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1. Geographical location

Located at the south-western end of Lake Geneva, the city is surrounded by the Alps and the Jura. The city has an approximate area of 15.93 square kilometres and is the second largest city in Switzerland. Geneva has an altitude of 373 metres whereas the Arve is considered as the second main river of the city. Geneva also offers an uninterrupted view of Mont Blanc.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Geneva And Lausanne Are The Two Largest Cities On The Shores Of Lake Geneva. Other Notable Towns Which Neighbour Geneva Are Nylon, Montreaux, Morges And Vevey.



3. Significance

Geneva is a centre of commerce, Trade and finance. As a city, the entire world considers Geneva as a significant financial centre. A lot of Swiss banks are also located in the city and there are a majority of international corporations and organisations who have headquarters in this city. For instance, United nations and International labour organisation have headquarters here. And then it is obvious that the watchmaking industry owes a lot to Geneva as a city and Switzerland as a country.



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4. History

The holy-roman empire considered Geneva as Prince-Bishopric. Starting from 1154, this carried on till the year of 1290. And then by the year of 1792, French revolution had surfaced in Geneva. But in February 1794, the Republic amended the constitution and proclaimed that all the citizens have an equal status in the eyes of the law. In addition, after Robespierre expired in the July 1794, a counter-revolution started which garnered a lot of popularity by the end of 1796. Geneva was then annexed from the French Department du Lemane and joined the Swiss confederation in 1815.



5. Cultural identity

Geneva's museums are one of the main aspects of its cultural identity. The city houses museums of different sorts which implies that people here love their history and have a habit of preserving artefacts and other important documents. In addition to this, Geneva is also known for hosting a variety of music festivals. The opera house and the Grand Theatre de Geneve which were opened in the year of 1876 have hosted plenty of events and a lot of artists all over the world consider performing at the places as once in a lifetime opportunity.



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6. Natural resources

Geneva as a city offers some interesting hikes into one of the most interesting mountain trails. Although there are a lot of mountain ranges at a distance from Geneva, the mighty Alps are also in the vicinity. In addition to this, Lake Geneva is another important natural resource and the government holds and organises a lot of events at the shores of the lake, A lot of people visit the lake during summers and a wide array of activities and events are carried out during several months of the year.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. European Headquarters of the United Nations

One of the most important international bodies in the world, the United Nations is headquartered in Geneva. The headquarters are built on a generous piece of land and the structure comprises of an Assembly Hall which can accommodate approximately 2,000 people. In addition to this, the Council Chamber at the headquarters has unique gold murals which depict the human struggle for peace. The complex is accessible only if you opt for guided tour. The people who have toured Geneva claim that it is mandatory to visit the European Headquarters of the United Nations.

Address : Palais des Nations, Avenue de la paix, Geneva

Zipcode : 1211

Location : 46.2266738, 6.140292199999976

Contact : +41 (0) 22917 1234

Website : <http://www.unog.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Appia Bus station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 10 Students, seniors, and disabled people: CHF 10
Groups (minimum 20 people): CHF 10 Children below 18 years of age: CHF 7
Free for children below 6 years of age

Open & Close Timing : September to March: Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-12:00hrs
and 14:00hrs-16:00hrs April to June: Monday to Saturday: 10:30hrs-12:00hrs and
14:30hrs-16:00hrs July to August: Monday to Saturday- 10:00hrs-16:00hrs.

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Patek Philippe Museum

Located in the heart of the Plainpalais district, Patek Philippe Museum was established in the year 2001 and displays the most exquisite creations of the brand's master watchmakers. The visitors can take their time in taking a look at the unique watches produced all over the world. There is a library within the museum which is solely dedicated to horology, which is the study and measurement of time, and the subjects associated with this field. The museum

takes the visitor on an exciting journey which passes through 5 centuries of watchmaking.

Address : Rue Des vieux-Grenadiers 7- 1205 Geneva

Zipcode : 1205

Location : 46.19837709999999, 6.138212500000009

Contact : +41 22 807 0910

Website : <http://www.patekmuseum.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bains Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 10 Senior citizen: CHF 7 Group price: CHF 5

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday: 14:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.3. Cathédrale Saint-Pierre Genève

The oldest architectural treasure of Geneva, Saint Peter's Cathedral is considered as one of the most impressive buildings located atop a hill. The cathedral overlooks the entire city of Geneva and its north tower offers panoramic views the city's landscape. There is an archaeological museum in the basement where you will be able to discover treasures that date back to antiquity.

Address : Place du Bourg-de-four 24, 1204 Geneva

Zipcode : 1204

Location : 46.2011267, 6.148515900000007

Contact : +41 22 311 7575

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

Nearest Public Transport : Cathedrale Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 5 Children (6-16 years of age): CHF 2

Open & Close Timing : Cathedral: 1st October to 31st May Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:30hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-17:30hrs 1st June to 30th September Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-18:30hrs Sunday: 12:00hrs-18:30hrs Towers: 1st October to 31st may: Until 17:00hrs 1st June to 30th September: Until 18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. Bodmer Foundation

The library and museum at the Bodmer Foundation house an exquisite collection of medieval manuscripts, author's autographs and age-old archaeological documents. The library, known for tracing the history of the human mind, preserves many ideas and plans which were designed by the age old ancestors. There are approximately 300 exhibits which also contain Egyptian books of the dead and some original editions of Shakespeare. Designed by Mario Botta, the building is famous for its architecture as well.

Address : Route Martin Bodmer 19-21, 1223 Cologny, Switzerland

Zipcode : 1223

Location : 46.2152682, 6.180629299999964

Contact : + 41 22 707 4433

Website : <http://fondationbodmer.ch/2015/01/en-marge-de-lexposition-sade/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cologny, Temple Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 15 Senior Citizen: CHF 10

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 14:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art

This museum caters to the oldest of connoisseurs and the ones who are trying their luck with modern and contemporary art. Though a newly built structure, it is also the largest one in Switzerland. It showcases around 4,000 items and out of these, one-third belong to the museum itself. Although it marked its debut in 1994, there have more than 450 exhibitions which show the dynamic nature of this place and the international art scene in a country like Switzerland. The museum is generally closed on Monday and open from 1200 hrs to 2100 hrs on the first Wednesday of the month.

