



City Hostel Geneva - quick tourist info map

Tourist information for our clients - made by our staff members



Cafés/Breakfast:

1. So Mel bakery (07:00-19:30; Sat/Sun 09:00-17:00)
2. Café Arts (open until 02:00)
3. Bains des pâquis (today's special and Fondue until 21pm)
4. Cottage Coffee (Mon-Fr 7:15-22:00; Sat 10:00-24:00, Sun closed)
5. Manor (Nice self service restaurant on the last floor of the building)

Cheap Food:

6. Cygne / McDonald's (10:00-22:30)
6. Cygne / Boky (Asian Food Mon-Sat 11:00-23:00)
6. Cygne/ Migros Restaurant
7. Crêperie des paquis (closed Monday night)
- 8a-b. Chez ma cousine (Chicken dishes)

Restaurants:

9. La Certitude (nice buffet also open on Sunday)
10. La Saviesse (Swiss Food, open until 23:30)
11. Il Fornello (Italian Food, open every day)
12. Espresso Club (Italian Food, closed Sat night & Sun)
13. Indochine(Japanese Food)
14. Mikado (Japanese Food open until 18h, Sun/Mon closed)
15. Le Comptoir (Asian Food lounge and Bar, Sun/Mon closed)
16. Little India (Indian Food, Sat/Sun lunch closed)
17. La caravane passe (Lebanese Food and Bar, Sun closed)
18. L'Entrecôte couronnée (Special meat restaurant, Sun closed)
19. Café de Paris (Every day from 11:00-23:00)
20. Gelateria (Ice cream shop, 11:00-24:00; from March to October)

Bars and Pubs (Where you can also eat):

21. Pickwick Pub (open until 02:00)
22. Les 5 Portes (open until 02:00, Mon closed)
23. Scandale (Lounge Bar/Tapas; open until 02:00, Sun/Mon closed)
24. Les Brasseurs (swiss specialties open until 02:00)
25. Café Bizarre (open until 02:00; Sun/Mon closed)
26. Demi-Lune Café, rue Etienne-Dumont 3 (Old Town)
27. Aiglon (open until 02:00, closed Sun)
28. Alhambra (Lounge Bar; Old Town)
29. L'Ecurie (Bar & Concert open until 02:00)
30. Le Phare (Gay bar; open until 02:00)
31. Le Fenomeno (Live music; open until 02:00)
32. Pâki (until 2am, closed Sun)
33. Rue Ecole de Médecine (Student bar street)
34. La barje (summertime only)
35. La Terrasse (lakeside; open until midnight, summertime only)
 2. Café Arts (open until 02:00)

Night life:

36. Jazz club Sud des Alpes (Tue : Jam Session)
37. Java (Nightclub)
38. Usine (Alternative disco, Electro/Drum'n'Bass, Live concerts)
39. Palais Mascotte (Cabaret funny and convivial)
40. Shakers club (English club)
41. MaD (Nightclub)

Geneva Highlights (in relation to walking Distance):

42. Red Cross
43. United Nations
44. Flower Clock
45. Old Town
46. Cathedral /Archaeological Site



Geneva Highlights (in relation to walking Distance):

47. Russian Church
48. Jet d'eau
49. Reformation Wall
50. Rousseau Island
51. Giant chess game
52. Botanic Gardens

Suggestions in Geneva:

54. Free Bike Rental "Genève Roule" (May until October)
55. Boat trips (from April to October)
56. Lake Cruises (from March to mid-November)
57. Key Tours (book at the hostel reception)
58. Flee Market Plainpalais (Wed and Sat until 16:00)

Cultural Places:

59. Patek Philippe Museum (Tu-Fr 14:00-18:00, Sat 10:00-18:00)
60. Grand-Theatre
61. Geneva Music Conservatory
62. Victoria Hall
63. Arts and History Museum (10:00-18:00 except Sunday)
64. Maison Tavel
65. Grutli (House of Arts of Geneva, Cinema/Theatre/Exhibitions)
66. Bâtiment des forces motrices

Shops/Shopping:

68. Shopping Street "Rue des Confédérations"
69. English Books Shop
70. Payot Books Shop
71. Balexert (Shopping Mall and cinemas)
72. Bucherer (Watches and Jewelry shop)
73. BS bike (Rue de Lyon)
 5. Manor, Department Store (Mon-Sat 09:00-19:00)
 6. Cygne Interdiscount (Electronic Equipment)

Supermarkets:

78. Coop (08:00-19:00; Sat until 18:00; Sun closed)
79. Aperto (06:00-22:00; open daily; inside Train Station)
80. Lidl (Lu-Mer 8:00-19:00, Jeu 8:00-21:00, Ven 8:00-19:30, Sa 8:00-18:00)
81. Balkan Alimentation (open until midnight)
82. Kiosk (open until 03:00)
83. Japan Aliment.+Sushi (Mon-Fri 09:00-18:30; Sat till 17:00)
84. Monsoon Alimentation (daily 09:00-22:00 except Wed
 6. Cygne / Migros (08:30-19:00; Tur until 21h, Sat until 18:00; Sun closed)

Movie Theaters:

71. Balexert
85. Rialto Cornavin

Others:

86. Pharmacy (Mon-Fri 08:00-18:45; Sat 08:45-17:00)
87. International Youth Hostel
88. Bus Station (long distance buses only)
89. French Train Station (Gare des "Eaux Vives")
90. Police Station (Mon-Fri 09:00-12:00; 15:00-18:30)
91. Post Office (Mon-Fri 07:30-18:00)
92. Tourist Information Office (daily 09:00-18:00; Sunday only)

