

## Attractions in and around Burgdorf



## Information about your stay in Burgdorf

2004 Edition

Welcome to Burgdorf, the charming town on the banks of the river Emme.

You will be surprised to see how much this town and its surroundings have to offer. An intact historic old town with splendid monuments, many special cultural features and sights, culinary treats galore, attractive accommodation and conference facilities... and all of this set in the fascinating scenery of the Emmental region.

Burgdorf is waiting to be discovered by you. A great many experiences await you in and around the town.



» Burgdorf is home to the largest and best-preserved Zähringen castle grounds in Switzerland.

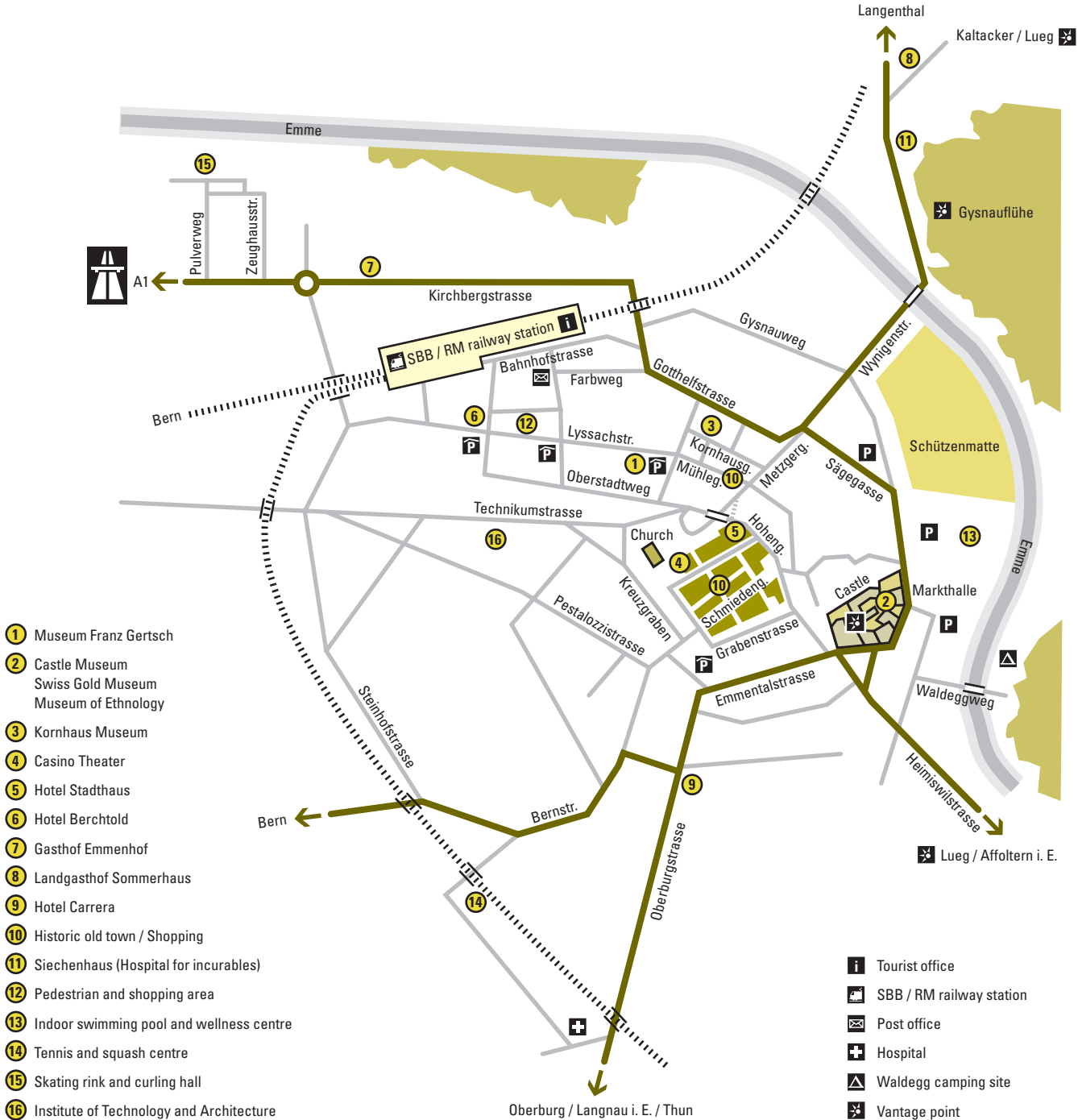


Additional information about what is on offer as well as the comprehensive brochure «Attractions in and around Burgdorf» are available from:

**Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05**

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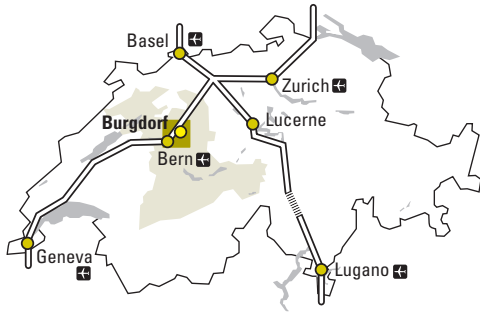
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- Waldegg camping site
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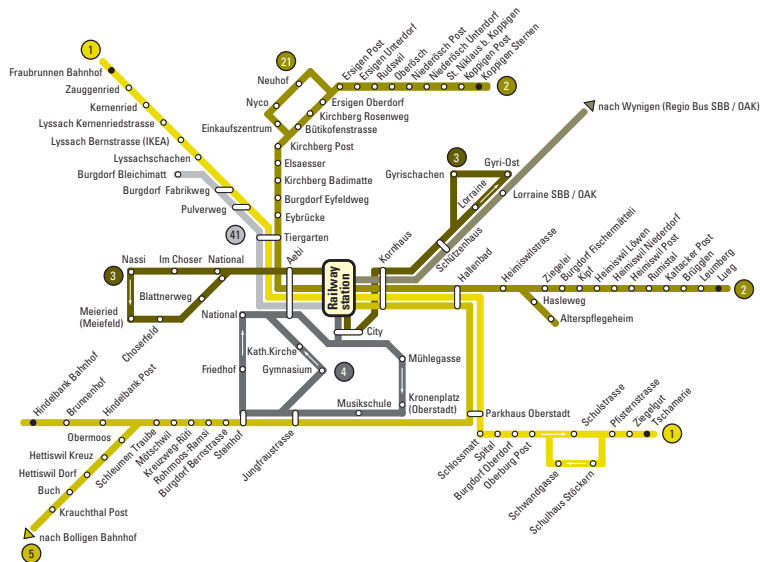
# LOCATION MAP OF BURGDORF AND ITS SURROUNDINGS

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» Bus network

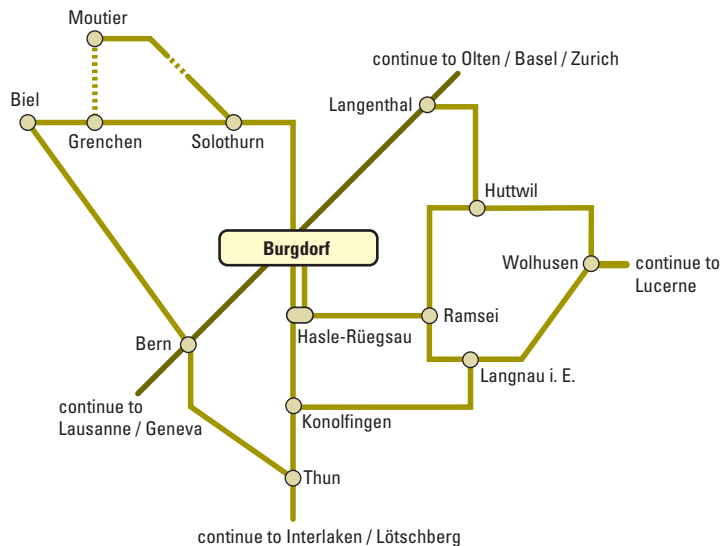


**Burgdorf region**

Plan showing bus routes

- ① Fraubrunnen–Burgdorf–Oberburg–Tschamerie
- ② Koppigen–Kirchberg–Burgdorf–Kaltacker–Lueg
- ③ Koppigen–Kirchberg–Neuhof–Burgdorf
- ④ Gyrishachen–Bahnhof–Meiefeld
- ⑤ Bahnhof–Oberstadt–Steinhof / Gymnasium–Bahnhof
- ⑥ Bahnhof–Bleichimatt
- ⑦ Burgdorf–Hindelbank–Krauchthal–Bolligen

» Railway network



## » Zähringen old town

Almost model-like historical town planning can be admired in Burgdorf: the feudal upper area of town between the castle and the church hillock and the lower area of the town at the foot of the castle cliff, where the tradesmen were located. Today, the old town is a popular meeting place for anyone wanting to shop, stroll, be entertained or enjoy gastronomic delights.

