



# Geneva

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Perched on the glittering edge of Lac Léman and framed by snowy Alpine peaks, Geneva blends lakeside serenity with global flair. It's a city of diplomats, watchmakers, and chocolate artisans, where languages mix and trams glide past luxury boutiques and leafy parks. Compact yet worldly, it's a place for café moments, cultural finds, and mountain views around every corner.



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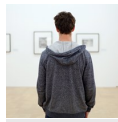
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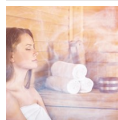
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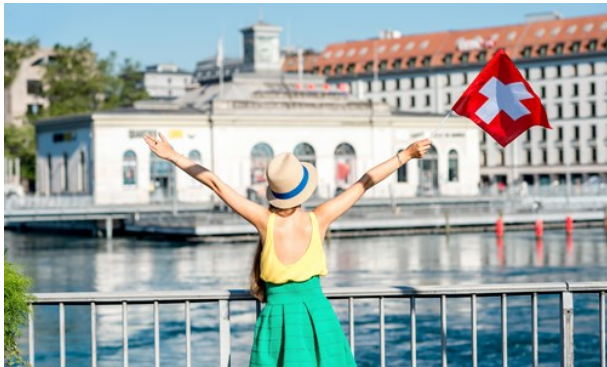
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## THE CITY



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Geneva's history goes way back — it started as a Roman settlement before growing into a key trading town in the Middle Ages. The city made its mark during the Protestant Reformation, with John Calvin setting up shop here in the 16th century. That legacy still shows in the Old Town's winding streets and historic buildings. Over time, Geneva became known for diplomacy and humanitarian work, thanks to its neutral stance in global conflicts.

Today, Geneva feels like a small city with a global reach. It's home to the European headquarters of the United Nations and dozens of international organisations, which explains the mix of languages and faces you'll see on the streets. With about 200,000 people — including many expats — the city balances its busy international vibe with plenty of parks, lakeside paths, and spots where you can slow down and take it all in.

## DO & SEE



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Geneva mixes old-world history with a modern, international edge. You can wander the cobbled streets of the Old Town, walk along the lake, or dip into high-end shopping on rue du Rhône. Visits to places like the UN or the Red Cross Museum show the city's global role. Its museums range from classical to experimental, and if you pay attention, the architecture and neighbourhoods hint at a city that's more layered than it first seems.

### Jet d'Eau



The Jet d'Eau ranks among the tallest water fountains in the world and is a well-known sight in Geneva, shooting around 500 litres of water every second up to 140 metres. You can see it from most of the city centre and even across the border.

Photo: Toni Pomar/Unsplash

Address: Quai Gustave-Ador, Geneva

### Place du Bourg-de-Four



Place du Bourg-de-Four is the oldest square in Geneva and still one of the liveliest. Right in the heart of the Old Town, it's lined with cafés, restaurants, and small shops, and works well as a meeting point or a quick stop while exploring nearby sights. On Thursdays and Saturdays, a market sets up with local produce, flowers, and some handmade goods.

Photo: Kollawat Somsri/Shutterstock

Address: Place du Bourg-de-Four, Geneva

### United Nations Headquarters - Palais des Nations



The Palais des Nations, once home to the League of Nations, now serves as the UN's European headquarters. You can take a guided tour (with advance booking) to see spaces like the Assembly Hall and the Council Chamber, where international negotiations still happen today. The building sits inside Ariana Park — a quiet, green space dotted with old cedars, roaming peacocks, and views down to the lake.

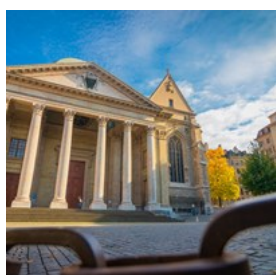
Photo: rm/Shutterstock

Address: Palais des Nations, Avenue de la Paix 8-14, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 917 12 34

Internet: [www.ungeneva.org/en](http://www.ungeneva.org/en)

### Saint Pierre Cathedral



At the highest point of the Old Town, Saint Pierre Cathedral dates back to the 12th century and is Geneva's most visited monument. It's known as

John Calvin's home church during the Reformation, and its underground archaeological site — the largest north of the Alps — offers a look at earlier layers of the city's history. Brave visitors willing to climb the 157 steps of the north tower will be treated to a breathtaking panorama of both the city and the lake — worth it if the weather is clear.

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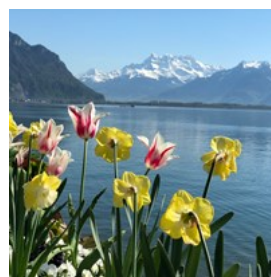
Address: Cours de Saint-Pierre, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9:30am-6:30pm, Sun noon-6:30pm

Phone: +41 22 311 75 75

Internet: [www.cathedrale-geneve.ch/en](http://www.cathedrale-geneve.ch/en)

### Lake Geneva



Sandwiched between Switzerland and France, Lake Geneva (called Lac Léman in French) is a stunning natural gem known for its picturesque landscapes and beauty. One of the largest lakes in Europe, it offers breathtaking views of the Alps and the Jura Mountains. The lake's shores are dotted with charming towns and cities, including Geneva, Montreux, and Lausanne, as well as the iconic Chillon Castle.

Photo: Roberta MI/Shutterstock

Address: Lake Geneva, Geneva

### The Flower Clock



L'Horloge Fleurie is a super-sized watch with a diameter of five metres, made of 6,500 flowering plants and shrubs, symbolising Switzerland's world-famous watch industry. This symbol has been around since the 1950s, and the decorations and plants are changed in harmony

with the season.

