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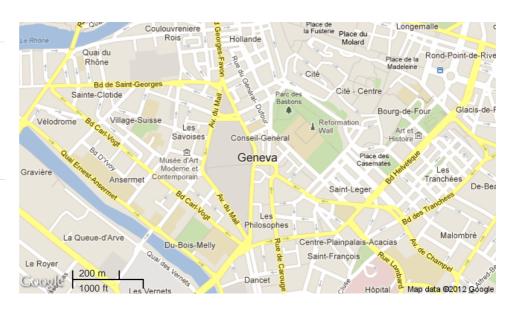


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### Geneva

Embedded between nearby Alpine peaks and the hilly terrain of the Jura, the French-speaking city of Geneva lies in the bay where the Rhone leaves Lake Geneva. With its humanitarian tradition and cosmopolitan flair, the European seat of the UNO and headquarters of the Red Cross is known as the "capital of peace".



The symbol of the «world's smallest metropolis» is the "Jet d'eau" – a fountain with a 140-metre-high water jet at the periphery of Lake Geneva. Most of the large hotels and many restaurants are situated on the right-hand shore of the lake. The old town, the heart of Geneva with the shopping and business quarter, holds sway over the left-hand shore. It is dominated by St. Peter's Cathedral, however the actual centre of the old town is the Place du Bourg-de-Four, which is the oldest square in the city. Quays, lakeside promenades, countless parks, lively side streets in the old town and elegant shops invite guests to stroll. One of the best-maintained streets is the Grand-Rue, where Jean-Jacques Rousseau was born. The «mouettes», a type of water taxi, enable crossings to be made from one lakeshore to the other, while larger vessels invite visitors to enjoy cruises on Lake

#### **General Info**

Canton: Geneva
Postcode/ZIP: 1200 - 1215
Altitude: 373 m
Population: 457,628
Language: Französisch

#### **Opening hours**

Shops/shopping

Monday - Friday: 9 am - 7 pm Saturday: 8.30 am - 6 pm

Late night shopping: Thursday, 9 am - 9 pm

Banks and currency exchange Monday - Friday: 8.30 am - 6.30 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 6 pm

Public authorities and offices

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 12 noon / 1.30 pm -

5 pm

Saturday: closed

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Geneva.

Geneva is Switzerland's most international city, as it is where the European seat of the UNO is based. Even the International Red Cross directs its humanitarian campaigns from here. Besides being a congress city, Geneva is also a centre for culture and history, for trade fairs and exhibitions. The «Horloge Fleuri», the large flower clock in the "Jardin Anglais" (English Garden), is a world-renowned symbol of the Geneva watch industry.

Culturally, this city on the westernmost fringe of Switzerland has much to offer. International artists perform in the Grand Théâtre and Geneva Opera House, and an extremely diverse range of museums such as the "Musée international de l'horlogerie", a watch museum with a collection of jewellery watches and musical clocks, and the International Museum of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, which provides an insight into the work of these humanitarian organisations, invite city quests to visit them.

A rewarding excursion destination is Mont Salève, which is situated in neighbouring France. The cableway lifts visitors to an altitude of 1100 metres in less than five minutes, giving rise to outstanding vistas across the city of Geneva, Lake Geneva, the chain of Alps, the Jura and Montblanc.

#### Highlights

- Jet d'eau visible from afar, the 140-metre-high water jet is the 'landmark' of Geneva.
- St. Pierre Cathedral the north tower of the three-naved basilica in the old town of Geneva
  offers up a unique vista over the city and lake.
- Palace of the United Nations on passing through the paled gate of the Palace of the UNO, visitors enter international territory.
- International Museum of the Red Cross the birthplace of the International Red Cross houses
  the only museum dedicated to the history and work of this organisation.
- Cruises on Lake Geneva from the cruise boats, visitors can marvel at the unique scenery of
  castles and magnificent residences set against wonderful landscape and mountain panoramas.



### A perfect day in Geneva

Geneva is a city of the world – and a world unto itself. It lies idyllically between Alpine peaks and vineyards, by the largest lake in Western Europe. With the splendid historic Old Town at your back, you look out over the famous fountain in the harbour to the Mont Blanc massif on the horizon. Geneva is the UN capital of peace, home of the luxury watch industry – and a delightful place to visit.