Address : Rue des Vieux,-Grenadiers 10- 1205, Geneva

Zipcode : 1205

Location : 46.19884829999999, 6.137731300000041

Contact : + 4122 320 6122

Website : <http://www.mamco.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bains bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: CHF 8 Senior citizen: CHF 6 Group: CHF 4 Children below 18 years of age: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday: 12:00hrs-18:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 11:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.6. Musée international de la Réforme

The International Museum of the Reformation is located within the 18th-century Maison Mallet. It stands on the site of the former St. Peter's Cloister. The museum was created in the year of 2005 and accommodates a beautiful collection of paintings, books and other manuscripts. The museum is also a testament of the of the reformation movement, which is considered as one of the greatest religious movements in the history of Christianity. If you are interested in discovering a crucial part of Geneva's past, you should definitely take a tour of this place. The museum remains closed on Monday.

Address : Rue du cloître4- 1204 Geneva.

Zipcode : 1204

Location : 46.20136979999999, 6.1485430999999835

Contact : 41 22 310 2431

Website : <http://www.musee-reforme.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Cathedrale bus station

Entry Fee : Adults- CHF 13 Senior Citizens- CHF 8 Children- CHF 6 Group- CHF 8

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday- 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Geneva Photography Centre

The sole purpose of this center is to make sure that photography reaches the level of fine arts. The Centre de la Photographie Geneve (CPG) accommodates various aspects of contemporary photography. The photographs on display here focus on urbanism and depict a unique visual culture. The center hosts an average of 5 to 6 monographic exhibition within a year. With the assistance of other museums,

libraries and art centers of the city, the CPG organizes the 50 Jours de la Photographie à Genève (50J PG), which is a large thematic exhibition attended by a host of art lovers. Entry on the first Sunday of the month is free for everyone. The CPG is closed on Monday.

Address : Rue des bains 28- Batiment d'art contemporain (BAC)- 1205 Geneva.

Zipcode : 1205

Location : 46.1990175, 6.13745659999995

Contact : + 41 22 329 2835

Website : <http://www.centrephotogeneve.ch/>

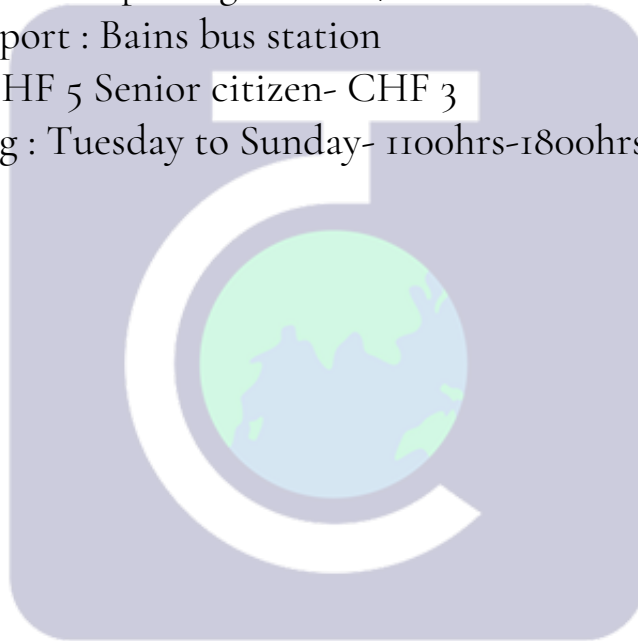
Nearest Public Transport : Bains bus station

Entry Fee : Adults- CHF 5 Senior citizen- CHF 3

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday- 1100hrs-1800hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Basilica of Notre-Dame

After an expanded period of turbulent history and witnessing fights, Basilica of Notre-Dame has finally been placed in the lap of the Roman Catholic Church. Built between 1852 and 1857, it is considered as an extremely significant place of worship for Geneva's Catholic community. A lot of people who visit Geneva make it a point to stop by the basilica. The entire structure is made of sandstone and its architecture reflects the 13th-century Gothic style.

Address : Rue Argand 3, 1201 Geneva, Switzerland

Zipcode : 1201

Location : 46.2087588, 6.142054599999938

Contact : +41 22 716 5666

Website : <http://ecr-ge.ch/notre-dame/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gare Cornavin Bus station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 06:30hrs-19:30hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. The Globe of Science and Innovation

As the mecca of science and innovation, the Globe is one of the most desirable destinations for every inquisitive mind. It is famed for its scientific exhibitions as well as its staggering architecture, measuring around 27 meters in height and around 40 meters in width. The exhibits here are to look out for as the Globe's ambiance transports you into the world of particles. This magnificence of the structure makes it amazing to look at during the day and even at night.

Address : Square Galileo Galilei, Route de Meyrin 385, 1217 Meyrin, Switzerland

Zipcode : 1217

Location : 46.2339777, 6.055766299999959

Contact : +41 22 767 7676

Website : <http://visits.web.cern.ch/>

Nearest Public Transport : Meyrin, CERN Travel Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Saturday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Jet d'eau Fountain

Originally built in the year 1886, the Jet d'eau (water jet) Fountain was constructed to regulate the excess pressure of a hydraulic plant in the vicinity. The fountain is easily one of the tallest fountains in the whole world and dominates the skyline of Geneva. The engine of the jet pumps around 500 liters of water per second and the water achieves an elevation of 140 meters where water is pushed at an exhilarating velocity of 200 kilometers per hour.