Photo: Petr Pohudka/Shutterstock

Address: Quai du Général-Guisan 28, Geneva

### International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum



The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum dives into the history and ongoing work of humanitarian aid around the world.

Through interactive exhibits, personal stories, and multimedia installations, it explores issues like conflict, disaster response, and human rights. There's a permanent exhibition, plus rotating temporary ones. Its focus is to promote understanding of the history, current affairs, and challenges of humanitarian actions worldwide.

Photo: Kevin Paes/Unsplash

Address: Avenue de la Paix 17, Geneva

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +41 22 748 95 95

Internet: [www.redcrossmuseum.ch/en](http://www.redcrossmuseum.ch/en)

Email: [com@redcrossmuseum.ch](mailto:com@redcrossmuseum.ch)

### Conservatory & Botanical Garden



The Conservatory and Botanical Garden is a peaceful spot just outside the city centre, home to over 16,000 plant species from around the world. It

also holds the world's largest herbarium, with more than six million preserved specimens — though that part isn't open to the public.

Photo: city100/Shutterstock

Address: Chemin de l'Impératrice 1, Pregny-Chambésy

Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm

Phone: +41 22 418 51 00

Internet: [www.cjbg.ch](http://www.cjbg.ch)

### Patek Philippe Museum



If you're interested in watches, this museum houses an important collection of timepieces from the 16th century onward and the finest creations of this Geneva-based watchmaker. Nowhere else is the Swiss passion for clocks, watches and the passing of time as obvious as here.

Photo: haveeseen/Shutterstock

Address: Rue de Vieux-Grenadiers 7, Geneva

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 2pm-6pm, Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +41 22 707 30 10

Internet:

[www.patek.com/en/museum/the-patek-philippe-museum](http://www.patek.com/en/museum/the-patek-philippe-museum)

Email: [info@patekmuseum.com](mailto:info@patekmuseum.com)

### CERN



CERN is the world's largest particle physics lab and home to the famous Large Hadron Collider. You can visit the free Science Gateway, which has hands-on exhibits, short films, and live science demos. Guided tours are also available, but spots are limited and usually go fast — best to arrive early and register on-site.

Photo: trabantos/Shutterstock

Address: Esplanade des Particules 1, Meyrin

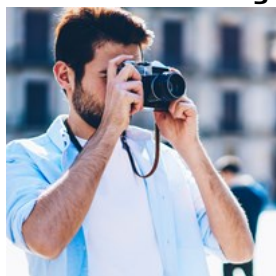
Public Transport: Tram and bus stop Meyrin, CERN

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +41 22 767 76 76

Internet: <https://home.cern>

### The Smurfs Buildings



Tucked into the bohemian Grottes district, Les Schtroumpfs — or the Smurfs buildings — are some of the quirkiest architecture in Geneva.

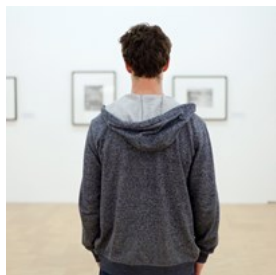
Built in the early '80s by three architects with a clear nod to Gaudí and comic book weirdness, the buildings look like something out of a fairytale: rounded shapes, bright colours, and almost no straight lines. Locals named them after the Smurfs because they genuinely look like something those little blue guys would live in.

The complex houses around 750 families and includes a kindergarten, a dental clinic, and a few cafés, all surrounded by trees and playgrounds. It's not a tourist hotspot, but definitely worth a quick wander if you're nearby.

Photo: GaudiLab/Shutterstock

Address: Rue Louis Favre 41, Geneva

### Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (MAMCO)



MAMCO is Switzerland's largest museum for contemporary art, with around 4,000 works in its collection. It focuses on post-1960s art and often

features temporary exhibitions, performances, and installations across its industrial-style space in the former SIP factory.

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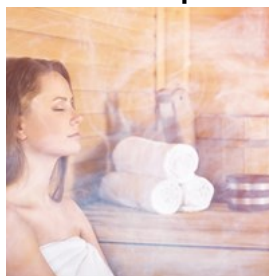
Address: Rue des Vieux-Grenadiers 10, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 320 61 22

Internet: [www.mamco.ch](http://www.mamco.ch)

Email: [info@mamco.ch](mailto:info@mamco.ch)

### Bains des Pâquis



Due to Geneva's ideal location by the lake, you can enjoy true city beach life at Bains des Pâquis, public bath houses on a pier in Lake Geneva,

where you can swim with the local ducks and swans. This beach is very crowded during the summer and offers all-season activities, such as a sauna, massages and a Turkish bath during the winter.

Photo: Billion Photos/Shutterstock

Address: Quai du Mont-Blanc 30, Geneva

Phone: +41 2 27 32 29 74

Internet: <https://aubp.ch>

Email: [aubp@bluewin.ch](mailto:aubp@bluewin.ch)

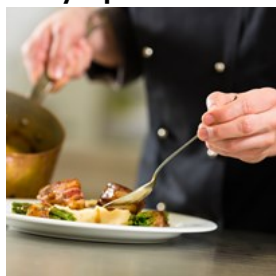
### DINING



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Geneva has earned its reputation as a gourmet town — and it certainly lives up to the acclaim. The local cuisine blends Swiss tradition with strong French and Italian influences. Travellers can savour lake specialities like filet de perches and filet de féras, alongside favourites such as cheese fondue and raclette, all best enjoyed with a glass of Swiss or French wine.

