

Practical Information - Geneva

GENEVA

The city of Geneva is the capital of the canton of Geneva and the second most populated city in Switzerland.

With 22 international organizations and more than 25,010 non-governmental organizations, Geneva is the city that receives the most international organizations in the world. The European headquarters of the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the World Trade Organization (WTO), the World Health Organization (WHO), the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN), are part of these international organizations.

All practical and useful information about accommodation, map, special offer, etc, can be found on Geneva Tourism website: [Genève tourisme](http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch)

TRAVEL

The Geneva airport is located at nearly 4 km from Geneva city centre. It is easily reachable by train or by bus using the united network of public transport [unireso](http://www.unireso.ch). Only one single ticket is required to travel by train, tram, bus or boat in the area France-Vaud-Geneva.

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).

Important: You can **pick up a free ticket for public transport from the machine in the baggage collection area at the Arrival level**. This unireso ticket, offered by Genève Aéroport, allows you to use public transport in Geneva free for a period of 80 minutes.

When you stay in a hotel, a youth hostel or a campsite in the canton, you will receive a "Geneva Transport Card" free of charge. With this card, **public transport in Geneva is free for the full duration of your stay**.

This personal and non-transferable card will be given to you when you arrive at your accomodation. It permits unlimited travel on Geneva's public transport network (UNIRESO: bus (TPG), train (CFF) and boat (Mouettes Genevoises) for the full duration of your stay.

Depending on the flight fares, you might be arriving in Zurich Airport. There are trains every ½ hour to reach Geneva. Please visit [CFF](http://www.cff.ch) for detailed schedule or for buying tickets online.

To reach the University UNI BASTION (address: Rue De-Candolle 5, 1211 Genève)

<https://www.unige.ch/presse/plans/uni-bastions/>

- **From Geneva airport:** bus 5 (direction: Thônex-Vallard) to Gare Cornavin (train station) and then, the tram 15 (direction: Palettes) from Gare Cornavin to CIRQUE or PLAINPALAIS.
- **From the train station:** Tram 15 (direction Palettes) to CIRQUE or PLAINPALAIS.

More information about bus schedule is available on the website of the TPG (public transportation of Geneva): www.tpg.ch

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodations can be found on the website of the Tourism office of Geneva:
<http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/home/>

In terms of practicalities, please also note that this event will be happening in a very crowded Geneva as the "Salon International de la Haute Horlogerie" will take place in the meantime (15/19 January 2018). We therefore kindly advise you to book your travels, flights and hotel rooms as soon as possible as well as to contemplate looking for alternatives to hotels (Airbnb, Homelidays etc..), whether in Geneva or in neighbouring France.

The hotels listed below might still have some availability:

Hotel des Tourelles

Boulevard James Fazy 2

+41 22 732 44 23

<http://www.destourelles.ch/>

Hotel Carmen

Rue Dancet 5,

+41 22 329 11 11

<http://www.hotel-carmen.ch/fr>

Cenacle

Prom. Charles-Martin 17n

+41 22 707 08 30

<https://www.cenacle.ch/chambres/>

Hotel Comédie

Rue de Carouge 12

+41 22 322 23 24

<https://www.hotel-comedie.ch/>

Geneva Hostel

Rue Rothschild 30

+41 22 732 62 60

www.genevahostel.ch

Cité Universitaire de Genève

Avenue Miremont 46

+41 22 839 22 22

www.unige.ch/cite-uni

Centre International Réformé John Knox

Chemin des Crêts-de-Pregny 27 - 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex

+41 22 747 00 00

www.johnknox.ch

UNI BASTION

Built between 1868 and 1871, UNI BASTIONS is the symbol of Geneva's academic life. An historic building surrounded by a beautiful park with a view of the Wall of Reformers, Uni Bastions now houses the Faculty of Protestant Theology and the Faculty of Arts. Uni Bastion is close to public transport, the train station and the city centre.

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Rue De-Candolle 5
1211 Genève
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OTHERS

Post office: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday
(At the train station) 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. on Saturday
Closed on Sunday

Banks: 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from Monday to Friday
(Closed at lunch time and on Saturday and Sunday)
Change office at the train station or airport are open on Saturday.

Shops:

Monday to Wednesday:	9:00-19:00
Thursday:	9:00-21:00
Friday:	9:00-19:30
Saturday:	9:00-18:00
Sunday:	close

Some shops remain open late at night and during the weekend at the airport and at the train station (Gare Cornavin).

Emergency numbers for Switzerland:

- Police: 117
- Fire: 118
- Ambulance/ medical emergency: 144