Lausanne

Lausanne, the second-largest city on Lake Geneva, combines a dynamic commercial town with the locality of a holiday resort. The capital of the canton of Vaud is also a lively university and convention town. Sports and culture are given a high profile in the Olympic capital.

The setting of Lausanne is extremely picturesque: it is hardly surprising that the International Olympic Committee has been based here since 1914. The town is built on three hills, surrounded by vineyard-covered slopes, with Lake Geneva at its feet. Rising impressively from the opposing French lakeshore are the Savoy Alps. The attractive old town is largely car-free. Small alleyways with cafes and boutiques shape the streetscape in the medieval city centre.

The old town is dominated by the cathedral, which is regarded as Switzerland’s most impressive piece of early Gothic architecture. Lausanne was a diocesan town for over a thousand years. Shopping streets can be found surrounding the cathedral as well as in the pretty waterfront area of
Ouchy. Switzerland’s only «metro» connects the various parts of the town and eases travel in this incline-based town.

Also worthy of a visit are the parks, containing many Mediterranean plant species, and grand palace hotels like the Beau-Rivage Palace in Ouchy and the Hotel de l’Angleterre, were Lord Byron once stayed. Gourmets will be able to savour many regional specialities in Lausanne such as cabbage-filled sausage with leek gratin called “Papet Vaudois”. Mind you, master chef Fredy Girardet who was voted «Cuisinier du siècle» or chef of the century by his colleagues has in the meantime retired and handed over his sceptre in the Hôtel de Ville to his head chef, Philippe Rochat.

Even lovers of culture won’t feel short changed in Lausanne: the collection of marginal art (“Art Brut”) in Beaulieu Castle, the Fondation de l’Hermitage, the «Musée de l’Elysée» photo museum, the pipe museum and many others merit a visit. The offering of theatre productions and musical performances too is above average. Finally, Lausanne is home to the world-famous Béjart Ballet.

The «Olympic capital» is home to the Olympic Committee and also the Olympic Museum, the world’s largest information centre about the Olympic games. But sport in general is given a high profile here, examples of which are the «Lausanne Marathon» and «Athletissima», the international meeting for track and field athletics.

**Highlights**

- Lausanne old town with cathedral – the impressive cathedral is surrounded by beautiful, car-free roads.
- Olympic Museum – provides an overview of the history of the Olympic games, from the first 1896 summer games in Athens through to the present day.
- Lake Geneva cruise – paddlewheel steamers and motor vessels highlight the attractions of the Lake Geneva region as seen from the water.
- Musée de l’Art Brut – a unique, worldwide collection of works of art created by outsiders in psychiatric clinics and prisons.
- Fondation de l’Hermitage – the foundation presents changing art exhibitions of the highest calibre in a magnificent setting dating from the 19th century.
- Train des vignes – leisurely train journey onboard the «Train of Vines» from Vevey to Chexbres through the winegrowing region of the Lavaux, high above Lake Geneva.

**Top Events**

- Prix de Lausanne – international ballet competition for young talents from throughout the world (January).
- Tour de Romandie – UCI ProTour cycling race through western Switzerland; the most important preparatory race for the Giro d’Italia (April/May).
- Béjart Ballet Lausanne – Béjart settled in Lausanne in 1987 and founded the Béjart Ballet Lausanne – a company of world-class repute. (June and December).
- Fête de Lausanne – spirited town festival with the most diverse of attractions staged on many squares in the town. (June).
- Athletissima – international, world-class track and field athletics meeting, held as part of the Golden League (July).
- «Festival de la Cité» – old town festival with over 120 free cultural events in the side streets of the town of Lausanne (July).
- Jazzzone+ Festival Lausanne – since its foundation, the Lausanne Jazz Festival has dedicated its programme to contemporary jazz (October).
A perfect day in Lausanne.

As a city of culture and conferences, Lausanne embodies the perfect symbiosis of business and pleasure. The picturesque Old Town with its alleys and boutiques, the Olympic centre, the variety of museums, the lakeside quarter of Ouchy with its lively cafés, and the fine gourmet restaurants in and around Lausanne all makes this beautiful, vineyard-draped city the pride of the Lake Geneva Region.

Artistic brunch  09:30

From the treasures of Bergamo’s Accademia Carrara to an exhibition of artwork by Christo and Jeanne-Claude, the temporary exhibitions staged at the Fondation de l’Hermitage are of the very highest quality. In the magnificent grounds of this fine 19th-century patrician house is the Restaurant Esquisse, whose “Art and gastronomy” events pair a delicious brunch with a private guided tour.

Vintage cruise  10:30

The most idyllic way of visiting the Lavaux vineyards is to glide there from Lausanne on an Art Nouveau paddle steamer. After a stroll among the vines, a wine tasting and plenty of opportunity to enjoy the glorious views over the vineyards and Lake Geneva, you appreciate why UNESCO declared this region to be part of World Heritage.

