

GENEVA



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».

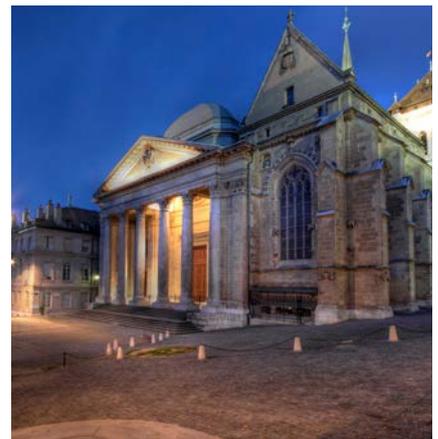
The symbol of the «world's smallest metropolis» is the "Jet d'eau" – a fountain with a 140-metre-high water jet at the periphery of Lake Geneva. Most of the large hotels and many restaurants are situated on the right-hand shore of the lake. The old town, the heart of Geneva with the shopping and business 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.

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.





GENERAL INFO:

Population: 188,634 inhabitants

Language spoken: French

HOW TO GET THERE:

- Geneva Airport - a 7-minute train ride into the center of Geneva. www.gva.ch
- Zurich Airport - Trains depart every half an hour, transfer time is around three hours, www.flughafen-zuerich.ch
- EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg - Trains depart every half an hour, transfer time is around three hours and 15 minutes, www.euroairport.com
- TGV - France's high-speed trains TGV from Paris reach Geneva's main railway station in just three hours. <http://www.tgv-lyria.com/en>
- Geneva Tourism, Rue du Mont-Blanc 18, 1201 Genève, T +41 (0)22 909 70 00, F +41 (0)22 909 70 11, info@geneve.com, www.geneve.com

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 - 5pm Saturday: closed
- Geneva on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AZLPzZzW9fg>

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 a unique vista over the city and lake.
Place Bourg-Saint-Pierre, 1204 Genève
- **Palace of the United Nations** – on passing through the paled gate of the Palace of the UNO, visitors enter international territory.
1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland. | T: +41 (0) 22 917 1234, F: +41 (0) 22 917 0123, webmaster@unog.ch, www.unog.ch
- **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.
Avenue de la Paix 17, 1202 Genève, T +41 (0)22 748 95 11, F +41 (0)22 748 95 28, com@redcrossmuseum.ch, www.redcrossmuseum.ch
- **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.
www.cgn.ch
- **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 Watch Tour: 500 years of the history of timekeeping. Geneva Convention Bureau · Rue du Mont-Blanc 18 · 1211 Genève · T +41 (0)22 909 70 70 · gvacb@geneve.com · <https://www.geneve.com/en/convention-bureau/convention-bureau/>

- **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.

RESTAURANTS

- **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.

Rue du 31 Décembre 31, 1207 Genève, T +41 (0)22 736 32 32, info@ladress.ch, www.ladress.ch

- **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.

Quai Wilson 47, 1201 Genève, T +41 (0)229066763, arabesque@hotelpwilson.com, www.restaurantarabesque.com

- **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.

Boulevard Car-Vogt 29, 1205 Genève, T +41 (0)41 223 28 16, contact@lacantine.ch, www.lacantine.ch

- **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.

Rue Adrien-Lachenal 24a, 1207 Genève, T +41 (0)41 228 40 15, info@luigia.ch, www.luigia.ch

- **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.

9 Place des Augustins, 1205 Genève, T +41 (0)22 320 62 39

SHOPPING

- **Rue du Rhône**

Shopping addicts will find all their dreams come true at the Rue du Rhône! Here, the major retailers are dedicated to fulfilling all your longings for luxury. Featuring watches, fashion and jewellery, and visits to the boutiques of the master chocolatiers, this tour lets you discover (or rediscover) the brands that have given Geneva its reputation. Nowhere else will you find such a concentration of prestige

- **Bon Genie**

Five thousand square metres of fashion spread over 7 floors in the very heart of the city. Each floor invites you, in its own particular way, to discover the top accessory and ready-to-wear brand names for men, women and children.

Rue du Marché 34, 1204 Genève

- **Rues Basses**

All manner of famous brands are represented along this street. Watch retailers, sophisticated and exquisite jewellery stores, fashion shops and galleries are accompanied by the sounds of street musicians. Luxury in a relaxed atmosphere.