Address : Quai Gustave Ador, 1207 Geneva, Switzerland

Zipcode : 1207

Location : 46.2073889, 6.1559028000000035

Nearest Public Transport : Rue du lac bus station.

Open & Close Timing : 16th September to 3rd November: Monday to Thursday: 09:00hrs-sunset Friday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-22:30hrs 4th November to 2nd March: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Botanical Garden and Conservatory

Known as one of the living museums in Geneva, it is impossible to ignore these gardens. Following the naturalist trend, the city's first botanical garden was created in 1817. As of now, 28 hectares of the city's land is covered by the Botanical Gardens and Conservatory. Housing around 6 million samples from all over the world, the garden's herbarium is one of the largest in the world. Visit this garden to embark upon an exciting journey amidst the best of what nature has to offer.

Address : 1202 Geneva, Switzerland

Zipcode : 1202

Location : 46.22725130000001, 6.147070600000006

Contact : +41 22 418 5100

Website : <http://www.ville-ge.ch/cjb/>

Nearest Public Transport : Geneve-Secheron travel terminals

Open & Close Timing : 25th October to 31st March: 09:30hrs-17:00hrs 1st April to

24th October: 08:00hrs-19:00hrs The Greenhouses: 09:30hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Cité du Temps SA

Cité du Temps, popularly known as the symbol of industrial development in Geneva, is a unique event center in the midst of the city and hosts a wide range of activities and exhibitions. There is also a permanent exhibition showcasing Swatch watches that have been produced since 1983. To make sure that the visitors do not return with an empty stomach, Philippe Chevrier has opened a restaurant, which goes by the name of Au Phil Du Temps. Additionally, there are private cocktail parties that are hosted within the premises of the building.

Address : Pont de la machine 1, 1204, Geneva, Switzerland

Zipcode : 1204

Location : 46.20553939999999, 6.144839499999989

Contact : +41 22 818 3900

Website : <http://www.citedutemps.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Bel-Air Travel Terminal

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Salle de l'Alhambra

Built by Paul Perrin, Alhambra has secured a prominent place in the architectural heritage of Geneva. The construction of the structure started in 1918 and was completed by the end of 1920. It was given the status of a historical monument by the government in the year of 1996. The Alhambra houses a concert hall wherein artists showcase their talent. You can also visit the Alhambra café-restaurant to relish the excellent food served here.

Address : Rue de la rotisserie 10, 1204, Geneva

Zipcode : 1204

Location : 46.20274000000001, 6.146526999999992

Contact : +41 (0) 78966 0797

Website : <http://www.alhambra-geneve.ch/infos-pratiques>

Nearest Public Transport : Cathedrale Bus station.

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Carouge

Known as the Greenwich Village of Geneva, Carouge is in the vicinity of the city and is famous for its trendy bars. The architecture of this place will take you back to southern Europe as the structures here are reminiscent of the Sardinian period. Carouge's alleys and passages are full of crafts and antique dealers and the village is worth spending an entire day at. As aforementioned, the bars of the village are a major attraction and the city takes a completely new shape at night.

Address : Rue Ancienne-1227 Carouge

Zipcode : 1227

Location : 46.1842147, 6.1459211999999975

Contact : + 41 22 909 7000

Nearest Public Transport : Carouge GE, moraines- Bus station.

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Flower Clock

Known as the renewable masterpiece of Geneva, the flower clock is situated at the corner of Jardin Anglais. Created in the year 1955, it contains around 6,500 flowers and plants. The beauty is that the floral arrangement changes according to the type of season. Obviously, the clock is extremely pretty but another mind-blowing fact about the watch is that it tells time according to the Swiss precision and time is transmitted by a satellite. The second's hand of the clock is the longest in the world with a length of 2.5 meters.

Address : Quai du General-Guisan-1204, Geneva.

Zipcode : 1204

Location : 46.204192, 6.150989299999992

Contact : +41 22909 7000

Website : <http://www.ville-geneve.ch/plan-ville/patrimoine-tourisme/horloge-fleurie/item/lieu/lhorloge-fleurie/>

Nearest Public Transport : Metropole Bus station.

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Lake Geneva

Spread over an area of 582 square kilometers, Lake Geneva is an ideal spot for all the water sports enthusiasts and nature lovers. The lakeshores offer an amazing view and are really popular amongst the locals as well as visitors. Lake Geneva is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is the perfect place for spend some time alone. You can pamper yourself with a relaxing cruise or you can swim in the clear waters of the lake. There is an option of fishing as well. Bol d'OR, a major European 24-hour-long motorcycling race held annually crosses this lake.

Address : Lake Geneva, Lac Lemman- 1201 Geneva

Zipcode : 1201

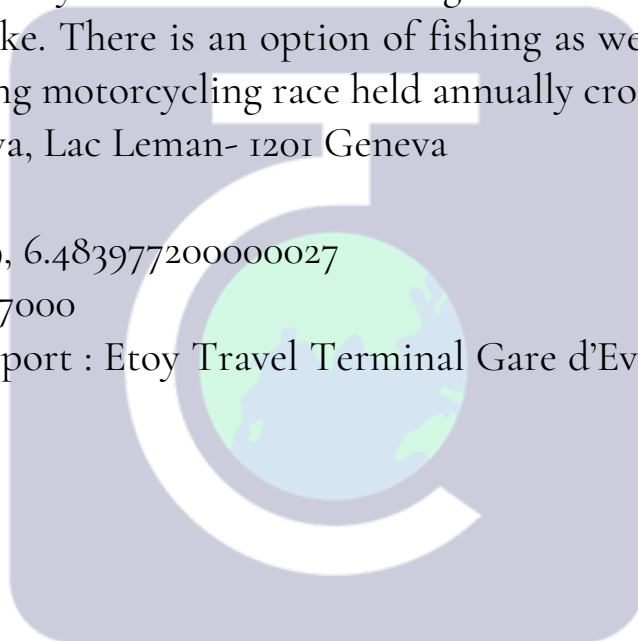
Location : 46.4477679, 6.4839772000000027

Contact : + 41 22 909 7000

Nearest Public Transport : Etoy Travel Terminal Gare d'Evian-les-bains Railway Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

Due to the landscape in Geneva, there are a lot of opportunities for carrying out different adventure sports. Additionally, the climate of Switzerland helps with certain outdoor activities as well.