Toast your visit  11:00

It is said that French-speaking Switzerland differs from German-speaking parts of the country in one key respect: the ability to approach life in a more relaxed manner, and so enjoy it all the more. Hence the little glass of wine that many people in Lausanne enjoy as a lunchtime aperitif. As this represents an important aspect of the region’s cultural heritage, visitors can happily indulge with enthusiasm as well. For example at the new Verre à Pied, known here as VAP. Located in the heart of the city, this venue offers a selection of more than 250 different wines from 60 Swiss wineries. Each week a different producer is featured – and its wines presented for tasting.
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<td><strong>Tasty tradition</strong>&lt;br&gt;A “pinte” is a traditional tavern, and the oldest in Lausanne stands in the Rue de l’Ale: the Pinte Besson, dating from 1780. The building, listed for its fine interior, has had a rich history; artists, politicians and other colourful characters have long gathered around its simple wooden tables. Taste one of the many regional dishes served here – a fondue, perhaps, or perch fillets, or a Vaud stew – accompanied by a glass of local wine.</td>
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<td><strong>Free wheeling</strong>&lt;br&gt;The centre of Lausanne lies nearly 500 metres above sea level, with the lakeside quarter of Ouchy more than 100 metres lower. Which makes the Suisseroule system of free cycle hire a blessing: simply hop on a bike and head downhill – on the Olympic path to Vidy, seat of the International Olympic Committee, and along the shore of Lake Geneva, where glorious bathing spots invite you to linger. To return to the buzzing heart of the city, simply take the Metro. If you wish to explore more, ask for the Lausanne Roule city map, or set off further afield – for example, through the vineyards along the lake – and return by train.</td>
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<td><strong>A sweet reward</strong>&lt;br&gt;After all this invigorating activity, a little indulgence is in order. Le Barbare, a café high up by the cathedral in the picturesque Old Town, has achieved cult status thanks to its original 1950s décor – and its sublime hot chocolate, whose aroma envelops you as soon as you walk in the door. The speciality here is called Marta, a blend that has chocoholics swooning with pleasure.</td>
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<td><strong>A villa for the photographic arts</strong>&lt;br&gt;Fortified again, head for an especially inspiring spot: the Musée de l’Élysée, one of the first museums in Europe devoted purely to photography. Housed in a magnificent 18th-century villa that looks out over an English-style garden high above Lake Geneva, the collection is spread over four floors and encompasses around 120,000 original prints by great artists and photojournalists such as Cartier-Bresson, Capa, Frank and Alvarez Bravo.</td>
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<td><strong>Fashionable Flon</strong>&lt;br&gt;“Les Arches”, housed under the towering arches of the Grand Pont, is one of the city’s most fashionable bars. And it marks the beginning of the buzzing Flon quarter, renovated only recently. The old warehouses of this former industrial area have been given a new lease of life. By day, the Flon is a chic shopping haven; by night, it’s the focus of Lausanne’s nightlife, with cinemas, restaurants, bars and clubs.</td>
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<td><strong>Original fusion</strong>&lt;br&gt;As you are already in the Flon quarter, stay and make the most of it. Settle in on the lovely terrace of the Restaurant Nomade – whose wine bar and modern bar-lounge are also well worth a visit. The atmosphere here is sophisticated but relaxed, and the delicious fusion cuisine a hit – exquisitely fresh, and imaginatively presented.</td>
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<td><strong>Punk opulence</strong>&lt;br&gt;The name of this bar is misleading: at Punk you’re unlikely to find spiked hair or safety-pin piercings. The venue boasts modern, elegant décor which suggests the extravagance of the Baroque age – crystal chandeliers poised above black leather sofas. If you are lucky, there could be a little concert underway: Lausanne is famous for its lively local culture scene.</td>
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“Mad” is without doubt one of Switzerland’s most famous clubs, and for years one of Lausanne’s hippest venues. Laid out over five storeys, it boasts three dance floors, a VIP floor and atmospheric chillout zones that are somewhat quieter – such as the Bedroom bar, where live jazz is played until 11pm. Most of Mad, however, is devoted to dance music.
## Current events

### Creativa 15 NOV
European fair dedicated to creative leisure activities, including arts & crafts, floral decoration and cuisine.

### Saint-François Christmas Market 30 NOV
The magic and convivial Christmas Market is held in the heart of the town. Lausanne tradesmen welcome you on three evening openings so that you can do your Christmas shopping at your ease. There are also countless activities planned.

### Béjart Ballet Lausanne 01 DEC
Choreographer Maurice Béjart, the founder of the 20th Century Ballet and later of the Béjart Ballet Lausanne (BBL) and the Rudra-Béjart School, settled in Lausanne in 1987. Founded by choreographer Maurice Béjart, this company is directed today by Gil Roman. In addition to touring the world, it offers the inhabitants of Lausanne two sets of performances a year, usually in May and December. In 2012, the BBL will celebrate its 25 years. In celebration of this occasion, an exceptional programme will be proposed.

