Embedded between nearby Alpine peaks and the hilly terrain of the Jura, the French-speaking city of Geneva lies in the bay where the Rhone leaves Lake Geneva. With its humanitarian tradition and cosmopolitan flair, the European seat of the UNO and headquarters of the Red Cross is known as the «capital of peace».

The symbol of the «world’s smallest metropolis» is the “Jet d’eau” – a fountain with a 140-metre-high water jet at the periphery of Lake Geneva. Most of the large hotels and many restaurants are situated on the right-hand shore of the lake. The old town, the heart of Geneva with the shopping and business quarter, holds sway over the left-hand shore. It is dominated by St. Peter’s Cathedral, however the actual centre of the old town is the Place du Bourg-de-Four, which is the oldest square in the city. Quays, lakeside promenades, countless parks, lively side streets in the old town and elegant shops invite guests to stroll. One of the best-maintained streets is the Grand-Rue, where Jean-Jacques Rousseau was born. The «mouettes», a type of water taxi, enable crossings to be made from one lakeshore to the other, while larger vessels invite visitors to enjoy cruises on Lake Geneva.

Geneva is Switzerland’s most international city, as it is where the European seat of the UNO is based. Even the International Red Cross directs its humanitarian campaigns from here. Besides being a congress city, Geneva is also a centre for culture and history, for trade fairs and exhibitions.
General Info
Canton: Geneva
Postcode/ZIP: 1200 - 1215
Language: Französisch

Important holidays 2019 in Geneva
01. Jan 2019 Tu New Year’s Day
19. Apr 2019 Fr Good Friday
21. Apr 2019 Su Easter
22. Apr 2019 Mo Easter Monday
30. May 2019 Th Ascension Day
09. Jun 2019 Su Whitsun
10. Jun 2019 Mo Whit Monday
01. Aug 2019 Th Swiss National Holiday
05. Sep 2019 Th Geneva Prayday
25. Dec 2019 We Christmas
31. Dec 2019 Tu Restoration of the Republic

Opening hours
Shops/shopping
Monday - Friday: 9 am - 7 pm
Saturday: 8.30 am - 6 pm
Late night shopping: Thursday, 9 am - 9 pm

Banks and currency exchange
Monday - Friday: 8.30 am - 6.30 pm
Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm

Public authorities and offices
Monday - Friday: 8 am - 12 noon / 1.30 pm - 5 pm
Saturday: closed

Important phone numbers
Emergency calls:
117 Police
118 Fire
144 Ambulance
1414 Swiss heli rescue

General information:
1811 General information such as eg doctors, theater, etc.
140 Breakdown Service
162 Weather Information
163 Road conditions
187 Avalanche Bulletin

The «Horloge Fleuri», the large flower clock in the “Jardin Anglais” (English Garden), is a world-renowned symbol of the Geneva watch industry.

Culturally, this city on the westernmost fringe of Switzerland has much to offer. International artists perform in the Grand Théâtre and Geneva Opera House, and an extremely diverse range of museums such as the “Musée international de l’horlogerie”, a watch museum with a collection of jewellery watches and musical clocks, and the International Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, which provides an insight into the work of these humanitarian organisations, invite city guests to visit them.

A rewarding excursion destination is Mont Salève, which is situated in neighboring France. The cableway lifts visitors to an altitude of 1100 metres in less than five minutes, giving rise to outstanding vistas across the city of Geneva, Lake Geneva, the chain of Alps, the Jura and Montblanc.

Highlights

- Jet d’eau – visible from afar, the 140-metre-high water jet is the ‘landmark’ of Geneva.
- St. Pierre Cathedral – the north tower of the three-naved basilica in the old town of Geneva offers up an unique vista over the city and lake.
- Palace of the United Nations – on passing through the paled gate of the Palace of the UNO, visitors enter international territory.
- International Museum of the Red Cross – the birthplace of the International Red Cross houses the only museum dedicated to the history and work of this organisation.
- Cruises on Lake Geneva – from the cruise boats, visitors can marvel at the unique scenery of castles and magnificent residences set against wonderful landscape and mountain panoramas.
- Mont-Salève – close to the city, the Salève offers delightful walks for hikers and affords breathtaking landscapes.
- Carouge and its bohemian atmosphere – Italian Royal City near Geneva.
- The birthplace of fine watchmaking – from the Flower Clock to the watchmakers’ shops.
- Geneva à la carte – the “Geneva Amazing Experiences”, the 11 maps focus on different aspects of the city and all carry full descriptions in English.
Boundless views 09:00

After a day like yesterday, you probably welcome a blast of fresh air. Nowhere is better for this than the top of the Salève, the mountain on Geneva’s doorstep. It actually stands in France, but you can get there easily by public transport. A cable car carries you up to an altitude of 1,000 metres, and into seventh heaven: the views of Lake Geneva, Mont Blanc and the whole region are breathtaking.

Where all Geneva swims 11:00

In Geneva, water sets the tone and the pace. Tune in over a late breakfast at the Bains des Pâquis, a relaxed open-air lido built on 448 piles over the lake. Swim in the lake, unwind in the hammam, or simply enjoy the view of the Jet d’Eau fountain and Europe’s highest mountain, Mont Blanc. The Bains des Pâquis is the perfect place to plan your day – not least thanks to the free WiFi.

Fun on wheels 11:45

Segways are great ways of seeing a city: these electrically driven two-wheeled “personal transporters” are not just efficient and environmentally friendly, but great fun to ride, too. One ideal tour is a trip packed with variety along the lake to the Palace of Nations, seat of the European headquarters of the United Nations, and to the “Broken Chair”, a 12-metre-high monument.

Lunch on the Rhone 13:00

It is not only the shores of the lake that attract walkers, cyclists and joggers in Geneva; the banks of the River Rhone offer picturesque vistas, too. Flowing out of the lake at its southern tip, the river winds through the heart of the city before passing through half of France on its way to the Mediterranean. You can enjoy a view of both river and lake over a light lunch on the scenic terrace of the wine bar “Le Rouge et le Blanc”.

