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## Local Festivals for 2009

This is a list of upcoming local festivals or events that aren't anglocentric - but you'll have a good time anyway.

**Expovina** - Taste wines from all over the world on 12 boats moored off Bürkliplatz. October 29 to November 12. [www.expovina.ch](http://www.expovina.ch)

**Lange Nacht der Hotelbars** - Participating 4 & 5-star hotels open up their bars to a variety of events for this high-end pub crawl. Book tickets online. [www.langenachtderhotelbars.ch](http://www.langenachtderhotelbars.ch)

**Zurich Christmas Market** - Zurich's central train station plays host to more than 100 stalls offering food, handicrafts and trinkets from around the world. November 27 - December 24.

**Christmas Market** - This market is older than the one at the train station and runs along Niederdorfstrasse and Spitalgasse and covers Rosenhof and Hirschenplatz. Slightly less expensive, with more handmade gifts, it's also somewhat more relaxing. December 8 - 23.

**Silvesterlauf** - If running around the old town in the freezing cold with thousands of likeminded people sounds like fun, this is for you. Laps of 1.5 to 8.6 kms are open to various age groups. [www.silvesterlauf.ch](http://www.silvesterlauf.ch)

**Lichterschwimmen** - Primary school children release little floating candles into the Limmat River at the Rathausbrücke to celebrate the pre-Christmas season. December 17, from 5 pm

**New Year's Eve Fireworks** - Go early to the lakeshore between Bellevue and Bürkliplatz for the best views of these annual fireworks, which are set to music. Food and drinks stalls provide sustenance. December 31, of course. From 9pm until about 3am.