Boundless views

09:00



After a day like yesterday, you probably welcome a blast of fresh air. Nowhere is better for this than the top of the Salève, the mountain on Geneva's doorstep. It actually stands in France, but you can get there easily by public transport. A cable car carries you up to an altitude of 1,000 metres, and into seventh heaven: the views of Lake Geneva, Mont Blanc and the whole region are

breathtaking. Adventurous visitors can head back down by paraglider; energetic guests can follow the steep footpaths; and anyone preferring an easier ride can glide back down in the cable car.

Where all Geneva swims

11:00



In Geneva, water sets the tone and the pace. Tune in over a late breakfast at the Bains des Pâquis, a relaxed open-air lido built on 448 piles over the lake. Swim in the lake, unwind in the hammam, or simply enjoy the view of the Jet d'Eau fountain and Europe's highest mountain, Mont Blanc. The Bains des Pâquis is the perfect place to plan your day – not least thanks to the free WiFi.

Fun on wheels

11:45



Segways are great ways of seeing a city: these electrically driven two-wheeled "personal transporters" are not just efficient and environmentally friendly, but great fun to ride, too. One ideal tour is a trip packed with variety along the lake to the Palace of Nations, seat of the European headquarters of the United Nations, and to the "Broken Chair", a 12-metre-high monument.

Lunch on the Rhone

13:00



It is not only the shores of the lake that attract walkers, cyclists and joggers in Geneva; the banks of the River Rhone offer picturesque vistas, too. Flowing out of the lake at its southern tip, the river winds through the heart of the city before passing through half of France on its way to the Mediterranean. You can enjoy a view of both river and lake over a light lunch on the scenic

terrace of the wine bar "Le Rouge et le Blanc".

# Water fun in Cologny

14:00



"Stand up paddling" is the latest craze on Lake Geneva – and Tropical Windsurfing the best place to try it, along with wakeboarding and a variety of other water sports. You can reach Cologny from Geneva in just a few minutes on one of the little "mouettes genevoises" taxi boats. As these form part of the city's public transport system, travel on them is covered by the Geneva

Transport Card, available from hotels, hostels and campsites.

# Back to the Big Bang

15:00



To get your brain working as well as your muscles, head for CERN, the world-famous centre for research into particle physics. It was here that the Internet was invented in 1990, and experiments carried out today in its gigantic particle accelerator make international headlines. The "Universe of Particles" exhibition takes visitors on a fascinating journey into the world of

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elementary particles, all the way to the Big Bang.

# An exclusive wonderworld

16:30



A tram takes you back to the city centre, where a shopping excursion will reveal other small sought-after objects of a very different kind. The windows of around eighty shops are studded with miniature works of art that make the Rue du Rhône a sanctuary of good taste. The masterpieces of watchmaking made here in Geneva, in particular, are the most exquisite objects of

desire. It is worth tearing yourself away, however – not least to head up into the Old Town, to immerse yourself in Geneva's rich history.

#### Hotel discovery

18:00



The Eastwest Hotel is a tasteful setting in which to pause for a breather. This is regarded as Geneva's hotel find of 2011, and was voted among the top 25 hotels in Europe by users of tripadvisor.fr. With its intimate atmosphere and blend of discreet sophistication and exceptional comfort, this is a hotel to come back to time and again.

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# A good glass of Geneva wine

19:00



As evening sets in, it's time for an aperitif with some local flavour – a glass of wine from the Geneva region, in other words. One attractive venue is the Place du Molard, also very popular among locals. The wine bar which extends over several floors in the Tour du Molard serves more than seventy different wines from the canton of Geneva, Switzerland's third-largest winegrowing area –

and offers a wonderfully historic setting in which to enjoy some rare vintages.

A change of scene

21:00



You could, of course, stay put – but that would be a shame, Geneva has far too much to offer. Take the Quartier des Bains, for example, with its galleries, designer showrooms and the exceptionally well-stocked Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art (Mamco), a focal point for the European art scene. Charming bars and restaurants such as the beautifully renovated Café des

Bains have made the Quartier des Bains one of the city's most fashionable hotspots.