Water fun in Cologny 14:00

“Stand up paddling” is the latest craze on Lake Geneva – and Tropical Windsurfing the best place to try it, along with wakeboarding and a variety of other water sports. You can reach Cologny from Geneva in just a few minutes on one of the little “mouettes genevoises” taxi boats. As these form part of the city’s public transport system, travel on them is covered by the Geneva Transport Card, available from hotels, hostels and campsites.

A perfect day in Geneva

Geneva is a city of the world – and a world unto itself. It lies idyllically between Alpine peaks and vineyards, by the largest lake in Western Europe. With the splendid historic Old Town at your back, you look out over the famous fountain in the harbour to the Mont Blanc massif on the horizon. Geneva is the UN capital of peace, home of the luxury watch industry – and a delightful place to visit.
### Back to the Big Bang

**15:00**

To get your brain working as well as your muscles, head for CERN, the world-famous centre for research into particle physics. It was here that the Internet was invented in 1990, and experiments carried out today in its gigantic particle accelerator make international headlines. The “Universe of Particles” exhibition takes visitors on a fascinating journey into the world of elementary particles, all the way to the Big Bang.

### An exclusive wonderworld

**16:30**

A tram takes you back to the city centre, where a shopping excursion will reveal other small sought-after objects of a very different kind. The windows of around eighty shops are studded with miniature works of art that make the Rue du Rhône a sanctuary of good taste. The masterpieces of watchmaking made here in Geneva, in particular, are the most exquisite objects of desire. It is worth tearing yourself away, however – not least to head up into the Old Town.

### Hotel discovery

**18:00**

The Eastwest Hotel is a tasteful setting in which to pause for a breather. This is regarded as Geneva’s hotel find of 2011, and was voted among the top 25 hotels in Europe by users of tripadvisor.fr. With its intimate atmosphere and blend of discreet sophistication and exceptional comfort, this is a hotel to come back to time and again.

### A good glass of Geneva wine

**19:00**

As evening sets in, it’s time for an aperitif with some local flavour – a glass of wine from the Geneva region, in other words. One attractive venue is the Place du Molard, also very popular among locals. The wine bar which extends over several floors in the Tour du Molard serves more than seventy different wines from the canton of Geneva, Switzerland’s third-largest winegrowing area – and offers a wonderfully historic setting in which to enjoy some rare vintages.

### A change of scene

**21:00**

You could, of course, stay put – but that would be a shame, Geneva has far too much to offer. Take the Quartier des Bains, for example, with its galleries, designer showrooms and the exceptionally well-stocked Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (Mamco), a focal point for the European art scene. Charming bars and restaurants such as the beautifully renovated Café des Bains have made the Quartier des Bains one of the city’s most fashionable hotspots.

### A Geneva institution

**23:00**

It is one of the most fashionable nightspots in the city: “La SIP” is simply super-hip. But it is well worth queuing, if you have to: with several bars and a dance floor spread over two storeys, this club in a former industrial building has a very special magic.
International Oriental Film Festival of Geneva - FIFOG

29 APR

The 14th edition of the International Oriental Film Festival of Geneva (FIFOG) will take place from April 29th to May 5th 2019 in Geneva. A hundred of quality films, of all kinds, whose aesthetics match the difficult conditions of their genesis, will be shown and accompanied by either authors or specialists. The 2019 edition will be an ode to difference, celebrate the visions of women, amplify the voices of youth, question extremism and explore the complexity of The East in full mutation. Discover a wide spectrum of movies from Morocco, Tunisia, Algeria, Lebanon, Switzerland, Iran, Egypt. Many other wonders await at the Cinemas of Grütli and in Geneva from April 29th to May 5th 2019. Mark your calendars now!

Maison des arts du Grütli · Rue du Général-Dufour 16 · 1204 Genève ·

Electron Festival 2019

25 APR

Electron Festival is an electro music festival in Geneva, Switzerland. An international delegation of DJs is joining many artists, designers and dancers - a fusion of talents with new artistic and musical formulas ...

Live performances, art installations, workshops, conferences and film screenings ...

A myriad of activities overwhelm Geneva, transformed into a hypnotic and modern programming. Ode to contemporary culture, the festival takes on the air of rave once night falls - the party is in full swing until the early morning!

Genève · Pont du Mont-Blanc · 1204 Genève ·

Salon du Livre – the Geneva Book Fair

01 MAY

The Swiss literature hub for all who love to read.

The 33rd Geneva Book Fair takes place in the Palexpo convention centre from 1 to 5 May 2019.

Salon du Livre in Geneva, the second-largest French-speaking trade fair in the world and the biggest in Switzerland, is the only publishing fair in the French part of Switzerland. Over five days each spring, the Book Fair welcomes readers, authors and representatives from the book trade and publishing so they can enjoy, discuss and discover in a delightful setting. Guest of honour in 2019 is the Wallonia-Brussels Federation, which will introduce almost 40 French-language Belgian authors.

Palexpo · Route François-Peyrot 30 · 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex ·
www.geneve.com/en/object/721271.manifestation/

Metamorphoses

10 MAY

Ovid’s masterpiece, Metamorphoses, is a rich subject for a theme-based presentation of the fine arts collections linked to Antiquity. This epic poem runs deep through Western culture, both on a literary and an iconographic level, but also invites us to examine the creative process. Several themes will be covered in room 15 through the works in the collections, from ancient art to contemporary art: the world undergoing creation and constant mutation; desire as the origin of metamorphoses; metamorphosis as being “between two states” which, like art, indefinitely remodels space and time. Centred on the fortunes of Ovid in modern times, room 23 will house a selection of 16th and 17th century engravings showing the wealth of formal inventions and moral and philosophical interpretations triggered by the Metamorphoses.

