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Do you know the name of the castle in the Emmental?

The Emmental, the long, wide valley of the River Emme, has an outstandingly beautiful landscape of the green meadows, which provide grazing for cows. The valley, which has excellent cycling and hiking routes, is also dotted with traditional wooden chalets with high roofs, eaves almost reaching to the ground and windows with decorative carvings. The local culture of the Emmental is traditional and conservative, with a farming economy. This is also where the famous Emmental cheese is made, most of it by hand. At the Schaukaeserei (show dairy) in Affoltern visitors can see every stage in the process of producing this holey, nutty-tasting cheese. It is also on sale in the dairy's shop and on the menu in its restaurant. Many inns along the valley also serve this highly prized local speciality. Burgdorf is a small town in the north of the Emmental. The old part of the town, on top of a hill, has arcaded houses, a Gothic church and a castle, founded by Zaehringers in the 7th century. Trubschachen a village further up the valley, has pottery workshops where the colourful local ware is made and offered for sale. The Emmental also has the longest arched wooden bridge in Europe. Built in 1839, the Holzbruecke spans the Emme just downstream of the villages of Hasle-Ruegsau.



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