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How to get to Geneva

By Air:

Geneva Airport (GVA) formerly known as Cointrin Airport and officially as “Genève Aéroport”. This airport is serving Geneva, Switzerland and it is located 4 km northwest of the city centre and has direct connections to motorways, bus lines (Geneva Public Transport) and railways (SBB-CFF-FFS).

Visa:

Before you start planning your travel to Switzerland you should visit the Foreign Ministry web page of Switzerland to see if you need to get a visa. For more details:

http://www.bfm.admin.ch/bfm/en/home/themen/einreise/merkblatt_einreise.html

How to get to Geneva center from Geneva Airport

By train

The Swiss Railway network reaches every corner of Switzerland. And France’s high-speed trains TGV from Paris reach Geneva’s main railway station in just three hours!

Geneva Cornavin CFF Train Station

Geneva Cornavin is the city’s main station, passage or end station for many of the Swiss railway network’s trains and also for French (including the TGV) and Italian trains.

Place Cornavin

Phone: +4122900 300 300 (CHF 1.19/min)

For more details: www.cff.ch

CFF Train Station - Geneva Airport

It takes only 6 minutes from/to Geneva city centre by train (every 12 minutes at rush hours). The airport railway station has direct access to the airport Check-in and Arrival levels. All trains stop at Geneva-Cornavin station (city centre).

Chêne-Bourg Train Station

The Chêne-Bourg Train Station serves the neighboring region of France via Annemasse, in particular Chamonix, Annecy and Evian-les-Bains.

Place de la Gare 1225 Chêne-Bourg

For more details: www.ter-sncf.com

<http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/useful-information/getting-here/by-train/>

By Taxi

Taxis are available to drive you fast and safely from one point to another. The fare from the airport to the city centre is about 35 to 45 CHF.

Fares (including taxes):

- Minimum fare: 6.30 CHF
- Additional km: 3.20 CHF
- Km outside Geneva territory: 3.80 CHF
- Night, Sunday, Public holiday fare, four passengers or more: 3.80 CHF
- Waiting time, per hour: 60 CHF
- Luggage / animal: 1.50 CHF

You easily find a taxi at the taxi stands all over town, or you can call one of the following numbers:

- **Taxi-phone SA Geneva**
+41 22 33 141 33
www.taxi-phone.ch
- **AA Genève Central Taxi**
+41 22 3 202 202
www.geneve-taxi.ch

For more details: <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/useful-information/how-to-get-around/by-taxis/>

Car Hire:

The car rental desks in Swiss sector are situated at the Arrival level, towards La Poste. Rental car returns on the Swiss side: car park P51, lower level.

For more information:

<http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-72/>

http://www.gva.ch/en/Portaldata/1/Resources/fichiers/shopping/plans/shopping_checkin-arrivee.pdf

Transportation in Geneva – Getting to the Hotel

The hotel is set in an ideal location in the heart of the city. From the hotel it's just a few minutes' walk to the train station, the lake and the water jet, the business district, tourist attractions and a variety of shops.