A Geneva institution

23:00



It is one of the most fashionable nightspots in the city: "La SIP" is simply super-hip. But it is well worth queuing, if you have to: with several bars and a dance floor spread over two storeys, this club in a former industrial building has a very special magic.

### Current events

# 2nd Chocolate Fair

**27** OCT



Creativity, passion, art and curiosity will be there for this event. Conferences, workshops, animation for children, tasting, visits...

Cinéma Tous Ecrans -International Film & Television Festival **02** 



18th edition. This festival brings to cinema screens the best films produced by or for the television.

#### Les Automnales

**09** 



A great festive and friendly event. Numerous entertainments, tasting, and in the evening: bars, lounges, music, dance.... Your autumn fair in Geneva!

#### Festival les Créatives

**21** NOV



Don't miss its 8th season in November. Music, afterworks and movies! Details on website.

International Supercross of Geneva, Motor sport

**30** NOV



The Geneva International Supercross will count as an official round for the Swiss Supercross Championship. Some of the world's finest riders will perform in a display, incorporating sport, a light show and sound, not to forget the fabulous «Jump Contest».

At the same time, a motorbike and biking accessories show will

take place, where the majority of motorbike manufacturers and suppliers from the motorbike industries will be represented.

### **Architecture**

#### Place des Nations



Located in the extension of the eastern entrance of the Palais des Nations, the Place des Nations is a decidedly contemporary work. On the ground, there is the contrast between the granite of various colours representing the diversity of nations, and the concrete strips that are the traditional building material of Geneva. A dozen water jets of varying heights shoot up directly from the

ground. The square is also home to the gigantic "Broken Chair", symbol of the fight against landmines and the fresco of peace, a huge ceramic mosaic created by Swiss artist Hans Herni at the age of 100.

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#### Old Town and Cathedral of Saint Pierre



The architecture of the Cathedral of Saint Pierre has undergone more than one change during the course of its history. Its first phase of construction dates back to 1160 and lasted nearly a century. Under the Reformation, it became a Protestant place of worship from 1535. The effort to climb the 157 steps to the top of the towers is rewarded with an amazing 360° panorama of the

city and the lake. It also has the largest collection of Gothic and Romanesque capitals in Switzerland.

Do not miss the archaeological site located underneath the Cathedral where you will discover treasures dating back to antiquity.

Cathédrale St Pierre · Place Bourg-Saint-Pierre · 1204 Genève

#### The Smurfs



In the lively Les Grottes quarter, behind the station, there is a strange residential complex with curved walls and surprising colors. Built between 1982 and 1984 by three inspired architects, these buildings recall the work of Spanish artist Gaudi: Balconies in relief, wrought iron railings and, above all, no straight lines. The resemblance between these dwellings and the multi-faceted and

colorful mushroom houses in which the little characters in the comic live is the reason why they are called "Smurfs".

Immeubles des Schtroumpfs · 23 au 29 rue Louis Favre · 1201 Genève

#### CERN - Globe of Science and Innovation



Formerly the "Palais de l'Equilibre" and built on the banks of Lake Neuchatel in connection with Expo 02, the Globe of Science and Innovation found its final home in 2004 when the Helvetic Confederation donated it to CERN. The inner sphere, whose structure consists of 18 cylindrical wooden arcs, is covered with wooden panels forming a magnificent vault worthy of a cathedral.

A unique visual landmark, the Globe, 27m high and 40m in diameter, is a symbol of Planet Earth. Housing a permanent exhibition, the Globe of Science and Innovation is becoming a major symbol of advanced scientific research in the Geneva area.

CERN - Le Globe · Route de Meyrin 385 · 1211 Geneva

#### Bâtiment des Forces Motrices



Built in 1886, the BFM is located close to the Pont de l'Ile. It was originally designed to supply the fountains, homes and factories of the city with water from the Rhone.

Its architecture is inspired by both the classical and the industrial with the building facades of concrete and stone seeming to "swim" on the river.

This is one of the most beautiful historical buildings in Geneva, especially in the evenings when it is illuminated.