Musée d'art et d'histoire · Rue Charles-Galland 2 · 1206 Genève ·
Harmony Geneva Marathon for UNICEF

The Harmony Geneva Marathon for UNICEF is one of the most picturesque and fastest in Europe. The beauty of the Geneva Marathon route – with a first section in the countryside and the finishing stretch through the heart of the city and past the famous Jet d'Eau – as well as the wheelchair races attract athletes from all around the world (in 2017, 113 nationalities took part).

The 15th Harmony Geneva Marathon for UNICEF takes place on 11 and 12 May 2019. Thousands of marathon fans will come together in a festive and friendly atmosphere to take part in one of the eight races: the Marathon, the Relay Marathon for teams of between four and six, the Half-Marathon, the Wheelchair Race, the 10km open to runners and walkers, the popular La Genevoise #LikeAGirl by Always 6.5km race for women, Junior Races of between 1km and 5km for children aged six to 15 and Nordic Walking.


Geneva 1850. A revolutionary journey

Who hasn't ever dreamed of travelling to another era? This is the experience that the Artanim foundation provides in partnership with the City of Geneva. Thanks to Artanim’s virtual reality technology, visitors will have the unique opportunity to plunge into the heart of the Geneva of 1850. Based on 3D data from the digital scan of the Relief Magnin, exhibited in the attic of Maison Tavel, the participants dressed in period costume will discover the city and its ancient fortifications; they will be able to walk through the streets, meet people and participate in scenes of everyday life. This immersive experience, educational as well as entertaining, will allow both young and old to re-live a founding time of Geneva’s history.

More info at www.mah-geneve.ch

Maison Tavel · Rue du Puits-Saint-Pierre 6 · 1204 Genève · www.geneve.com/en/object/708771.manifestation/

Museums Night Geneva

On Saturday May 19th 2019, the Geneva Museum Night will be Top Secret. Now in its 7th consecutive year, the event organized by the City of Geneva’s Department of Culture and Sport, chooses showing what we don’t see usually as its theme this year: hidden places, inaccessible, escape game or investigations. So when the night is coming, come and investigate in the Geneva Museums!

Pleasure for the eyes, pleasure of walking, let yourself be taken away, let yourself be surprised. During the Night of Museums the look changes. Museums, art centres and associations display a wealth of creativity and show boundless energy to create exceptional programming. Children, teenagers, families, adults: Geneva’s museums are a sight for sore eyes!

Genève · Pont du Mont-Blanc · 1204 Genève · www.geneve.com/en/object/702788.manifestation/

Banque Eric Sturdza Geneva Open

A golden opportunity to experience a world class tennis event. Here we go again, for the 5th edition, come and join us at the Banque Eric Sturdza Geneva Open: 18th – 25th of May 2019.

Enjoy a week in the picturesque environment of the Parc des Eaux-Vives and experience great moments of tennis. Games, tension and emotions await you in the stands of the Tennis Club of Geneva.

Parc des Eaux-Vives · Route de Frontenex · 1207 Genève · www.geneve.com/en/object/702786.manifestation/
### Once upon many time. Eve, Noah, Moses & Many Others

25 JAN

Eleven wonderful stories from the Bible come alive at the MIR through the work of writer Frédéric Boyer and illustrator from the « Max & Lili » children's book series Serge Bloch.

Immersed in a poetic atmosphere, visitors will get to meet major Biblical figures such as Eve, Noah, Moses and many others.

*Musée international de la Réforme · rue du Cloître 4 · 1204 Genève ·

### Mapping Festival

23 MAY

Founded in 2005 and based in Geneva, the Mapping Festival is a multidisciplinary event dedicated to digital arts. Each year, the festival offers a rich variety of events and activities which bring to light the artistic potential of new technologies. With this in mind, this 14th edition will once more present a bold selection of audiovisual performances, installations, DJ sets, and live shows, as well as talks, panel discussions, and workshops.

A unique platform of diffusion in Switzerland, the Mapping Festival is now considered as a major event in the field of digital art, and enjoys an international reputation. The general interest for new technologies and their omnipresence contributes significantly to attract, both locally and internationally, more and more diversified audiences, who come in greater numbers each year. As a matter of fact, the questions raised by the festival relate to a growing number of people, familiar or not with technology. That is why the Mapping Festival is acknowledged for highlighting the avant-garde of digital arts.

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www.geneve.com/en/object/659681.manifestation/

### Open Cellars Day 2019

25 MAY

Wine lovers, don't miss the “Open Cellars Day”, a unique event in the heart of the beautiful Geneva's countryside. Geneva's wineries open their doors to share their passion and present wines made from the previous year's harvest.

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www.geneve.com/en/object/701444.manifestation/

### Caesar and the Rhône. Ancient masterpieces of Arles

08 FEB

This exhibition presents some exceptional works, a large number of which were found in the Rhône. Never or rarely loaned by the Musée départemental Arles antique these pieces, such as a bronze representing a prisoner or this enigmatic marble bust considered by its finders to be Julius Caesar, unveil the past of the Roman colony of Arles, founded in 46 BC by the famous dictator.

Thirty years of underwater excavations have revealed the vitality of Arles, the link between the Mediterranean and the river network of the Gauls. These finds illustrate the early Romanisation as well as the intensity of the material and spiritual exchanges. Geneva's history is implicitly evoked through these pieces from the museum’s collection. Located at the northern extremity of the Rhône axis that crosses the vast Roman province of Gallia Narbonensis, Genava (as it was then called) has thus been turned towards the South, ever since the Roman conquest.