**What is on offer:** guided city tours, historic tours

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Castle

The bricks of Burgdorf castle, which are over 800 years old, must have countless stories to tell, including how this town was established surrounding the largest and best-preserved Zähringen castle grounds in Switzerland. Once the keep has been climbed, a breathtaking view opens up over the town with an entire panorama from the Jura to the Alps.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, sightseeing

**Contact:** Schloss Burgdorf, Tel. 034 423 02 14, Fax 034 423 04 48

## » Castle Museum

The extensive collection in the Castle Museum mirrors the economic and cultural history of the Emmental and Bern. The knight's hall in the residential area of the castle is an intact, late Romanesque living space with visible brickwork and a huge fireplace. It is situated next to the «Johanneskapelle», the only preserved castle chapel in a Zähringen residential tower.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, sightseeing, various organised events

**Contact:** Schloss Burgdorf, Tel. 034 423 02 14, Fax 034 423 04 48

**Internet:** [www.schloss-burgdorf.ch](http://www.schloss-burgdorf.ch)

**Opening hours:** Apr. – Oct. Mon – Sat 2pm – 5pm, Sun 11am – 5pm

Nov. – Mar. Sun 11am – 5pm



## » Municipal church

The Burgdorf Stadtkirche (municipal church), a late gothic pillar basilica, was built during 1471 – 1490 by the Bernese cathedral master builder Niklaus Birenvogt. The most valuable late gothic rood screen in Switzerland is located in its interior.

## » Siechenhaus and chapel

The former hospital for «incurables», the people afflicted by leprosy in the Middle Ages, is just outside the town. The building, which was erected during 1506 – 1508, is the only one of its type preserved in Switzerland.

**What is on offer:** guided tour «Medicine in the old Burgdorf», hiring

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Historical guided tours

In Burgdorf, you can book guided tours, which will acquaint you more closely with the impressive history of this town from various points of view. (see also the section «Guided tours»).

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05



## Historical events in the region

### » 2004 commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Jeremias Gotthelf

Numerous events, exhibitions, guided tours, excursions and special cultural events concerning the life and works of the famous Emmental author.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** [www.emmental.ch/gotthelf](http://www.emmental.ch/gotthelf)

### » The old town of Bern

The old town of Bern, which features on the list of the Unesco world cultural heritage sites, has one of the longest, weather-protected shopping promenades in Europe with six kilometres of arcades. The atmosphere conjures up the Middle Ages with shops in the cellar vaults and is probably unique in the world.

**Internet:** [www.berntourismus.ch](http://www.berntourismus.ch)

### » The old town of Solothurn

Solothurn is a baroque town which absolutely fits the description «worth seeing». The old town is one of the prettiest in Switzerland.

**Internet:** [www.solothurn-city.ch](http://www.solothurn-city.ch)

### » Landshut Castle, Utzenstorf

Landshut Castle, the only castle in the Canton of Bern, which is completely surrounded by water, is an idyllic treasure from the 17<sup>th</sup> century with freely accessible and much-visited park grounds. Landshut Castle is also home to the Swiss Hunting and Game Museum.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** [www.schlosslandshut.ch](http://www.schlosslandshut.ch)

## » Museum Franz Gertsch

The Museum is dedicated to the oeuvre of the Swiss artist Franz Gertsch. It also shows visiting exhibitions of contemporary art on over half the exhibition space. The Museum is located in an extraordinary building, which is worth visiting for its architecture alone.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, events, package deals for groups  
**Contact:** Museum Franz Gertsch, Platanenstrasse 3, Tel. 034 421 40 20  
**Internet:** www.museum-franzgertsch.ch  
**Opening hours:** Tue – Fri 11am – 7pm, Sat – Sun 10am – 5pm

## » Swiss Gold Museum

The Swiss Gold Museum, located inside Burgdorf castle, gives you an overview of gold washing and gold mining in Switzerland.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, gold washing, special exhibitions  
**Contact:** Schloss Burgdorf, Tel. 034 423 02 14 or 034 422 86 86  
**Internet:** www.helvetisches-goldmuseum.ch and www.schloss-burgdorf.ch  
**Opening hours:** Apr. – Oct. Mon – Sat 2pm – 5pm, Sun 11am – 5pm  
 Nov. – Mar. Sun 11am – 5pm, and on request

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**Contact:** Schloss Burgdorf, Tel. 034 423 02 14, Fax 034 423 04 48  
**Internet:** www.schloss-burgdorf.ch  
**Opening hours:** Apr. – Oct. Mon – Sat 2pm – 5pm, Sun 11am – 5pm  
 Nov. – Mar. Sun 11am – 5pm, and on request

## » Museum of Ethnology

The exhibition at the Museum of Ethnology lets you embark on a thrilling journey to far-away peoples, their customs and art forms.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, various organised events  
**Contact:** Schloss Burgdorf, Tel. 034 423 02 14, Fax 034 423 04 48  
**Internet:** www.schloss-burgdorf.ch  
**Opening hours:** Apr. – Oct. Mon – Sat 2pm – 5pm, Sun 11am – 5pm  
 Nov. – Mar. Sun 11am – 5pm, and on request

## » Kornhaus Museum Swiss Centre for Popular Culture

In the Kornhaus you can experience a world of many different cultures. Popular culture comes to life here! The Kornhaus is much more than a museum: it is the meeting place for Swiss popular culture and customs and also houses an extensive collection of folk musical instruments and one of the largest collections of phonographs and gramophones in Europe.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, events, concerts  
**Contact:** Swiss Centre for Popular Culture, Kornhausgasse 16, Tel. 034 423 10 10, Fax 034 423 10 13  
**Internet:** www.kornhaus-burgdorf.ch  
**Opening hours:**  
 Nov. – March 15<sup>th</sup> Tue – Fri 1.30pm – 5pm, Sat and Sun 10am – 5pm  
 March 16<sup>th</sup> – Oct. Tue – Fri 10am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 5pm,  
 Sat and Sun 10am – 5pm, and on request

### Events, special exhibitions

A large number of events and special exhibitions take place in the museums of Burgdorf. Please ask for the latest calendar of events for the town of Burgdorf.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
**Internet:** www.burgdorf.ch

### Package deals

#### » Art & Sleep

Package deal offered by the Museum Franz Gertsch and the Burgdorf Stadthaus GROUP:

1 overnight stay in a double room, entry to the Museum Franz Gertsch, 3-course dinner, substantial Emmental breakfast.

**Contact:** Stadthaus Hotel, Kirchbühl 2, 3402 Burgdorf, Tel. 034 428 80 00  
**Internet:** www.stadthaus-group.ch

### Museums located in the region

#### » Swiss Hunting and Game Museum

Landshut Castle, Utzenstorf

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
**Internet:** www.schlosslandshut.ch  
**Opening hours:** May. – Oct. Tue – Sat 2pm – 5pm, Sun 10am – 5pm

#### » Swiss Centre for Zither Culture, Trachselwald

**Contact:** Burgdorf Office Tourist, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
**Internet:** www.zither.ch  
**Opening hours:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month, 2pm – 5pm  
 The Museum is closed in January, July and August.  
 Guided tours on request throughout the year.

## » Galerie im Park

The gallery shows visiting exhibitions of modern and contemporary art.

**What is on offer:** exhibitions by national and international artists

**Contact:** Galerie im Park, Technikumstrasse 2, Tel. 034 421 40 22

**Internet:** [www.galerieimpark.ch](http://www.galerieimpark.ch)

**Opening hours:** Wed – Fri 3pm – 7pm, Sat and Sun 1pm – 5pm

## » Glass Inspiration Gallery

Glass Inspiration shows only contemporary «objets d'art» made of glass, which have been produced using a wide range of techniques. Containers, vases, bowls, pictures and sculptures are exhibited in every conceivable colour, shape and size. All the items are unique pieces.