### Le Lyrique



Right in the middle of the music district next to the Grand Théâtre, Le Lyrique's luxurious Parisian ambience, complete with gilded

walls adorned with portraits of music maestros, set the stage for an exquisite dining experience. Offering fine French cuisine paired with a selection of wines and cocktails, Le Lyrique creates a perfect blend of history and gastronomic delight.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock

Address: Boulevard du Théâtre 12, Geneva

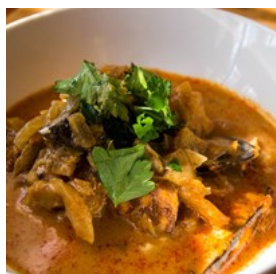
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-midnight, Sat

11:30am-midnight, Sun closed

Phone: +41 22 328 00 95

Internet: <https://cafe-lyrique.ch>

### Brasserie Lipp



Brasserie Lipp, a sibling of the renowned Parisian establishment, offers an elevated dining experience in Geneva.

The brasserie specialises in refined French cuisine, complemented by a curated selection of fine wines to be enjoyed in an elegant and warm atmosphere.

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Address: Confédération Centre, Rue de la Confédération 8, Geneva

Opening hours: Daily 8am-1am

Phone: +41 22 318 80 30

Internet: [www.brasseriellipp.ch](http://www.brasseriellipp.ch)

### Hôtel-de-Ville



Close to the Old Town, Hôtel-de-Ville serves up honest Swiss comfort food in a setting that smells like fondue and feels like tradition. The wood-panelled interior, warm service, and bubbling cheese pots make it a classic—just like the surrounding historic streets.

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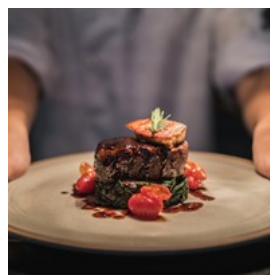
Address: Grand-Rue 39, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-midnight, Sat & Sun 10am-midnight

Phone: +41 22 311 70 30

Internet: [www.restaurant-hoteldeville.ch](http://www.restaurant-hoteldeville.ch)

### Le Relais de l'Entrecôte



Le Relais de l'Entrecôte is a French restaurant specialising in beef tenderloin and fries served with its famous sauce, whose ingredients

are a closely kept secret. This restaurant can also be found in many locations around Paris, where it built its reputation even before it came to Geneva.

Photo: wirath/Shutterstock

Address: Rue Pierre-Fatio 6, Geneva

Opening hours: Daily noon-2:30pm / 7pm-11pm

Phone: +41 22 310 60 04

Internet: [www.relaisentrecote.fr](http://www.relaisentrecote.fr)

### Domaine de Châteauvieux



Just outside Geneva, in the wine-growing village of Satigny, Domaine de Châteauvieux is a Michelin-starred destination for fine

dining. Set in a beautiful estate overlooking the Rhône, it offers an elegant and intimate setting for inventive cuisine crafted from seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. The views, the wine list, and the refined plates all come together for a memorable culinary experience well worth the short journey.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock

Address: Chemin de Châteauevieux, Route de Peney-Dessus  
16, Satigny

Phone: +41 22 753 15 11

Internet: <https://chateauvieux.ch/fr/>

### Bistrot du Bœuf Rouge



A beloved address with a retro French vibe, Bistrot du Bœuf Rouge brings a touch of Lyon to Geneva. Its namesake filet of beef and the sirloin with blue

cheese dressing are among the favourites, all paired with a solid wine list and plenty of old-school charm.

Photo: Mesve79/Shutterstock

Address: Rue Docteur-Alfred-Vincent 17, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 732 75 37

Internet: [www.boeufrouge.ch](http://www.boeufrouge.ch)

### Les Curiades



Set in a charming 19th-century house surrounded by vineyards, Les Curiades offers a peaceful escape just outside Geneva. The

warm, rustic atmosphere is matched by a refined, ever-evolving menu that highlights seasonal ingredients and regional flavours.

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock

Address: Vieux-Lully 10, Bernex

Phone: +41 22 757 40 40

Internet: <https://restaurantlescuriades.ch>

Email: [info@restaurantlescuriades.ch](mailto:info@restaurantlescuriades.ch)

### Café des Banques



In the heart of Geneva, Café des Banques delivers modern Swiss cuisine with flair. Its sleek white interior, adorned with

contemporary art, makes for a stylish setting, while the shaded terrace is a favourite in summer for long lunches or elegant dinners outdoors.

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Address: Rue de Hesse 6, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 311 44 98

Internet: [www.cafedesbanques.com/fr](http://www.cafedesbanques.com/fr)

### Chez Ma Cousine



Tucked away in the cobbled streets of the Old Town, Chez Ma Cousine is a beloved local haunt that's all about one thing: roast chicken. Juicy,

golden, and served with crispy potato wedges and salad, it's a go-to for something hearty and satisfying. It is also very affordable in comparison to Geneva's usual prices.

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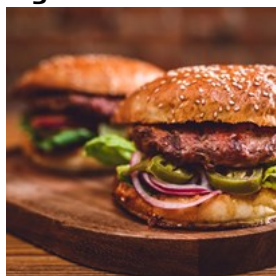
Address: Place Bourg-de-Four 6, Geneva

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10:30pm

Phone: +41 22 310 96 96

Internet: [www.chezmacousine.ch](http://www.chezmacousine.ch)

## Inglewood



At this buzzing local favourite with locations in Plainpalais and Eaux-Vives, Inglewood serves what many call the best burgers in town.