After being doomed to abandonment, the BFM was listed as a historical monument in 1988. It now serves as a parallel events venue for the programming of the Grand Théâtre.

Bâtiment des Forces Motrices 4, Place des Volontaires 1204 Genève Tel. +41 (0)22 322 12 20

#### Town Hall Ramp



Located in the centre of the Old Town, the Town Hall is the political heart of the city and the seat of government for the Canton of Geneva. This building houses the famous Alabama Room in which the first Geneva Convention was adopted in 1864, from which was to emerge the International Red Cross. The large paved ramp surrounding the building its most unique feature. Built

between 1555 and 1578 by Peter Desfosses, the design of the ramp enabled direct access to the upper floors on horseback or on foot.

Hôtel de Ville 2, rue de l'Hôtel de Ville 1204 Genève

# The Clarté Building



The Clarté Building is one of the amazing creations designed by Swiss architect Le Corbusier.

In 1932, the architect worked together with a wrought iron craftsman to create the Clarté Building with its walls of glass that enable the light to shine through. This avant-garde masterpiece is now a historical monument. Made of both rigid and fragile

materials, this building is also called the "glass house".

Located at the top of the Eaux-Vives district, this building is home to 48 apartments and offices.

Immeuble la Clarté Rue Saint-Laurent 2-4 1207 Genève

#### **WMO**



Following an international architecture competition, Rino Brodbeck and Jacques Roulet were commissioned to build the new WMO building in 1995. Both sides of the building enjoy maximum natural lighting. Its designers attached great importance to the rational and efficient use of the available energy and light, yet without harming the environment. One of the most

remarkable features of this building is its double façade, which acts as both a protective and insulating envelope and a ventilation system. The ninth floor is occupied by a cafeteria with a panoramic terrace overlooking the lake and city.

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#### Ste-Trinité Church



The Ste-Trinité Church is a most unusual pink granite sphere 20 metres in diameter. Inaugurated in 1994, it was the last Roman Catholic church built in the Geneva area. The church building was designed by architect Ugo Brunoni.

Modern in its architecture, it consists of a sphere, which symbolises the communion of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son and

Holy Spirit) and a globe resting on water, a universal symbol of fertility and life. On the upper section, 12 windows in the colours of the rainbow illuminate the interior.

Eglise Ste- Trinité · Rue Ferrier 16 · 1202 Genève · T +41 (0)02 273 27 92 · www.cath-ge.ch/fr/paroisse-sainte-trinite/

### Bars

## Arthur's Rive Gauche



Elegant and trendy lounge bar and restaurant with magnificent décor. Extensive wine list, cocktail bar, delicious, refined cuisine. Glamorous, festive atmosphere with DJ. Terrace on the Geneva Rade.

Located in the heart of the city, in the business and shopping district, between the banks of the Rhone and the prestigious

street of the same name.

Arthur's Rive Gauche Rue du Rhône 7 1204 Genève Tel. +41 (0)22 810 32 60

#### Soleil Rouge



The Soleil Rouge is Geneva's first wine bar specialising in Spanish wines!

Our bottles of wine may be bought and taken away or consumed on site. Home delivery service.

Spanish tapas served after 5 pm Monday to Friday, all day Saturday. Opposite the Parking de Rive. Hasta la proxima!!!

Soleil Rouge · Boulevard Helvétique 32 · 1207 Genève

#### Qu'importe



An excellent and comfortable wine bar in the heart of Carouge. Our great selection of wines and range of tapas on offer are sure to get your mouth watering.

Qu'importe Rue Ancienne 1 1227 Carouge

#### Le Baroque



Here, Parisian luxury is implanted in Geneva. Le Baroque. A name, a whole world, and so authentic.

This nightclub, at the Place de la Fusterie 12, opened its doors in 1993. The Baroque Club has made its mark on the scene with its unique character. The atmosphere, ambiance and liveliness make it one of the leading addresses and much more than just a

nightclub.

This is a place where two worlds, that of musical culture and that of artistic culture, unite to our delight.

