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# HELVETIA



## Do you know the name of this castle ?



The Historic Market town of this City is set on the River Aare, at the northern end of the Lake with the same name as the City and the Castle.

The origins of ??? go back to 1191, when Berthold V, Duke of Zaehringen, built a castle on a hill above the river here. The Old Town spreads out beneath the castle, on the right bank of the river. Obere Hauptgasse, the main street running parallel to the river, is split into two levels. The walkway is built on the roofs of the arcaded buildings lining the street, so that pedestrians step downstairs to enter the shops below.

Stepped alleys off Obere Hauptgasse lead to the castle, from which there are impressive views of the town and the

Bernese Oberland. Inside the castle's massive turreted keep, which looms over ???, is a museum documenting the town's history. Other rooms in the castle contain collections of clocks, dolls and household objects, weapons and uniforms, glass and ceramics, coins and toys.

The huge Knight's Hall, with an imposing fireplace, is used as a concert hall. Also on the hill is the Stadtkirche, the town's church. A short walk east of the castle and down the river leads to the Kunstmuseum, which contains a collection of Swiss and international modern art. On the left bank of the river is Schadau Park. Near the lake here stand a Neo-Gothic folly and a cylindrical pavilion, whose interior walls are painted with the Wocher Panorama. This visual record of daily life in ??? was painted by Marquard Wocher in 1814, and is the oldest such panorama in the world.

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**" Frauenfeld"**

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**Fritz Scheidegger  
Auckland**

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