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
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## 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**
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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 neighbouring 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 a 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.
- The magnificent parks of Geneva
- A certain art de vivre in the Bains district
- Carouge and its bohemian atmosphere
- The birthplace of fine watchmaking: from the Flower Clock to the watchmakers' shops
- A getaway to Mont-Salève
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.

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  14:00

“Stand up paddling” is the latest craze on Lake Geneva – and
Cologny

14:00  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.

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 queueing, 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.
Cry  08 JAN
Contemporary dance show by Marco Berrettini.
Salle des Eaux-Vives, Rue des Eaux-Vives 82, 1207 Genève

Little Sister  08 JAN
Theater in french:
A couple of sovereigns have three young sons who don't like girls. When they discover that the Queen has given birth to one, they run away. Their mother disappears. Desperate and lonely, the King overwhelm his daughter with his misfortune. The girl then finds out that she's a "little sister". After an extraordinary journey by land and sea, will the young heroine manage to find her brothers again? Is the witch encountered along the way as formidable as her dark legend claims?
As from 5 years old
Théâtre des Marionnettes de Genève, Rue Rodo 3, 1205 Genève

L'Orchestre de la Suisse Romande - OSR  10 JAN
Works by Emmanuel Chabrier, Pascal Dusapin and Carl Nielsen.
Victoria Hall, Rue du Général-Dufour 14, 1204 Genève

A comme Anais  10 JAN
Theater in french
Le Poche Genève, Théâtre en Vieille-Ville, Rue du Cheval Blanc 7, 1204 Genève

Pierre Richard III  11 JAN
One man show in french.
Théâtre du Léman, Quai du Mont-Blanc 19, 1201 Genève

Ferruccio Furlanetto  12 JAN
Ferruccio Furlanetto has only ever been seen twice on stage at the Grand Theatre, notably in Le nozze di Figaro, more than twenty years ago. This recital evening is a way of making up – in part – for the Friulian singer's excessively long absence. One of the greatest contemporary performers of Verdi, Ferruccio Furlanetto recently tackled several great roles of the Russian repertoire. At the end of the season, his basso cantante will be heard at Covent Garden in Don Carlo's Philip II and in Simon Boccanegra's Fiesco.
Grand Théâtre de Genève, Boulevard du Théâtre 11, 1204 Genève

De Profundis  12 JAN
Works by Brian Ferneyhough, Martin Jaggi, Klaus Lang, Bernd Alois Zimmermann and Friedrich Goldmann.
Studio Ernest-Ansermet, Tour de la Télévision, 1205 Genève
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Concert Prestige n°3 - De Mozart à Ellington

Victoria Hall, Rue du Général-Dufour 14, 1204 Genève

16 JAN

Works by Martinu, Elgar and Schubert.

Concert Geneva Camerata: Piano and Conductor: David Greilsammer
Piano jazz: Yaron Herman

BFM - Bâtiment des Forces Motrices, Place des Volontaires 2, 1204 Genève

Disney on ice

Victoria Hall, Rue du Général-Dufour 14, 1204 Genève

17 JAN

Musical comedy around Disney & Friends... on ice!
Your dreams will come true in this funny and fascinating show on ice. All your preferred Disney's princes and princesses will be together on stage for a unique show.

Geneva Arena, Route des Batailleux 3, 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex

Echoa

Victoria Hall, Rue du Général-Dufour 14, 1204 Genève

17 JAN

Theater in french for children.
As from 6 years old.

Théâtre Am Stram Gram, Route de Frontenex 56, 1207 Genève

Festival Black Movie 2014

Victoria Hall, Rue du Général-Dufour 14, 1204 Genève

17 JAN

Picking through reel after reel in search of the rare pearl, setting off alarm bells, and unveiling young prodigies are some of Black Movie’s best anti-brain death weapons.
Black Movie has chosen the 15 most beautiful films on its 1999-2013 programs and has invited five faithful directors to introduce the first steps of young film-makers they believe in.

