



Welcome to Geneva, one of the most expensive cities in the world. Don't worry though, we have a lot to show you and tips to give. Beyond the clichés of luxury and banks, Geneva has a lot of alternatives to offer and we're happy to see you're here, ready to discover it.

Geneva people are aquatic animals
 Whatever the season or the weather, we love to swim, float and chill by the water. In December, the most adventurous ones gather at the lake, all dressed up for the Christmas Cup, a merry 100m race in the icy water! To join, you have to be fast, the tickets are sold in a few hours. For a good swim at the lake, you can go to the beloved spot **BAINS DES PÂQUIS** (n°29) on the right shore, or you can cross the lake on a taxi boat (Les Mouettes) and reach the sandy **EAUX-VIVES** (n°33). If you'd rather enjoy the river, the descent of the Rhône is a must. At Pont Sous-Terre, you can watch groups of friends gliding along the stream on buoys of all shapes and sizes. There's also nothing better to help cure a hangover than to meet at **LA POINTE** (n°3) for a swim, a fresh drink at the *buvette* and good music.

Mountain lovers
 The Salève mountain is the first hike of every Geneva kid, as it's very close to the city. If you are a lazy person, there is a cable car you can take from the French side, you can take a bus to go there. From its French summit, Genevans enjoy the view and look for their house or building.

At the edge of Switzerland
 Although Geneva is in Switzerland, many of our fellow citizens like to say we're not part of the country. It is because Geneva is surrounded by France. Make sure never to discuss this with Swiss people unless you want to be stuck in a useless debate.

AND CHOCOLATE...
 Switzerland is pretty renowned for its chocolate in general, but have you tried our Geneva specialty, *le pavé de Genève*? It's a block chocolate truffle which melts in your mouth. Careful though, you may never stop after the first one.

AND BEER...
 For some years now, many breweries have sprung in the region, like the well-known Calvinus, but you can try many other beers at bars like **LA JONQUILLE** (n°6).

AND WINE...
 The Geneva countryside is full of grapevines and if you are a wine lover, the best time to come to Geneva is in mid-september, during the festival *la fête des vendanges*. Don't worry if you're not here at that time though, most of our restaurants offer local wines.

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 Are you ready to make your belly explode? **EGUALATINO** is a warm and welcoming place with delicious and affordable food, the perfect place if you've never tasted *ceviche* or Colombian *empanadas*. I often go there with my family or friends and it's always a good time!

06 BEER AND LIVE MUSIC ON TAP
 With over twenty traditional and local beers on tap, **LA JONQUILLE** will introduce you to local artists while you enjoy a good pint. The price of the concerts varies between 10.- and 15.- CHF. You don't have to pay for the concert if you only want to taste one of their beers. The place opened a couple of years ago but it is already HQ for many people who want to hang with their crew or train to be master of the table-football universe.

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14 100 YEARS AT YOUR LOYAL SERVICE
 Have you found the yellow rabbit? If so, you are at the right place. With its 1930s atmosphere and its classic homemade ice-creams you'll like the popular **CAFE REMOR** (since 1921). In this retro café, you'll find lovers having a romantic *rendez-vous*, friends gossiping or people having a serious conversation over a good coffee or a local beer. Don't miss the ginger and pear *cheesecake*!

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 This emblematic bar located at the city center is the perfect spot to meet locals. With its eclectic customer base, its wacky atmosphere and its music programming, there's never a dull moment. **LA BRETELLE** is owned by an association, the bartenders are volunteers, and everybody is welcome, from regulars to newcomers, from wealthy to less so.

18 SWISS CHEESE REALNESS
 Have you heard of *ralette*? It's a beloved Swiss dish made of melted cheese on hot potatoes. We love **FROMAGERIE DUPASQUIER** for its large choice of *ralette* cheeses, from goat cheese to smoked cheese. With its Swiss flags and cow-themed decoration, you can't really miss it while you pass (by) it.

19 A PLACE TO SPICE YOUR LIFE
 When you enter this shop, all you can smell is a mix of spices and your mind is blown by shelves filled with bottles of dried leaf, tea or aromatics. The **LYZAMIR** is the shop we love to go because you can find spices from all over the world and if we need an advice, the people here are always happy to help.