**What is on offer:** exhibitions by national and international artists

**Contact:** Glass Inspiration, Lyssachstrasse 3, Tel. 034 423 57 47

**Internet:** [www.glassinspiration.ch](http://www.glassinspiration.ch)

**Opening hours:** Wed – Fri 1pm – 6.30pm, Sat and Sun 11am – 4pm

## » Trearte Gallery

Meeting place, gallery, training courses

**Contact:** Verena Schoch, Hohengasse 1, Tel. 034 422 27 19

**Opening hours:** Tue – Fri 2.30pm – 5.30pm, Sun 2pm – 4.30pm

## » Hohengasse 5 Gallery

Gallery owned by the Burgdorf artist Ueli Gerber

**Contact:** Ueli Gerber, Hohengasse 5, Mobile 076 305 14 92

**Opening hours:** Wed – Sun 2pm – 5pm

## » Casino-Theater

The «Casino» is a pretty theatre with two tiers and 250 seats, on which every word can be heard, where you will not miss one gesture or facial expression. For people who like being close to the action. The «Casino» is a gem of a theatre! Not only plays, but also operas, operettas and cabaret are performed here.

**Contact:** Burgdorf Casino-Theater, Kirchbühl 14, Tel. 034 422 40 00

**Information and advance booking:**

Langlois bookshop, Kronenplatz, Tel. 034 422 21 75

or Musikhaus Rosenbaum, Bahnhofstrasse 61, Tel. 034 422 33 10

**Online reservation and programme:** [www.theaterburgdorf.ch](http://www.theaterburgdorf.ch)

## » Emmentaler Liebhaberbühne

Nationally known people's theatre group, whose performances usually take place in the Burgdorf Casino-Theater.

**Contact:** Geschäftsstelle der ELB, 3183 Albligen, Email: [reservation@elb.ch](mailto:reservation@elb.ch)

**Online reservation and programme:** [www.elb.ch](http://www.elb.ch)

## » Burgdorf crime days, October 29<sup>th</sup> until November 7<sup>th</sup> 2004

The well-known Burgdorf crime days take place in Burgdorf from October 29<sup>th</sup> until November 7<sup>th</sup> for the 6<sup>th</sup> time. As part of this festival, there are a large number of readings of well-known authors of detective stories, film presentations and theatre performances. In 2004, the Burgdorf crime days were awarded the prestigious cultural prize of the Canton of Bern.

**What is on offer:** readings, cinema, various events

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** [www.krimitage.ch](http://www.krimitage.ch)

## » Burgdorf municipal library

One of the oldest public libraries in the Canton of Bern and one of the most modern in Switzerland. An extensive historical archive and a large «collection of Emmentalia» are integrated within the library.

**What is on offer:** books, magazines, electronic media, internet

**Contact:** Stadtbibliothek (Public Library), Bernstrasse 5, Tel. 034 420 00 70

**Internet:** [www.bus-biblio.ch](http://www.bus-biblio.ch)

**Opening hours:** Mon – Fri 1.30pm – 6.30pm, Sat 10am – 4pm

## Events

Burgdorf has an active cultural life. Just ask for the latest comprehensive calendar of events.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** [www.burgdorf.ch](http://www.burgdorf.ch)

## Art and culture in the region

### » Bernhard Luginbühl Skulpturenpark

The famous iron sculpturer lives and works in the nearby village of Mötschwil, where he maintains a park, exhibiting his own sculptures.

**What is on offer:** sculpture park, guided tours

**Contact:** Skulpturenpark, 3324 Mötschwil, Tel. and Fax 034 423 12 08

**Internet:** [www.luginbuehlstiftung.ch](http://www.luginbuehlstiftung.ch)

**Opening hours 2004:** Jun. 13<sup>th</sup>, Jul. 11<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>, Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 11am to 5pm respectively.

### » Kulturmühle Lützelflüh

Popular location for cultural events in an old Emmental mill. Exhibitions as well as concerts and cabaret are held here.

**What is on offer:** art exhibitions, concerts, cabaret

**Contact:** Kulturmühle Lützelflüh, 3432 Lützelflüh, Tel. 034 461 36 23

**Internet:** [www.kulturmuehle.ch](http://www.kulturmuehle.ch)

### » The banks of the river Emme

The banks of the river Emme are a paradise for anyone seeking peace and quiet as well as for nature lovers. The quiet murmuring of the crystal-clear water and the birdsong in the woods are almost meditative.

**What is on offer:** walks and hiking trails along the river Emme

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05



### » The Schützenmatte

The Schützenmatte is an enormous meadow in the centre of Burgdorf and along the banks of the river Emme. It invites you to linger on its park benches and enjoy the wonderful view of rock faces and the castle. Some enormous sculptures remind one of the sculpturers' symposia, which are held here.

**What is on offer:** promenades, restaurants with courtyard garden



### » Strolling in the old town

The narrow streets of Burgdorf's old town with cosy street cafés and peaceful corners invite one to amble along whilst looking at the window displays and enjoying the historical, tranquil atmosphere. Every Thursday and Saturday: market in the old town.

**What is on offer:** shopping, cafes, restaurants, guided tours

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05



### » Pure nature

Enjoy the hilly countryside of the Emmental and forget your worries. A few minutes outside Burgdorf you will find yourself surrounded by unspoilt nature.

**What is on offer:** walking and hiking trails, package deals

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05



### Package deals

» **A weekend of being pampered in the smallest luxury hotel in Switzerland**  
All-inclusive offer in the Stadthaus Hotel with the slogan «time to enjoy yourself».

**Contact:** Hotel Stadthaus, Kirchbühl 2, Tel. 034 428 80 00

**Internet:** www.stadthaus-group.ch

## » Fascination with gold

Historians believe that the Celts and Romans were already becoming wealthy by extracting gold from the river Emme and other streams. Gold from the river Emme is purer than Californian gold! The very pure gold (97%) was therefore very sought after and the profitable exploitation came to an end as early as the late 18<sup>th</sup> century. Despite this, with a bit of luck and patience it is still possible to find gold today.

**What is on offer:** - gold washing with an experienced gold prospector  
- The world of gold in the Swiss Gold Museum  
- 2-day gold tour

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** www.helvetisches-goldmuseum.ch

## » Detective trail and crime studio

Solve the case and experience the town of Burgdorf from a completely different point of view. Under the direction of an experienced detective you will be given entertaining and exciting insights into the world of crime and how detectives operate. Great fun for young and old alike.

**What is on offer:** - detective trail through Burgdorf  
- Crime studio

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » The Wild West in the Emmental

Binzberg Land, just above Burgdorf, is where cowboys, adventurers and Romantics meet round a campfire. Fetch your equipment to be a prairie rider, cattle driver and Texas Ranger on a unique Emmental Wild West basic training course.

**What is on offer:** Chickenfalling, canyon crossing, bull riding etc.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Quarries

The imposing quarries in nearby Krauchthal can be discovered along a sandstone footpath. Particular aspects of the trade in sandstone are documented on display and information boards.

**Place of departure:** Krauchthal

**Hiking route:** Krauchthal–Kreuzfluh–Brecherfluh–Bäichlegrabe–Krauchthal

**Duration:** approx. 1.5 hours

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » The gorges of the river Emme

Discover the impassable gorges of the river Emme with qualified guides. Abseil over waterfalls, slide down steep rocks, an unforgettable experience for anyone who is sporty and adventurous.

**What is on offer:** guided tours from May to September

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Farmyard holidays

Spend some time full of new experiences with a farming family and enjoy nature and the animals. A unique combination of discovery and relaxation.

**What is on offer:** farmyard holidays, sleeping on straw, guided farm tours

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Lama trekking

Accompanied by experienced guides you will lead these alert and good-natured animals through the hills of the Emmental. A special kind of experience.

**What is on offer:** day trips with lunch at a restaurant

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Balloon trips

Balloon trips... a fantastic feeling: get in, take off, hover silently over the countryside, over brightly coloured meadows, woods and deep gorges.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## Package deals

There are many varied offers and package deals which can be combined and which will awaken the adventurer inside you.

You will be amazed by the range of possibilities!

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### Group, company & club excursions

ideal combinations – tailor-made

Nostalgic skittles
Scooter tour
Golf for fun
Archery
Gold washing
Emmental Olympics
Clay pigeon shooting and pea-shooting
Play the detective
Brew some beer
Make some cider
Have a go at cheese-making
Lama trekking
Play the zither
Trips on the river Aare – raft & boat
Skittles & climbing
Horse rides
Museum visit
Farmers' breakfast
Overnight accommodation
and much more...

