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Switzerland



Switzerland's official name is Confoederatio Helvetica (Latin for "Helvetic Confederation"), which is frequently translated in English as Swiss Confederation. The Helvetii, an ancient Celtic people who occupied what is now western Switzerland, were defeated by the Roman army of Julius Caesar in the 1st century bc.


The Valais / Wallis Canton



The Matterhorn, one of the highest peaks in the Alps at 4,478 m (14,692 ft), towers above Valais Canton, a state in southwestern Switzerland. The first group of climbers to scale its peak was led by the British alpinist Edward Whymper in July 1865.

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Rhône Glacier, Switzerland



The Rhône Glacier in the Swiss Alps is the source of the Rhône River. The river, which flows through Lake Geneva and into the Jura Mountains in eastern France, eventually reaches the Mediterranean Sea.

The Capital of Switzerland

The Cathedral in Bern, Suisse



The city of Bern is the capital of Switzerland. It is known for its well-preserved 14th- to 16th-century architecture. The Gothic cathedral, seen here, was begun in 1421. It was designed by Matthäus Ensinger from Ulm. Its tower was added in 1893.

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