- **Snowmobile Ride -**

Address : Sàrl 4 rte du Pas-de-Scale 1255 Veyrier, Geneva

Location : 46.1788685,6.181394899999998

Nearest Public Transport : Veyrier, Pont-Sierne Bus station

Entry Fees : One Snow bike for 2 people- CHF 105 One Snow bike for one person- CHF 105 Passenger with a guide- CHF 50

Open / Close Time : Starting time- 17:00hrs Return by-00:00hrs.

Time Required : 7

- **Skiing -**

Address : Rue de la Velle 14, 1936 Bagnes, Switzerland.

Location : 46.095231,7.228210999999998

Nearest Public Transport : Le Chable Train station

Open / Close Time : 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 18

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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Ice Hockey is undoubtedly the most popular sport in Geneva. The city is home to the Geneve-Servette HC, the team that made it to the league finals during the years of 2008 and 2010. Apart from this, there is a football team in Geneva as well. The Servette FC is a football club which was founded in the year of 1890.

- **Stade de Genève:**

Address : 16, Route des Jeunes, Geneva.

Location : 46.1778419,6.127462299999934

Contact No : +41 (0) 22 311 18 90

Website : <http://www.stade.ch/index.html>



10. Spas and relaxation

The tourism industry is thriving in Switzerland. Geneva, being one of the major cities of this country has the best hotels which can provide luxurious trips to most of the tourists visiting the city. There is no dearth of 5 star hotels which offer spa facilities in the best possible way. The hotels also ensure that their spa areas have complete silence while equipped with all the treatments and facilities.

- **Float Spa:**

Address : 11 rue des voisins, 1205 Geneva.

Location : 46.21262429999999,6.1339838999999976

Contact No : +4122 328 0608

Website : <http://floatspa.ch/en/default.aspx>

- **Le Richemond:**

Address : Le Richmond, Rue Adhemar-Fabri- 8-10, 1201 Geneva.

Location : 46.2090535,6.14872119999999545

Contact No : +41 22 715 7000

Website : https://www.dorchestercollection.com/en/geneva/le-richemond/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=local

- **Spa La Mer:**

Address : 47 Quai Wilson, Geneva, 1211, Switzerland.

Location : 46.2148883,6.151074399999997

Contact No : +41 22 906 61 32

Website : <http://www.hotelpresidentwilson.com/fr/spa-la-mer>

- **Four Seasons Hotel:**

Address : Quai des Bergues 33, 1201 Geneva

Location : 46.20702269999999,6.146966499999962

Contact No : + 41 22 908 700

Website : <http://www.fourseasons.com/geneva/>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Grindelwald snow festival

Providing an excellent backdrop for artists; Sculptors from all over the world gather in Grindelwald near Interlaken to showcase their talent during the six-day festival. The temporary creations decorate the entire city of Geneva. Generally, the festival takes place between 10th-20th January.

Antigel festival

Usually taking place during the first two weeks of February, Antigel festival includes music, dance and special events. The festival takes place at the whole canton of Geneva. The concept of the festival keeps on changing every year.

International Geneva Motor show

Taking place between the 3rd and 13th of March, the Geneva motor show is considered as one of the most important motor show in the world. The show takes place in Palexpo Exhibition

Center.

International exhibition of Inventions, New techniques and products

Taking place within the Palexpo exhibition center, this exhibition takes place between 15th and 19th April. The event features over one thousand new innovations and inventions from around the world.

Geneva Marathon

Taking place in the Geneva city centre, the dates for Geneva Marathon are 2nd-3rd May. A prestigious sporting event, the marathon invites runs from all over the world.

Music Festival

Geneva hosts a variety of musical festivals in June every year. The venue is generally around the lake and then there are some events which take place in the parks. Live music and DJ sets are one of the major attractions here.

Montreux Jazz festival

This festival takes place between 3rd and 18th July. The festival

ropes in an eclectic mix of artists every single year. Held in Montreux, there are open concerts around the lake as well. Open air cinema

Thousands of people come in for the Open air cinema which takes place in Perle du lac park. Dates - between 9th July and 16th august. The movie screen starts at dusk.

Festival De la Batie

An outdoor multimedia fest which is designed to fuse and foster the creative impulses of artists throughout Switzerland. The event takes place in Batie Park between 28th august and 12th September.

Eat your art out

Hosted by the Geneva cultural arts commission every single year, this brings out the best combination of art and food along with wine. 6-7pm is normally the cocktail hour wherein you get to taste delicious cocktails.

Christmas walk and house tour

Taking place every year, it

includes a lot of weekend events during the month of December. There are specific hours to visit Santa and people can opt for taking carriage rides as well. The festival is carried out in most of the parts within the city and takes place on 2nd and 3rd December.