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**What is on offer:** guided tours, events, concerts

**Contact:** Swiss Centre for Popular Culture, Kornhausgasse 16,  
Tel. 034 423 10 10, Fax 034 423 10 13

**Internet:** [www.kornhaus-burgdorf.ch](http://www.kornhaus-burgdorf.ch)

**Opening hours:**

Nov. – Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> Tue – Fri 1.30pm – 5pm, Sat and Sun 10am – 5pm

March 16<sup>th</sup> – Oct. Tue – Fri 10am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 5pm,

Sat and Sun 10am – 5pm, and on request

## » Emmental Exhibition Dairy

Cheese is the oldest form of preserving milk. Several times a day, visitors can see how genuine Emmental cheese is made at the Emmental Exhibition Cheese Dairy, using fresh milk from natural and unspoilt surroundings. Audiovisual information in German, French, English, Italian and Spanish.

**What is on offer:** exhibition dairy, individual and guided tours, cheese-making, exhibitions

**Contact:** Emmental Exhibition Dairy, Ausserhof, 3416 Affoltern i. E.,  
Tel. 034 435 16 11, Fax 034 435 01 51

or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** [www.showdairy.ch](http://www.showdairy.ch)

**Opening hours:** daily from 8.30am – 6.30pm

## » Gotthelf anniversary 2004

» 2004 commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Jeremias Gotthelf

Numerous events, exhibitions, guided tours, excursions and special cultural events concerning the life and works of the famous Emmental author.

Ask for the detailed programme.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** [www.emmental.ch/gotthelf](http://www.emmental.ch/gotthelf)

## » Gotthelf-Stube

The small Gotthelf Museum is located in the Pfarrhausspeicher (vicarage shed) Lützelflüh, where the great Swiss writer used to work.

**What is on offer:** exhibition, special exhibitions about Jeremias Gotthelf

**Contact:** Gemeindeverwaltung Lützelflüh, Tel. 034 460 16 11

or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** [www.luetzelflueh.ch/gotthelf](http://www.luetzelflueh.ch/gotthelf)

**Opening hours:** Apr. – Oct. Mon – Sat 2pm – 5pm,

Sun 10.30am – 11.30am, 2pm – 5pm, and on request

## » Swiss Style Wrestling festival and funfairs

» «Lueg Schwinget», September 12<sup>th</sup> 2004

Traditional wrestling festival on the Burgdorf «Hausberg». A must for all enthusiasts of this local custom. Superb views over the hills of the Emmental.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» «Lüdere-Chilbi», August 8<sup>th</sup> 2004

The last person to return home after the «Lüdere-Chilbi», will know that autumn is just around the corner. That is what they say in the Emmental. A tradition dating back many centuries, folk music and a festive mood at one of the most beautiful vantage points of the Emmental.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
or Hotel Lüderenalp, 3457 Wasen i. E., Tel. 034 437 16 76

There are lots more funfairs in the Emmental, at which you can experience lively local customs. Find out about the various events.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Horse-riding

If you want to see the Emmental at a leisurely pace, away from noise and stress, forget about how hectic things can be and suddenly you want to move as slowly as possible. The most unspoilt way of discovering the Emmental.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## Package deals

There are many varied offers and package deals which can be combined and which will enable you to experience the traditional and down-to-earth Emmental. Here are some examples, to name a few:

» «Hornussen» for fun

«Hornuss» is a traditional swiss outdoor sports game. A true-blue player will show you how the «Nouss» is knocked into the field with the stick.

» Alpine horn magic

Learn the art of blowing the alpine horn.

» Farmers' breakfast

Enjoy a genuine Emmental farmyard breakfast on a cosy farm.

Let us advise you or ask for the appropriate brochures. You will be inspired by the numerous options available.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Hiking paths

### » Planet path, Burgdorf–Wynigen

On a scale of 1:1 billion, an open-air model shows the size of the sun and planets as well as the distance of the planets from the sun over 6 kms.

**Place of departure:** Burgdorf

**Route:** Waldeggbügg–Binzberg–Kaltacker–Guëtisberg–Wynigen

**Duration:** approx. 3 hours

### » Circular walk round Burgdorf

Walk over the Gysnauflühe, Burgdorf's natural landmark, from which you will have a fantastic view over the town.

**Place of departure:** Burgdorf

**Route:** Wynigenbrücke–Gysnauflühe–Waldeggbücke

**Duration:** approx. 1.5 hours

### » Hiking route to Lueg, Burgdorf–Lueg–Affoltern i. E.–Weier

Hiking route through the idyllic hilly countryside. You will come across solid farmhouses and enjoy ranges of hills with superb views.

**Place of departure:** Burgdorf

**Route:** Burgdorf–Sommerhaus–Kaltacker–Lueg–Affoltern i. E.–Weier

**Duration:** approx. 3.5 hours

**Special features:** Lueg Memorial, a 1,000-year-old yew tree, Affoltern i. E. Exhibition Dairy



### » Walks along the river Emme

Walks along the river Emme are always something special. You can walk along the banks of the river Emme a long way into the Emmental and satisfy your wanderlust, finding surprises all the time.

### » Additional information, hiking routes and maps are available from:

Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Cycle tracks, «Flyer» trails (electro-bike)

### » Heart route

Narrow lanes, quiet paths, not much traffic and inclines only where they are absolutely necessary. A regional network of routes for short and long bicycle rides. Anyone looking for a special experience can rent an E-Bike in the town. The «Flyer» cycles can easily master the hills thanks to a booster engine.

**Place of departure:** Burgdorf, bicycle station near the railway station

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** www.herzroute.ch

### » Trip to Lueg on the «Flyer» electro-bike

The trip goes via an incline into the hilly heart of the Emmental. Breathtaking views, numerous attractions on the way, finishing up with an enjoyable ride along the river Emme.

**Place of departure:** Burgdorf, bicycle station near the railway station

**Route:** Burgdorf–Kaltacker–Lueg–Affoltern i. E.–Lützelflüh–Hasle–Burgdorf

**Length:** 34 kms

**Altitude difference:** 350 m on the first 9.5 kms

**Special features:** Lueg Memorial, Affoltern i. E. Exhibition Dairy, Gotthelf-Village

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### » Trip to Landshut Castle on the «Flyer» electro-bike

Slightly undulating, then flat countryside characterises this trip. It leads to the picturesque Landshut Castle surrounded by water near Utzenstorf.

The return journey goes along the river Emme, which is particularly inviting for a cool dip in summer. This is ideal for a family outing.

**Place of departure:** Burgdorf, bicycle station near the railway station

**Route:** Burgdorf–Bütikofen–Ersigen–Utzenstorf–Kirchberg–Burgdorf

**Length:** 34.7 kms

**Altitude difference:** very little

**Special features:** Hunting and Game Museum at Landshut Castle

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### » Additional information, hiking routes and maps available from:

Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Bicycle hire, «Flyer» rental:**

«Velostation» Burgdorf, railway station, Tel. 034 423 23 80

## » Inline-Skating

The lower course of the river Emme is a paradise for skaters. There are a large number of asphalt roads with hardly any traffic.

The Emmental skating school even offers courses for beginners.

**Maps:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Emmental Inline-School:** Mobile 079 272 35 38 (Mon – Fri 6.30pm – 8pm)

**Internet:** www.inline-schule-emmental.ch

## What the region has to offer

There are ways to enjoy the Emmental countryside, be it on **snowshoes**, by **scooter**, by **horse and carriage** or on foot on clear nights when there is a **full moon**.

Let us advise you or ask for the appropriate brochures. You will be inspired by the numerous options available.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Golf

» **Golfpark Oberburg (golf course)**

A first-class golf course in a magical setting awaits you. Leafy green hills, gurgling streams, imposing farmhouses. Lovingly tended fairways, fast greens, deep bunkers. The best form of relaxation and more!

**What is on offer:** golf lessons, weekend and holiday courses, company events

**Contact:** Golfpark, Ziegelgutstrasse 30, 3414 Oberburg, Tel. 034 424 10 30

**Internet:** www.golfparkoberburg.ch

» **Burgdorf Indoor swimming pool and wellness centre**

Your centre for health, relaxation, fitness and weight training

**What is on offer:** indoor swimming pool, outdoor swimming pool, weight training room, therapy pool, Finnish sauna, organic sauna with herbs and steam bath, classes

**Contact:** Sägegasse 15c, Tel. 034 422 94 14, Fax 034 424 00 94

**Internet:** www.hallenbad-burgdorf.ch

» **Tennis and squash**» **Tennis and squash centre**

Outdoor clay courts as well as indoor tennis and squash courts

**What is on offer:** tennis lessons, squash lessons, restaurant, company events

**Contact:** Zähringerstrasse 39, Tel. 034 422 73 11, Fax 034 423 05 10

**Internet:** www.tennishalleburgdorf.ch

» **Riding**» **Emme Equitation Centre (Reitzentrum Emme)**

The riding centre in Burgdorf

**What is on offer:** riding lessons, courses, riding holidays

**Contact:** Wynigenstrasse 1, Tel. 034 422 24 23

**Internet:** www.swisshorses.ch

» **Haflinger Centre Trachselwald**

Surrounded by pretty villages and stately farms, the centre offers an ideal riding and carriage-driving course in the heart of the Emmental.

