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Wednesday, September 12, 2012, by Stirling Kelso

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Zurich is often depicted as a staid business-oriented environment and, well, in one sense it is. It is the largest city in Switzerland and the center of that country's famous banking industry, but beneath the suit-and-tie facade there are some artsy undercurrents. Find a dozen of the city's best destinations for design-oriented travelers, all on a map, after the jump. Highlights include the famous Heidi Weber Museum (*above*), housed in a multi-faceted structure designed by starchitect Le Corbusier.

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2 B2 Boutique Hotel + Spa

This hotel was once a brewery, meaning its 60 industrial chic rooms, tastefully decorated with black modular lamps, restored wood floors, and contemporary leather ...



3 Clouds

Located on the top floor of the tallest building in Switzerland—it's only 414 feet high, or 36 stories, but it towers over the rest of the city—the ...



4 The Dolder Grand

Lisbeth Salander of The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo—among other, real-life, celebrities—have made an appearance at this grand dame of Zurich hotels, ...



5 Fraumünster Church

Located on Limmat River, this church and abbey was originally founded in 853, though its current digs date back to the 1300s. It's most famous for its five ...



6 Freitag Shop

Zurich's Freitag shop, made of 17 stacked shipping containers, is the ground zero of Zurich's Industrial District. Inside, messenger bags and other goods, ...



7 Heidi Weber Museum

This building's distinctive façade is made up of enamel plate walls in solid colors and square windows framed in steel. It's also one of the most ...



8 Museum of Design

The Museum of Design's most interesting exhibits are made up of functional Swiss items that were mass-produced, such as Willy Guhl's iconic chair and playful ...



9 Schiffbau

When this grand building, originally part of a shipping yard, reopened as an arts center in 2002, it marked the beginning of the redevelopment in Zurich West, now known ...



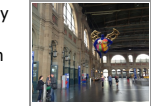
10 Thermalbad & Spa

Sybarites can swim through hundred-year-old stone vaults at this stunning spa, once a brewery. A rooftop infinity pool, framed by angular concrete hot tubs, also has ...



11 Zurich Main Railway Station (Zurich HB)

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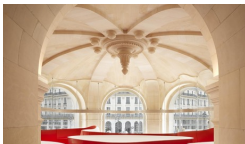


12 Zurich Opera House

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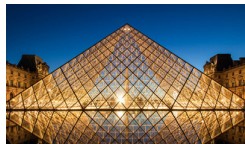
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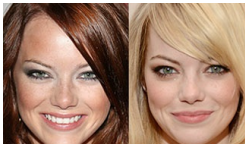
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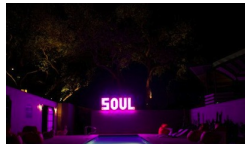
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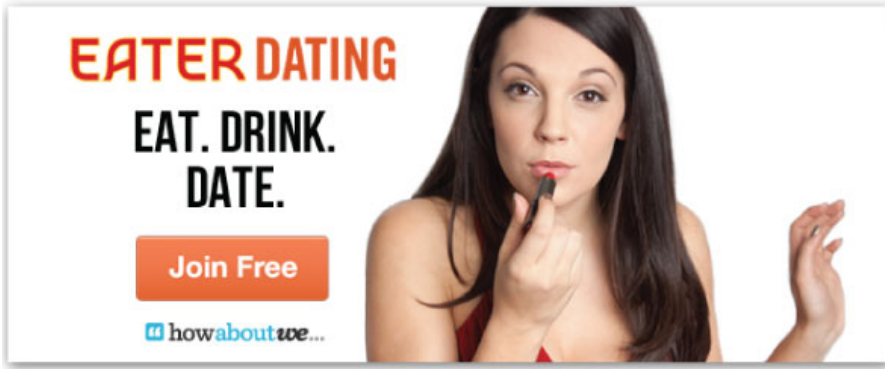
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