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Trams and Buses Getting Around Zurich by Lek Boonlert

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Zurich is one of the few cities that does not have a metro, although it does have a train system that is extremely reliable, acting as one of the main transportation hubs for Switzerland as a whole, and for Europe. Still, if you are someone who has come to Zurich to explore the entirety of the city with your backpack strapped on and a healthy sense of adventure keeping your feet itching, then the best way to get from any point in the city, whether it be your Zurich hotel or one of the many restaurants or tourist sites, is via the buses and trams that stretch across the city like a vast spider web. Not only are they easy to use, but bus stops and tram stops are located all over the city, most of the time within easy walking distance of the many Zurich hotels, and in some cases right outside the front doors.

One of the convenient facts about the trams and buses in Zurich is that the city has one of the highest standards of public transportation in the world, with stops along the way clearly identified by metal plates that not only show the name of the stop, but also the route numbers of the buses and trams which stop at that particular junction, as well as a terminus showing the direction in which the buses are travelling. The departure table shows exact times at which the vehicles leave the stops, as well as the journey times, and the Zurich tram and bus system operates within a minute or two of the schedule, making it one of the most on-time systems in the world. Along with a route network map that shows you all of the bus and tram routes as well as the stops that connect you to different routes, you can also find a map of the surrounding districts either at the stop you are at or on the other side of the street in the opposite direction. Either way, getting to the various medieval sites of the city or back to your Zurich hotel has never been easier than it is today.

Travelling from Zurich hotels to the districts throughout the city is exceptionally easy. The trams and buses are colour-coded as well as numbered, and they include the terminus on the front, which allows individuals to know without a doubt where their tram or bus is headed. However, tickets cannot be purchased on the bus or tram. Instead, they must be purchased at a ticket kiosk or automatic ticket machine prior to getting on the bus. Once you get on board, the route map inside the vehicle will show you how many stops are on your route as well as which ones allow you to make connections.

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