**What is on offer:** riding lessons, carriage-driving lessons, rides, treks

**Contact:** 3456 Trachselwald, Tel. 034 431 10 72, Fax 034 431 21 47

**Internet:** www.haflingerzentrum.ch



Oberburg golf course

» **Skating rink and curling hall**» **Burgdorf Skating rink**

**What is on offer:** floodlit ice rinks, skate hire, restaurant

**Contact:** Neumattstrasse, Tel. 034 422 87 95

» **Miniature golf**

**Contact:** Minigolf Burgdorf, Einschlagweg 73, Tel. 034 422 23 21

» **Vita Parcours**

Fitness trail in the Pleer Forest on the outskirts of Burgdorf.

**Length:** 2.3 kms, incline: 70 m

**Place of departure:** Pleer Forest, Start: Rothöhestrasse car park

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** www.vitaparcours.ch

Burgdorf and its surroundings offer countless opportunities for outdoor exercise.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

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[www.hallenbad-burgdorf.ch](http://www.hallenbad-burgdorf.ch)

## » Hotels in Burgdorf

» **Hotel Stadthaus \*\*\*\*\***

Kirchbühl 2, Tel. 034 428 80 00, Fax 034 428 80 08

Switzerland's smallest luxury hotel is located in the heart of the historic old town. The hotel has 18 luxurious rooms and suites, some of which are decorated with genuine antique furniture. Gourmet restaurant, cosy «Stadtcafé», package deals.

**Room prices:** CHF 230 to 650, breakfast buffet included

**Internet:** www.stadthaus-group.ch

» **Hotel Berchtold \*\*\***

Bahnhofstrasse 90, Tel. 034 428 84 28, Fax 034 428 84 84

A modern hotel with a special ambience, located in Burgdorf's shopping area. 36 comfortably furnished guest rooms, trendy bar, restaurant, cake and confectionery shop. Attractive package deals for conferences and seminars.

**Room prices:** CHF 160 to 250, breakfast buffet included

**Internet:** www.stadthaus-group.ch

» **Hotel Carrera**

Oberburgstrasse 13, Tel. 034 422 54 18, Fax 034 422 78 32

A small, unpretentious hotel with 11 rooms, located near the old town of Burgdorf. A great variety of food is served in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Beautiful arched cellar, garden terrace, saloon, conference room.

**Room prices:** CHF 50 – 140, incl. breakfast, groups starting at CHF 45/per person

**Opening hours:** Mon – Fri 6.45am – 11.30pm, Sat and Sun 9am – 11.30pm  
Closed on Sundays from April to September

» **Gasthof Emmenhof**

Kirchbergstrasse 70, Tel. 034 422 22 75, Fax 034 423 46 29

Burgdorf's famous gourmet restaurant has 11 rooms.

**Room prices:** CHF 65 to 180, including breakfast

**Internet:** www.emmenhofburgdorf.ch



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## » Holiday apartments and private rooms

In Burgdorf and the surrounding area going deep into the Emmental there are a large number of holiday apartments and private rooms in superb locations. Ask for the special brochure or let us advise you.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Sleeping in the straw and farmyard holidays

» **Werner and Elisabeth Mathys family**

Bättwil, 3400 Burgdorf, Tel. and Fax 034 422 38 36

Working farm with superb views south of Burgdorf. We offer sleeping in the straw, 30 places from May until October. Groups welcome, kitchen, camping possible. Basic indoor accommodation for 6 people all year round, bed and breakfast or a holiday apartment for 6 people.

**Special events:** guided donkey rides

**Email:** mathys.baettwil@freesurf.ch

» **W. and U. Ryser Family**

Kasern, 3413 Kaltacker, Tel. 034 422 28 96

Cosy guest rooms with shower / WC for farmyard weekends or holidays, 740 m above sea-level, located a few kilometres outside Burgdorf.

**Room prices:** CHF 35 per person, including breakfast

**Internet:** www.gaestezimmer-heimiswil.ch

» **Andreas and Annelies Wymann Family**

Obere Oschwand, 3414 Oberburg, Tel. 034 422 92 72

An Emmental farm surrounded by meadows and fields with a cosy farmhouse parlour located 4 kms to the south of Burgdorf close to the Oberburg Golfpark and the river Emme.

Additional farm holiday package deals in Burgdorf's surroundings available from:

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Camping

**Waldegg TCS camping site**

Kurt B. Stucki, Mobile 078 871 87 80, Email: campingburgdorf@hotmail.com

Beautiful camping site located adjacent to the river Emme with bistro and shop, surrounded by meadows and forests with a view of Burgdorf castle.



Waldegg camping site

## » Gourmet restaurants and local cuisine

### » Gasthof Emmenhof

Kirchbergstrasse 70, Tel. 034 422 22 75, Fax 034 423 46 29

Modern French cuisine with an emphasis on fish dishes.

The host, Werner Schürch, has been awarded 16 Gault Millau points and one Michelin star for his culinary skills.

**Internet:** [www.emmenhofburgdorf.ch](http://www.emmenhofburgdorf.ch)

**Opening hours:** Wed – Sun 9am – 11pm

### » La Pendule

Hotel Stadthaus, Kirchbühl 2, Tel. 034 428 80 00, Fax 034 428 80 08

Modern French cuisine in a genuine atmosphere, awarded 13 Gault Millau points. Located in the middle of the old town.

**Internet:** [www.stadthaus-group.ch](http://www.stadthaus-group.ch)

**Opening hours:** open daily

### » Serendib

Metzgergasse 8, Tel. 034 422 38 16, Fax 034 423 30 93

At the heart of the old town. Seasonal cuisine made from fresh market ingredients: ranging from refined snacks to gourmet menus.

Whisky and cigar list. Guide Bleu 20 points, Guide Plaisir 2 stars.

**Internet:** [www.serendib.ch](http://www.serendib.ch)

**Opening hours:** Tue – Sat 10am – 2pm and 6pm – 11.30pm

### » Restaurant Spanische Weinhalle

Schmiedengasse 1, Tel. 034 422 23 46, Fax 034 423 20 18

Cosy gourmet restaurant with seating for 25 and lots of character in the old town. Fish specialities, French cuisine, vegetarian dishes.

**Opening hours:** Thu – Mon 11am – midnight, Sat 6pm – midnight

### » Landgasthof Sommerhaus

Sommerhaus 1, Tel. 034 422 50 40, Fax 034 423 46 32

The rural restaurant with something different outside the gates of Burgdorf located in unspoilt countryside. Park-like grounds in quiet surroundings.

Fresh, original and traditional cuisine made with market produce, extensive wine list. Member of the Swiss Guild of established chefs, «Golden fish table company», Gault Millau and Passeport bleu.

**Internet:** [www.sommerhaus-burgdorf.ch](http://www.sommerhaus-burgdorf.ch)

**Opening hours:** Tue – Sat 9am – 11.30pm, Sun 9am – 6pm,

Nov. – Mar. closed on Sun and Mon. We open for special events on days off.

### » Casino Restaurant

Kirchbühl 14, Tel. 034 422 30 01

Modern, European cuisine. The food is prepared with organic produce and meat from animal-friendly husbandry. Wonderful garden terrace in the old town. Groups visiting by prior appointment are also served outside normal opening hours.

**Opening hours:** Wed – Sun from 5pm

### » Lochbach Bad

Brasserie garden, Lochbach 10, 3414 Oberburg, Tel. 034 422 22 91

Seasonal and nature-oriented cuisine. Large garden with tables and sun umbrellas, playground, bowling alley, rooms for all types of events. Cultural events. As from August 2004, we offer Bed and Breakfast.

**Internet:** [www.lochbachbad.ch](http://www.lochbachbad.ch)

**Opening hours:** open daily from 10am



The extra special rural restaurant outside the gates of Burgdorf

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[www.lochbachbad.ch](http://www.lochbachbad.ch)

**Lochbach Bad**

Bistro Garden

Lochbach 10 · 3414 Oberburg · Tel. 034 422 22 91

» **Stadt Café**

Stadthaus Hotel, Kirchbühl 2, Tel. 034 428 80 00, Fax 034 428 80 08  
Enjoy traditional Swiss cuisine and Emmental specialities in this restaurant situated at the heart of the Burgdorf's old town.