Everything is made in-house, from the sauces to the chutneys, and the meat is sourced from Swiss farms. The menu combines classics with rotating specials, such as the Valaisan or Honey Goat, served with fries and salad.

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Address: Boulevard du Pont-d'Arve 44, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 320 38 66

Internet: <https://inglewood.ch>

## Gaya



For those seeking a break from classic Swiss fare or a taste of Korean delights, Gaya is a popular choice. This restaurant offers a diverse selection of Korean dishes, with the spotlight on their renowned BBQ specialities.

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Address: Rue Ferrier 19, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 732 46 36

## La Gondola



At this long-standing favourite in Eaux-Vives, La Gondola serves Italian comfort food with roots in the island of Ischia.

Expect classic pizzas, generous bowls of pasta, and flavourful antipasti.

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Address: Rue des Barques 4, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 736 12 12

Internet: <https://lagondola.pizza>

## CAFÉS



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Geneva's café scene has something for every coffee fan, from casual spots to stylish little hideouts. As a busy business hub, the city runs on coffee — locals dashing between meetings, savouring a cup of Joe on the go or slowing down on Sunday afternoons. These cafés are part of everyday life here, always buzzing with activity.

## La Clémence



La Clémence is a charming and trendy café with a sprawling outdoor terrace, perfect for summertime, where you can enjoy aperitifs,

cocktails and light meals in a convivial atmosphere in the heart of the city.

Photo: William Perugini/Shutterstock

Address: Place du Bourg-de-Four 20, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 7am-midnight, Fri 7am-2am, Sat 8am-2am, Sun 8am-midnight

Phone: +41 22 312 24 98

Internet: [www.laclemence.ch](http://www.laclemence.ch)

Email: [info@dumdup.ch](mailto:info@dumdup.ch)

### Cottage Café



Set in a wooden pavilion in a lakeside park, Cottage Café is a cosy spot for coffee, lunch, or a drink. Most of the seating is outside, so it's especially good on sunny days. The menu is simple — salads, tarts, wine, espresso — but it's all fresh and well done.

Photo: witaya ratanasirikulchai/Shutterstock

Address: Rue Adhémar-Fabri 7, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon 7:30am-5pm, Tue-Fri 7:30am-11pm, Sat 9am-11pm, Sun closed

Phone: +41 22 731 60 16

Internet: [www.cottagecafe.ch/en/home](http://www.cottagecafe.ch/en/home)

### Boréal Coffee Shop



A reliable stop for proper coffee, Boréal roasts its own beans in Geneva and serves everything from flat whites to cold brews, plus teas, cakes, and light bites. There are a few locations around town — all relaxed, with good Wi-Fi and a steady stream of locals and laptop workers.

Photo: I love coffee/Shutterstock

Address: Rue du Stand 60, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7am-7pm, Sat & Sun 8am-7pm

Phone: +41 22 310 69 60

Internet: <https://borealcoffee.ch>

### Birdie Food & Coffee



Birdie is a popular brunch spot in Geneva known for keeping things simple and tasty. The menu focuses on breakfast favourites, salads, and sandwiches, paired with good coffee and fresh

juices, all served in a minimalist setting.

Photo: Lia Koltyrina/Shutterstock

Address: Rue des Bains 40, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-3pm, Sat & Sun 9am-4pm

Phone: +41 22 320 29 00

Internet: [www.instagram.com/birdiecoffee](http://www.instagram.com/birdiecoffee)

### Muller's Factory



Serving crêpes since 1962, Muller's is a local favourite for sweet and savoury classics, plus waffles loaded with Swiss chocolate. The menu also covers ice cream, milkshakes, and drinks like homemade hot chocolate and matcha lattes. It's all served in a cosy, slightly old-school setting, with mismatched furniture, board games, and a laid-back, lived-in feel.

Photo: baibaz/Shutterstock

Address: Place du Cirque 4, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-9pm, Sun 10:15am-8pm

Phone: +41 22 808 04 44

Internet: <https://mullersfactory.ch>

### Demi Lune Café



Nestled in the charming old town of Geneva, Demi Lune Café beckons as a comfy meeting place known for its tapas, sandwiches, and light meals, complemented by a selection of wines, beers, and cocktails.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock

Address: Rue Etienne-Dumont 3, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon 11:30am-2:30pm, Tue-Sat 11:30am-11pm, Sun 11am-4pm

Phone: +41 22 312 12 90

Internet: [www.demilune.ch](http://www.demilune.ch)

Email: [reservation@demilune.ch](mailto:reservation@demilune.ch)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Although Geneva is a relatively small city, its nightlife offers a surprisingly wide and varied range of entertainment — likely thanks to its international mix of people. Many start the evening with an aperitif at one of the hundreds of bars before heading to a hot nightspot. Dance floors are filled with everyone from the Geneva jet set and sharply dressed diplomats to rockers in black leather and trendy locals unwinding after work.

### Mr Pickwick Pub



Established in 1969, Mr Pickwick is Switzerland's oldest English pub and a long-standing local favourite. With its dark wood interior, brick walls, and cosy Victorian charm, it's the kind of place where tradition meets a lively crowd. Expect a solid line-up of draft beers, British pub fare like fish and chips and shepherd's pie, and plenty of screens showing major sports events.