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SHOTI from Monday to Saturday night at **LA PETITE REINE** is party time. Located in the popular area of the *Grottes*, just behind the Cornavin train station. In just a few years this former bike store has become a cult place. The bar is very small, but people like to crowd in. If you feel too cramped, no problem, go and have a look at their south-facing terrace. An ideal place to start an evening, the waiters will be able to give you the best tips for going out.

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29 A FONDUE ON A PIER TOURIST CLASSIC
 An island with surprising architecture on the right bank of Lake Geneva, the **BAINS DE PÂQUIS** is a place of relaxation, leisure and encounters. Open every day of the year. For a small as well as big bite to eat, head to the **BUVETTE DES BAINS**. Copious breakfasts of daily dishes (including one vegetarian) are offered every day (very attractive prices). In winter, you can enjoy a delicious fondue with crémant (reservation recommended for the evening). From September to April, the baths offer saunas, hammams and Turkish baths (on Tuesdays access reserved for women exclusively). A cheerful team of massage therapists are also at your disposal for a moment of relaxation at low prices. During the summer, early risers (or late sleepers) can enjoy a variety of morning concerts on the Pâquis pier, from 6am to 7am (free coffee before the concert starts).

30 OUR POSTAL CARD! TOURIST CLASSIC
 Geneva is probably most known for its **JET D'EAU**. It's used in every movie and documentary shot in the city, and it's basically our postcard image reference. Some cities have an emblematic building or sculpture, Geneva has a 140m high giant fountain with a water flow of 500 liters per second. Originally, it wasn't supposed to be a tourist attraction and its location was not the current one. In 1886, the Waterworks were in charge of distributing the driving power of the Rhône river to nearby factories, and in order to control the pressure, they would release the water through a 30m high water jet every day after work hours. Today, you can see it from almost everywhere in the city and the promenade along it is pretty nice. Don't forget your umbrella if you want to get closer!

31 PIRATE BOAT
 Local tip by Mathias 27 years old musician
BATEAU GENEVE is a steamboat built in 1896 for the Swiss National Exhibition. In 1973, an association was created to prevent it from being destroyed and instead of using it as a tourist boat, they turned it into a shelter for homeless people. The boat has kept its charitable purpose but the approach has changed over time: they now offer breakfast every morning (and stayed open during COVID) and are open in the afternoon and at night to the public. They are throwing a lot of nice parties. Located near the **JET D'EAU** (n°30), **BATEAU GENEVE** is more than a pretty boat, it's our pirate boat.

32 BURGER SUCCESS STORY
HAMBURGER FOUNDATION is the success story of three friends who dreamed of opening a restaurant. It began in 2012, when they started cooking burgers on the street in a trailer of their own making. As of today, they own two trucks and three restaurants where burger-making is considered an art. The menu is simple and effective with vegan options available, and the meat is fresh and local.

33 THE BRAND NEW BEACH
 Les **EAUX-VIVES BEACH** is the perfect place to work on your tan and enjoy a clear water. It is free, it is big (400m) and you have a park area if you don't like sand or small rocks. This new beach opened at the end of 2020. And good news, the waters from the *buvette* close by take your order on their bikes!

34 CULTURAL PARK SUMMER
PARC LA GRANGE offers a breathtaking view of Lake Geneva and more than 12,000m² of green space with majestic trees. In summer, there is a rich cultural program both in the Orangerie Theater and on the Ella Fitzgerald stage where many well-known artists perform. Genevans love to meet here.

35 INTERNATIONAL TOURIST CLASSIC
GENEVA
 Geneva is known as the seat of many international organisations and it is impossible to visit the city without visiting the famous **PLACE DES NATIONS** where you can find the United Nations and its Broken Chair symbolising landmine victims. To visit the United Nations, please visit their website and follow the procedure.

36 CHILL WITH PLANTS TOURIST CLASSIC
 The **BOTANICAL GARDEN** of Geneva is full of surprises. The park is huge and perfect for a walk alone or with a loved one. You can also meet for local ducks in their own special pond and between the streams and waterfalls you can find over 12,000 different plant species. Our favourite spot is probably the tropical plants greenhouse where you can go up the stairs to watch its luxurious vegetation.