**Internet:** [www.stadthaus-group.ch](http://www.stadthaus-group.ch)

**Opening hours:** open daily

» **Restaurant Brauerei Schützenhaus**

Wynigenstrasse 13, Tel. 034 428 82 00, Fax 034 428 82 28  
Regional and national cuisine. Home of Burgdorf's local beer.  
Large garden terrace situated adjacent to the «Schützenmatte».

**Internet:** [www.stadthaus-group.ch](http://www.stadthaus-group.ch)

**Opening hours:** Sun – Wed 10am – 11.30pm, Thu – Sat 10am – 12.30am

» **Italian Specialities**» **Restaurant Pizzeria Da Gino**

Rütschelengasse 17, Tel. 034 422 14 70, Fax 034 423 16 13  
Italian restaurant and pizzeria situated at the centre of the old town.  
Enjoy the cosy garden terrace which is designed like a grotto.

**Internet:** <http://home.sunrise.ch/dagino>

**Opening hours:** Mon – Thu 8am – 2pm and 5pm – 11.30pm  
Fri – Sat 8am – 2pm and 5pm – 12.30am

» **Ristorante-Pizzeria Cavallino Rössli**

Metzgergasse 1, Tel. 034 422 21 22, Fax 034 422 96 71  
Traditional Italian cuisine served in a Mediterranean ambience.

**Opening hours:** daily 10am – midnight

» **Chinese Specialities**» **Asian Garden**

Schmiedengasse 23, Tel. 034 422 35 18, Fax 034 422 06 41  
Restaurant serving Chinese specialities in an Asian ambience  
and take-away located at the entrance to the old town.

**Opening hours:** daily 10am – midnight

» **Chin-Chin**

Rütschelengasse 17, Tel. 034 422 14 70, Fax 034 423 16 13  
Chinese specialities served in an elegant Far-Eastern atmosphere.  
Wonderful small garden terrace at the centre of the old town.

**Opening hours:** Tue – Thu 5pm – 11.30pm, Fri – Sat 5pm – 12.30am

» **Srilankan Specialities**» **Serendib**

Metzgergasse 8, Tel. 034 422 38 16, Fax 034 423 30 93  
Serendib has been the leading restaurant for Srilankan specialities in the region for 12 years. Asian ambience. Fresh produce is used every day for the preparation of a rich variety of curries. Extensive menu and various set meals. Select wine, whisky and cigar list.

**Internet:** [www.serendib.ch](http://www.serendib.ch)

**Opening hours:** Tue – Sat 11.30am – 2pm and 6.30pm – 11.30pm



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Tel. 034 422 21 22 / Fax 034 422 96 71

## » Cafes and Bars

### » artcafé

Platanenstrasse 3, Tel. 034 421 40 14

Trendy, modern café with a terrace situated in the Museum Franz Gertsch

**Internet:** www.stadthaus-group.ch

**Opening hours:** Tue – Fri 11am – 7pm, Sat and Sun 10am – 5pm

### » Widmer Confiserie and Tea Room

Kirchbühl 7, Tel. and Fax 034 422 21 91 and Bahnhofstr. 90, Tel. 034 423 57 70

Cosy, traditional tea room serving the original «Burgdorferli», situated at the centre of the historic old town and next to the Berchtold Hotel.

**Opening hours:**

Kirchbühl: Tue – Fri 7.30am – 6pm, Sat 7.30am – 5pm, Sun 8am – 5pm

Bahnhofstr.: Tue – Fri 7.20am – 6.30pm, Sat 7.30am – 4.15pm, Sun 9am – 1.30pm

### » Bar B5

Bahnhofstrasse 90, Tel. 034 428 84 28, Fax 034 428 84 84

Popular meeting place for people, who are young in body and spirit.

**Internet:** www.stadthaus-group.ch

**Opening hours:** Mon – Thu, Sun 9am – midnight, Fri and Sat 9am – 2am

### » Dezibel Bar

Oberstadt, Rütchelengasse 2, Tel. 034 422 27 26

We are ready. Visit us. We are looking forward to seeing you!

**Opening hours:** Wed – Sat from 10pm

### » Aemmi-Bar

Grabenstrasse, Tel. 034 423 26 35

Popular bar with a concert hall in the old town of Burgdorf.

2 concerts per month and theme nights. For programme see website.

**Internet:** www.aemmi-bar.ch

**Opening hours:** Sun – Thu 10pm – 1.30am, Fri and Sat 10pm – 3.30am

(July and August from 11pm)

## » Burgdorf Beer

Did you know that Burgdorf has its own local beer? The most modern brewery of its time was inaugurated in Burgdorf in 1871. In the following years, Burgdorf's local beer was exported all the way to Paris. A few years ago, the idea of brewing a local beer was revived. Ever since, Burgdorf's beer has been brewed at the Schützenhaus brewery.

» **Burgdorf's standard beer** is a fine, pale ale which eclipses any industrial beer and which is suitable for any occasion.

» **The Aemme beer** is a highly palatable, caramel-coloured special beer brewed from three types of malt.

Particularly keen beer-drinkers have the opportunity to attend a special beer-brewing seminar including a guided tour, beer tasting and meals.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## The region's culinary highlights

### » Landgasthof Löwen, Heimiswil

Dorfstrasse 2, 3412 Heimiswil, Tel. 034 422 32 06, Fax 034 422 26 35

Traditional and modern cuisine served at the oldest «lion» in Switzerland.

**Internet:** www.loewen-heimiswil.ch

**Opening hours:** closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

### » Landgasthof Bären, Ersigen

Burgdorfstrasse 1, 3423 Ersigen, Tel. 034 448 88 88, Fax 034 448 88 89

Centrally located and surrounded by neat farmhouses, experience the hospitality of the Emmental. Cuisine from the market made with seasonal produce. «Berneplatte» (typical Bernese dish) lunch every Thursday. One-day-seminars for up to 200 people.

**Internet:** www.baeren-ersigen.ch

**Opening hours:** Wed – Sat 8am – 12.30am, Sun 8am – 9.30pm

### » Restaurant Löwen, Thörigen

Langenthalstrasse 1, 3367 Thörigen, Tel. 062 961 21 07, Fax 062 961 16 72

Gourmet restaurant belonging to the celebrity chef Nik Gygax.

Special dishes for lovers of seafood, but also traditional dishes such as «Cordon bleu» in the «Wystübli».

**Internet:** www.nikgygax.ch

**Opening hours:** Tue – Sat 11am – 3pm and 5pm – 12.30am

### » Wirtschaft zur weissen Kuh, Seeberg

Kunst und Essen, Dorfstrasse 59, 3365 Seeberg,

Tel. 062 968 14 74, Fax 062 968 14 05

Please make a reservation and we will be happy to spoil you with a 5-course menu. Separate room for smokers, art gallery and «Kunstpsycher», as well as the wine cellar await your visit. Organic and naturally-grown produce.

We look forward to pampering you and wish you a large «mooooooo» from the white cow!

**Internet:** www.weissekuh.ch

**Opening hours:** open daily

### » Hotel Schloss Hünigen, Restaurant Rosarium, Konolfingen

Stalden, 3510 Konolfingen, Tel. 031 791 26 11, Fax 031 791 27 31

400-year old castle and grounds with 3,000 roses. Restaurant with romantic terrace in the summer. The cuisine is geared towards seasonal produce available from the market. 13 Gault Millau points.

