

# Shopping

## Groceries, General Needs and Public Holidays

Orientation and Welcome Event for new international Master- and PhD students



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# Groceries

Migros, Coop, Denner, Aldi and more

## Supermarkets

- Biggest supermarket chains are **Migros** and **Coop**. Both offer also budget brands. New competitor (in Bern) is **Lidl**.
- Good (cheap) prices at **Denner** and **Aldi**.



## Fruit and Vegetable Markets in Bern

- Tuesday and Saturday mornings on „Bundesplatz“.

## Shops for asian and african spices and food (list not exhaustive)

- **Alima** (e.g. for all kinds of halal meat), Bethlehemstrasse 10
- **Merdan Super Market** (e.g. for halal chicken), Bethlehemstrasse 1
- **Aggarwal**, Schanzenstrasse 4 (Postparc)



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# General needs

Household effects, furniture, electrical appliances

**Department Stores** (stationary, clothing, household goods etc)

Loeb, Globus, Coop City Ryfflihof,

Migros supermarket at Marktgasse 46

**Brockenstube** («Brocki»)

second-hand / vintage stores for books, clothing, furniture etc.

e.g.: „[Bärner Brocki](#)“ at Hofstrasse 5 (quarter of „Lorraine“)

**Electrical appliances**

M-electronics, Fust, Interdiscount

**IKEA (in Lyssach)**

by train to „Burgdorf“, bus 465 to IKEA <https://www.ikea.com/ch/en/>



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## Opening hours



### **Shops:**

Mon to Fri 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sat until 5 p.m., Thu until 9 p.m.

Shops at Main Train Station open 7 days until 9 p.m.

### **Banks:**

Mon to Fri 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Main Post Office** (at Post Parc)

7.30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sat: 8.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.  
(smaller post office close much sooner)



# Public Holidays 2023



New Year (1 January)

Berchtolds Day (2 January 2024)

Easter Monday (1 April 2024)

Ascension Day (9 May 2024)

Whit Monday (20 May 2024)

National Holiday (1 August)

Christmas (25 December)

Boxing Day (26 December)



**Shops and offices are closed on public holidays.**

**Public holidays may vary in different cantons.**



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# Thank you for your attention

## Orientation and Welcome Event