37 FOR DANCING QUEENS/KINGS
 At **LA BARJE DES SCIENCES** you will find deckchairs, tapes and an eclectic cultural and musical programme. To find out about this programme, follow their social network pages. This place is best known for hosting dance classes throughout the summer. Tango, salsa, swing and forro will be on offer.

38 A TREASURE BY THE WATERFRONT
LA PERLE DU LAC is a park where locals gather to swim and celebrate around a good BBQ. You can use the grills at your disposal and party all night (you may even join secret parties), or you can grab a blanket and watch a movie at the popular Cinétransat, a free open air cinema which lasts all summer.

39 CHINESE REALNESS
 Les Pâquis is the perfect area for a good Chinese restaurant, especially **JIAWEI**. The menu is veggie friendly and offers a wide variety of dishes, from Sichuan specialties to homemade noodles and dumplings. It's a warm and welcoming place to go out on your own or in groups.

40 MARKETS
 Next to train station food market: this Thursday evening market was inaugurated in 2010. It is mainly a meeting place for evening drinks tasting local products (cheese, wine, delicacies...). In the unmissable Grottes district. An after-work location prized by the people of Geneva.

01 SK8
 First opened in 1995, the **GENEVA SKATEBOARD MUSEUM** has a huge collection going back to the 1950's. The owner, Jim, is a true skateboard lover who will tell you all about his passion. The museum is quite unique and deserves to be seen. It also has a shop which sells skateboards.

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41 WE LOVE TECHNO! Local Tip
Marine 25 years old psychologist
Whether you are an electronic dance music enthusiast or not, the **AUDIO CLUB** offers you a festive and friendly environment, even if it doesn't look like that from the outside. No matter your personality, you'll find some music to match with and dance all night. After a good workout on the dancefloor until 5am you can treat yourself to a sandwich or delicious *empanadas* in the food truck on the club's own premises.

+ audio-club.ch
Rue Boissonnas 20

42 TECHNO GARAGE
Invisible during the day, this club is on the first floor of an old hangar. It hosts crazy party nights, but also artistic events, conferences and exhibitions. The only club where you will see the sunrise on the dancefloor thanks to the super-limited bay windows. In the summer you can enjoy the outdoor garden and its summer dancefloor vibrating among the trees, and even drink your beer on the roof of the bar with a breathtaking view of the crowd. Multicultural, alternative and young, at the **MOTEL CAMPO** you'll find a place to breathe and feel free!

+ motelcampo.ch
Route des Jeunes 13

CONTEMPORARY ART TOUR
This is a non-exhaustive list of places to visit if you're a lover of contemporary art. Located in a former industrial site, the Quartier des bains is now the main district of contemporary art galleries and museums in Geneva.

- A MAMCO** Rue des vieux grenadiers 10
- B COMMUN** Rue des Bains 28
- C CENTRE DE LA PHOTOGRAPHIE** Rue des Bains 28
- D LIBRAIRIE DE LA DISPERSION** Rue des Vieux grenadiers 10

+ More infos and other galleries: quartierdesbains.ch

43 EPHEMERAL PARTY TOWN
A 2500m² industrial park destined for demolition in 2022 has been repurposed as the **VILLAGE DU SOIR**. This club is a real ephemerical village with its central square, alleys and dead ends, three dance halls with different sets, including one dedicated to over-30s. Street food, designer markets, dance classes, comedy sets and more complete the village experience.

+ villageodusoir.com
Route des Jeunes 24

44 THE CREATORS' CORNER
CAROUGE is a district famous for its charming old city, known as the bohemian part of Geneva. The architecture is a reminder of its Italian past, and the atmosphere does feel like Italy or the South of France in summer. The village is also renowned for its artisans and designers boutiques. We recommend the market on Wednesdays, and the bars on Vautier street in the evening.

45 PURRRR LIKE A CAT
The **GRAVIERE**, or *Grav*, for close friends is a club offering DJ sets, concerts and performances from Thursday to Sunday. This former warehouse rehabilitated into a club has two dance floors. It is famous for it's trap, dancehall and oriental electro, but also goes and techno evenings. It offers quality programming by promoting local artists and inviting internationals. This is THE perfect place for a Thursday because the entrance is free!