- Railway Station : CORNAVIN
- Bus : Line 1, Station: Monthoux

Tourist Office

Rue du Mont-Blanc 18, Geneva

Opening hours: Monday 10:00am – 18:00pm

Tuesday to Saturday: 09:00am – 18:00pm

Sunday and Public holidays: 10:00am – 16:00pm

Tel. +41 (0) 22 909 70 00

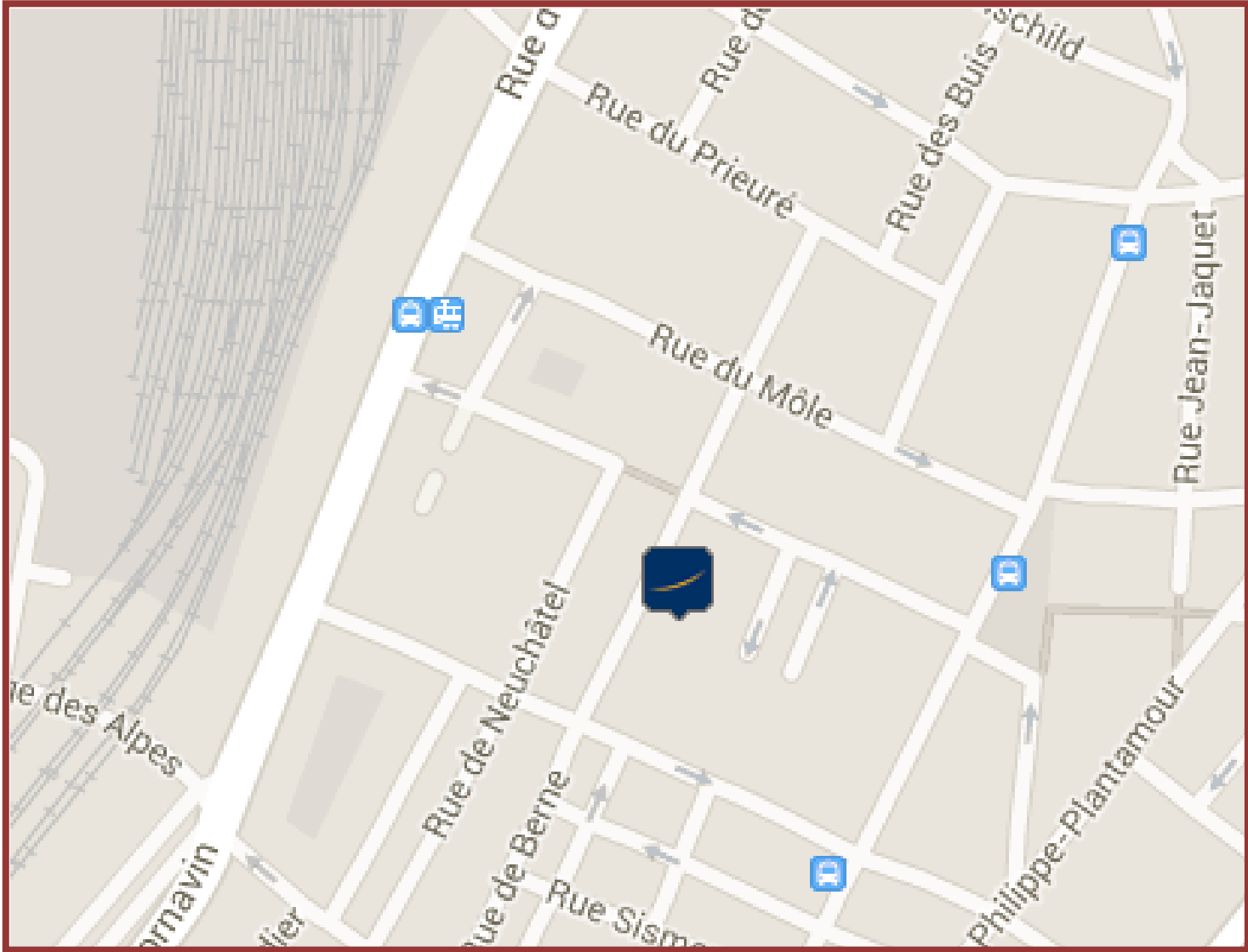
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Geneva Airport (GVA)

Tel.: +41 (0) 22 717 71 05

URL: <http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx>

HOTEL MAP



Geneva

Location: 46.2000° N, 6.1500° E

Population: 479,158

Area: 15.93 km²

History: First noted as a Roman settlement in 58 B.C., Geneva quickly grew into an important trading town in the heart Europe during the Middle Ages. Due to its strategic locale, the city was a major target of conquest and changed hands several times before eventually establishing itself as an independent republic in 1535. Final independence was gained in 1602 when the people of Geneva repelled an attempted invasion by the Duke of Savoy. Following the repeal of the Edict of Nants in the mid 1600's, Geneva became a major refuge for persecuted Protestants from throughout the continent. Attracted by the teachings of John Calvin, John Knox and Theodore de Beze, Geneva's refugee population exploded, garnering Geneva the title "Protestant Rome." This period also brought the first waves of watchmakers, jewelers, and other artisans who would soon make Geneva famous the world over its craftsmanship. Throughout the following centuries, Geneva attracted many rich aristocrats who established grand estates around the city. Voltaire, Jean-Jacques Rousseau and other philosophers and artists soon followed, further adding to the refinement of the city On September 12, 1814 Geneva joined the Confederation of Switzerland and quickly grew as a banking hub and a leader of the industrial revolution in Europe. Toward the end of the century, in 1864, Henry Dunant founded the Red Cross laying the groundwork for the modern conception of the city as an international hub and champion of human rights. The first convening of the League of Nations took place in 1920, followed by the opening of the European Headquarters of the United Nations in 1946. Geneva today is a product of the best of its history, drawing on its many cultural influences and providing a refuge of peace that serves as a model for the rest of the world.