ATM/Money Change:

6. Cygne / ATM Postomat
94. ATM Banque Cantonale de Genève
95. ATM Credit Suisse

53. Carouge (a small suburb of Geneva, trendy boutiques, antiques and curious dealers, restaurants and bistros ensure a very warm and congenial atmosphere)
3. Beach: Bain de Paquis (sauna, massages/Restaurant= Fondue until 21:00)

Salève Mountain (→Bus 8 from trainstation; cablecar running from April to October from 9:30 until 18:30)

Only one Day in Geneva?
No problem.
Our suggestion for you:

In the morning visit the **Geneva International organisations** (United Nation, Red cross. WHO) . Therefore take tramway number 15 which will take you to “Nations”. Once you arrive at “Place des Nations” have a look at the **United Nations** headquarter (43 with it’s hundreds of flags waving in the wind.

In the afternoon visit the **Old Town** (45) of Geneva. Take the tram 15 back to the center, stop at **Stand** and walk direction **Place Bel Air**. From “Place Bel-Air” follow “Rue de la Cité” which takes you up into the narrow neighbourhood of the Old Town. There you can see the charming “**Place de Bourg-de-Four**”. Then enjoy the beautiful view from the **Cathedral’s** north tower (46). After having explored Geneva’s Old City find your way down to “**Place Neuve**” (60), which is surrounded by the city’s **Grand-Theatre** (60), it’s **Music Conservatory** (61) and the “**Parc des Bastions**”. Enter the “Parc des Bastions” in order to see the famous “**Reformation Wall**” (49). If it’s a Wednesday or a Saturday you shouldn’t miss the **Flee Market** (58) at the “Plaine de Plainpalais”.

In the evening have *dinner* (cheese fondue) in the “**Bains des Paquis**” (Paquis Beach) Restaurant (3) for example. After the meal check out the **bars** list and **night life**. Most of them are located nearby in the Paquis neighbourhood and open until 2 AM.

Most asked questions

How long does it take/how much does it cost by train to:

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| Bern | appr. 2 h | return CHF 94.00 | oneway CHF 47.00 |
| Interlaken | appr. 3 h | return CHF 134.00 | oneway CHF 67.00 |
| Zurich | appr. 3 h | return CHF 164.00 | oneway CHF 82.00 |
| Zermatt | appr. 4 h | return CHF 180.00 | oneway CHF 90.00 |
| Montreux | appr. 1 h | return CHF 56.00 | oneway CHF 28.00 |
| Lausanne | appr. 1/2 h | return CHF 42.00 | oneway CHF 21.00 |

Where to buy train tickets or passes?

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How can I get to the airport?

Take the train from “Gare Cornavin” It takes 6 minutes and goes around 4-5 times an hour.

When does the airport open/close?

5.00 am - 12 pm (midnight)

How much does the train ticket to the airport cost?

CHF 3.00 (ask at reception for a free public transport pass)

How much does a taxi to the airport cost?

Around CHF 35.00 it depends also how many luggage do you have.

How can I use the Geneva public transports for free?

Ask at reception for a free public transport pass

What time do buses and trains start running in the morning?

Around 5.30 am

Until what time at night?

Around 00.30 am

Where is the nearest pharmacy?

Across the street and just 2 minutes walking , n° 8 6 on the map. On week-end at the train station.

Where is the closest grocery store?

LIDL, 1 min. direction train station

Is tap water drinkable?

Yes

Where are the closest mountains in Switzerland / France?

Switzerland to go skiing/snowboarding: Leysin, Les Diablerets (around 2h by train)
Just to see some snow: St-Cergue (around 30min.) only during winter.
France to go skiing/snowboarding: Mont-Blanc, Charmonix (key tours buses) back at night or book it directly on our Reception Desk.

I want to go to see the countryside, where should I go?

Take number 8 direction Veyrier/Douane till the end station and visit Mount Salève. You can take the cable car to go up there and will have a nice view over Geneva (closed during winter time).
Don’t forget to bring your ID/Passport, you have to cross the Boarder to France for this.
For a quick walk in the countryside just follow the Rhone river on the right bank.

How get to CERN?

Take tram 18 from train station until the last stop (CERN). **Microcosme Museum** open from Mo-Fri from 8:15 am -17:30 pm and Saturday from 8:30 am -17:00 pm.

Which special holidays does Geneva celebrate?

Swiss National day; 1st August
Fête de Genève; first two weeks in August
Escalade; 12th December

Where is the “Château de Chillon”?

Between Vevey and Montreux (5 hours trip)

What is there to see in Lausanne?

The Olympic Museum, Brut Art’s Museum, Cathedral ...

Can I purchase the City Hostel watches & knives selection online?

You find all our selection at www.swiss-memories.ch with worldwide delivery.

Recycling stations? Please note that we have a recycling station on every floor for PET (plastic bottles), glass, paper, aluminium, old clothes and batteries. Thank you for using this facilities.

Emergencies Numbers in Switzerland

Police: 117
Fire Brigade: 118
Ambulances: 144

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SAFETY IN GENEVA

Watch out for picketpockets, especially in the train station. Do not leave your luggage unattended. We do not recommend to walk alone after midnight in “Paquis” or “jardin anglais”.

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