Over ten days, Black Movie will be lifting around a hundred films out of the fog. One by one, like rose petals that you love, a lot, passionately... madly!

Maison des arts du Grutli, Rue du Général-Dufour 16, 1204 Genève
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 Geneva

Bâtiment des Forces Motrices

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. This is one of the most beautiful historical buildings in Geneva, especially in the evenings when it is illuminated. 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.

Town Hall Ramp

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

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

WMO

Following an international architecture competition, Rino Brodbeck and Jacques Roulet were commissioned to build the new WMO building in 1995. 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. The ninth floor is occupied by a cafeteria with a panoramic terrace overlooking the lake and city.

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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)2 273 27 92 · www.cath-ge.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

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 François-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.

Musée international de la Réforme · Rue du Cloître 4 · 1204 Genève · T +41 (0)22 310 24 31 · F +41 (0)22 310 74 45 · info@musee-reforme.ch · www.musee-reforme.ch

MAMCO and the “Nuit des Bains”

Mamco is the largest and youngest contemporary art museum in Switzerland. It enjoys an international reputation and is recognised as an institution of reference of the contemporary scene. Its work is based on a collection of 4,000 works of which one third belongs to the museum. Since opening in 1994, the museum has staged over 450 exhibitions, reflecting the diversity and dynamism of the Swiss and international art scenes. Three times a year, Mamco presents new exhibitions. This change is divided into sequences of 2-3 years.

Mamco · Rue des Vieux-Grenadiers 10 · 1205 Genève · T +41 (0)22 320 61 22 · F +41 (0)22 781 56 81 · www.mamco.ch / www.mamco.ch

Patek Philippe Museum

Located in the heart of Plainpalais since 2001, this museum invites you to discover the origins of this accessory through its magnificent collections of Swiss, Genevan and European watchmaking and enamels from the sixteenth to the twentieth century. A library devoted entirely to watchmaking documents these historic collections that are composed of watches, musical automata and portrait miniatures painted on enamel as well as the prestigious creations of the Geneva-based enterprise since its founding in 1839.

Patek Philippe Museum · Rue des Vieux-Grenadiers · 1205 Genève · T +41 (0)22 807 09 10 · www.patekmuseum.com

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.

Maison Tavel · Rue du Puits-Saint-Pierre 6 · 1204 Genève · T +41 (0)22 418 37 00 · www.ville-ge.ch

Espace Rousseau

Jean-Jacques Rousseau was born at 40 Grand-Rue in Geneva's Old Town. The Espace Rousseau 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.

Espace Rousseau · Grand'Rue 40 · 1204 Genève · T +41 (0)41 022 31 01 · www.espace-rousseau.ch

Art and history museum

Opening its doors in 1910, the art and history museum is one of the three largest museums in Switzerland and the only one to boast such varied collections of archaeology, and fine and applied arts. The result of a collaboration between several regional museums, donations from collectors, foundations and enlightened citizens, the wealth of the museum is further enhanced by the presence of major works and unique series which make it a centre for international reference.

Musée d'art et d'histoire · Rue Charles-Galland 2 · 1206 Genève · T +41 (0)22 418 26 00 · F +41 (0)22 418 26 01 · mah@ville-ge.ch · www.ville-ge.ch/musinfo/mahg

ICT Discovery

ICT Discovery will take you down a path of technological development through the ages, from the very beginnings of communication to the rapid succession of inventions of the 19th and 20th centuries. This journey through our interconnected world will give you a glimpse of what tomorrow may bring... An interactive exhibition with technology you can use and simple explanations of how ICT works.

ICT Discovery · Rue de Varembé 2 · 1204 Genève · T +41 (0)22 730 61 55

Natural history museum

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.

Muséum d'histoire naturelle · Route de Malagnou 1 · 1208 Genève
City tours

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.