With the special participation of the Musée départemental Arles antique and the musée du Louvre

*Musée d'art et d'histoire · Rue Charles-Galland 2 · 1206 Genève ·
Claude Lorrain played a fundamental role in the development of landscape painting. He was highly admired by his contemporaries for his subtle treatment of colour, but also for the way he drew and depicted his favourite subjects such as atmospheric phenomena or landscapes at dusk. A great many of his drawings and prints inspired artists up to the 19th century. Claude Lorrain forged a specific way of looking at landscape, and was innovative in his treatment of nature, but also in his artistic practice: during his walks in the Roman countryside, he made a note of his observations, his studies of nature and his impressions of the ancient architecture.

**VEGGIE WEEK**

The Veggie week is a culinary event that puts the spotlight on vegetarian gastronomic creations of the most prominent restaurants each year before the summer, in a “fun” and non-militant way. From June 3 to June 16, 2019, for the third year in a row, the Veggie Week will highlight the gastronomic vegetarian creations of the best Swiss chefs.

This event is aimed at vegetarians or vegans, as well as at carnivores and gastronomic flexitarians who wish to discover tasty dishes that honour, especially for this occasion, the stars of the vegetable garden.

From starred restaurant to the talented young chefs, the Veggie week is designed to promote vegetarian cuisine in a positive way, focused on the pleasure of taste above all else.

On the program, mixed flavours with multiple influences, which make epicureans travel and allow them to discover a world where gastronomy also rhymes with “veggie”. All the tastes are on the menu!

**Bol d’Or Mirabaud**

The Bol d’Or Mirabaud is the most important inland lake regatta in the world. Started in 1939, it welcomes mono-hulls and multihulls each year on Lake Geneva, starting in Geneva, Switzerland. More than 500 boats encounter each other on this 123 kilometer (66.5 nautical miles) course from Geneva to Le Bouveret and back.

**Silences**

Silent, the visual arts are inherently so, as emphasizes the expression “silent poetry” which, since Antiquity, has been used to describe painting. But are works of art actually silent? There are talkative, or even shrill paintings, and there are others that keep “quiet”. Some encourage inward prayer, others open the way to the contemplation of the infinite, some leave us flabbergasted or in awe, yet others, enigmatic and secret, remain out of immediate reach. By mixing genres, subjects and epochs, this exhibition will focus on silence, regarded not simply as the absence of noise and agitation, but as a quality of presence emanating from certain works and suggesting a particular frame of mind to the viewer.

**Musée Rath** · Place de Neuve 2 · 1204 Genève · www.geneve.com/en/object/708781.manifestation/
Music Festival of Geneva 2019

21 JUN

“La Fête de la Musique” organized by the City of Geneva is the biggest open air festival that celebrates the start of the summer in the entire city. On the left and right bank and in the old town. More than 500 concerts from morning to evening. All types of music; classical, contemporary, rock, dance, cinema and workshops for all ages.

Vieille-Ville, Vieille-Ville, 1201 Genève

La Tour Geneva Triathlon

13 JUL

Enjoy a unique race experience at the La Tour Geneve Triathlon! Regardless of your age, ability or experience, you will get to enjoy the weekend of triathlon racing in Geneva. With eight different race formats on offer, take part individually or as a relay team in this celebration of triathlon.

Featuring closed roads, extensive security and road marshalling, medical services, feed stations, official time keeping and live tracking, finisher medals, a carefully compiled race pack padded out with partner gifts and regular communications before, during and after the event you can be sure to live a unique experience on the La Tour Geneva Triathlon.

1201 Genève

PRISON

05 FEB

“Prison” delivers a reflection on prison systems and the notions of incarceration and deprivation of liberty.

Imprisonment was considered progressive when first introduced in the 17th century but quickly came under fire and is increasingly challenged today. Does it still meet society’s needs? Exhibition visitors are invited to explore the historical, philosophical and sociological aspects of incarceration in the West and learn about other forms of punishment. This prompt them to confront their views of this punitive system.

This exhibition is the result of a joint effort of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum, the Musée des Confluences in Lyon and the Deutsches Hygiene-Museum in Dresden.

Musée international de la Croix-Rouge et du Croissant-Rouge (MICR) · Avenue de la Paix 17 · 1202 Genève · www.geneve.com/en/object/697792.manifestation/

Make yourself at home - Beach alert!

09 JUN

In the field, the laboratory, the office and in the collection storerooms, the interactive space called « Make yourself at home » invites young and not so young people to discover secrets of the research done at the Natural history museum of Geneva.

Welcome to the second edition ! « Beach Alert ! » proposes total immersion in the microscopic world of the parasites found in Lake Geneva.

Muséum d’histoire naturelle · Route de Malagnou 1 · 1208 Genève · www.geneve.com/en/object/701199.manifestation/
### Place des Nations

Located in the extension of the eastern entrance of the Palais des Nations, the Place des Nations is a decidedly contemporary work. On the ground, there is the contrast between the granite of various colours representing the diversity of nations, and the concrete strips that are the traditional building material of Geneva. A dozen water jets of varying heights shoot up directly from the ground. The square is also home to the gigantic “Broken Chair”, symbol of the fight against landmines and the fresco of peace, a huge ceramic mosaic created by Swiss artist Hans Erni at the age of 100.

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### Old Town and Cathedral of Saint Pierre

The architecture of the Cathedral of Saint Pierre has undergone more than one change during the course of its history. Its first phase of construction dates back to 1160 and lasted nearly a century. Under the Reformation, it became a Protestant place of worship from 1535.

The effort to climb the 157 steps to the top of the towers is rewarded with an amazing 360° panorama of the city and the lake. It also has the largest collection of Gothic and Romanesque capitals in Switzerland. Do not miss the archaeological site located underneath the Cathedral where you will discover treasures dating back to antiquity.

*Cathédrale St Pierre · Place Bourg-Saint-Pierre · 1204 Genève*

### The Smurfs

In the lively Les Grottes quarter, behind the station, there is a strange residential complex with curved walls and surprising colors. Built between 1982 and 1984 by three inspired architects, these buildings recall the work of Spanish artist Gaudi: Balconies in relief, wrought iron railings and, above all, no straight lines. The resemblance between these dwellings and the multi-faceted and colorful mushroom houses in which the little characters in the comic live is the reason why they are called “Smurfs”.