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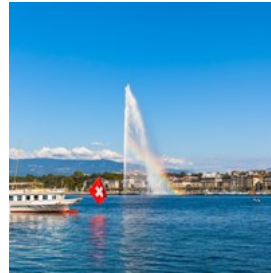
Address: Rue de Lausanne 80, Geneva

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 11am-1am, Thu-Sat 11am-2am

Phone: +41 22 731 67 97

Internet: <https://mrpickwick.ch>

### Bateau Genève



Mooring quietly between the Flower Clock and the Jet d'Eau, the 1896 paddle steamer Genève no longer sails. Instead, it has become a charming lakeside bar and café from mid-May to mid-September. The Buvette du Bateau serves daily specials at lunch and tapas by evening, all with one of the loveliest views over the lake and the iconic Jet d'Eau.

Photo: Peter Stein/Shutterstock

Address: Quai Gustave Ador 1, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 786 43 41

Internet: [www.bateaugeneve.ch](http://www.bateaugeneve.ch)

Email: [info@bateaugeneve.ch](mailto:info@bateaugeneve.ch)

### Little Barrel



In the Eaux-Vives district, Little Barrel (also known as Little Eminente Barrel) is Geneva's go-to spot for rum lovers. Housed in a snug space with a terrace, it offers nearly 140 rums from around the world—perfect for sipping neat or mixed into one of their inventive house cocktails.

Photo: santypan/Shutterstock

Address: Rue du Lac 15, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 700 73 40

Internet: <https://littlebarrel.ch>

Email: [info@littlebarrel.ch](mailto:info@littlebarrel.ch)

### La Terrasse



On Quai du Mont-Blanc, La Terrasse pops up each summer as Geneva's most relaxed lakeside bar. With beach-hut decor, chilled music, and views

of the water and Jet d'Eau, it's one of the best places to unwind. The menu features classic comfort food, tapas, cocktails, beer, and wine. It fills up on sunny evenings—come early, grab a drink and let the lake set the pace.

Photo: DavideAngelini/Shutterstock

Address: Quai du Mont-Blanc 31, Geneva

Internet: [www.paillote-geneve.ch](http://www.paillote-geneve.ch)

### Chat Noir Club



In the bohemian Carouge district, Chat Noir is a long-time favourite for live music and late-night drinks. It features a leafy terrace, a well-stocked bar with creative cocktails, and a menu of homemade bar food. Inside, the stage hosts a steady line-up of local bands and international DJs, drawing a lively crowd throughout the week.

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Address: Rue Vautier 13, Carouge

Phone: +41 22 307 10 40

Internet: [www.chatnoir.ch](http://www.chatnoir.ch)

### Lady Godiva Pub



Another favourite among Geneva's British-style pubs, Lady Godiva is known for having the largest selection of draft beers in Switzerland. The atmosphere is warm and buzzing, with pub quizzes, live music, and major sports events screened across big TVs. Classic pub fare rounds out the experience.

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Address: Boulevard du Pont-d'Arve 53, Geneva

Phone: +41 22 328 23 00

Internet: [www.ladyg.ch](http://www.ladyg.ch)

Email: [info@ladyg.ch](mailto:info@ladyg.ch)

### The Leopard Room Bar & Lounge



Inside the prestigious Hotel d'Angleterre and right on the lakefront, The Leopard Room Bar & Lounge is one of Geneva's most sophisticated spots for a drink. The menu features an impressive wine list, expertly crafted cocktails, and an extensive whisky selection. The mood is intimate yet lively, with plush interiors and regular live jazz.

Photo: Arina P Habich/Shutterstock

Address: Quai du Mont-Blanc 17, Geneva

Opening hours: Daily 7pm-2am

Phone: +41 22 906 55 55

Internet: <https://dangleterrehotel.com/dining-and-drinks/the-leopard-bar>

## SHOPPING



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If Switzerland is the country of luxury, then Geneva is surely the jewel in this crown. The main shopping area lies between Rue du Rhône and Rue de Rive, with countless chic and high-brand boutiques. Geneva is the perfect city to renew your wardrobe, but make sure you come with the necessary funds, because in this city, quality certainly comes at a cost. You might also find yourself falling in love with the perfect

watch: watchmaking is a serious matter and a true art here. If you're looking for more tourist purchases, worry not, you will also find typical Swiss things like clocks, chocolate and cheeses, all of top quality.

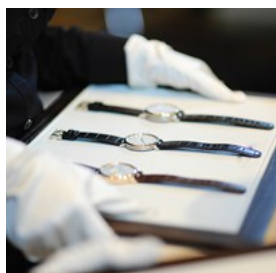
### Rue du Marché



Right in the centre of town, Rue du Marché is a pedestrian street lined with high-street brands, watch shops, and a few local boutiques. You'll find a Swatch store, Davidoff cigars, and plenty of options for clothes, accessories, and gifts.

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Address: Rue du Marché, Geneva

### Rue du Rhône



Rue du Rhône is renowned as one of the city's premier shopping streets, offering a high-end and luxurious shopping experience. It is like a pearl necklace of exclusive shops, reminiscent of Marbella, Gstaad and Beverly Hills. Rue du Rhône attracts shoppers seeking top-tier fashion, jewellery, watches, and other luxury goods. Here, Cartier, Patek Philippe and Rolex share the stage with Piaget, Audemars Piguet and Gucci.

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Address: Rue du Rhône, Geneva

### Globus Genève Grand Magasin



Spanning three floors on chic Rue du Rhône, Globus is an upscale department store with a carefully chosen range of designer clothes, beauty products, and home goods. The ground floor deli is known for Swiss chocolates, cheeses, and other gourmet treats.

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Address: Rue du Rhône 48, Geneva  
Phone: +41 22 510 36 16  
Internet: [www.globus.ch](http://www.globus.ch)

### Alptitude



On Rue des Alpes near the main station, Alptitude sells all the classic Swiss souvenirs — chocolate, Swiss Army knives, cuckoo clocks, Montblanc pens, and cow-themed everything. Easy place to stop if you're after something traditional.