+ chatnoir.ch
Rue Vautier 13 – Restaurant open all days – Bar/Club open Thursday to Sunday

46 TRIP TRAP: MORE THAN A GAME
The **GRAND TRIP TRAP HOTEL** will give you a breathtaking immersive experience in a magical setting, because when you go to this place you feel like you are in a Hotel. We advise you to book Aunt Hilda's room and extend the experience by enjoying a cocktail at the hotel bar, Catpaj, which hosts many events (stand-up parties, screenings...).

+ triptrapescapes.ch
Clos de la Fonderie 5-7 – Open from Monday to Sunday

47 LAUGHING OUT LOUD
The **CAUSTIC COMEDY CLUB** is the only comedy club in the French-speaking part of Switzerland. Located in **CAROUGE** (n°44) in one of the most picturesque areas of Geneva. Local and international comics perform there. And if you don't speak French, don't worry! Check out their website, this place also holds expat comedy nights in English, Spanish and Italian. This place is run by two charming and welcoming women and also offers reasonably priced platters of tasty cheeses and deli meats from local shops.

+ causticcomedyclub.com
Avenue Cardinal-Mermillod 6 – Open from Wednesday to Saturday

48 ETHIOPIAN FAMILY
MESKEREM is an Ethiopian family-run restaurant with a cozy atmosphere where you can try savoury meats and lentil based dishes with delicious injeras (Ethiopian pancakes).

+ Rue de Carouge 77 – Open from Monday to Sunday

49 OBJECTS CHOSEN WITH LOVE
This is the story of two friends who embarked on the experience of opening **CAILLOU SHOP**, a shop dedicated to design objects. They are convinced that "a beautiful object has the power to make people happy". It is an ideal place to find original gifts that tell a story. Since you will be able to find very nice things that are useless as well as very useful things, but as these two friends point out: "each item has been chosen with love".

+ cailou-shop.ch
Place des Augustines 9 – Open from Tuesday to Saturday

50 FEELING LIKE HOME
What can we tell you about **LES RECYCLABLES**? Both a second hand bookstore and a coffee shop, this place is as cosy as a home. You can eat seasonal meals at a candlelit table, your bottom comfortably sitting on a colourful cushion. It's also a good spot for concerts with local performers.

+ Rue de Carouge 53 – Open from Monday to Saturday

51 PASTIS AND PÉTANQUE
Who says we can't play *pétanque* at a bar? **LE MARCEL** is the perfect and casual spot to enjoy a good *pastis* (an alcoholic anise beverage from the south of France) and a delicious *croque-monsieur* while playing *pétanque*, à la française.

+ Rue Dancet 6 – Open from Monday to Saturday

52 TRADITIONAL FRIES
If you're in the mood for Belgian fries, go to **BELGA**, a bar-frieterie made with Swiss and seasonal potatoes but prepared with Belgian expertise. The fries are served in a triangle-shaped paper bag (as tradition demands), and there's a large variety of sauces and beers from Belgium. You may end up smelling a bit like a fry, but your belly and heart will be full.

+ fritesbelgium.com
Rue Dancet 5 – Open from Monday to Sunday

53 A COLORFUL VEGAN PALETTE
Local Tip from Lara, yoga teacher and biologist
Who said vegans can't be greedy? At **ENVIE VEGAN** you'll find colourful burgers and French bakery, and one "healthy meal". Don't miss the best lemon No-Cheeseecake in town! Prepare your belly to be full and your clothes to smell of grilled food.

+ envievegan.ch
Rue des Voisins 16 – Open from Tuesday to Saturday

54 CHOCOLATING CHOCOLATE IN A CHOCOLATERIE
There are many chocolate shops in Geneva but **CHOCOLATERIE MICHELI** is one of the best. They are very welcoming and their *Fèves genevoises* (chocolate cobbles) are to die for. Open since 1964, it has kept all the original recipes. Located out of the busy center, you can have tea or a chocolat chaud inside the modern interior or on the pretty terrace.