*Immeubles des Schtroumpfs · 23 au 29 rue Louis Favre · 1201 Genève*

### CERN - Globe of Science and Innovation

Formerly the "Palais de l'Equilibre" and built on the banks of Lake Neuchatel in connection with Expo 02, the Globe of Science and Innovation found its final home in 2004 when the Helvetic Confederation donated it to CERN. The inner sphere, whose structure consists of 18 cylindrical wooden arcs, is covered with wooden panels forming a magnificent vault worthy of a cathedral. A unique visual landmark, the Globe, 27m high and 40m in diameter, is a symbol of Planet Earth. Housing a permanent exhibition, the Globe of Science and Innovation is becoming a major symbol of advanced scientific research in the Geneva area.

*CERN - Le Globe · Route de Meyrin 385 · 1211 Genève*
Built in 1886, the BFM is located close to the Pont de l'île. It was originally designed to supply the fountains, homes and factories of the city with water from the Rhone. Its architecture is inspired by both the classical and the industrial with the building facades of concrete and stone seeming to "swim" on the river. After being doomed to abandonment, the BFM was listed as a historical monument in 1988. It now serves as a parallel events venue for the programming of the Grand Théâtre.

Bâtiment des Forces Motrices · 4, Place des Volontaires · 1204 Genève · T +41 (0)22 322 12 20

Located in the centre of the Old Town, the Town Hall is the political heart of the city and the seat of government for the Canton of Geneva. This building houses the famous Alabama Room in which the first Geneva Convention was adopted in 1864, from which was to emerge the International Red Cross. The large paved ramp surrounding the building is its most unique feature. Built between 1555 and 1578 by Peter Desfosses, the design of the ramp enabled direct access to the upper floors on horseback or on foot.

Hôtel de Ville · 2, rue de l'Hôtel de Ville · 1204 Genève

The Clarté Building is one of the amazing creations designed by Swiss architect Le Corbusier. In 1932, the architect worked together with a wrought iron craftsman to create the Clarté Building with its walls of glass that enable the light to shine through. This avant-garde masterpiece is now a historical monument. Made of both rigid and fragile materials, this building is also called the "glass house". Located at the top of the Eaux-Vives district, this building is home to 48 apartments and offices.

Immeuble la Clarté · Rue Saint-Laurent 2-4 · 1207 Genève

Following an international architecture competition, Rino Brodbeck and Jacques Roulet were commissioned to build the new WMO building in 1995. The building was designed to reflect the concerns of the WMO relating to the impact human activity has on the environment. Both sides of the building enjoy maximum natural lighting. Its designers attached great importance to the rational and efficient use of the available energy and light, yet without harming the environment. One of the most remarkable features of this building is its double façade, which acts as both a protective and insulating envelope and a ventilation system.

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Ste-Trinité Church

The Ste-Trinité Church is a most unusual pink granite sphere 20 metres in diameter. Inaugurated in 1994, it was the last Roman Catholic church built in the Geneva area. The church building was designed by architect Ugo Brunoni. Modern in its architecture, it consists of a sphere, which symbolises the communion of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) and a globe resting on water, a universal symbol of fertility and life. On the upper section, 12 windows in the colours of the rainbow illuminate the interior.

Eglise Ste-Trinité · Rue Ferrier 16 · 1202 Genève · T +41 (0)22 732 79 25 · www.cathege.ch/fr/paroisse-sainte-trinite/

Grand Théâtre

The Grand Théâtre de Genève is both a venue and an institution. The largest production theatre in French-speaking Switzerland, it hosts an annual season of operas, ballets and recitals with an international flavour. It seats 1500.

Grand Théâtre · Boulevard du Théâtre 11 · 1204 Genève · T +41 (0)22 322 50 50 · billetterie@geneveopera.ch · www.geneveopera.ch

Russian orthodox church

In 1859 the Russian orthodox community in Geneva was granted permission to build this church, with financial assistance from Anna Feodorovna Constancia, sister-in-law of Tsar Alexander 1st. Dostoyevsky baptised his daughter Sophie here; she died at three months of age and is buried in the cemetery at Plainpalais. Situated above the Quartier des Eaux-Vives, the Russian church is built on the site of a former Benedictine priory. Its architecture is a masterpiece of Byzantine-Muscovite style and its golden cupolas, restored in 1966, are a magnificent landmark that can be seen from many miles distant.

Eglise orthodoxe russe · rue Rodolphe-Toepffer & rue Francois-Le-Fort · 1206 Genève

Pont et Tour de l’Île

Opposite the Place Bel-Air is a little island on the Rhône. For many years this was the only checkpoint on the route linking northern and southern Europe, thanks to its bridge that spanned the two river banks. The commemorative plaque tells us that Julius Caesar had this bridge destroyed in 58 BC, which is when Geneva enters into the history books. Following its reconstruction, the city became a major European trade centre. In the 13th century a fortified castle was built here, of which only the tower now remains. The nearby Brasserie des Halles de l’Île is the perfect spot to take a break!

Pont et Tour de l’Île · Rue de la Tour-de-l’Île · 1204 Genève
International Museum of the Reformation

Opened in 2005, the International Museum of the Reformation in Geneva vividly depicts the history of the Reformation initiated by Martin Luther, John Calvin and others. Drawing on numerous archival documents and a rich iconography, the Museum provides a detailed chronicle of the Reformation, from its origins to the present. The Museum is winner of the 2007 Council of Europe Museum Prize. The IMR is located in the Cour Saint-Pierre, on the site of the cloister of Saint-Pierre where the vote was taken for the Reformation in Geneva in 1536. An underground passageway connects the museum to the archaeological site under the Saint-Pierre cathedral.