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Address: Rue des Alpes 9, Geneva  
Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm  
Phone: +41 22 732 16 26  
Internet: <https://alptitude-shop.ch>  
Email: [info@alptitude-shop.ch](mailto:info@alptitude-shop.ch)

### Plainpalais Flea Market



The Marché aux Puces de Plainpalais is a bustling flea market held every Wednesday and Saturday (and every first Sunday of the month since 1970), transforming the Plainpalais district into a lively hub of second-hand treasures. Vendors offer a

diverse range of goods, including clothing, books, jewellery, furniture, antiques, and vintage items.

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Address: Avenue du Mail 27, Geneva

Opening hours: Wed, Sat & Sun 8am-5pm

Phone: +41 22 418 61 60

Internet: [www.geneve.ch/marche-plainpalais](http://www.geneve.ch/marche-plainpalais)

## Manor Genève



Manor is the go-to department store in Switzerland — a one-stop shop spread over several floors, packed with everything from clothes and makeup to home décor and electronics. The ground floor market is perfect for fresh food, and the restaurant upstairs makes a solid lunch spot when you need a break from shopping.

Photo: Ground Picture/Shutterstock

Address: Rue de Cornavin 6, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 9am-7pm, Thu 9am-9pm, Fri

9am-7:30pm, Sat 8:30am-6pm, Sun closed

Phone: +41 22 909 46 99

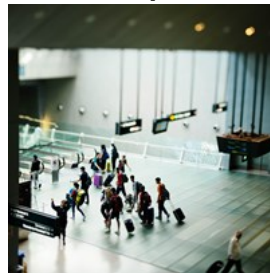
Internet: [www.manor.ch/de](http://www.manor.ch/de)

## TOURIST INFORMATION



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## Geneva Airport (GVA)



Located just 4 km from the city centre, Geneva Airport is extremely well-connected. The CFF/SBB railway station, directly beneath the terminal, offers frequent departures to Genève-Cornavin, with the journey taking about 7 minutes.

TPG bus lines 5 and 10 also run between the airport and central Geneva, with travel times ranging from 20 to 30 minutes depending on traffic. Buses typically run every 8 to 15 minutes during peak hours. For early departures, the Aérobus shuttle service (lines A1-A6) operates between 4:30am and 6:30am, connecting several neighbourhoods in and around Geneva and neighbouring France.

Taxis and ride-hailing services are available just outside the arrivals hall.

Travellers staying in a hotel, youth hostel, or campsite in Geneva receive a Geneva Transport Card, valid throughout zone 10. This includes buses, trams, local boats (Mouettes), and the train between the airport and city centre — all free for the duration of your stay.

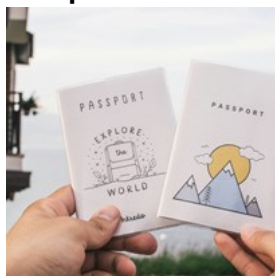
Photo: CHUTTERSNAPO/Unsplash

Address: Geneva International Airport, Geneva

Phone: +41 848 192 020

Internet: [www.gva.ch/en](http://www.gva.ch/en)

## Passport /Visa



Switzerland can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of most European countries, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, the UAE and most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country. International (non-Schengen) travellers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries can travel without a passport but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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## Public Transport



Geneva's public transport is arguably one of the best ways for visitors to get around the city. It's reliable, frequent and covers most tourist spots. It includes trams, trolleybuses, buses, trains and even lake ferries (the yellow Mouettes Genevoises), all covered by one ticket.

Tickets are valid across all modes within Zone 10, with day passes available. If you're staying in a hotel, hostel or campsite registered with Geneva Tourism, you'll receive a Geneva Transport Card — a digital pass sent before arrival that gives you free, unlimited travel on all local transport during your stay. There's also a Geneva City Pass offering transport plus discounts on about 50 attractions for 24-72

hours.

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Internet: [www.tpg.ch/en](http://www.tpg.ch/en)

More Info: [www.sbb.ch/en](http://www.sbb.ch/en)

## Taxi



Taxis in Geneva can be ordered by phone, hailed at specific stands, or booked via the Taxiphone Genève app, which is widely used. Ride-hailing apps like Uber and Bolt also operate in the city. Taxis are fairly expensive, which is why most travellers opt for public transport.

Photo: Maik Winnecke/Unsplash

Address: Taxi-Phone Central

Phone: +41 22 331 41 33

## Post



Geneva has many Swiss Post branches throughout the city — just look for the bright yellow signs and mailboxes. You can buy stamps, send letters or parcels, and collect packages from lockers or counters. The most convenient location for travellers is Poste Mont-Blanc, centrally located on Rue du Mont-Blanc 18, just a short walk from the main train station. Some stamps and basic postal services are also available at newsstands and supermarkets.

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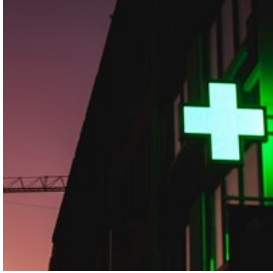
Address: Swiss Post - Rue du Mont-Blanc 18, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun closed

Phone: +41 8 48 888 888

Internet: [www.post.ch/en](http://www.post.ch/en)

## Pharmacy



In Geneva, the main pharmacy chains are Amavita, Sun Store, and Pharmacieplus. They are widely present across the city and offer prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, health products, and basic travel or hygiene essentials. For urgent needs outside of these times, Pharma24, at Boulevard de la Cluse 38, operates 24/7.