**Béjart Ballet Lausanne, Chemin du Presbytère, 1000 Lausanne 22**
**Palais de Rumine**

Built in 1900 thanks to the specific bequest of Gabriel de Rumine, the palace includes a clutch of buildings: the University, the library and the Fine Arts and Science museums.

*Palais de Rumine*
6, pl. de la Riponne
1014 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 316 33 13

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**Notre-Dame Cathedral**

Notre-Dame Cathedral is the queen of the Old Town of Lausanne. The cathedral is considered to be an important Gothic edifice. The rose window dating back to the 13th century is especially important.

The cathedral is surrounded by the Old Town of Lausanne, including Maire Castle, which was built between 1397 and 1427 and the 17th century town hall. The Ale Tower, which was built in 1340, and the tower of the bishop's castle in Ouchy, dating back to the 12th century, are the last remnants of the medieval city wall, which had about 50 towers. One travels most comfortably between the various parts of the city of Lausanne using the Metro, a subway which runs underground most of the time and is remote controlled, the first of its kind in Switzerland.

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**Saint-François Church**

Built in 1270, this is the only old convent established since 1260 that has survived.

*Eglise St. François*
Place St-François
1003 Lausanne

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**Flon Area**

Lausanne unveiled the completion of a long-awaited urban planning project: the redevelopment of the industrial zone, Flon, which had been hidden away in the heart of the town. This large-scale restructuring of the urban town centre was unprecedented in Europe. The town centre was refitted and redesigned, marking the dawn of a new era for Lausanne and its many bars and clubs.

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**Flon platform**

Set in the heart of Lausanne's public transport network, the extraordinary “Plate-forme du Flon” is designed as a pedestrian zone. Visitors enter this avant-garde styled area via a central alleyway. After passing the ultra-modern, mirrored glass facade of a large shopping centre, they arrive at an intimate forecourt, landscaped by verdant arcades. Large terrace, cinema and local government centre - welcome to the secluded futuristic mini town of Le Flon!
Olympic Museum

The Olympic Museum is, without doubt, the finest example of the harmonious blending of nature and modern architecture in Lausanne. Fountains, gardens and sculptures line the beautiful accessway to the museum – these include the Nici de Saint-Phalle football players, works by Fernando Botero and the Olympic flame itself. Built of Greek marble, the museum with its magnificent lake and mountain views captivates with its simple, clean lines. The spacious interior features a spiral ramp that finishes up in a light well.

Le Musée Olympique · Quai d’Ouchy 1 · 1001 Lausanne · T +41 (0)21 621 65 11 · F +41 (0)21 621 65 12 · events.museum@olympic.org · www.olympic.org

Ulysse Building

The Ulysse Building is an impressive construction with geometric rectangular and circular shapes situated on the Place Chauderon. It is the result of a competition won by the architect Aurelio Galfetti who, together with Mario Botta, is one of the leading exponents of the "Ticino School". The centre of the building consists of a cylinder with an inner courtyard, decorated with small relief-like cubes. Interested visitors to the different floors will find surprising geometric compositions when directing their gaze skywards.

Place Chauderon
1003 Lausanne

Espace des inventions

Located in the middle of the incomparable Vallée de la Jeunesse, that serpentine-shaped alley of flowers and playgrounds, the "flourishing chanterelle" (Chanterelle épanouie) with its origins in the National Exhibition 1964 is just waiting to be discovered. This building now houses the Espace des Inventions, an interactive science museum for children. The elegant building seeks dialogue with the flora of the area and, with its roof being a mere 12 cm thick, departs from the usual appearance of a massive concrete structure.

City Hall

As a symbol of municipal authority, the Hôtel de Ville (city hall) enjoys a strategic location opposite the picturesque Place de la Palud. This is undoubtedly Lausanne’s most beautiful 17th century Baroque building. Its main façade with its detailed arrangement shows Bernese influences. Worthy of special attention are the bell tower, the sculptured portal, the wonderful gargoyles, the half hipped roof and picturesque decorations. In bygone days the arcades that open onto the square were the scene of public debate – now however they are home to exhibitions of all types. A romantic archway leads to the Place de la Louve.

Hôtel de Ville
Place de la Palud
1000 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 315 25 55
Fax +41 (0)21 315 20 14/10

Rolex Learning Center

The new, airy, bright Information Centre of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne with its curved lines is a delightful example of modern architecture. Its Japanese architects, who also designed the new MOMA (Museum of Modern Art) in New York, won the international architectural competition for the design of the building in 2004. The Rolex Learning Center is a real feat of technological innovation and is home to a vast research library, training, catering and exhibition areas - all on the shores of Lake Geneva.