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MAMCO and the «Nuit des Bains»

With its large windows, vast rooms and expansive floors bearing the traces of longgone machinery, the former factory that now houses Mamco offers a spacious home for the works of art created for it. Each corner provides a distinctive element of the display space, which is completely redesigned three times a year without the classic distinction between permanent and temporary exhibitions. Since Mamco opened in 1994, the museum has staged 450 exhibitions with works dating from the 1960s to the present day. Mamco’s holdings include works by Christo, Martin Kippenberger, Jenny Holzer, Dan Flavin, Sarkis, Franz Erhard Walther and Sylvie Fleury, among many others.

The "Nuit des Bains" (baths night) is held three times a year · named this way because there used to be public baths here. During this event, the district is transformed into a large gallery and attracts thousands of art lovers and sightseers each night.

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International Red Cross Museum

Three separate areas, each developed by a well-known exhibition architect, allow you to explore three major challenges in today’s world: Defending human dignity, Restoring family links, Reducing natural risks.

In a break with traditional museography, the exhibition is an adventure, initiating visitors into contemporary humanitarian action. It is an experience to be lived through first of all, then described during a second phase, so that visitors become actors within each theme. Strong messages embed themselves in their emotions. The exhibition is organised around three independently themed spaces designed by internationally renowned architects: Defending human dignity, Reconstructing the family link and Refusing fatality, which deals with prevention.

Within each zone, the visitor first of all enters a phase which aims at raising his awareness and during which he lives through an intense emotional experience. A second stage provides him with information and historical background, reminding him that the Red Cross is the oldest and largest humanitarian organisation in the world. In the «On the spot» area, a large interactive globe will show the latest news from the field.

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Patek Philippe Museum

The museum has welcomed visitors to its location in the heart of the Plainpalais district since 2001. Its wonderful collection of Genevese, Swiss and European watches and enamel works dating from the 16th to the 19th centuries lead visitors on a discovery tour through the origins of timekeeping. These historical collections are documented in the museum’s own library, which is primarily dedicated to watches, musical automata and enamel miniatures, as well as the valuable timepieces created by the Geneva-based company since it was founded in 1839.

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Maison Tavel

Maison Tavel is a unique testimony of medieval civil architecture in Switzerland. Destroyed by fire in 1334, it was rebuilt by the Tavel family of the Geneva nobility, which gave the house its character as a fortified mansion and urban palace. After being owned by influential families over subsequent centuries, it was acquired by the City of Geneva in 1963, which then completely restored the building. Transformed into a museum with six levels in 1986, it provides visitors with the opportunity to learn about the urban evolution of the city and various aspects of the past life of its inhabitants.

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Maison de Rousseau et de la Littérature

Jean-Jacques Rousseau was born at 40 Grand-Rue in Geneva's Old Town. The Maison de Rousseau et de la Littérature has now been created at this address with the goal of keeping alive and further disseminating the work of one of the minds that have had the profoundest impact on modern thinking. The trajectory of this illustrious Genevan citizen, writer, musician and Enlightenment philosopher, is staged in a subtle synchronisation of sound and image. Extracts from literary and musical works bring the character of Rousseau to life and enable visitors to discover the many facets of the author of the Social Contract, the Confessions and the New Héloïse.

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Art and history museum

The multi-disciplinary exhibitions focusing on archaeology, fine art and applied art promise multi-faceted insights into the history of art and evolution of culture from prehistory to the present day. The heart of the museum, which opened in 1910, consists of its art collections. Highlights of the department for applied arts include musical instruments, watches, jewellery and textiles along with Byzantine art and icons. The fine art section gathers collections of work ranging from the Middle Ages to the 21st century, and features important groups of paintings by Ferdinand Hodler, Félix Vallotton and Jean-Baptiste Camille Corot. One of the museum’s greatest treasures is the altarpiece painted by Konrad Witz in 1444, regarded as the first realistic portrayal of landscape in European painting.

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Follow in the steps of its 250,000 annual visitors and see the 8000 m² of exhibitions and animations. Everything is here! From regional fauna to mineralogy, mammals and birds of the world, amphibians and insects, the adventure of the Earth itself and the evolution of Man. Its collections are renowned the world over. But a museum must also look ahead: the scientific challenges of the future, research and new technologies, current issues and environmental protection are also explored and shared with the public.

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Old Town Geneva
Geneva’s Old Town is one of the largest in Europe and catalogues the town’s 2,000 years of history in its many art galleries, antique shops, museums, fountains and other sights.

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Lakeside Genève
A walk around the harbour will not leave you indifferent. You can explore the area, not only the lake and the fountain but also the lakeside parks displaying their history and the architecture of the 5-star hotels. The lakeside may be discovered on foot or on one of the mini tourist trains, the "Trans Eaux-Viviens" one of which is solar-powered).

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Guided tours
Geneva Tourism & Conventions
Discover the Old Town of Geneva, Switzerland’s largest historical city. Accompanied by a professional guide, listen to amazing stories about the St. Pierre Cathedral, the Town Hall or l'Ancien Arsenal, and all the secrets of the city of the Reformation.

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Geneva City Tour
Discover Geneva in all its aspects on this bus tour. In "International Geneva" you will be introduced to the organisations working for world peace before visiting such major tourist attractions as the famous Jet d'Eau and the beautiful Flower Clock. Finally, go back in time aboard the mini-train Tramway Tour of the Old Town and accompany your guide for a close up visit to the alleys of the Old Town.

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Geneva Watch Tour
This is just a short walk, but it takes you to the heart of the wonderful world of luxury watches. Along the way, it leads past 100-odd specialist shops as well as a dozen historic monuments, providing a fascinating insight into this traditional local industry. Highlights include the Patek Philippe Museum in the Plainpalais district, home to a priceless collection of antique watches from the 16th to 19th centuries as well as timepieces created by Patek Philippe since its foundation in 1839. The museum also houses a library dedicated to horology.