Photo: Serkan Yildiz/Unsplash

Address: Pharmacieplus - Rond-Point de Plainpalais 6, Geneva

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun closed  
Phone: +41 22 320 07 59

## Electricity



Switzerland operates on a 230V/50 Hz electrical system and uses both Type C (two-pin) and Type J (three-pin) plugs. Type C plugs are also compatible with Type J sockets.

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## Telephone



Country code: +41 Area code: 22

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## Population

644,513 (2025)

## Currency

Swiss Franc (CHF)

## Internet

[www.geneve.com/en](http://www.geneve.com/en)

## Newspapers

Le Temps: [www.letemps.ch](http://www.letemps.ch)

Tribune de Genève: [www.tdg.ch](http://www.tdg.ch)

## Emergency numbers

European SOS: 112

Ambulance: 144

Police: 117

Fire Brigade: 118

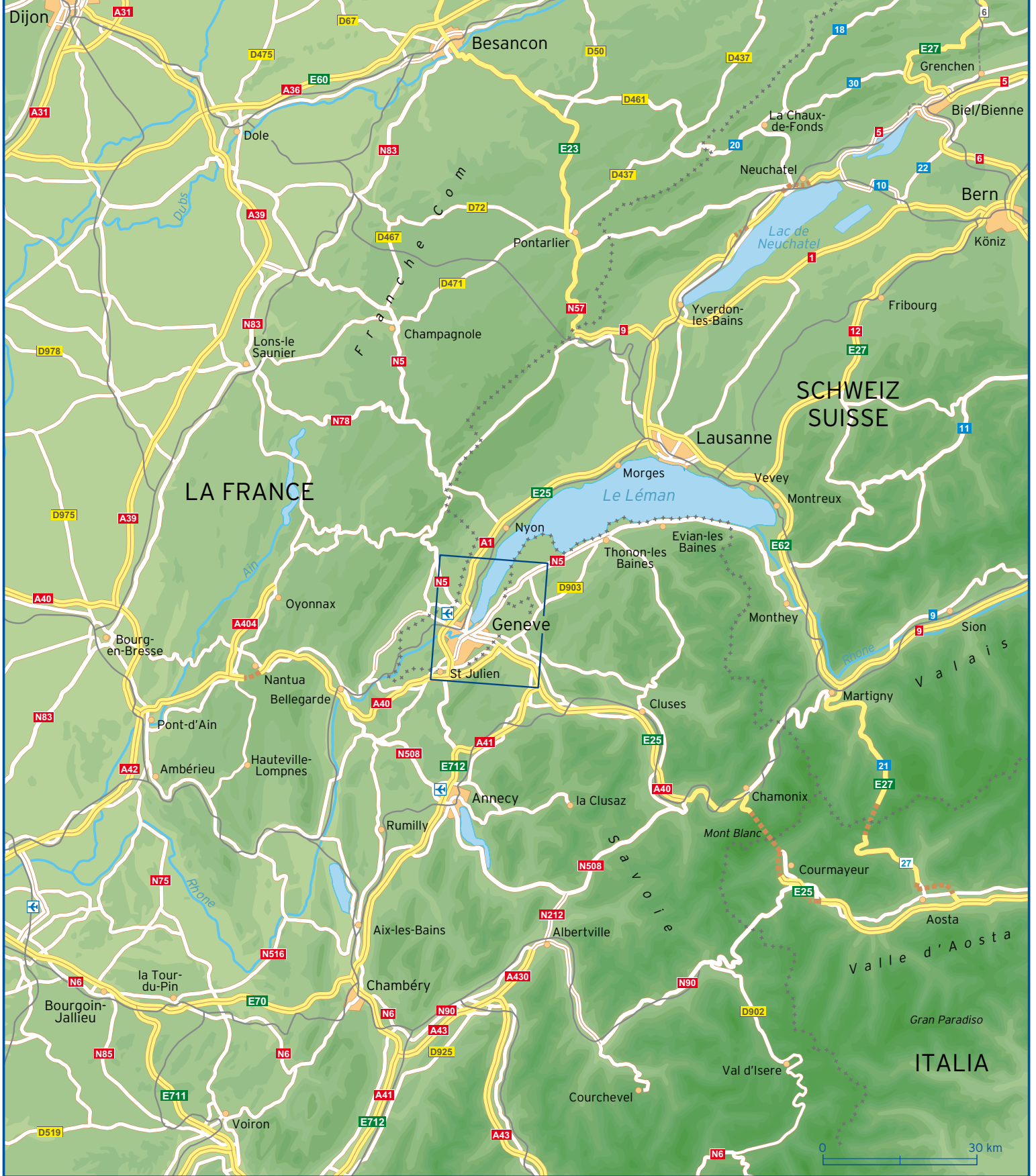
## Tourist information

Geneva Tourist Information Centre

Cornavin Train Station, Place de Cornavin 7/1st floor, Geneva

+41 22 909 70 00

Opening hours: Mon-Wed, Fri & Sat 9:15am-5:45pm, Thu 10am-5:45pm, Sun 10am-4pm







		Rampe de la Treille	C3	Rue des Bains	B4
		Rond Point de Plainpalais	C3	Rue des Chaudronniers	D2
		Rond Point de Rive	D1	Rue des Deux Ponts	A4
		Rou Rousseau	A2 B2	Rue des Eaux Vives	D1
		Rue Adhémar Fabri	B1	Rue des Etuves	B2
		Rue Adrien Vallin	A2 B2	Rue des Glacis de Rive	D1
		Rue Alexandre Calame	C3	Rue des Granges	C2 C3
Avenue de Sainte Clotilde	B4	Rue Ami Lullin	D2	Rue des Jardins	A4
Avenue du Mail	C4	Rue Beauregard	D2 D3	Rue des Maraichers	B4
Avenue Henri Dunant	C4 D4	Rue Bergalonne	C4	Rue des Moulins	B2
Boulevard Carl Vogt	B4 C4 D4	Rue Bonivard	B1	Rue des Pavillons	C4
Boulevard de Saint Georges	A4 B4	Rue Chaponnière	A1	Rue des Plantaporrêts	A4
Boulevard des Philosophes	D3	Rue d Aoste	D1	Rue des Rois	B3
Boulevard du Pont d Arve	D4	Rue d Italie	D1 D2	Rue des Savoises	B3 B4
Boulevard du Théâtre	B3 C3	Rue Dancet	D4	Rue des Sources	D4
Boulevard Georges Favon	B3 C3	Rue de Athenée	D3	Rue des Terreaux du Temple	A2
Boulevard Helvétique	D1 D2	Rue de Berne	A1	Rue des Vieux Grenadiers	B4 C4
Boulevard James Fazy	A2	Rue De Candolle	C3 D3	Rue des Voisins	D4
Boulevard Jaques Dalcroze	D2	Rue de Carouge	D4	Rue Docteur Alfred Vincent	A1
Coulouvreniere	A3 B3	Rue de Chantepoulet	A1 A2	Rue du Cendrier	B1 B2