Le Baroque · Place de la Fusterie 12 · 1204 Genève

#### La SIP



In the heart of the modern Quartier des Bains area, famous for its funky and avant-garde institutions, La SIP is the perfect place to enjoy a drink, meet with friends and hear young DJs as they create a sophisticated musical atmosphere.

With its small bar, large bar and disco bar, with their three different ambiances, there is something to suit every taste here.

La SIP · Avenue Ste Clothilde 13 · 1205 Genève

#### Le Petit-Palace



This oldest nightclub in Geneva, nestled in the heart of the Old Town, is located in a building that rests on a section of the wall of the former Geneva.

Le Petit-Palace, open every evening from 11 pm, is dedicated to your entertainment, and your evening here is sure to be the most memorable of your stay in the city.

Enjoy the "unique" atmosphere and the warm welcome by the staff. Le Petit-Palace offers erotic shows, but remains a nightclub.

Le Petit-Palace · Route de la Tour de Boel 6 · 1204 Genève

#### Café Cuba



An exotic atmosphere is guaranteed here with salsa, rumba and cha cha cha.

Also discover the delicious cocktail menu including Mojitos and Pina Colada. Havana cigars are available for cigar lovers, and the excellent tapas menu and Latin specialities will round off your tropical experience.

Café Cuba · Place du Cirque 1 · 1204 Genève

### City Museums

#### International Museum of the Reformation Geneva



Opened in 2005, the International Museum of the Reformation in Geneva vividly depicts the history of the Reformation initiated by Martin Luther, John Calvin and others. Drawing on numerous archival documents and a rich iconography, the Museum provides a detailed chronicle of the Reformation, from its origins to the present. The Museum is winner of the 2007 Council of Europe

Museum Prize. The IMR is located in the Cour Saint-Pierre, on the site of the cloister of Saint-Pierre where the vote was taken for the Reformation in Geneva in 1536. An underground passageway connects the museum to the archaeological site under the Saint-Pierre cathedral.

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#### Mamco Geneva



Mamco is the largest and youngest contemporary art museum in Switzerland. It enjoys an international reputation and is recognised as an institution of reference of the contemporary scene. Its work is based on a collection of 4,000 works of which one third belongs to the museum.

Since opening in 1994, the museum has staged over 450

exhibitions, reflecting the diversity and dynamism of the Swiss and international art scenes. Three times a year, Mamco presents new exhibitions. This change is divided into sequences of 2-3 years.

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#### Patek Philippe Museum



Located in the heart of Plainpalais since 2001, this museum invites you to discover the origins of this accessory through its magnificent collections of Swiss, Genevan and European watchmaking and enamels from the sixteenth to the twentieth century.

A library devoted entirely to watchmaking documents these

historic collections that are composed of watches, musical automata and portrait miniatures painted on enamel as well as the prestigious creations of the Geneva-based enterprise since its founding in 1839.

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#### **Maison Tavel**



Maison Tavel is a unique testimony of medieval civil architecture in Switzerland. Destroyed by fire in 1334, it was rebuilt by the Tavel family of the Geneva nobility, which gave the house its character as a fortified mansion and urban palace. After being owned by influential families over subsequent centuries, it was acquired by the City of Geneva in 1963, which then completely

restored the building. Transformed into a museum with six levels in 1986, it provides visitors with the opportunity to learn about the urban evolution of the city and various aspects of the past life of its inhabitants.

Maison Tavel · Rue du Puits-Saint-Pierre 6 · 1204 Genève · T +41 (0)22 418 37 00 · www.ville-ge.ch

#### Espace Rousseau



Jean-Jacques Rousseau was born at 40 Grand-Rue in Geneva's Old Town. The Espace Rousseau has now been created at this address with the goal of keeping alive and further disseminating the work of one of the minds that have had the profoundest impact on modern thinking.

The trajectory of this illustrious Genevan citizen, writer, musician and Enlightenment philosopher, is staged in a subtle synchronisation of sound and image.