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Segway Tour
One ideal tour is a trip packed with variety along the lake to the Palace of Nations, seat of the European headquarters of the United Nations, and to the "Broken Chair", a 12-metre-high monument.

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Geneva Mystery

Geneva Mystery is a thrilling game of enigmas that lets you discover Geneva in an original way, on your own, with family or with friends. Use your powers of deduction and observation to progress the investigation at your own pace. But don’t delay too long, or you could fail! A mix of history and fiction, the case takes you to the historic and iconic places of the Old Town such as St. Peter’s Cathedral, the archaeological site and the International Museum of the Reformation. A formidable game of intrigue in an exceptional setting.


A cruise to the medieval town of Yvoire

Yvoire is worth a detour – and more. You will discover one of Lake Geneva’s most astonishing designs, a fortified market village with ramparts, gates, moats, old houses and a harbour with a view of the small and great lakes. Cruise back to the Middle Ages, discover castles and delightful residences on both shores.

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Trains & Trolleys

Tours in Geneva

The «Parks and Residences» mini-train will take you on a dream journey along the right bank of Lake Geneva to discover beautiful parks and gardens.

The Trolley «International Tour» will make you understand the international dimension of Geneva by leading you to the meeting of the buildings of the UN and the International Organizations which work for the good of humanity and peace in the world.

The Tramway «Old Town of Geneva» invites you back to the past. Through its narrow streets and alleyways you will discover the old town and its 2000 years of closely guarded history.

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**Geneva Wine Trail**

The vineyard walk criss-crosses Geneva, Switzerland’s third-largest wine producer. The three itineraries are equipped with information panels introducing Geneva’s grape varieties. The Rive Droite (right bank of the Rhône) itinerary passes through Switzerland’s largest wine growing village, Satigny. From there, you will enjoy an exceptional view of Mont-Salève. The Entre Arve et Rhône walk introduces the “Champagne” region where a great many restaurants propose local products. Last but not least, the Entre Arve et Lac walk follows the left bank of the Rhône through charming historic villages.

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**Sentier du Rhône: From the city on the Rhone River**

For the best view, make a detour and take 175 steps in your stride: The panoramic view over the city of Geneva from the tower of the famous medieval cathedral of St. Pierre makes the climb more than worth while.

The trail then takes you past one of the most interesting buildings in the city: The "Bâtiment des Forces Motrices". In the middle of the river before the Coulouvrenière Bridge, this imposing cultural centre is "afloat" in "Beaux Arts" style. The former hydroelectric power plant was once the flagship of industry in Geneva and supplied thousands of homes with drinking water and electricity for a hundred years. In 1980 it was shut down and transformed into a cultural and arts centre with theatre, opera and exhibition spaces.

This is where the Rhone Trail starts. It then follows the left bank, while hugging the vineyards on the sunny south facing slopes to its right. On through magical riverside woodlands from Aire-la-Ville to Cartigny, from where a bridge takes you over the river and to the railway station of La Plaine.

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**River Rafting on the Arve**

The River Arve rises at Mont Blanc, crosses the Savoy Alps and flows into the Rhone after more than 100km at “La Jonction”, a district on the edge of Geneva’s city centre. The adventure begins by the Pont de Sierne bridge in Le Veyrier. As you pass through a succession of calm and rapid waters between the tree-lined banks, you’ll barely notice the bustle of the city.

The Arve is quite easy to navigate, so the trip is also suitable for beginners. This “whitewater adventure” in the city ends at the Quai des Vernets or shortly before the confluence of the Arve and Rhone.

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**Geneva Pass**

Included in the pass are more than 30 offers, some of them free of charge, others at discount prices, as well as some gifts. The Geneva Pass is something like a passport for tourists. It opens the doors to many exciting discoveries such as: museums, excursions, boat cruises, shopping specials, sports activities and more.

The Geneva Pass is valid 1, 2 or 3 days and costs CHF 26, 37 or 45.
Gruyère Golden Express

Take a journey through history, visit a chocolate factory and make and taste chocolate, one Switzerland's most renowned delicacies. Marvel at the unforgettable landscapes of Gruyère. The train climbs above Lake Geneva and affords views of the beautiful landscapes by the lake. From the top of the hill, breathe the mountain air and listen to the distant sound of bells in the pastures. Then visit a cheese dairy and discover your latent cooking skills while enjoying a cheese fondue you have created yourself.

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Salève

Mount Salève is a paradise for lovers of nature, wildlife and flora and for those seeking the pure mountain air. From here you may also enjoy a unique view of Geneva, the harbour, the lake and the Jura mountains in the background. Then again, its southeastern side offers an incomparable view of the Alps and Mont Blanc.

Paradise not only for those who have come to relax, Mount Salève is also the "place to be" for sports fans, including hikers, rock climbers, mountain bikers, paragliders, hang gliders and, in winter, skiers.

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CERN

Here, CERN presents its latest findings from the worlds of science, particle physics, and cutting edge technology and their fields of application in our daily lives. Originally built as the «Palais de l'Equilibre» on the occasion of the Expo.02 on the banks of Lake Neuchâtel, the «Globe de la science et de l'innovation» made this site is permanent home in 2004 after having been presented to CERN by the Swiss Confederation.

Its inner sphere, the wooden construction of which consists of 18 round timber arches, is covered in wooden planks which form an appealing, cathedral shaped dome. A unique eye-catcher, the 27 meter high globe, which has a diameter of 40 m, is a metaphor for planet earth. The Globe of Science and Innovation, which is home to a permanent exhibition, is the well on the way to becoming a key symbol for the cutting edge research in the Geneva region.

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Touring Geneva’s vineyards

A particularly pleasant way to explore this charming region overlooking Lake Geneva is by bike. Hire is free of charge for up to four hours – with the added advantage that you’ll be able to taste the odd glass along the way, at one of the country restaurants that match the wines with local delicacies.