Cours des Bastions	D3	Rue de Cornavin	A2	Rue du Conseil Général	C3
Grand Rue	C2	Rue de Coutance	A2 B2	Rue du Diorama	B3
Place de Cornavin	A1	Rue de Fribourg	A1	Rue du Général Dufour	B3 C3
Place de la Fusterie	B2 C2	Rue de Hesse	B3	Rue du Mandement	A2
Place de la Poste	B3	Rue de Hollande	B3	Rue du Marché	C2
Place des Volontaires	A3	Rue de l Arquebuse	A3 B3	Rue du Mont Blanc	A1 B1
Place du Bourg de Four	D2	Rue de l Ecole de Médecine	C4	Rue du Port	C1 C2
Place du Cirque	B3	Rue de l Hotel de Ville	C2 D2	Rue du Prince	C1 C2
Place du Molard	C2	Rue de la Cite	B2	Rue du Purgatorie	C2
Place du Port	C1	Rue de la Confédération	B2 C2	Rue du Rhone	B2 C2 D1
Place Franz Liszt	D2	Rue de la Corraterie	B3 C3	Rue du Stand	A3 A4 B3
Place Grenus	A2 B2	Rue de la Coulouvreniere	A3	Rue du Temple	A2
Place Longemalle	C2	Rue de la Croix d Or	C2	Rue du Vieux College	D2
Pont de la Machine	B2	Rue de la Croix Rouge	C3	Rue du Vieux-Billard	B4
Pont des Bergues	B2	Rue de la Muse	B4 C4	Rue du Village Suisse	B4
Pont du Mont Blanc	B1 C1	Rue de la Rotiserie	C2	Rue Etienne Dumont	D2
Promenade du Lac	C1	Rue de la Scie	D1	Rue Ferdinand Hodler	D2
Promenades de Saint Jean	A3	Rue de la Synagogue	B3	Rue Francois Diday	B3 C3
Quai de l Ile	B2	Rue de la Tertasse	C2 C3	Rue Francois Versonnex	D1
Quai de la Poste	B3	Rue de la Tour	C1 D2	Rue Frank Martin	C2
Quai des Bergues	B2	Rue de la Tour de l Ile	B2	Rue Georges Leschot	D3 D4
Quai des Forces Motrices	A3 B3	Rue de Lausanne	A1	Rue Gourgas	B4
Quai des Moulins	B2	Rue de Malatrex	A2	Rue Grenus	A2
Quai du Mont Blanc	B1	Rue de Monthoux	A1	Rue Guillaume Tell	B2
Quai du Rhone	A4	Rue de Neuchatel	A1	Rue Harry Marc	C3 C4
Quai du Seujet	A3	Rue de Rive	C2 D2	Rue Henri Christiné	D4
Quai Gustave Ador	D1	Rue de Saint Jean	A2 A3	Rue Jacques Balmat	C3
Quai Général Guisan	B2 C1 C2 D1	Rue de Sous Terre	A3 A4	Rue Jacques Necker	A2
Quai Theodore Turretini	A3 B2	Rue des Alpes	A1 B1	Rue Jean Calvin	C2

Rue Jean Francois Bartholoni	C3	Rue Michel Simson	A4 B4	Rue Saint Ours	D3
Rue Jean Gabriel Eynard	D3	Rue Micheli du Crest	D3	Rue Sismondi	A1
Rue Jean Imbert Galloix	D3	Rue Muzy	D1	Rue Tabazan	D2 D3
Rue Jean Petitot	B3	Rue Neuve du Molard	C2	Rue Thalberg	A1
Rue Jean Senebier	D3	Rue Pierre Fatio	D1	Rue Theodore de Beze	D2
Rue Jean Violette	D4	Rue Pradier	A1	Rue Vignier	D4
Rue Kléberg	B1 B2	Rue Prevost Martin	D3 D4	Square du Mont Blanc	B1
Rue Masbou	D4 E4	Rue Saint Léger	D3		