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## Train and bus

**In the canton of St.Gallen you can reach almost all places by train and bus. People use public transport for work and leisure.**

Travelling by train and bus is convenient, easy and safe. Always be on time, because Switzerland has a precise timetable.

All information on public transport can be found on the website of the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB).

You can find the timetable on [www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch) and in the "SBB Mobile" app. You can buy tickets there.

If you have any questions, go to an [SBB](#) ([Swiss Federal Railways](#)) ticket counter in the larger stations.

**Information about special offers:**

### Ostwind: the zoning system for Eastern Switzerland

The [Ostwind](#) ([Fare network of the Eastern Switzerland region](#)) network area is a zone system. You don't buy a ticket for one route, but pay for the number of zones you pass through on your journey. Within the zones, the ticket is valid on trains and buses. The zone map shows which zones you have to pay for when you travel from A to B.

The valid zone map is available at the [SBB](#) ([Swiss Federal Railways](#)) ticket counter or online at [Ostwind.ch](http://Ostwind.ch).

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### SwissPass: Public transport pass

SBB's red [SwissPass](#) ([Personal ID card for public transport](#)) public transport pass is used to store your public transport travelcards.

If you buy a [Halbtax](#) ([Annual pass for half-price travel on public transport](#)) travelcard, [GA](#) ([ID card for free travel on public transport](#)), you will automatically receive the [SwissPass](#) ([Personal ID card for public transport](#)).

You must **always have the card with you** or upload it to the SBB Mobile app.

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### Halbtax: Half-price travel

If you buy a [Halbtax](#) ([Annual pass for half-price travel on public transport](#)) travelcard, you can travel on public transport at half price.

The [Halbtax](#) ([Annual pass for half-price travel on public transport](#)) is only valid for single journeys and day tickets.

 [Information about the SBB Half-Fare travelcard](#)  [deutsch](#)

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### GA: Subscription for unlimited journeys on public transport

The GA travelcard [GA](#) ([ID card for free travel on public transport](#)) on almost all public transport in Switzerland. You pay a one-time subscription price for the required duration. As long as the [GA](#) ([ID card for free travel on public transport](#)) is valid, you can travel free of charge and unlimited throughout Switzerland.

You can buy the [GA](#) ([ID card for free travel on public transport](#)) for 1st or 2nd class.

When you buy it, you will receive the [SwissPass](#) ([Personal ID card for public transport](#)) card, on which the [GA](#) ([ID card for free travel on public transport](#)) is stored.

 [Information about the SBB GA travelcard](#)  [deutsch](#)

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### Strecken-Abo: ideal for commuters

If you regularly travel the same route by public transport, it is best to buy a [Strecken-Abo](#) ([? Monthly ticket for a specific route on public transport](#)). This is available for 7 days, for 1 month or for 12 months.

[Information on the SBB point-to-point travelcard](#) [deutsch](#)

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## Spartageskarte Gemeinde: Discounted day ticket

The "[Spartageskarte Gemeinde](#) ([? Discounted day ticket of the municipality for public transport](#))" is a travel document that is valid for one day. You can use it to travel on almost all public transport routes throughout Switzerland.

Many municipalities offer you the opportunity to buy a [Spartageskarte Gemeinde](#) ([? Discounted day ticket of the municipality for public transport](#)). Check here if tickets are available at your municipality on the desired date:

### Availability at the municipality

Important:

- Only a few tickets are available per day.
- You must buy the day ticket at your municipal office at the counter.

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## Rates for children and young people

In general, the following applies to public transport:

- Children up to 6 years: free of charge
- Children up to 16 years: 1/2 price

## Junior-Karte ([? Children's Subscription](#))

With the [Junior-Karte](#) ([? Children's Subscription](#)) (for CHF 30 per year), a child from 6 to 16 years of age can travel with their parents free of charge. Parents need a valid ticket.

## Kinder-Mitfahrkarte ([? Day ticket for child with accompanying person](#))

With the [Kinder-Mitfahrkarte](#) ([? Day ticket for child with accompanying person](#)), a child from the age of 6 up to their 16th birthday travels through Switzerland free of charge for a whole year together with an accompanying person. The accompanying person must be at least 16 years old and have a valid ticket.

[Information on the SBB Junior Card](#) [deutsch](#)

[Information on the SBB Children's Co-Travelcard](#) [deutsch](#)

[Further offers for children and young people](#) [deutsch](#)

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[Other SBB season tickets](#)

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