

MONTREUX



The town of Montreux nestles in a sheltered Lake Geneva bay, surrounded by vineyards and against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps. The Montreux Jazz Festival, which takes place in June/July and features concerts on a variety of stages and parks is very famous.

Because of the exceptionally mild climate Montreux is called the capital of the Vaud Riviera. Plants associated with the Mediterranean, such as pines, cypresses and palm trees grow here. Charlie Chaplin, Freddie Mercury and several other famous people of world-renown lived and continue to live on the Vaud Riviera. The long, flower-bordered lake promenade which links Vevey and Montreux going all the way to Chillon Castle is simply asking to be strolled along. Cultural events, such as the Montreux Jazz Festival, as well as countless excursion options to the mountainous hinterland or on the lake make Montreux the most popular excursion and holiday destination. Many of the houses along the lakeside road, including the magnificent Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, date from the heyday of the Belle Epoque. And the town has a modern congress and exhibition centre: the Montreux Music and Convention Centre (2M2C).

GENERAL INFO:

Population: 24,520 inhabitants

Language spoken: French

HOW TO GET THERE:

- Geneva Airport - various trains per hour, transfer time is around one hour and 20 minutes, www.gva.ch
- Zurich Airport - various trains per hour, transfer time is less than three hours, www.flughafen-zuerich.ch
- EuroAirport Basel Mulhouse Freiburg – Trains depart almost every half an hour, transfer time about three hours, www.euroairport.com
- Montreux-Vevey Tourisme, Rue du Théâtre 5, CP 251, 1820 Montreux, T. +41 (0)84 886 84 84, F. +41 (0)21 962 84 86, info@montreuxriviera.com, www.montreuxriviera.com
- Montreux on youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1i5GjbmjJUc>

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Rochers-de-Naye** – the Rochers-de-Naye rack-railway, after overcoming a difference in altitude of 1600 metres, reaches one of the most beautiful vantage points in western Switzerland.
- **Golden Pass Line** – the panorama train operates between Montreux, Gstaad and the Bernese Oberland with connections to Lucerne.
- **Lake Geneva Shipping Company** – the ships, some of which are still powered by paddles, take visitors to the picturesque lakeside resorts.
- **Chillon Castle** – located on a rocky island near the shore featuring fortified walls and towers; the prison in which Bonivard was held in chains for four years and which provided Lord Byron with the inspiration for his famous poem “The prisoners of Chillon” in 1816 deserves particular attention. Nowadays the castle is a museum.



RESTAURANTS

- **Montreux Jazz Café**

The Montreux Jazz Café is part of the Fairmont Hotel and a must-try for your overall Montreux jazz experience. The atmosphere is plush and relaxed, setting the tone for comfortable lunch. Although their menu is internationally-tailored, there is an extensive variety of seafood. Eat here to top off your Riviera experience in an appropriately ambient setting.

Avenue Claude Nobs 2, 1820 Montreux, T. +41 (0) 21 962 13,

www.montreuxjazzcafe.com

- **Caveau des Vignerons**

Caveau des Vignerons is a restaurant that is off-the-beaten-track but has very traditional Swiss food. Expect fare along the lines of raclette, fondue and rösti, at reasonable prices. The interiors are cosy and welcoming, and there are several options for kids (the chocolate fondue is particularly loved). Set in the Old Town of Montreux, this restaurant is a must.

rue Industrielle 30 BIS, 1820 Montreux, T. +41 (0) 21 963 25 70, www.caveau-des-vignerons-montreux.ch

- **Eurotel Safran**

There is no place better to sample seafood than Eurotel's Safran, especially given its spectacular views of the Alps and the Lake Geneva. The food is a carefully-selected variety of worldwide cuisines, with dishes ranging from tapas to Thai curries. Take a relaxed walk along the lake to top the evening off.

Grand-Rue 81, 1820 Montreux, T. +41 (0) 21 966 22 22, www.eurotel-montreux.ch

- **La Véranda**

La Véranda in Vevey is a Michelin-starred brasserie with a casual, relaxed vibe to it. The complexity of the dessert menu is especially intriguing, as a number of unusual ingredients and combinations are used. Try the madeleine biscuit with chestnut, the blond chocolate mousse and the pear sorbet with elderflower liquor. Be sure to sample the wines from the extensive wine list, especially the excellent local wines.

Rue d'Italie 1, 1800 Vevey, T. +41 (0) 21 925 06 06, www.hoteldulac-vevey.ch/cuisine/la-veranda

SHOPPING

The shopping experience in Montreux includes boutiques with the latest creations from Paris and Milan, a small department store, several Swiss watches and knives stores and souvenir vendors. Traditional cafes are located along the lake promenade and in the small center of town.