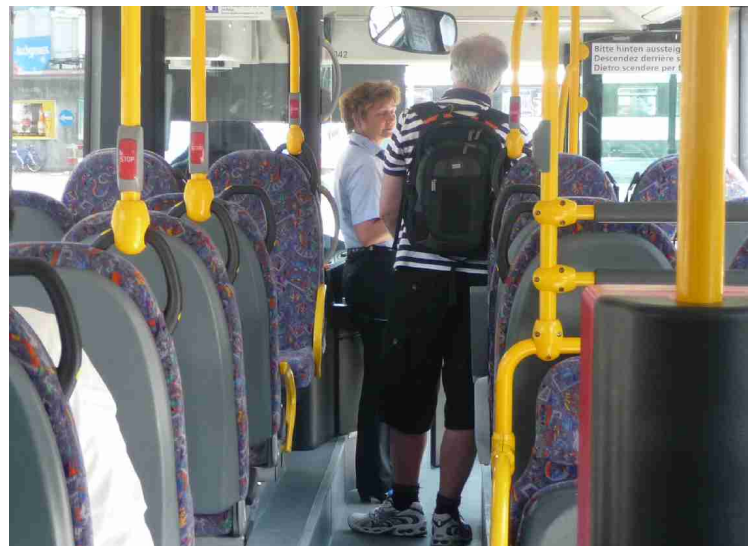


This is the [Walensee](#).

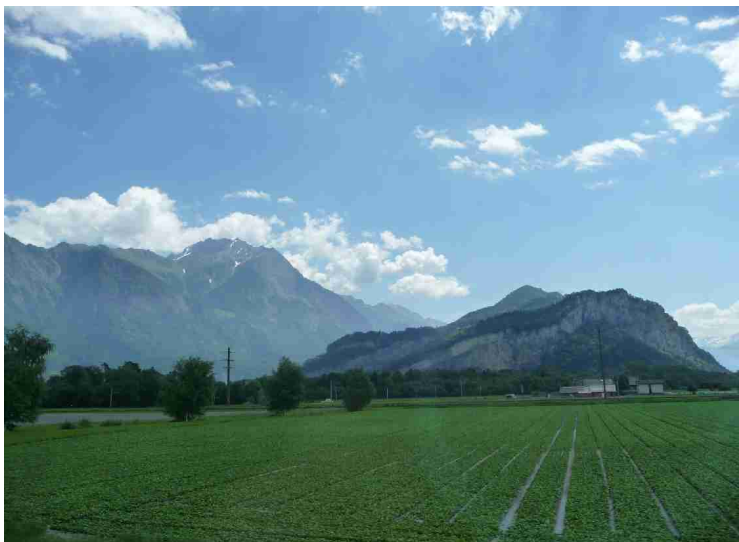
We were in [Sargans](#) 12.32. When arriving there it was the plan to take a local train at 12.35. It was scheduled to be in Sevelen at 12.35. In Sevelen we had to walk at least a kilometer to reach the hotel. We entered the local train, but the destination for the train was unknown to Kjell, so we went off the train to check. Then the train left.



We thought we had to take a taxi from there to [Sevelen](#), but when we came out from the station this bus was ready to leave.



Kjell is buying tickets from the driver.



Here we are on the way to Sevelen. We are now in the Rhine valley and it is quite flat here.



I turned out to be quite lucky that we went off the train again in Sargans. The bus stopped just outside the hotel. We were quite lucky here too, because we didn't know where the hotel was located. There were many bus stops in Sevelen, but it turned out that we went off the bus just outside the hotel.



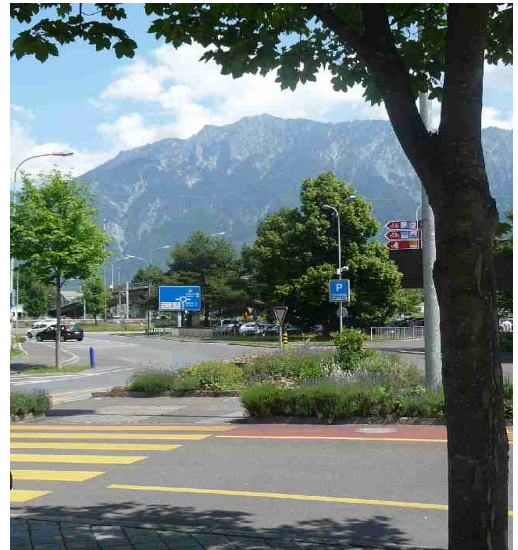
Check in at the hotel. The name is [Hotel Drei Könige](#).



This hotel didn't have adapter that we could borrow, so now we are waiting for the bus to [Buchs](#). It is a slightly bigger place where they have adapters. We were lucky there too. We went off by chance and it turned out that the shop where we could get an adapter was just there.



The fashion of the year??



