

# Konstanz

**Konstanz** is a city in southern Germany. It falls on the border with Switzerland and on Bodensee, also known as Lake Constance.

## Get in

The bus services of southern Germany are, as in all of Germany, excellent. Konstanz has a train station as well, from which trains leave for many towns in the area. Connections can also be obtained from other stations.

By Plane: Konstanz has no commercial airport. Closest airports are Zurich in Switzerland (1 hour drive), Friedrichshafen (1 hour drive) and Stuttgart (est. 2 hours drive). Zurich airport: There is a direct train connection from Zurich International Airport and various smaller connections twice an hour throughout the day. Friedrichshafen airport: Take the Highspeed Ferry from Friedrichshafen (Bus from Friedrichshafen Airport to Friedrichshafen Harbor) directly into Konstanz (runs every hour). Alternatives: train from Friedrichshafen, change in Radolfzell and continue to Konstanz.

## Get around

Konstanz's centre is largely pedestrian and very walkable. Taxis or buses are also available in large quantities.

## See

- **The cathedral**
- **The harbour**
- **The old market**
- **The cafés and restaurants**
- **The nearby countryside**
- **der Bodensee/Lake Constance**
- **The Black Forest/Schwarzwald**

## Eat

Konstanz has a rich variety of all kinds of restaurants, cafes, bistros and bars. Due to the nearness of the Swiss border, prices are higher than in other cities (mentally add 2 Euros to every main dish you are eating in other German cities). In summertime most

restaurants offer outside sitting and eating, in the evening hours it is hard to find a place, occasionally.

A good start to discover the Konstanz restaurant scene is to start at the central marketplace "Marktstätte": "Casablanca" offers italian food, a great place to sit outside and watch the tourist masses walk by or catch the performances of the street artists. "Aran" is an upscale cafe with great snacks (wood oven bread slices with various toppings, hot wraps, custom made ice cream) "La Piazza" offers Italian food of all different varieties.

Close to the "Marktstätte" is the old fish market site "Fischmarkt". "Los Latinos" offers Tex-Mex food of high quality. "Rossini" is an Italian restaurant with a great bistro atmosphere. If you are fond of the Turkish "Döner Kebap" dish, there are lots of very good "Dönerbuden" (kebab houses) in the city center. "Ali Baba" near the Cinestar movie theater is a special recommendation, it's quoted as "the best döner in the world".

A yearly published magazine "Die Seezunge" covers many of the Konstanz eateries and is available in Tabac shops and kiosks.

**For more info see:** [www.wikipedia.org](http://www.wikipedia.org)

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