12. Key local guides and tours

Geneva watch tour- The watch tour takes you through Geneva's watchmaking symbols so that you admire the functioning of most prestigious watch brands. After you get into the Geneva watch tour, you are taken to a place where the time is given in a thousand different ways. Then you get to discover the extraordinary Patek Philippe Museum and pay a visit to the place which has the highest concentration of watchmaking brands. Walking Tours- It is obvious that these walking tours are primarily the best way of knowing a town. Through these tours, visitors and travellers can get to know about the narrow streets of Geneva. It gives an excellent perspective towards the history and culture of the town as well. The tours familiarise everyone with the intricacies of the city and shows how the locals actually have lived and evolved here. It is like a walk down the memory lane and by the end of walking tours, you feel absorbed within the city. Individuals have to pay a nominal amount to grab these special tours. For adults: CHF 15 Senior citizens: CHF 10

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13. Transportation hubs

Geneva Airport: A major European hub, the Geneva airport has around 40 different direct links with 40 different carriers. There is a shopping centre within the airport while there is a full-fledged business centre as well. There are myriads of options for commuting towards the city from the airport. A traveller does not need to worry about reaching the city as you can rent a car if you are in a hurry. There are hotel shuttles and in addition to this, there are a lot of taxi operators at the airport. And the Airport is located at 4 kilometres from the city centre. 16b. Central bus station- Gare Routiere is the central bus station which is located at Place Dorciere. This bus station is also the primary departure point for travelling to places within and outside Switzerland. Almost every city bus tour considers Gare Routiere as the meeting point and takes a halt here. 16c. Gare Cornavin - This is the central train station of Geneva and it is the place wherein you can find all the rail links to the airport and just about anywhere else within the city. The transport is well developed and there is seldom need for taking your private vehicle because the train station houses rail links which make the intercity commute extremely easy and convenient.

14. Transportation cost

As the city renders an excellent public transport system, it is easy for the locals and the tourists to commute within the city.

17a. Public Transport Ticket The UNIRESO ticket is valid for commuting in a bus, tram, boat and even the local trams which fall within the ambit of Unireso Zone. Tickets are generally bought at the ticket machine and the individuals need to use coins because credit cards don't work at those machines. The tickets are to be bought before you board the bus and the machines are installed at every bus or tram stop. Buses going out of the city have ticket machines inside.

17b. SMS ticket- For availing a ticket through sms, the person need to send an SMS from the Swiss number mentioning the text 'tpgr' to 788. This will give a 1-hour ticket at the price of CHF3. The ticket is received immediately via an SMS only. However, this option is more feasible for a local person.

17c. Geneva UNIRESO tickets- The public transport system is segregated into zones here. For Zone 10 (city of Geneva), a 1-hour ticket costs around CHF 3 for Adults and CHF 2 for kids. For Short trips- 2 CHF for adults and 1.8 CHF for kids. For travelling within this zone, the person can also buy a 1 day card which will cost 10 CHF for an adult and 7.30 CHF for a kid. 1 day card (from 9am)- 8 CHF for an adult and 5.6 CHF for a kid. Tickets for travelling outside Geneva: 1-daycard all zones- CHF 18.50 for adults. CHF 9.30 for kids.

17d. UNIRESO Monthly pass- For a person who needs to stay for a longer period of time, 1 month zone 10 ticket is one of the best options. This ticket can be purchases at the Gare conavin railway station or at the station Rive. The cost for one such ticket for an adult is around CHF75 whereas for people who are 25 or younger, the ticket price is CHF 45. Tourists can avail these tickets by giving the address of the hotel along with their ID.

15. Baggage allowance

If you are travelling using public transport In Geneva, there are seldom any extra charges for carrying baggage. However, if there is a lot of baggage to be carried, it is advisable to hire a private taxi.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

The cuisine of the city borrows a lot from the German and Italian cuisine. There is a subtle hint of the French cuisine as well. Therefore, there are a lot of famous dishes in Geneva which are absolutely a ‘must try’. This city is famous for its cheese fondue for obvious reasons but in addition to this, Raclette is a famous dish in the city of Geneva. Rosti is another preparation which is famous all over the town.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

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- **La Cigogne:**

Address : 17, place Longemalle, 1204 Geneve, Suisse

Location : 46.2028225,6.150029899999936

Contact No : +41 22 818 4040

Website : <http://www.cigogne.ch/en/>

- **Le Flacon:**

Address : Rue Vautier 45, 1227 Carouge, Geneve

Location : 46.1834756,6.141886900000031

Contact No : 022 342 15 20

Website : <http://leflacon.ch/>

- **Philippe PASCOET:**

Address : Passage des lions, 1204, Geneva, Switzerland.

Location : 46.20403719999999,6.144358000000011

Contact No : + 41 22 810 0715

Website : <http://www.philippe-pascoet.ch/site/fr/>

- **La Cave:**

Address : Rue du Pre-Bouvier 30.16. CP 1242 Satigny.

Location : 46.221031,6.052069999999958

Contact No : + 41 22 753 11 33

Website : <http://www.cavedegeneve.ch/>

- **Auberge de Confignon:**

Address : Place de l'Eglise6- 1232 Confignon

Location : 46.1744166,6.084379000000013

Contact No : +41 22 757 1944.

Website : <http://www.auberge-confignon.ch>

- **Le Floris:**

Address : Route d'Hermance 287-1247 Anieres.

Location : 46.27705700000001,6.223086999999964

Contact No : + 41 22 751 2020

Website : <http://www.lefloris.com/en>

Open / Close Time : 12:00hrs-14:00hrs and 19:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **La Bottega:**

Address : Rue de la Corraterie 21- 1204 Geneva.

Location : 46.2018575,6.143874800000049

Contact No : + 41 22 736 1000

Website : <http://www.labottegatrattoria.com/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 12:00hrs-14:00hrs and 19:00hrs-21:30hrs.

- **Vertig'O:**

Address : Quai du Mont-Blanc 11-1201 Geneva.

Location : 46.207892,6.148549000000003

Contact No : +41 22 909 6073

Website : <http://www.goldentulip.com/en>

Open / Close Time : 12:00hrs-14:00hrs and 19:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Rasoi by Vineet:**

Address : Quai Turrettini 1-1201 Geneva.