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Over a ten day period, the very best of the city's nightlife blends with outstanding cuisines from around the world plus rides, attractions and entertainment for everyone. The fireworks spectacle lights up the lakefront for the Festival's biggest event.

Marvel at this crystal-clear harbour where the Genevois come to work and play...celebrate summer in the city with them and find out why the harbour is the true heart of the city.
L’adresse
A red staircase leads you up to this restaurant & fashion boutique in Geneva’s Eaux-Vives district. The entrance has the atmosphere of a cabaret – then, when you reach the first floor, you’ll find a vast luminous space. Far from the hustle and bustle of the city, L’Adresse is located in what once were artists’ studios. This unique setting is home to both a contemporary bistro and fashionable boutique.

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L’Arabesque
At the forefront of the most creative Lebanese cuisine. A luxurious journey full of satisfactions and prospects. Superb ingredients that come with all the nuances. Fine cuisine combined with talent set the scene for the immediate seduction that brings the East so close to hand.

Gold mosaic, white leather, black lacquer and lighting effects with the magic of exclusive contemporary décor blend to make festive dreams come true. Chef Elias Azar’s cuisine, authentic and of exceptional quality, features recipes with real oriental flavours developed in the purest tradition: Mezzé, Kafta, Shawarma ... The wine list is rich in New World wines.

L’arabesque · Quai Wilson 47 · 1201 Genève

La Cantine des Commerçants
The team at La Cantine des Commerçants rises to the challenge every time and provides quality cuisine no matter whether it’s a snack or a delicacy, breakfast, a late dinner or an aperitif – all served in a friendly atmosphere with its tables d’hôte and large open kitchen by the dining room.

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Luigia
The way they are made from a naturally fermented homemade dough and left for more than 48 hours, and the selection of quality ingredients, give these pizzas their authentic taste and lightness.

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Café Marius
The café has a beautiful art-deco interior and is set in a great location. The sommeliers cater to the needs and requirements of the guests and provide advice when they are making their orders. The Café Marius is especially known for its tapas, but home-cooked dishes are also available.

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Parc de La Grange

A remarkable landscaped garden measuring 12,000 square metres, with one rosebush per square metre! Created in 1945/46, this rose garden displays more than 200 different varieties in exceptional architectural harmony: the flowerbeds are in terrace form between large stairways of natural rock, enhanced by pools and pergolas.

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Jardin Anglais

Planted by the lake in 1854 to visually improve the wooden harbour, this was the first English-style park in Geneva. Its winding paths, copses, rotundas, fresh grass, huddles of trees and monumental fountain are just as charming today. The old bandstand hosts many concerts in the evenings during the summer.

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Perle du Lac and Botanical Garden

Overlooking the lake, a small panoramic viewpoint shows the idyllic scene where the poet Lamartine loved to stop and think. The park starts at rue de Lausanne and visitors are immediately greeted by a monumental fountain with two layers. There is also a garden full of dahlias that flower in the autumn. At the end of the park, there is a little door allowing visitors to disembark the "mouettes genevoises", the boats linking the two sides of the lake.

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Parc des Bastions

Located below the Old Town, the Parc des Bastions is a large green area in the city centre. The park is the site of Geneva's first botanical garden. You can admire the famous Reformation Wall, which represents the personalities of the Reformation, the Palais Eynard, which houses the executive authorities of the city, or the University and the bandstand hosts a restaurant, next to which the giant free chess sets are a delight for passersby. There is also a playground and a free skating rink in winter.

Parc des Bastions Promenade des Bastions Place Neuve 1 1205 Genève

Parc des Eaux-Vives

The park is located right on the water and offers unrestricted views of Lake Geneva. It is one of the oldest parks in Geneva and is right next to the Parc la Grange. The impressive rhododendron collection, donated to Geneva by the Netherlands in recognition of the city's commitment to humanitarianism, fits perfectly into this green cosmos. The villa at the end of the park is home to a gourmet restaurant.

**Broken Chair**

The Broken Chair was constructed by renowned sculptor Daniel Berset in 1997 at the request of Handicap International. This image has been around the world and is now regarded as one of the most iconic pieces of 21st century art. Its message is simple: remember the plight of landmine victims and encourage States to commit themselves to the prohibition of cluster munitions. To illustrate this battle, the Broken Chair has only three legs with the fourth being broken halfway up. Despite this, it stands tall and proud and, with a height of 12 metres, is impressive in its dignity.

**Brunswick Monument**

Linguist, musician and knight, the Duke of Brunswick, Charles d'Este-Guelph, was a unique individual indeed. Born in 1804, he was expelled from his duchy in 1830, located in what is now Germany. He fled into exile to various European cities including Paris, where he made a fortune and then moved to Geneva. In 1873, he died and bequeathed his immense fortune to Geneva in exchange for a beautiful funeral and a monument to his name. Never before had a mausoleum been built in Geneva and its construction was the subject of much debate. In the end, this monument was built in the Jardin des Alpes, in the former natural harbor of Pâquis.

**Rousseau**

This bronze statue of the famous Enlightenment philosopher and writer Jean-Jacques Rousseau was created by sculptor James Pradier of Geneva. It was erected in 1835 on Rousseau Island, especially named after him for the occasion. The towering sculpture facing the lake represents the philosopher busy writing while dressed in an antique robe. In 2012, Geneva celebrates the tercentenary of the birth of the writer.

**The Reformation Wall**

The imposing Reformation Wall stands in the Parc des Bastions, portraying the major figures of the Reformation in the form of huge statues and bas-reliefs. At the centre are John Calvin, William Farel, Théodore de Bèze and John Knox. At the sides are those who spread the Reformation throughout Europe. Engraved in the wall, the motto of Geneva “Post Tenebras Lux” (After darkness, light) is a core phrase of Calvinist philosophy. At the park’s exit lies the Place de Neuve with its buildings dedicated to art and culture.

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