Official Web Page: <http://www.geneva.info/history/>

Information



Weather

Geneva has an alpine climate. The average high temperature in December is 5.5°C and the lowest is 0°C.



Time

Switzerland is located in the Central European Time zone (CET), also known as Middle European Time zone (MET). It is one hour ahead of Greenwich Time (GMT+1). Daylight saving time (one hour ahead of the standard time) starts in early spring and ends in late fall. Begin and end are synchronized with the countries of the European Union (EU).



Banks

Monday - Friday: 09:00 – 12:00 noon / 14:00 - 17:00. Saturday: closed



Post Office

Monday - Friday: 08:00 - 11.30 pm / 2 pm – 16:30. Saturday: closed



Shopping

Monday - Friday: 08:00 / 08.45 - 18.30 Saturday: 08:00 / 08.45 - 18:00

Late night shopping: Friday, 09:00 – 20:00 (Shopping centre)



Electricity

In Geneva electrical current is 220 volts/50Hz and the European round 2-pin plugs are standard. Americans and Canadians with 110V equipment will need a transformer which changes the voltage and an adapter to fit in the sockets. These can be bought at any hardware store. British, Australians and South Africans can use a plug adapter which most department stores stock.

<http://www.about.ch/various/electricity.html>



Special Needs

Delegates and accompanying persons with disabilities are invited to advise the Congress Secretariat of any special requirements.



Pharmacy

Most pharmacies are open during normal business hours - from around 09:00 to 18:00, Monday-Saturday, closed on Sundays. If your local pharmacy is closed, look for "Pharmacie de Garde" posted on the pharmacy door. Pharmacie de Garde is the name and address of the closest late night pharmacy.



Currency

The Swiss currency is called "Schweizerfranken" ("Swiss Francs") or short "Franken". One hundred "Rappen" make up one Swiss Franc. CHF is the ISO representation for Swiss francs; however, the old notations Fr is still used quite often. 1CHF= 0.828268Euros. To convert your currency into CHF you can visit the www.xe.com



Useful phone numbers

117: Police

144: Ambulance

140: Car Breakdown Service

1811: General information such as doctors, theater, etc.

European SOS 112

Gala Dinner

More details will be announced soon

Places of Interest in Geneva

Parks

United Nations

No trip to Geneva is complete without a visit to the European Headquarters of the United Nations. The sprawling complex is accessible only via guided tour, offering unique insight into the inner workings of the world's most important international body. Highlights include the 2,000 seat Assembly Hall and the Council Chamber decorated with gold murals depicting the human struggle for peace.

Location: Avenue de la Paix

Hours: 10:00 – 12:00, 14:00 – 16:00 Daily

Admission: SFr.8.50. Passport required



The Jet d'Eau, Geneva's landmark

The lakeshore's star attraction is the elegant water fountain, dazzling visitors as it shoots 140 metres into the sky. Originally a simple security valve at the Coulouvrenière hydraulic factory, the Jet d'Eau has become the landmark of Geneva. Its millions of air bubbles will immediately put you under its spell. The fountain came into being by chance. In 1886, a hydraulic power station was built to deliver water under pressure from the Rhône to the city's fountains, households and factories. One evening, pressure build-ups forced the engineers to install a special pressure relief valve. This marked the birth of the Jet d'Eau. The ephemeral work of art soon became a tourist attraction and was moved closer to the lakeside. With time, water column grew taller. Since 1951, an autonomous pumping station has propelled 500 litres of water per second to a height of 140 metres at a speed of 200 km/h (124 mph).



