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Vaud – Waadt

Vaud is located in Romandy, the French-speaking southwestern part of Switzerland. The capital is Lausanne. The population is

The areas in the southeast are mountainous, commonly named the Vaud Alps. The Diablerets massif, peaking at 3,210 meters,



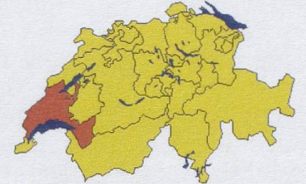
Vallée de Joux

just over 700,000, with 28% foreigners.

The canton stretches from Lake Neuchâtel in the north, where it borders the canton of Neuchâtel, to Lake Geneva in the south, bordering the canton of Geneva and the canton of Valais. On the Jura ranges in the west, the canton borders France. In the east, it borders the cantons of Fribourg and Bern. The total area is 3,212 km², which makes it the fourth-largest canton of Switzerland. Vaud's territory extends from the Jura through the Midlands to the Alps, through all three distinct geographic regions of Switzerland.

is the highest mountain of the canton and the only glaciated area. The area also hosts several popular skiing destinations such as Villars, Les Diablerets and Leysin.

The central area of the canton, in contrast, consists of moraines and is thus hilly. There are plains along the lakes. In the north, there is an exclave containing Avenches surrounded by the canton of Fribourg and Lake Neuchâtel. On the other hand, there are two enclaves of the canton of Fribourg, as well as two enclaves of the canton of Geneva that are surrounded by the canton of Vaud.



The north-western part of the canton is in the Jura, also mountainous but in a more modest way with mountains generally not above 1,500 metres. The Vallée de Joux is one of the most popular destinations in the region and the heart of luxury mechanical Swiss watch manufacturing.

The canton is the second-largest producer of wine in Switzerland. Most of the wine produced in the canton is white, and most vineyards are located on the shores of Lake Geneva such as the UNESCO World Heritage Site the Lavaux Vineyard Terraces. There is agriculture in the areas away from Lake Geneva. Cattle breeding and pasture are common in the Alps and the Jura mountains.

Tourism is important in many towns along the Lake Geneva. Major lakeside resorts include Lausanne, Montreux and Vevey. There is a salt mine at Bex.

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