+ micheli.boutique
Rue Micheli-du-Crest 1 – Open from Monday to Saturday

55 QUEER, FEMINIST COFFEE SHOP
Welcome to **LIVRESSE!** This coffee shop is a calm and cosy place located in a hidden corner of the city center. You can come and hang out anytime of the day, enjoy good coffee while drinking organic beverages and beers from the area. This place used to be a library specialized in LGBTQIA+, but this activity ended in 2021, however it is a very nice and open place for queers and friends.

+ Rue Vignier 5 – Open from Monday to Saturday

56 THE RED PLANET
The **PLAINE DE PLAINPALAIS** represents 80 000m² of open space in the middle of Geneva, recognizable by its red ground known as *Garrh du Beaujolois*. It's a symbolic part of the city as many events take place here throughout the year, such as the flea market, different circus, a food market, and other cultural and sporting events. Located near the university campus, you'll see many students enjoying their lunch at noon, and towards the edge of the Plaine, you'll probably bump into a skater, as the skatepark – one of the biggest in Europe – is very crowded. Plainpalais is also an ideal place for families as there's a playground for kids near a *buvette* opened all year round.

57 SECOND HAND SHOP
This tiny shop makes everyone who loves the style from the 80s to 00s very happy! It is always crowded with teenagers who dig vintage clothes. Big leather jackets and sparkly shirts are waiting for you in **WOOD FRIPERIE**.

+ trader_@woodfripero
Rue Bergallonne 4 – Open in afternoons from Monday to Saturday

PUBS CRAWLS
1. THE THIRSTY STREET
A must for office workers' afterwork drinks, this street has several very very very good cocktail bars. But beware, the prices are also very very expensive. On this street, we advise you to go to **CHEZ IVETTE DE MARSEILLE**, where the atmosphere is more relaxed and the prices friendlier...
+ Rue Henri-Blanvolet 13

2. STUDENT PUB CRAWL
If you are a student and you want to be with your peers, the **RUE DE L'ECOLE DE MÉDECINE**, or more commonly called **EDM** is for you! The prices are affordable and the atmosphere is incredible. Among the bars in this street, you will find the **KRAKEN** which offers a wide choice of draught beers, the **EPIS DORÉ** and its famous "el ritual" cocktail or the **FERBLANTERIE** with its delicious pies. Don't be too choosy as the terraces are often crowded. This street is more than the sum of its bars.
+ Rue de l'école de médecine

MUSEUMS FOR RAINY DAYS
Here is a list of museums we recommend, for more specific museums go to museesdegeneve.ch

I THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT MUSEUM – From Tuesday to Sunday (Av. de la Paix 17) Other side of the map

II MAH – MUSEUM OF ART AND HISTORY – From Tuesday to Sunday (Rue Charles-Galland 2)

III INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE REFORMATION – From Tuesday to Sunday – Rue du Cloître 4

IV NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM – From Tuesday to Sunday – Rte de Malagnou 1

V ETHNOGRAPHY MUSEUM – From Tuesday to Sunday – Bd Cori-Vogt 65, 1205 Genève

Passing through Geneva? You're walking in the footsteps of thousands of years of migration!

20.000 BC – First traces of human presence
The earliest local traces of human activity were left by hunter-gatherers under the *Saône* mountain near *Vayrier* 22,000 years ago. You can see these artifacts in the **ART AND HISTORY MUSEUM (II)**. Around 6,000 years ago the first human settlements were founded in the Saint-Gervais neighbourhood and on the shores of the lake in the *Eaux-Vives*.

13th to 15th – Path to wealthiness
From the 13th to 15th century, Geneva hosted some of Europe's largest long-distance trade fairs which drove the city's economic success. Merchants from Italy, Germany and France would meet at this geographic crossroads to buy and sell goods. Finance accompanied this trade with Florence Medicis' banking family opening a Geneva branch in 1424.

1530 – Home for Reformed refugees
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58 ALTERNATIVE CLOTHING
If you're your tribe is grungy, rider, gothic or classic, **MANIAK** offers you a wide choice of styles, each more original than the last. Doc Martens or Buffalo, caps or hats, rock and roll or hawaiian. The prices are reasonable and the atmosphere inclusive. There is something for everyone, even the most unlikely of tastes. Quirky, relaxed, offbeat, Maniak is the pirate touch in Geneva shopping.