Location : 46.2056657,6.140987099999961

Contact No : +41 22 909 0006

Website : <http://www.mandarinoriental.fr/geneva/fine-dining/rasoi-by-vineet/>

Open / Close Time : 12:00hrs-14:00hrs and 19:00hrs-22:00hrs Sunday & Monday Closed

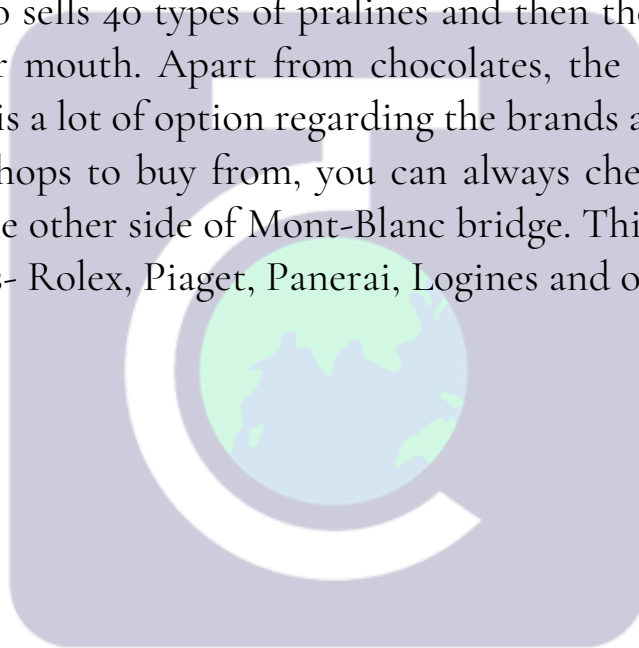
18. Average meal cost

Geneva is one of the most expensive cities in the world. Average cost of a meal in Geneva is around CHF 50. In addition to this, average cost of a drink is CHF 10. However, it is always a good idea to have your main meal during the noon itself. That is how the locals save their money. At this particular time, you can have a fulfilling meal for around 30 Francs. Eating at popular chains like Mc Donalds can be cheaper because the average cost per person amounts to anywhere between 10-20 Francs.



19. Shopping

There is plenty to shop in Geneva. From small boutiques to designer brands, everything can be located here. The city's most prestigious boutiques will make sure that you get just what you want. When it comes to the must-buy things from Geneva, Swiss Chocolates rule the list. You can buy a huge selection of the same at Confiserie Arn - The specialties include chocolate bars of dark chocolate with orange. The shop also sells 40 types of pralines and then there are truffles which literally melt in your mouth. Apart from chocolates, the Swiss are famous for their watches. There is a lot of option regarding the brands and models. Although there are plenty of shops to buy from, you can always check out The Bucherer Shop - which is on the other side of Mont-Blanc bridge. This shop has watches of all the famous brands- Rolex, Piaget, Panerai, Logines and others.



20. Tourist benefits

All the retail goods purchased in Switzerland incur a VAT of 8 percent. If you are not a resident of Switzerland, you can reclaim the VAT. Claim your tax free form at the shop and if you purchase good of more than CHF 300, you are eligible for exemption provided the goods are exported within 30 days.



21. Essential local apps

City Guide Geneve is the local app which can be downloaded from Google Play store. The app displays info about the city in terms of Public transport info and whereabouts of the exciting tours being conducted within the city.



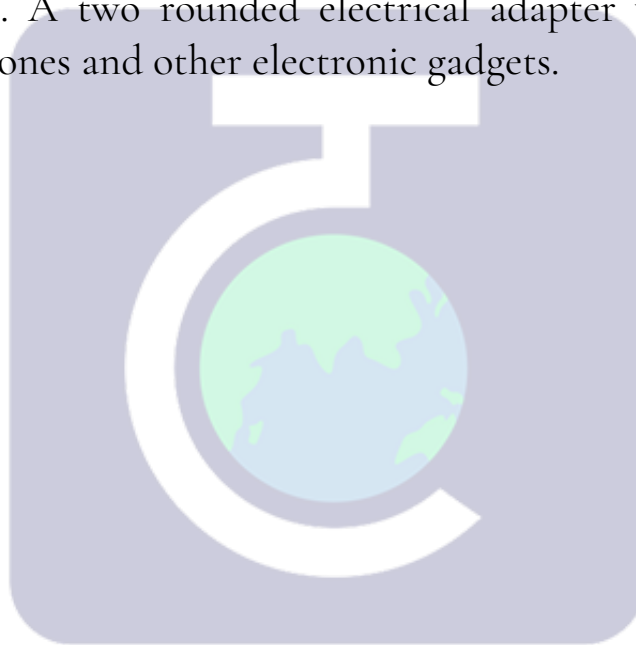
22. Driving

Entering Geneva in your car, you need to have a driver's license and registration along with personal liability insurance. You cannot cross the border if you are in a borrowed car. If it is a friend's car, the owner has to be present while crossing the border and if a rental car, the rental companies should know if you plan to leave Switzerland.



23. Travel essentials

Zurich as a city offer exciting hiking trails and if you plan to take a hike, make sure you pack in your hiking boots or trainers. Regarding travel charger- Zurich uses 220V while in countries like America, people use 110V. Some of the hotels still have wall sockets with two holes. In such a case, it is advised to carry a non-grounded plug which is an electrical adapter and can be used in wall sockets with two and three holes. A two rounded electrical adapter will come handy for charging your cell phones and other electronic gadgets.



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25. Local currency

One Swiss franc (CHF) equals to 1.02 USD.



Index**26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

It is imperative that while withdrawing money from the ATM machines, always choose Swiss francs (CHF) other currencies. Majority of the ATM machines won't charge you for the transaction. Most of the vendors will charge a commission which can be anywhere between 2-5 percent of the total transaction amount.



27. Staying connected

Geneva is a developed city and free public Wi-Fi networks are available at numerous locations. Even parks, beaches and museums provide this function. The airport offers free Wi-Fi and most of the hotels and restaurants offers the same. If your telecom operator provides a roaming package at a low cost, you should go for it. Else, visit any Orange or Swiss com shop for purchasing a local sim-card which is compatible with your phone. You will have to provide the details of your passport as an ID proof.