**Internet:** www.schlosshuenigen.com

**Opening hours:** Sun from 6pm and closed all day on Mondays

## » Cinemas

## » Kino Krone

Hohengasse 25, Tel. 034 423 22 66  
**Internet:** www.cinergie.ch

## » Kino Rex

Bahnhofstrasse 10, Tel. 034 423 20 23  
**Internet:** www.cinergie.ch

## » Theatre

## » Casino Theater Burgdorf

Kirchbühl 14, Tel. 034 422 40 00  
**Information and advance booking:**  
 Langlois bookshop, Kronenplatz, Tel. 034 422 21 75  
 or Musikhaus Rosenbaum, Bahnhofstrasse 61, Tel. 034 422 33 10  
**Online reservation and programme:** www.theaterburgdorf.ch

## » Music Venues

## » Schmidechäuer

Grabenstrasse in the old town  
**Advance booking:** Wyss+Co, Schmiedengasse 19, Tel. 034 422 13 19  
 Box office and bar open from 7pm  
**Internet:** www.schmidechaeuer.ch.tt

## » Kulturclub Maison Pierre

Scheunenstrasse 3, Tel. 034 423 18 85  
**Internet:** www.kultur-club.ch

## » Kulturschopf im Bahnhoftreff Steinhof

Bernstrasse 65, Tel. 034 423 04 08  
**Advance booking:** Tourist Office, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
**Internet:** www.bahnhoftreff.ch

## » Aemmi-Bar

Grabenstrasse, Tel. 034 423 26 35  
 Popular bar with live music in the old town.  
**Internet:** www.aemmi-bar.ch  
**Opening hours:** daily from 10pm (July and August from 11pm)

Burgdorf boasts a lively cultural life. In addition, a large number of festivals and parties take place. We therefore advise anyone interested to ask for our comprehensive, up-to-date calendar of events.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
**Internet:** www.burgdorf.ch

» Solennität – Solätte, June 28<sup>th</sup> 2004

This year, the traditional town festival is being held for the 273<sup>rd</sup> time.  
**What is on offer:** processions, concerts, catering, parties  
**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» Cinété Open-Air Cinema, July 1<sup>st</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup> 2004

A wide-ranging film programme is shown in a cool ambiance on the gravelled terrace adjacent to the Schützenhaus restaurant.  
**What is on offer:** open-air cinema  
**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
**Internet:** www.cinete.ch

## » Summer night dreams, July and August 2004

Popular Burgdorf summer festivals with live music in the old town.  
 July 9<sup>th</sup>, July 16<sup>th</sup>, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, July 30<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup> 2004  
**What is on offer:** concerts, catering  
**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» National circus KNIE, August 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> 2004

The Swiss national circus performs at the «Schützenmatte» in Burgdorf.  
**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
**Internet:** www.knie.ch

» Burgdorf Crime Days, October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup> 2004

From October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 7<sup>th</sup>, Burgdorf hosts the popular Burgdorf Crime Days. This festival is accompanied by numerous readings of well-known crime fiction writers, film screenings and theatre plays.  
**What is on offer:** readings, cinema, various events  
**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
**Internet:** www.krimitage.ch

» Burgdorf New Year's Eve night, December 31<sup>st</sup> 2004

Magnificent New Year's Eve party with a colourful programme organised in Burgdorf's old town.  
**What is on offer:** concerts, circus artistry, theatre, party  
**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» Castle Nights, January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2005

Topic «Perspective»  
**What is on offer:** secret, uncanny, weird and cranky experiences  
**Contact:** Museen Schloss Burgdorf, Tel. 034 423 02 14  
 or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05  
**Advance bookings:** starting December 1<sup>st</sup> 2004

For additional events, please see the calendar of events.  
**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Seminar and Conference Venues

### » Hotel Berchtold \*\*\*

Bahnhofstrasse 90, Tel. 034 428 84 28, Fax 034 428 84 84

This modern hotel – named after the last of the great of the Zähringen dukes – is not an average hotel. It combines time-honoured, impressive architecture and a modern, contemporary attitude towards life. The hotel, which offers a modern infrastructure, bright rooms and professional service, is the ideal venue for conferences and seminars. Attractive conference and seminar packages offered.

**Internet:** [www.stadthaus-group.ch](http://www.stadthaus-group.ch)

### » Hotel Stadthaus \*\*\*\*\*

Kirchbühl 2, Tel. 034 428 80 00, Fax 034 428 80 08

Switzerland's smallest luxury hotel located at the heart of the historic old town. Attractive offers for seminars and conferences.

**Internet:** [www.stadthaus-group.ch](http://www.stadthaus-group.ch)

### » Landgasthof Sommerhaus

Sommerhaus 1, 3400 Burgdorf, Tel. 034 422 50 40, Fax 034 423 46 32

This unusual rural restaurant is situated outside Burgdorf's gates in the middle of unspoilt countryside. Park grounds in quiet surroundings. Ideal for seminars, family celebrations, weddings or simply to have a good time. Seminars for up to 50 people.

**Internet:** [www.sommerhaus-burgdorf.ch](http://www.sommerhaus-burgdorf.ch)

**Opening hours:** Tue – Sat 9am – 11.30pm, Sun 9am – 6pm, Nov. – Mar. closed on Sun and Mon. We open for special events on days off.

There are numerous venues available in Burgdorf for conferences, seminars and meetings. The selection ranges from the college's auditorium, which boasts state-of-the art equipment to the Burgdorf covered market, which holds up to 1,600 people. We will help you find the ideal venue for your event!

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05



## The region

### » Hotel Schloss Hünigen, Konolfingen

Stalden, 3510 Konolfingen, Tel. 031 791 26 11, Fax 031 791 27 31

Hünigen Castle specialises in hosting professional seminars and congresses.

**Internet:** [www.schlosshuenigen.com](http://www.schlosshuenigen.com)

**Opening hours:** Sun from 6pm, closed all day on Mondays.

### » Landgasthof Sonne, Affoltern i. E.

3416 Affoltern i. E., Tel. 034 435 80 00

This rural restaurant, located 12 minutes away from Burgdorf, boasts a unique terrace with a magnificent view. The seasonal cuisine is prepared using fresh produce from the market. The hotel rooms are newly renovated. For seminars and conferences, recreational holidays, hiking and biking weekends with friends or for the entire family.

We have the perfect room to suit every requirement.

**Internet:** [www.sonne-affoltern.ch](http://www.sonne-affoltern.ch)

**Opening hours:** closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays

### » Hotel-Restaurant Appenberg, Zäziwil

3532 Zäziwil, Tel. 031 790 40 40, Fax 031 790 40 50

The Appenberg is a unique place! Suitable for seminars, conferences, meetings as well as company events or family celebrations – holds up to 150 people.

Hotel: 45 rooms, Restaurant: Spycher-Grotto

**Internet:** [www.appenberg.ch](http://www.appenberg.ch)

**Opening hours:** Mon – Sat 7am – 11.30pm, Sun 7am – 5.30pm

## Rendez-vous au Château



SCHLOSS HÜNIGEN

Hotel Schloss Hünigen, 3510 Konolfingen

Tel. 031 791 26 11, Fax: 031 791 27 31

[www.schlosshuenigen.com](http://www.schlosshuenigen.com), E-Mail: [hotel@schlosshuenigen.com](mailto:hotel@schlosshuenigen.com)

## » Preserve areas

### » Meienmoos, Burgdorf

The Meienmoos between Burgdorf and Lyssach is listed amongst the high moors and transitional moors of national importance.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### » Oberburger Schachen

The Oberburger Schachen is a cantonal national park and one of the meadowlands, which has been assigned national importance.

Meadowlands are referred to as the habitat alongside rivers or lakes, which are to some extent influenced by the water. The meadowlands of the river Emme offer a unique experience of nature.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Flowing water

### » Emme-Birne

As a result of hydrological studies, various measures have been undertaken to check the soil erosion along the course of the river Emme. The problem could be solved to a large extent by means of local enlargements («pears») on the river Emme and achieved in a way, which is sympathetic to the protection of nature and the countryside.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, lectures

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### » Flood protection

During the last few decades there have been repeated floods in Burgdorf and neighbouring parishes. A large number of lakes and rivers have been extensively cleaned up during the last few years. This was to provide flood protection and at the same time protect nature. A large number of exemplary projects have been completed.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, lectures

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Nature teaching path

### » Waldegg

Along the river Emme, between Waldegg and Schinterhole, there is a nature teaching path, which on the one hand deals with specialist topics, and on the other hand also indicates plant locations. The specialist topics are depicted visually on information boards.

**What is on offer:** 1.5 km signposted path

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

There are numerous experts available to you in Burgdorf for guided tours, visits and lectures regarding a wide range of topics related to the protection of the environment. Let us advise you.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » The label «energy town»

For more than 10 years, the parish of Burgdorf has been operating a sustainable energy policy. Its efforts have been rewarded by it becoming a recipient of the nationally recognised label «energy town». This meant that various strategies for careful use of energy and economy measures had to be implemented. Burgdorf has the role of pioneer in this and is one of the most successful energy towns in Switzerland.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, lectures, information events

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Photovoltaic

For many years, photovoltaic energy has been promoted in Burgdorf in accordance with the «Burgdorf model». The per capita installed photovoltaic output is much higher than the Swiss average. Anyone who would like to find out more about the possible uses and promotion of solar energy will find the right people to talk to in Burgdorf.

