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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)



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Public Holidays 2024



New Year (1 January)

Berchtolds Day (2 January)

Easter Monday (21 April 2025)

Ascension Day (29 May 2025)

Whit Monday (09 June 2025)

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

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