

Lighting conditions in Bern – Fact sheet for photo/video shoots

The following specifications are mere guidelines and may vary depending on the season.

Bahnhofplatz (Station Square)/Glass roof	Ideal conditions in the morning from Schaufplatzgasse/Spitalgasse. In evenings, best lighting from Bubenbergplatz. Illuminated after dark. Best shots of architecture after evening rush hour.
BearPark	Best shots are taken in the evening, but good conditions all day long.
Bundesplatz (Parliament Square) with water fountains	The fountain operates in summer from 11 AM - 11 PM. Best time to shoot: before noon and late evenings. Water fountains are illuminated after nightfall.
Parliament Building	Conditions are best in early mornings and evenings. Illuminated after nightfall. Good view from Parliament terrace towards Gurten all day long.
Gurten	Best view of the city before noon. In good weather conditions also great view of the Alps.
Kirchenfeld Bridge	View of Gurten, Aare river and Parliament Building with good light all day.
Muristalden	View of the Old Town with good lighting all day.
Bern Minster	In mornings, the light falls on the minster from the side. Better conditions in the afternoon. Illuminated after nightfall.
Minster terrace	View of Gurten and the Aare river with good conditions all day.
Rose Garden	Best conditions in early mornings until noon. In the afternoon the city lies in back light. In the evening, outline of the city against the sunset. Mystic during fog.
Lower Old Town	Depending on location. In general, conditions are better before noon.
Westside	Main entrance and hotel have good morning light. In the evening, the back of the building (seen from the highway) lies nicely in the evening sun.
Zentrum Paul Klee	Outside shots are best taken in the afternoon, as the building is set in back light in the morning.
Zytglogge (Clock Tower)	Best conditions in the morning until noon. Set in back light in the afternoon (as seen from Kramgasse).