Vieille-Ville · guides@geneve-tourisme.ch · www.geneve-tourisme.ch

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).

Bord du Lac · guides@geneve-tourisme.ch

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
The Watch Tour offers a chance to visit the centre of Geneva while discovering the watch industry through around a hundred boutiques and a dozen historical monuments linked to Geneva’s watchmaking history. It also provides an opportunity to prepare a stay in the city by pinpointing ahead of time various selected brands with a view to making a purchase.

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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.

*Geneva Mystery · Rue du Mont-Blanc 18 · 1201 Genève*

**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 desinations, 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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Excursions

Geneva Pass

Included in the pass are more than 50 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 24, 48 or 72 hours and costs CHF 25.00, 35.00 or 45.00.

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Chamonix-MtBlanc

A must! Chamonix is one of the most famous mountain villages at the foot of majestic Mont Blanc. Scale the snowy peaks by cable car and enjoy the Mer de Glace. On a 90-minute coach ride, discover the picturesque Arve River valley on the way to Chamonix, one of the most well-known mountain villages at the foot of the remarkable and majestic Mont Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe (4,810 m.).

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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

27 metres high and 40 metres in diameter, it's about the size of the dome of Saint Peter’s in Rome! A unique visual landmark by day and by night, the Globe of Science and Innovation is a symbol of planet earth. It is CERN's new outreach tool for its work in the fields of science, particle physics, leading-edge technologies and their applications in everyday life. On the ground floor, the 'Universe of Particles’ exhibition takes the visitor on a journey deep into the world of particles and back to the Big Bang. Admission is free.

CERN
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.

Fêtes de Genève

Up to two million visitors come to enjoy the fresh air, lively atmosphere and free entertainment. The final fireworks alone, accompanied by music, draw some half a million spectators: they are said to be among the most spectacular in the world.
Auberge du Lion d'Or
Gourmet restaurant overlooking the lake - beautiful summer terrace - attentive service - enchanting atmosphere. Room for private occasions on the first floor (12 - 30 people) Adjoining the restaurant, the Bistro welcomes you with bar meals and "Canailles".

Auberge Du Lion d'Or · Place Pierre-Gautier 5 · 1223 Cologny · T +41 (0)41 227 36 44 · info@liondor.ch · www.liondor.ch

Le Chat-Botté
Le Chat-Botté is one of the finest gourmet restaurants in the city. Here, with precision and sensuality, the finest local produce is prepared with a refined creativity. Wine lovers will be delighted by the number and rarity of the wines on the menu. The cellar at the Beau-Rivage is full of treasures and is one Switzerland’s richest. As soon as the weather permits, Le Chat Botté also serves its guests on the magnificent terrace from which one can enjoy exceptional views of the lake.

Le Chat-Botté · Quai du Mont-Blanc 13 · 1201 Genève · T +41 (0)41 227 16 69 · info@beau-rivage.ch · www.beau-rivage.ch / www.beau-rivage.com

Il Lago
Il Lago, which is noted for its wall of windows, overlooks the ever-lively Bergues square. The restaurant serves gourmet cuisine from Northern Italy, accompanied by a selection of Italian, French and Swiss wines of exceptional quality, with some being handpicked from the wineries. Il Lago has an intimate space that lends itself as a venue for morning meetings or breakfast groups.

Il Lago · Quai des Bergues 33 · 1201 Genève · T +41 (0)41 229 08 74 · www.fourseasons.com/geneva

Le Patara
This mecca of culinary refinement is, in fact, the Geneva embassy of one of the best restaurants in Bangkok. It is noted for a cuisine that is both authentic and modern, offering innovative combinations of spices, flavours and preparation methods. The restaurant is located in the unique setting of the Hotel Beau-Rivage and benefits from the know-how, the exclusive recipes and the service philosophy of its mother house in Thailand. For the sake of authenticity and freshness, the ingredients are shipped twice weekly from Thailand, and are used in conjunction with the finest local produce.