Extracts from literary and musical works bring the character of Rousseau to life and enable visitors to discover the many facets of the author of the Social Contract, the Confessions and the New

Espace Rousseau · Grand'Rue  $40 \cdot 1204$  Genève · T +41 (0)41 022 31 01 · www.espacerousseau.ch

### City parks

#### Parc de La Grange



A remarkable landscaped garden measuring 12,000 square metres, with one rosebush per square metre! Created in 1945/46, this rose garden displays more than 200 different varieties in exceptional architectural harmony: the flowerbeds are in terrace form between large stairways of natural rock, enhanced by pools and pergolas.

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#### Jardin Anglais



Planted by the lake in 1854 to visually improve the wooden harbour, this was the first English-style park in Geneva. Its winding paths, copses, rotundas, fresh grass, huddles of trees and monumental fountain are just as charming today. The old bandstand hosts many concerts in the evenings during the summer.

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# Perle du Lac and Botanical Garden



Overlooking the lake, a small panoramic viewpoint shows the idyllic scene where the poet Lamartine loved to stop and think. The park starts at rue de Lausanne and visitors are immediately greeted by a monumental fountain with two layers. There is also a garden full of dahlias that flower in the autumn. At the end of the park, there is a little door allowing visitors to disembark the

"mouettes genevoises", the boats linking the two sides of the lake.

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#### Parc des Bastions



Located below the Old Town, the Parc des Bastions is a large green area in the city centre. The park is the site of Geneva's first botanical garden.

You can admire the famous Reformation Wall, which represents the personalities of the Reformation, the Palais Eynard, which houses the executive authorities of the city, or the University and

Library of Geneva. T

he bandstand hosts a restaurant, next to which the giant free chess sets are a delight for passersby.

There is also a playground and a free skating rink in winter.

Parc des Bastions Promenade des Bastions Place Neuve 1 1205 Genève

### City Tours

#### Old Town Geneva



Geneva's Old Town is one of the largest in Europe and catalogues the town's 2,000 years of history in its many art galleries, antique shops, museums, fountains and other sights.

Vieille-Ville guides@geneve-tourisme.ch www.geneve-tourisme.ch

#### Lakeside Genève



A walk around the harbour will not leave you indifferent. You can explore the area, not only the lake and the fountain but also the lakeside parks displaying their history and the architecture of the 5-star hotels. The lakeside may be discovered on foot or on one of the mini tourist trains, the "Trans Eaux-Viviens" 8one of which is solar-powered).

Bord du Lac guides@geneve-tourisme.ch

#### Guided tours Geneva Tourism & Conventions



Discover the Old Town of Geneva, Switzerland's largest historical city.

Accompanied by a professional guide, listen to amazing stories about the St. Pierre Cathedral, the Town Hall or l'Ancien Arsenal, and all the secrets of the city of the Reformation.

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#### Geneva City Tour



Discover Geneva in all its aspects on this bus tour. In "International Geneva" you will be introduced to the organisations working for world peace before visiting such major tourist attractions as the famous Jet d'Eau and the beautiful Flower Clock.

Finally, go back in time aboard the mini-train Tramway Tour of the Old Town and accompany your guide for a close up visit to the alleys of the Old Town.

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### **Excursions**

#### Chamonix-MtBlanc



A must! Chamonix is one of the most famous mountain villages at the foot of majestic Mont Blanc.

Scale the snowy peaks by cable car and enjoy the Mer de Glace. On a 90-minute coach ride, discover the picturesque Arve River valley on the way to Chamonix, one of the most well-known mountain villages at the foot of the remarkable and majestic Mont

Blanc, the highest mountain in Europe (4,810 m.)

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#### Gruyère Golden Express



Take a journey through history, visit a chocolate factory and make and taste chocolate, one Switzerland's most renowned delicacies. Marvel at the unforgettable landscapes of Gruyère. The train climbs above Lake Geneva and affords views of the beautiful landscapes by the lake. From the top of the hill, breathe the mountain air and listen to the distant sound of bells in the

pastures. Then visit a cheese dairy and discover your latent cooking skills while enjoying a cheese fondue you have created yourself.

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#### Salève



Mount Salève is a paradise for lovers of nature, wildlife and flora and for those seeking the pure mountain air. From here you may also enjoy a unique view of Geneva, the harbour, the lake and the Jura mountains in the background.

Then again, its southeastern side offers an incomparable view of the Alps and Mont Blanc.

