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# HELVETIA



Do you know the name of this lovely town?

Surrounded on all sides by the canton of St Gallen, the region known as ???? consists of two half-cantons, one in the north and west, and the other in the south. From the 10th to the 15th centuries, ???? formed part of the territory owned by the abbey at St Gallen. Having gained its independence, ???? joined the Swiss Confederation in 1513. While the larger of the two half-cantons, is Protestant and largely industrialized, the other is Catholic and markedly more bucolic, with a farming economy and developed tourist

industry. It is renowned for its cattle-breeding and its dairy products, most especially its cheeses. Along with its rural character, it has strong folk traditions and a pristine natural environment. Like many other towns in the region, ???? has a Landsgemeindeplatz, a square on which regular voting sessions are held. The well-presented historic centre of this small town is filled with colourfully painted wooden houses.



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