Le Patara · Quai du Mont-Blanc 13 · 1201 Genève · T +41 (0)41 227 31 55 · email@patara-geneve.ch · www.patara-geneve.ch

Café des Bains
You’ll find a mix of good music, attentive service with a smile, and a selection of creative dishes from around the world that will ensure your lunch or dinner will be a memorable and relaxing occasion.

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Curiositas
François Schlemmer’s concept was to recapture the spirit of the "curiosity shop" with its wide variety of unusual objects on display and also to provide a place of recreation. The "factory" feel has been preserved and offers many possibilities with its ceiling heights of about 5 metres. With its ideal location in the centre of Geneva, at the heart of a neighborhood undergoing renewal and...
one of the more culturally accented parts of the city, this is the ideal venue for a wide range of events and provides a welcoming environment for private individuals and for business clients.

Curiositas · Rue des Vieux-Grenadiers 10 · 1205 Genève · T +41 (0)41 223 21 30 · www.curiositas.ch

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.

L’adresse · Rue du 31 Décembre 31 · 1207 Genève · 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.

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.

Cantine des Commerçants · 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.

Luigia · Rue Adrien-Lachenal 24a · 1207 Genève · T +41 (0)41 228 40 15 · www.luigia.ch
### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 Library of Geneva. 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.
**Bains des Pâquis**

Set in the middle of the Rade, the Bains des Pâquis attracts the local inhabitants throughout the year. Soak up the sun in summer and enjoy refreshing daily specials from the bar. In winter, relax in the sauna while admiring the magnificent view. Fondue lovers come here to relax and admire the lights of Geneva shining on the water. The hamam and Turkish baths are the ideal place to unwind throughout the year. Both a socialising and cultural venue, the Bains des Pâquis is suited to a range of activities. More than just a beach, it is a must-see during your stay in Geneva.

*Bains des Pâquis · Quai du Mont-Blanc 30 · 1201 Genève · www.bains-des-paquis.ch*

**Place du Bourg-de-Four**

On the hit-parade of the charms of Geneva, this square in the heart of the old town is ideal for lounging and soaking up the calm, serene and pleasant atmosphere. It is not unusual to see locals meeting around the beautiful 18th century fountain surrounded by flowers, or on the terrace of a picturesque bistro, La Clémence for example.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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**The Reformation Wall, a monumental tribute**

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.

*Murs des reformateurs · Promenade des Bastions 1 · 1204 Genève*
Shopping

Globus

Department store on the Left Bank, in the commercial street in Geneva at the foot of the Old Town. Many famous brands are stocked and there is a new range of early fruit and vegetables in the food department, in addition to many specialties from all over the world.

Grand Magasins Globus
Rue du Rhône 48
1204 Genève · www.globus.ch

Chocolaterie du Rhône

A place that is highly valued by those in the know, the Geneva Chocolaterie / Tea-Room in the centre of town is mentioned at all the most prestigious guides. Its specialties never fail to tempt connoisseurs.

Chocolaterie du Rhône · Rue de la Confédération 3 · 1204 Genève · T +41 (0)22 311 56 14 · www.du-rhone.ch

Bucherer

The Bucherer family enterprise has a rich tradition within Europe's watch and jewellery sector. When the businessman and industrialist Carl-Friedrich Bucherer opened his first watch and jewellery outlet in Lucerne in 1888 he was laying the foundations for this successful business. Today, 125 years later, Bucherer is proud to be the Swiss market leader in watches and jewellery and to be one of Germany's leading providers in the industry.

This speciality shop offers its international clientele a selection of jewellery creations, a wide range of luxury watch brands and what is probably the most comprehensive selection of Rolex watches. The store specialises in the Bucherer jewellery lines and other creations from its in-house workshops, including rare natural-coloured diamonds, unique coloured gemstones and much sought-after cultured pearls from Tahiti.

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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.

Rue du Rhône

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.

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