Paradise not only for those who have come to relax, Mount Salève is also the "place to be" for sports fans, including hikers, rock climbers, mountain bikers, paragliders, hang gliders and, in winter, skiers.

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### Places To Be

#### Bains des Pâquis



Set in the middle of the Rade, the Bains des Pâquis attracts the local inhabitants throughout the year.

Soak up the sun in summer and enjoy refreshing daily specials from the bar. In winter, relax in the sauna while admiring the magnificent view.

Fondue lovers come here to relax and admire the lights of

Geneva shining on the water. The hamam and Turkish baths are the ideal place to unwind throughout the year. Both a socialising and cultural venue, the Bains des Pâquis is suited to a range of activities. More than just a beach, it is a must-see during your stay in Geneva.

Bains des Pâquis Quai du Mont-Blanc 30 1201 Genève

#### Place du Bourgde-Four



On the hit-parade of the charms of Geneva, this square in the heart of the old town is ideal for lounging and soaking up the calm, serene and pleasant atmosphere. It is not unusual to see locals meeting around the beautiful 18th century fountain surrounded by flowers, or on the terrace of a picturesque bistro, La Clémence for example.

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### Restaurants

## Auberge du Lion d'Or



Gourmet restaurant overlooking the lake - beautiful summer terrace - attentive service - enchanting atmosphere. Room for private occasions on the first floor (12 - 30 people) Adjoining the restaurant, the Bistro welcomes you with bar meals and "Canailles".

Auberge Du Lion d'Or  $\cdot$  Place Pierre-Gautier  $5 \cdot$  1223 Cologny  $\cdot$  T +41 (0)41 227 36 44  $\cdot$  info@liondor.ch  $\cdot$  www.liondor.ch

#### Le Chat-Botté



Le Chat-Botté is one of the finest gourmet restaurants in the city. Here, with precision and sensuality, the finest local produce is prepared with a refined creativity. Wine lovers will be delighted by the number and rarity of the wines on the menu. The cellar at the Beau-Rivage is full of treasures and is one Switzerland's richest. As soon as the weather permits, Le Chat Botté also serves its

guests on the magnificent terrace from which one can enjoy exceptional views of the lake.

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#### II Lago



Il Lago, which is noted for its wall of windows, overlooks the everlively Bergues square. The restaurant serves gourmet cuisine from Northern Italy, accompanied by a selection of Italian, French and Swiss wines of exceptional quality, with some being handpicked from the wineries. Il Lago has an intimate space that lends itself as a venue for morning meetings or breakfast groups.

Il Lago  $\cdot$  Quai des Bergues 33  $\cdot$  1201 Genève  $\cdot$  T +41 (0)41 229 08 74  $\cdot$  www.fourseasons.com/geneva

#### Le Patara



This mecca of culinary refinement is, in fact, the Geneva embassy of one of the best restaurants in Bangkok. It is noted for a cuisine that is both authentic and modern, offering innovative combinations of spices, flavours and preparation methods.

The restaurant is located in the unique setting of the Hotel Beau-Rivage and benefits from the know-how, the exclusive recipes and the service philosophy of its mother house in Thailand. For the sake of authenticity and freshness, the ingredients are shipped twice weekly from Thailand, and are used in conjunction with the finest local produce.

Le Patara · Quai du Mont-Blanc 13 · 1201 Genève · T +41 (0)41 227 31 55 · email@patarageneve.ch · www.patara-geneve.ch

#### Café des Bains



You'll find a mix of good music, attentive service with a smile, and a selection of creative dishes from around the world that will ensure your lunch or dinner will be a memorable and relaxing occasion.

Café des Bains  $\cdot$  Rue des Bains  $26 \cdot 1205$  Genève  $\cdot$  T +41 (0)22 321 57 98  $\cdot$  F +41 (0)22 321 58 38  $\cdot$  info@cafedesbains.com  $\cdot$  www.cafedesbains.com / www.senso-living.ch

#### Curiositas



François Schlemmer's concept was to recapture the spirit of the "curiosity shop" with its wide variety of unusual objects on display and also to provide a place of recreation. The "factory" feel has been preserved and offers many possibilities with its ceiling heights of about 5 metres. With its ideal location in the centre of Geneva, at the heart of a neighborhood undergoing renewal and

one of the more culturally accented parts of the city, this is the ideal venue for a wide range of events and provides a welcoming environment for private individuals and for business clients.