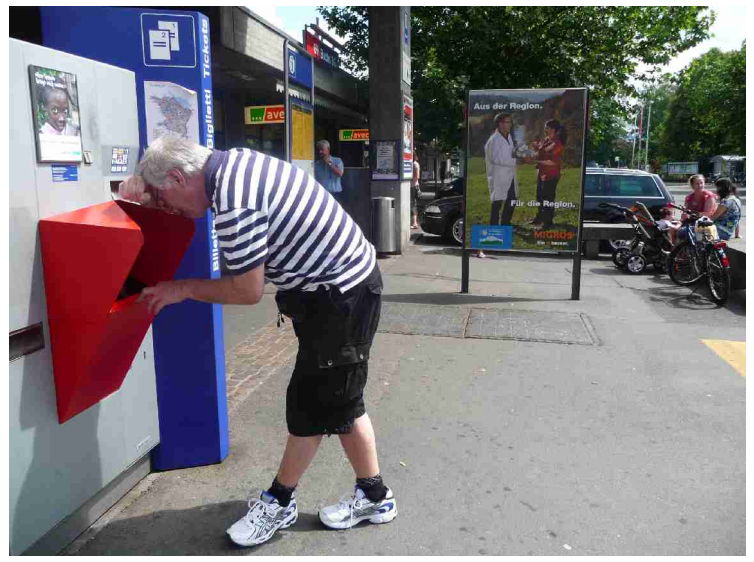
Pictures from Buchs.



Here we had kebab at a restaurant in the center.



The restaurant seen from outside.



Kjell is buying bus tickets back to Sevelen. The text on the automate was difficult to read in the sunlight.



Just before the bus is going back to the hotel in Sevelen.



Back at the hotel.



Nice picture in the reception at the hotel.



The next day we went to Vaduz. It was so long to wait until the train went that we asked them in the reception to call for a taxi for us.



There is a tourist train in Vaduz too.



A model of the castle in Vaduz.



Kjell get a map of Vaduz in the tourist office.



The town hall.



Here is a horse monument, which Kjell wanted a closer look at.



One of the squares in Vaduz.



Here we are on our way up to the castle.



This is the way the mail boxes look like here.

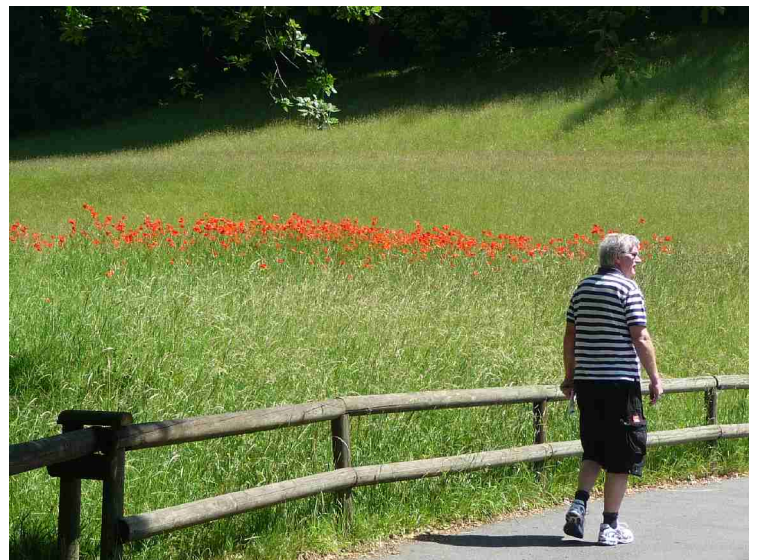


Artistic house.





There is better view when we move upwards.







[Schloss Vaduz](#) (German for «Vaduz castle») is the official residence for the prince of Liechtenstein. The castle is given name after the capital Vaduz. The earliest report of the castle is found in a deed issued by count Rudolf von Werdenberg-Sargans at the sale to Ulrich von Matsch. The first owners – probably also the builders – were the counts of Werdenberg-Sargans.

The inhabited main tower (Bergfried) from the 12<sup>th</sup> century and parts of the eastern side is oldest. The tower has a wall thickness of up to four meters.

Since 1712 the castle has been the residence for the princes in Liechtenstein. Under Johann II's government the castle was restored from 1905 to 1920. It is later expanded for the use as a home for [Franz Josef II](#).

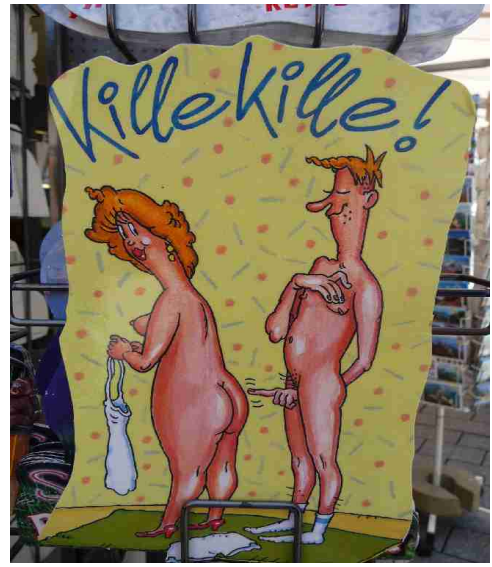
Since 1938 the castle has been the primary residence for the prince's family. The castle can not be visited by tourists.



Down in the town again with a bear after the «mountain climbing».



Here is the restaurant we were sitting.



Post card.



Here we have zoomed on the castle from below.



Kjell is buying cigars.



Outside the cigar shop.



The cathedral.



Street pictures from Vaduz.



This is the food we had at a Chinese restaurant.



We took the bus back to the hotel. Here we are sitting at the terrace at the entrance.



This sign was on the door to our hotel room.



A last glimpse of the hotel. It was the most pleasant hotel we stayed at on the whole trip.



At last a couple of pictures of the cook at the hotel.

The next stage of the trip is by train to Vienna.