+ maniak-geneva.business.site
Rue du Vieux-Billard 6 – Open from Monday to Saturday

59 THE SWISS PANCAKE
MULLER'S FACTORY is a four generation family story. A grandfather with a love of pastries, who passed his passion on to his grandchildren, who in turn decided to open an ice cream stand in 1962 on a boat pier on the lake. We recommend the Swiss chocolate *crêpe*.

+ mullersfactory.ch
Place du cirque 4 – Open from Monday to Sunday

60 FOR DECORATION LOVERS
Le **PANAPE DE CAMELA** reminds us of Ali Baba's Cave. You will find loads of house decoration items at reasonable prices, such as household linen, lights and other ethnic artifacts. The shop is in lovely place to stroll and find pretty objects.

+ lepanapedecamelach
Rue du Général-Dufour 20 – Open from Monday to Saturday

61 CHILL AT THE UNIVERSITY TOURIST CLASSIC
This park dates back to 1720, initially called *belle promenade*, it was designed to provide the inhabitants a place to walk within the city walls. This is where the *Botanical Gardens* used to be. The **PARC DES BASTIONS** is home to some of the city's most beautiful monuments: the Reformer's Wall (the main protagonists of the reformation), the Palais Eynard which hosts the Geneva City government, the University and the City Library. You will also find giant chess boards. This park hosts many events such as the Christmas market or the music festival.

+ Promenade des Bastions 1

62 WALKING THROUGH HISTORY TOURIST CLASSIC
With its paved streets and its historical architecture, the **OLD TOWN** is a really charming walk back in time. You can also admire the view of the city from the Saint-Pierre Cathedral and have a fresh drink at one of the cute cafes. If you want to know more about the historical background of Geneva, go to **5 MINUTES OF HISTORY**.

63 DON'T BE SUCH A CHICKEN!
Chicken, chicken and more chicken! **CHEZ MA COUSINE** serves chicken in all its forms but their speciality is the half chicken on the spit accompanied by fries, salad and homemade sauce for 16,40 francs. All their products are 100% Swiss and guaranteed GMO free.

+ chezmacousine.ch
Place du Bourg-de-Four 6 – Open from Monday to Sunday
Other addresses :
Rue Lissignol 5 / Boulevard du Pont-d'Arve 44

64 LOCALS CREATION
Once you enter **BLACK&YELLOW**, you're in there for a while. It includes a lot of local creators (from Geneva and other Swiss cities) and it's better than an ordinary tourist shop. You can bring back home local gifts such as clothes, jewelry, organic cosmetics and other decorative objects.

+ blackandylw.ch
Rue Vardaine 15 – Open from Monday to Saturday

=MARKETS=

B The Plainpalais flea market: one of the largest flea markets in Europe where very different profiles can be found. This market takes place every Wednesday and Saturday on the Plainpalais plain. If you're hunting for a bargain, this is where you'll find it.
PLAINE DE PLAINPALAIS (n°56)
+ Plaine de Plainpalais, 1200 Geneva

C Carouge Thursday market: Like the Grattes market, the Carouge market is held on Thursday evenings on the market square. It gives locals a chance to share some drinks while enjoying exceptional local products in a picturesque setting. If you are lucky you might hear local musicians. **CAROUGE (n°44)**
+ Place du Marché 8, 1227 Carouge

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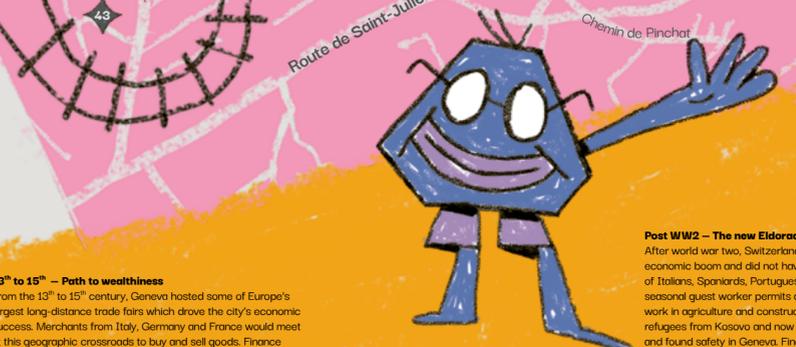
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WHEELS NEXT?

