

## Bern – Switzerland

**Date** (proposed) May 22 – 26 2023



The medieval city is a foundation of the Zähringer ruling family, which rose to power in Upper Burgundy in the 12th century. According to 14th-century historiography, Bern was founded in 1191 by Berthold V, Duke of Zähringen. In 1218, after Berthold died without an heir, Bern was made a free imperial city by the Goldene Handfeste of Holy Roman Emperor Frederick II. In 1353, Bern joined the Swiss Confederacy, becoming one of the eight cantons. Bern was made the Federal City (seat of the Federal Assembly) within the new Swiss federal state in 1848.

The entire Old Town is since 1983 a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Some of the most notable buildings in the Old Town include the Cathedral which was started in 1421 and is the tallest cathedral in Switzerland, the Zytglogge (see the picture above) and Käfigturm towers, which mark two successive expansions of the Old Town. Within the Old Town, there are eleven 16th-century fountains.



Several cultural institutions are located in Bern, for example the Swiss National Library, the Historical Museum, Alpine Museum, Museum of Communication, Natural History Museum and the Museum of Fine Arts with the Zentrum Paul Klee (see picture at the left, designed by the Italian architect Renzo Piano).

The University of Bern as well as the University of Applied Sciences and several vocational training schools are located in Bern.

### How to get to Bern

Switzerland participates in the Schengen Area.

#### Air transport

Bern Airport located outside the city mostly serves general aviation and charter flights. **Zurich Airport**, **Geneva Airport** and **EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg** serve as gateways for air traffic, all reachable in less than two hours by train from Bern. Zurich Airport is a hub with many connections to European and global destinations. Geneva Airport offers due to the many international organizations located in the town, most of them affiliated with the United Nations, also many mid-range and long-range flights. It is a hub of easyJet. The EuroAirport is located on French soil but jointly operated by France and Switzerland. The low-cost carriers easyJet and Wizz Air flight to Basel.

## **Train and public transport**

Switzerland has a well organized railway system. Between the towns and the airports at least each hour a fast train is operated. Between Zurich and Bern it's at least each 30 minutes. At Geneva Airport and at Zurich Airport the train station is located in the airport building.

**Bern Ticket** When you book tourist accommodation in the city of Bern, you will be given a Travel Card valid throughout your entire stay. The Bern Ticket allows free travel on public transport in the whole town.

## **Accommodation**

The full range of hotels from backpackers hotels, family hotels up to top class hotels is available in Bern. All major international hotel chains are represented.

## **Venue – METAS**

The Federal Institute of Metrology (METAS) invites Eurachem to their head quarters in Wabern/Bern.

The location is reached by public transport (with Bern Ticket).



## **Program**

Monday	Scientific Workshop, WS dinner
Tuesday	Scientific Workshop
Wednesday	Work Group meetings
Thursday	Executive Committee meeting, General Assembly, GA dinner
Friday	GA, EC meeting

The topic of the workshop will be announced in accordance with the guideline of Eurachem for international workshops.

## **We would like to invite you to Bern, Switzerland**