A Monumental Homage - The Reformation Wall

The Reformation Wall in the Parc des Bastions is an imposing monument. The major reformers are portrayed with giant statues and bas-reliefs. In the middle stand Jean Calvin, Guillaume Farel, Théodore de Bèze and John Knox. On the sides we find those who carried the Reformation across Europe. Geneva's maxim 'Post Tenebras Lux' (light after darkness) is engraved into the wall because it also became the motto of the Reformation movement. At the park's entrance lies the Place de Neuve with its buildings dedicated to art and culture.

Location: Les Bastions, 1204 Genève - Town Centre - Old Town



A Globe of Science and Innovation (CERN)

The Globe of Science and Innovation is a landmark for CERN and a symbol of sustainable development for all. It is 27 metres high and 40 metres in diameter, which is about the size of the St. Peter's Basilica's dome in Rome! A unique visual landmark by day and by night, the Globe of Science and Innovation is a metaphor for Planet Earth. 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.

Address: Route de Meyrin 385, 1217 Meyrin

Admission: free

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 10 am-5.30 pm

Saturday: 10 am-5 pm

Except holidays



Cathédrale Saint-Pierre

At the highest point of the Old Town, its towers offer a breathtaking panorama. And its vaults house the largest archaeological site north of the Alps. St Peter's Cathedral, built in the 12th century, underwent important transformations in the 16th century. The first walls were constructed around 1160 and work continued for almost a century. In 1535 at the time of the Reformation, the Cathedral became a place of Protestant worship. Visitors undaunted by climbing the 157 steps of the north tower are rewarded with an incredible view of the city and the lake. Don't forget to visit the archaeological site below the Cathedral and admire its treasures dating back to Antiquity.

Address: Cour Saint-Pierre, 1204, Genève

Opening hours: Daily

Fees: Tower access: 4 CHF

For more details about the fees you can visit the official site:

URL: <http://www.saintpierre-geneve.ch/>

Bains District

The Bains District is a true laboratory for contemporary art. In the heart of the city and the immediate vicinity of the MAMCO, a throng of galleries organizes specific and targeted exhibitions. Trendy bistros contribute to this cultural and late-night frenzy. Three times a year the whole area celebrates the event 'La nuit des Bains' and all the galleries open simultaneously for private viewings.

Address: Rue des Bains, 1205, Genève

Opening hours: Daily

Fees: Tower access: 4 CHF



Mont-Salève

Just a few minutes after leaving the city centre, you find yourself at the top of the mountain. The view over the Lake Geneva region is breathtaking. And the mountain allows you to relax and discover nature. There are many pathways for ramblers and activities for children, and it's an ideal playground for sporty people practising rock-climbing, mountain biking and paragliding in summer, or snowshoeing and cross-country skiing in winter.



Dinning in Geneva

Monte Bianco

Address: rue Chaponniere 9, Geneva, 1205

Tel: +41 227324154



L'Epicentre

Address: 25, rue Prevost-Martin, Geneva 1205

Tel: +41 22 328 14 70



Izumi

Address: Quai des Bergues 33, Geneva 1201

Tel: +41 22 908 7522

Le Chat-Botte

Address: 13 quai du Mont-Blanc, Geneva 1201

Tel: +41 227166920

Cafe Restaurant des Voyageurs

Address: 6, av. de la Gare des Eaux-Vives, Geneva 1207

Tel: +41 0227355898



Bistrot du Boeuf Rouge

Address: 17 Rue Alfred-Vincent, Geneva CH 1201
Tel: +41 0227327537

Bistrot au jardin

Address:Rue Grand-Pre , 25, Geneva 1202, Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 740 40 30



Trattoria Toscana

Address:Rue Grand-Pre , 25, Geneva 1202, Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 740 40 30

Le Thermometre

Address:Rue Grand-Pre , 25, Geneva 1202, Switzerland
Tel: +41 22 740 40 30



La Plancha

Address: 2 place des Eaux-Vives, Geneva 1207, Switzerland
Tel: +41227352250



Sources:

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<http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-72/>

http://www.gva.ch/en/Portaldata/1/Resources/fichiers/shopping/plans/shopping_checkin-arrivee.pdf

<http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en>

<http://geneva.angloinfo.com/information/inside/emergency-numbers/>