By : Train / car / bike / foot / boat

SWITZERLAND

VERSOIX
Train 15min/car 25min/bike 40min/foot 2h30/boat 30min

BIEVRE
Train 20min/car 30min/bike 1h30/foot 5h00/boat 1h15

LEGNORNE
Train 45min/car 1h15/bike 3h45/foot 1.5 day

YVORE
Train 1h10/car 1h30/bike 5h00/foot 2 days

MONTREUX
Train 1h15/car 1h45/bike 6h00/foot 2.5 days

FRANCE

YVOIRE
Boat 1h45/car 50min/bike 2h00/foot 5h30

THONON-LES-BAINS
Train 1h00/car 1h15/bike 2h30/foot 1 day

EVIAN-LES-BAINS
Train 1h15/car 1h30/bike 3h00/foot 1.5 day

ANNECY
Train 1h20/car 1h15/bike 3h30/foot 1.5 day

CHAMONIX (MONT-BLANC)
Train 3h00/car 1h45/bike 1 day/foot 3 days

COVID MEASURES
As you know, COVID measures can change from one week to another. If you want updated information go to: baq.admin.ch

Culture, restaurant
You need a COVID certificate to be inside, if you are European, your pass is recognised.

Masks
You have to wear a mask in shops (and clean your hands)

GOOD TO KNOW
Emergency number: 112
Fire brigade: 118
Police: 117

Wifi
There is free wifi almost everywhere in the city.

Money
The currency is Swiss franc but it is possible to pay in Euros everywhere, as long as it's in banknotes. There are many cash machines in the city.

Drugs and alcohol
It is allowed to smoke in the street but not inside. You can buy and smoke CBD (weed without THC) and drink alcohol in the streets, it is tolerated, but don't behave like a drunk person in the street. Other drugs are prohibited.

Cultural agenda
ladedecanone.darksite.ch

GENEVA TOURIST INFORMATION CENTER

- Quai du Mont-Blanc 1
From Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm all year

- Promenade du Lac, Jardin Anglais
From Monday to Saturday 10am – 4pm from mid-May to mid-September
+41 22 909 70 00 - info@geneve.ch - geneve.com

Geneva City Pass
The tourist office sells this pass which is like a tourist passport, you buy one for 24h, 48h or 72h and then public transport are free and you have access to 52 attractions that are free or discounted.

CAMPING SITES
There are some campsites but out of the city, most of them are open from March to October, check the websites!

- Camping Pointe-à-la-Bise TCS
Chemin de la Bise – 1222 Vésinaz – access with bus E
+41 22 752 12 96 – camping.geneve.tcs.ch

- Camping cantonal du Val de l'Allondon
Route de l'Allondon 106 – 1242 Satigny – accessible by train and bus
+41 22 753 15 15 – camping-allondon.ch

- Camping du Bois-de-Bay (Open all year)
Route du Bois-de-Bay 19 – 1242 Satigny – access by bus
+41 22 341 05 05 – geneva-camping.ch – contact@geneva-camping.ch

MOVING AROUND
Public transport
There is a large range of buses, tramsways and trains you can use in the city. You can also use little yellow boats to cross the lake named *Mouettes* (seagulls), there are 4, same rate for all of them. If you sleep in an official tourist place, you have a card for free transport during your stay. More info: tpg.ch

Bike rental
- **Genèveroule (free)**
Genèveroule is a non-profit association, that rents bikes all around the city.
The rental is free with a deposit ranging from 20 to 100.- CHF depending on the model of the bike. Where to find it? geneve-roule.ch

- Vélopartage
There are bikes in the street you can rent 24/7 using the app *Donkey/Republic*, you can recognize them because they are orange. How to rent it? donkey.bike/tr/voies/location-velo-geneve/

Trains (CFF company)
If you want to take the train to go somewhere else in Switzerland you can find *supersaver* tickets with reductions going up to 70%, you can find this in the app of CFF (called SBB in german) or website ebb.ch

Airport
The airport is accessible by train from the main train station – 15 min by train. More info: gva.ch

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