**What is on offer:** lectures, information events, solar walks, solar tour

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Thermal solar plant

Trailblazing projects to heat water have been and are being undertaken in Burgdorf: these range from heating water for the open-air swimming pool to the car wash.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, lectures

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

## » Oil of Emmental

Heating the Emmental without using oil. This is a visionary idea, which is based on the use of renewable energy sources. There is no oil in the Emmental, but it does have sun and wood, the «Oil of Emmental». Several projects have already been completed or are being implemented.

**What is on offer:** lectures, information events

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## » Model Town for Pedestrians and Cyclists

Since 1996, Burgdorf has officially been the (only) «Swiss Model Town for Pedestrians and Cyclists». Ever since Burgdorf was awarded this title by the «Federal Swiss Energy Programme», the town has been implementing innovative projects and offers for both pedestrians and cyclists.

The experience gained and the results achieved within the framework of this project are used as a blueprint for similar measures in other cities and regarded as pioneering.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, lectures on projects

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** www.modelcity.ch

### » Pedestrian area

The pedestrian area is a mixed traffic zone around Burgdorf station, which was initiated in 1996 as a traffic trial. It has developed into an exemplary project and has now been incorporated in the Federal Traffic Signs Order.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, lectures, expert conferences

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** www.modelcity.ch

### » Bicycle station and bicycles delivered to your door

In 1997 Burgdorf was one of the first Swiss towns to establish a bicycle station. Bicycles are looked after securely between 5am and 12.30am manned in three shifts against payment of a low annual or monthly fee and other services such as rental, repairs etc. are offered.

As the first of its kind in Switzerland, there has also been a service delivering bicycles to your door since 1997 on the basis of the «Flyer» electro-bikes. The number of bikes has increased from about 100 per month at the outset to around 1,500 today.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, lectures, expert conferences

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** www.wir-bringens.ch

## » CARLOS system for offering lifts

» **CARLOS** is a spontaneous system for offering lifts – modern, safe hitchhiking. CARLOS combines public and individual transport and started in Spring 2002 in the Burgdorf area as a pilot project. It is intended to complement the public transport system and CARLOS provides customers with fine-tuning.

**What is on offer:** guided tours, lectures, expert conferences

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** www.carlos.ch



## » Guided tours

### » Traditional guided city tour

Walk through Burgdorf city centre. Sightseeing in the old town, visits to the church and the castle ground.

**Duration:** 1, 1.5 or 2 hours

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### » Medicine in ancient Burgdorf

Walk through the rooms of the «Siechenhaus» (Hospital for Incurables) and the «Niederer Spital» (lower hospital). Visits to the «Haus des Baders» (House of the Barber-Surgeon), where not only surgery was performed, but love of life was also taken care of.

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### » Emmentaler Glasbläserei (glassblowing workshop)

After an introduction to the history of glass, you will be shown how to blow your own glass ball.

**Duration:** 1 hour

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** www.glasblaeserei-emmental.ch

### » Detective trail

Guided by a local, experienced detective, you will solve a crime in Burgdorf's lanes and get to know the town at the same time.

**Duration:** 2.5 hours

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### » Guided Tour of the Forest

Walks through the forest and the preserve area «Oberburger Schachen».

**Duration:** by prior arrangement

**Contact:** Burgergemeinde Burgdorf, Kirchbühl 25, Tel. 034 422 31 18

or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Internet:** www.burgergemeinde-burgdorf.ch

### » Guided tours of the Museum Franz Gertsch

Public or tailor-made guided tours through the oeuvre of Franz Gertsch.

**Duration:** approx. 1 hour

**Contact:** Museum Franz Gertsch, Tel. 034 421 40 20

or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### » Guided tours of the Kornhaus Museum

Guided tours of the Swiss Centre for Popular Culture.

**Duration:** approx. 1 hour

**Contact:** Swiss Centre for Popular Culture, Tel. 034 423 10 10

or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

### » Guided tours of the Castle Museum

Learn more about the history of the Burgdorf region and the history of the building of the castle.

**Duration:** approx. 1 hour

**Contact:** Museen im Schloss, Tel. 034 423 02 14

or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» **Guided tours of the Swiss Gold Museum**

Find out about the history of gold from its formation to the last gold mines in the Swiss canton of Ticino. (History of extracting gold in Switzerland)

**Duration:** approx. 1 hour

**Contact:** Museen im Schloss, Tel. 034 423 02 14  
or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» **The Gold Myth**

Experience the gold myth and wash gold in the castle court

**Duration:** approx. 1.5 hours

**Contact:** Museen im Schloss, Tel. 034 423 02 14  
or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» **Guided tours of the Museum for Ethnology**

Oceania, Africa, South and North America, Japan and Ancient Egypt

**Duration:** approx. 1 hour

**Contact:** Museen im Schloss, Tel. 034 423 02 14  
or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» **Special Guided Tours of the Castle Museum**» **Embark on a scenic tour through ancient times**

«A day in the year 1710 at Burgdorf castle» with a muzzle-loader Demonstration (with a bang).

**Duration:** approx. 1.5 hours

**Contact:** Museen im Schloss, Tel. 034 423 02 14  
or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» **Medieval Adventure Trail**

Adventure trail for children (3<sup>rd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> school year). «A day in the year 1194 at Burgdorf castle» with wooden horses, coats of mail, medieval clothes and food.

**Duration:** approx. 1 hour

**Contact:** Museen im Schloss, Tel. 034 423 02 14  
or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» **Nothing but walls, dirt and shards**

Guided tour of the Castle Museum's medieval section with subsequent city tour (from September 2004).

**Duration:** approx. 1.5 hours

**Contact:** Museen im Schloss, Tel. 034 423 02 14  
or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

» **Tour of the history of the building of the castle**

On request also with subsequent city tour

**Duration:** approx. 1.5 hours

**Contact:** Museen im Schloss, Tel. 034 423 02 14  
or Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

On request, the museum also organises receptions in the knight's hall after the guided tours.

Do not hesitate to ask for information about additional offers available in Burgdorf and its surroundings.

**Contact:** Tourist Office Burgdorf, Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05

**Tourist Information**» **Tourist Office Burgdorf**

Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 05, Fax 034 423 69 01

**Opening hours:** Mon – Fri 7am – 8pm, Sat and Sun 8am – 6pm

**Email:** touristoffice.burgdorf@rm-rail.ch

**What is on offer:** advice, bookings, reservations, package deals, organisation, information, publicity material, maps...

**Transport and mobility**» **RM (Regionalverkehr Mittelland – regional transport in the central area)****Customer services centre**

Bahnhofstrasse 44, Tel. 034 423 69 00, Fax 034 423 69 01

**Opening hours:** Mon – Fri 7am – 8pm, Sat and Sun 8am – 6pm

**Email:** kundencenter.burgdorf@rm-rail.ch **Internet:** www.regionalverkehr.ch

**What is on offer:** advice, bookings, mobility, journey planning

» **Burgdorf bicycle station**

Burgdorf railway station, Tel. 034 423 23 80, Fax 034 423 43 50

**Opening hours:** Mon – Thu 5am – 12.30am, Fri and Sat 5am – 1.30am, Sun 6am – midnight

**Email:** burgdorf@velostation.ch **Internet:** www.wir-bringens.ch

**What is on offer:** bicycle hire, electro-bike, bicycle repair shop, looking after bicycles

**Internet-Café**» **Internet Café im Milano Nord**

Bahnhofstrasse 14, Tel. 034 422 95 94

**Opening hours:** Mon – Fri 9am – 7pm, Saturdays until 5pm

**Police, fire service**» **Municipal police**

Kirchbühl 23, Tel. 034 422 33 24, Fax 034 423 49 44

» **Police emergency** Tel. 117

» **Fire service emergency** Tel. 118

**Medical assistance**» **Regionalspital Emmental (Emmental regional hospital)**

Oberburgstrasse 54, Tel. 034 421 21 21, Fax 034 421 21 99

» **Medical emergency** Tel. 144

**Lost property**» **Railway lost property office**

SBB Travel Centre, Burgdorf station, Tel. 0900 300 300

» **Lost property office in Burgdorf**

Kirchbühl 23, Tel. 034 429 92 58

**Directory inquiries**

» **Directory inquiries within Switzerland** Tel. 111

**Taxi**

» **Bahnhof Emme-Taxi** free taxi reservation Tel. 0800 804 100

» **Mini Taxi** Tel. 034 423 60 20

» **Taxi Werner Mobile** 079 301 76 78

**Car rental**» **Buchmatt-Garage AG**

Kirchbergstrasse 207, Tel. 034 422 64 64, Fax 034 422 01 28

**Breakdown assistance, traffic information**

» **Breakdown assistance** Tel. 140

» **Road conditions**, traffic information Tel. 163