28. Time Zone

Geneva city falls within the European time zone of UTC/GMT +1 hours.



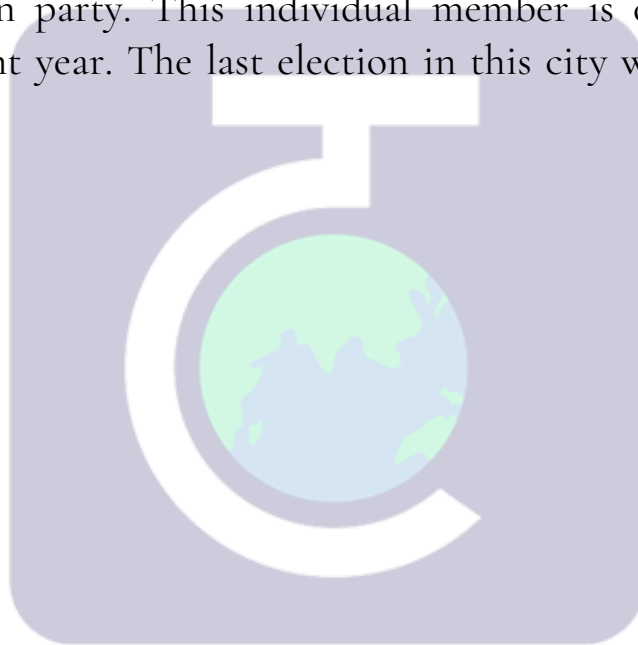
Index**29. Languages**

The city has three official languages- French, German and Italian. Even though a prominent part of the populations speaks French, English is another language which is spoken by 25 percent of the local population and most of the foreigners who visit Geneva.



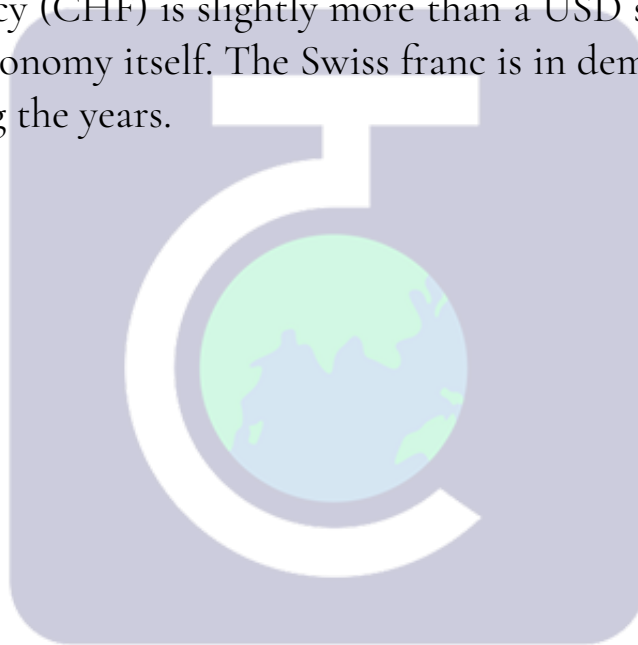
30. Political Scenario

Geneva is the second most populous city in Switzerland. It is divided into districts and each district entails different neighbourhoods. The City Council constitutes the larger part of the executive government and acts as collegiate authority. Geneva's city council entails two representatives of the Social Democratic Party and in addition to this, the council also contains one member each from the Green party. This individual member is commissioned as the Mayor for the current year. The last election in this city was held on the April 19th, 2015.



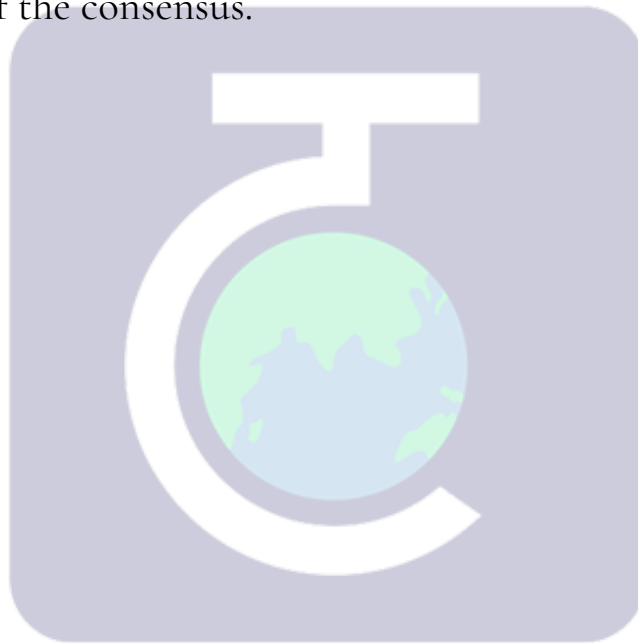
31. Economic Scenario

The Economic scenario in Geneva is booming away to glory. The city is reckoned as one of the most expensive cities across the globe. A lot of multinational corporations have their headquarters in Geneva and then, a vast majority of Swiss banks are also located in this city. Especially when it comes to banks from the Private sector, a lot of banks have their regional head offices in Geneva. The fact that Geneva's currency (CHF) is slightly more than a USD speaks volumes about the stability of the economy itself. The Swiss franc is in demand and its value has only increased during the years.



Index**32. Religious belief**

There was a census which was carried out in the year of 2000 which revealed that around sixty-seven thousand people in Geneva, which roughly amounts to 38 percent of the entire population, were Roman Catholic. Almost 24,000 people had their roots going back to Swiss Reformed Church. Muslims also occupy around 5 percent of the total population. Their number was around 9,000 during the documentation of the consensus.