Curiositas · Rue des Vieux-Grenadiers 10 · 1205 Genève · T +41 (0)41 223 21 30 · www.curiositas.ch

#### L'adresse



A red staircase leads you up to this restaurant & fashion boutique in Geneva's Eaux-Vives district. The entrance has the atmosphere of a cabaret – then, when you reach the first floor, you'll find a vast luminous space. Far from the hustle and bustle of the city, L'Adresse is located in what once were artists' studios. This unique setting is home to both a contemporary bistro and

fashionable boutique.

L'adresse · Rue du 31 Décembre 31 · 1207 Genève · info@ladress.ch · www.ladress.ch

#### L'Arabesque



At the forefront of the most creative Lebanese cuisine. A luxurious journey full of satisfactions and prospects. Superb ingredients that come with all the nuances. Fine cuisine combined with talent set the scene for the immediate seduction that brings the East so close to hand.

Gold mosaic, white leather, black lacquer and lighting effects with

the magic of exclusive contemporary décor blend to make festive dreams come true. Chef Elias Azar's cuisine, authentic and of exceptional quality, features recipes with real oriental flavours developed in the purest tradition: Mezzé, Kafta, Shawarma ... The wine list is rich in New World wines.

L'arabesque · Quai Wilson 47 · 1201 Genève

### Sculptures

#### **Broken Chair**



The Broken Chair was constructed by renowned sculptor Daniel Berset in 1997 at the request of Handicap International. This image has been around the world and is now regarded as one of the most iconic pieces of 21st century art. Its message is simple: remember the plight of landmine victims and encourage States to commit themselves to the prohibition of cluster munitions. To

illustrate this battle, the Broken Chair has only three legs with the fourth being broken halfway up. Despite this, it stands tall and proud and, with a height of 12 metres, is impressive in its dignity.

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#### Brunswick Monument



Linguist, musician and knight, the Duke of Brunswick, Charles d'Este-Guelph, was a unique individual indeed. Born in 1804, he was expelled from his duchy in 1830, located in what is now Germany. He fled into exile to various European cities including Paris, where he made a fortune and then moved to Geneva. In 1873, he died and bequeathed his immense fortune to Geneva in

exchange for a beautiful funeral and a monument to his name. Never before had a mausoleum been built in Geneva and its construction was the subject of much debate. In the end, this monument was built in the Jardin des Alpes, in the former natural harbor of Pâquis.

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#### Rousseau



This bronze statue of the famous Enlightenment philosopher and writer Jean-Jacques Rousseau was created by sculptor James Pradier of Geneva. It was erected in 1835 on Rousseau Island, especially named after him for the occasion. The towering sculpture facing the lake represents the philosopher busy writing while dressed in an antique robe. In 2012, Geneva celebrates the

tercentenary of the birth of the writer.

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### Shopping

#### Globus



Department store on the Left Bank, in the commercial street in Geneva at the foot of the Old Town. Many famous brands are stocked and there is a new range of early fruit and vegetables in the food department, in addition to many specialties from all over the world.

Grand Magasins Globus Rue du Rhône 48 1204 Genève

# Chocolaterie du Rhône



A place that is highly valued by those in the know, the Genevan Chocolaterie / Tea-Room in the centre of town is mentioned al all the most prestigious guides. Its specialties never fail to tempt connoisseurs.

Chocolaterie du Rhône Rue de la Confédération 3 1204 Genève Tel. +41 (0)22 311 56 14

#### Bucherer, Genève



Bijouterie Bucherer Rue du Rhône 45 1204 Genève Tel. +41 (0)22 319 62 66 A very successful watch, jewelry and gemstone specialty store. The name Bucherer is known far beyond the country's borders and is synonymous with top quality. A wide range of world famous Swiss prestige watches and Bucherer's own successful watch brand. Exclusive assortment of gemstone and pearl jewelry.

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