Index**33. Visa requirements**

Individuals with valid Passports of Australia, Britain, Canada and United States do not require a Visa for entering Zurich. Schengen visa costs around €60 and there are reductions available for children and individuals of specific nationalities. Schengen visa enables for a stay up to 90 days where as national visa is required for a stay of more than 90 days.



Index**34. Essential vaccination**

There is no need for a specific vaccination for visiting Zurich. However, it is advisable to visit a general practitioner before travelling to Zurich. The General Practitioner can give in some medicines and check if you require any type of vaccination or anti biotic.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

People on the whole consider Geneva as a really safe city. Historically, Switzerland has always been considered as a low-crime country and the same goes for almost all the cities. However, specific to Geneva, there have been an increase in the pick-pocketing but it is mainly confined to area around the main train or bus station. Generally, Geneva is safe and people who visit here as a tourist also feel safe while travelling alone.



Index**36. Embassy/Consulate**

As the financial position of this city is sound, a lot of business houses have tried to establish their headquarters here. The tourism industry is thriving here because cities like Geneva are considered beautiful and every single year, heaps of tourists visit this part of the country. Therefore, a lot of countries have established their embassies here.



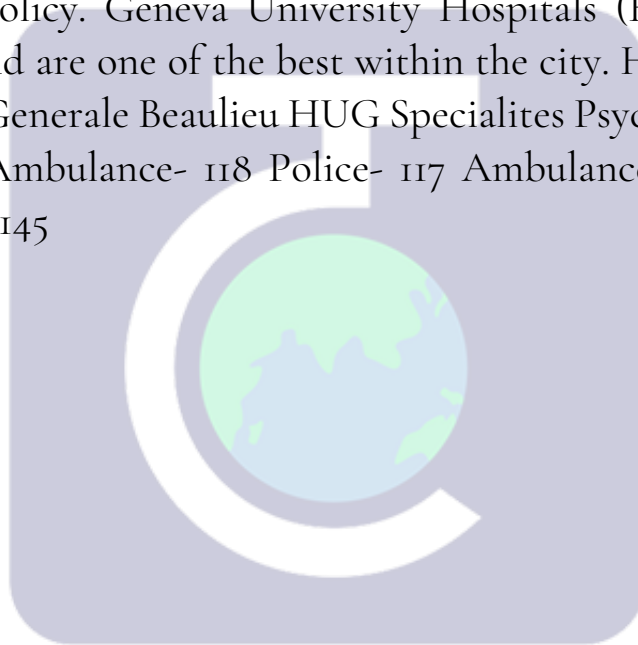
37. Accessibility

The city is meticulously planned and every single aspect has been taken care of to ensure people have a convenient stay within the city. Geneva is considered as one of the best cities for wheelchair access. However, there is an exception; its Old town is steep and has cobbled pathways but the city has been designed in a way that it is extremely wheelchair friendly. Public transport here takes an excellent account of the people who use wheelchairs. The low-floor trams is one of the best proofs for the same. There are a lot of public toilets that provide access for wheelchair and all the train stations or shopping malls have the same provision.



Index**38. Emergencies**

The infrastructure within the city is sound and consistent. There are a lot of Hospitals in Geneva which provide an excellent treatment to their patients. The medical infrastructure is developed and the residents here have an assurance regarding the same. For travellers or tourists, it is reasonable to get treatment in these hospitals as most of the reputed medical centres here do accept the overseas medical Insurance Policy. Geneva University Hospitals (HUG) comprise of 9 different hospitals and are one of the best within the city. Hospital Universitaire de Geneve Clinique Generale Beaulieu HUG Specialites Psychatriques Emergency numbers- Fire and Ambulance- 118 Police- 117 Ambulance and pharmacies on duty- 144 Poisoning- 145



Index**39. Do's and Don'ts**

Do's: - Access free public Wi-Fi at different public transport stations to save off your data bill. - Use the public transport Geneva card for unlimited travel within the city. Don'ts: - Avoid carrying a lot of luggage using public transport as you are not allowed to place luggage on the bus or train seats, even if they are empty. - Avoid withdrawing money from ATMs in any other currency than Swiss franc.



Index**40.Tipping basics**

In the restaurants here, the service tax is included in the final bills but people like to leave a little extra as well. It is something which is totally subjective but there is a common trend here Most of the people will round up the bill and leave the round up balance as the tip. For instance, if the bill amounts to CHF 15.67, the guest will leave CHF 16 or CHF 20 to pay the balance as a tip. However, it is advisable to refrain from tipping more than CHF 5 for a bill which is under CHF 90.



Index**41.Pet info**

For carrying your pet into the city, please try and ensure that your pet is not suffering from any kind of infection which can spread to others. Please ensure that your pet has been duly vaccinated so that it poses no threat to the safety of others. Most of the hotels here charge a nominal amount for keeping your pets separately. As a matter of fact, only three star and above hotels will have provisions for the same. The owner also needs to carry the proof if their pet has been vaccinated against Rabies.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Geneva is one of the main cities in Switzerland. It is a developed city with a brilliant transport system. People here love to walk as well. The city has been designed in a way that it is extremely easy to cover the important areas of the city on foot. Lake Geneva is an important natural landmark of the city as it loved by the locals as well as the tourists. There are a plenty of activities happening during the evening as most of the lake side shores are filled up with people who want to spend their time relaxing. Most of the fashion brands have their showrooms here and because Geneva is an expensive city to live in and travel to, there are some boutiques which offer clothes at reasonable prices as well. The culinary scene here is not really the best but it is improving with time. Apart from the world renowned cheese and chocolates, Geneva is catching onto the international food scene. A lot of restaurants here are trying to offer local delicacies with a twist in order to place themselves differently. All in all, the city is reckoned as a place where people like to enjoy their wine after a long day. The vineyards are currently offering some really great wines and on the whole, the city tends to slow down a little at night.

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