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ECAL, Lausanne’s University of Art and Design, is one of the world’s most prestigious art educational institutions. Its success is due not least to its director Pierre Keller. In 2007 it moved to the former IRIL hosiery and pantyhose factory in Renens. The renovation work under the guidance of renowned architect Jean Tschumi has paid particular attention to the preservation of the original building’s character. The interior consists of large rooms, while the main façade is decorated by a huge fishnet made of metal.

Miroiterie

A symbol of the avant-garde, the La Miroiterie commercial building is located in the centre of the Flon platform directly in front of the main square. It is clad in cushion-like, translucent membrane that is illuminated at night. This makes the building appear lighter than air while allowing the daylight to shine through. The wall-less floors are supported by a visible, oblique steel structure.

Bars

Le Colony

Le Colony has responded well to the demanding international clientele it welcomes on a regular basis, who are in search of a trendy place with a classy atmosphere. There are specialty cocktails, long and short drinks, whiskies, champagne and a large selection of wines. Theme nights take place regularly.

Le Colony
av. du Théâtre 2
1005 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 311 39 07
info@le-colony.ch

Café Luna

Trendy and relaxed at the same time, Café Luna encourages you to unwind on a planet with many different atmospheres, surrounded by a designer décor that is nevertheless cosy. Exhibitions and musical evenings are organised regularly.

Café Luna
pl. de l’Europe 7
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 329 08 46
info@cafe-luna.ch

Bar Tabac

A charming little café-bar on the corner of an old building. It has large, clear windows and a calm and cozy atmosphere: a little piece of Paris. Enjoy a fresh mint tea as you flick through the many newspapers and magazines provided. Taste an original choice of wines by the glass (the selection is advertised on a large blackboard). Accompany your aperitif with delicious nibbles, for example tommes, sausages or duck rillettes. Jazz and French songs play as you soak up the atmosphere.

Bar Tabac
rue Beau-Séjour 7
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 312 33 16
MAD Moulin à Danses

This is one of the most prestigious clubs in Switzerland, where techno music enthusiasts come from afar just to spend an evening surrounded by the unusual yet marvellous décor. There are 5 floors and even a cinema, enabling you to give 200% to the evening!

D! Club

A trendy club with a prestigious guest list and a clientele between the ages of 22 and 35. It plays techno music and the décor has to be seen to be believed!

L'Atelier Volant

L'Atelier Volant has established itself as the temple of tropical evenings in Lausanne. There are three floors and the multi-coloured spaces encourage guests of all ages and from all walks of life to party. The Latino direction taken by l'Atelier Volant does not mean there is no other type of music here; in fact, it also plays World Music and enables guests to explore other traditional cultures.

Punk

You’re probably not going to find any young people sporting green mohawks at this magnificent club bar, but you will be able to listen to the music of Funk and Soul DJs under a dozen pink chandeliers. Relax in one of the big black leather couches with cocktail in hand as you listen to one of the live concerts regularly hosted here. This surprisingly spacious area, not one you’d expect to find in a basement in Flon, is illuminated by pink lights, transparent chandeliers and large Baroque mirrors.

City parks
Mon-Repos Park

The most beautiful example of an English-style park, with the ruins of a tower, a waterfall, a neoclassical temple, an orange grove, an aviary and exotic and giant trees.

Parc Mon-Repos
Avenue Mon-Repos
Lausanne
www.lausanne.ch

Denantou Park

W. Haldimand transformed Le Denantou into landscaped gardens, with the ruins of a tower on the bank. There is a lovely collection of rhododendrons, camellias, beech trees and exotic trees. The park has a Thai pavilion, a gift from His Majesty King Bhumibol of Thailand, in appreciation of the years he spent studying in Lausanne.

Parc du Denantou
Quai d'Ouchy
1007 Lausanne
www.lausanne.ch/

Botanical Garden
Lausanne

This is a magnificent place, with flowers and huge trees everywhere. This little corner of heaven is also in the heart of the town. Let yourself be amazed by this area taken to town by nature. Alpine, medicinal, carnivorous and tropical plants blossom into a thousand colours.

Jardin botanique
Avenue de Cour 14
1007 Lausanne
+41 (0)21 316 99 88
info.botanique@vd.ch

Esplanade de Montbenon

The green lawns of the Esplanade de Montbenon provide the perfect vantage point from which to admire the magnificent panoramic views over Lake Geneva and the Alps. The Casino de Montbenon, a 1908 Florentine-style building now housing a social and cultural centre, is located in the western part.

City Tours

Movement of the Elders

20th century architecture in Lausanne with its nose in the air. The years between 1890 and 1910 was a time of great change in Lausanne. Many buildings were constructed at this time, both in the town centre and in the various areas on the outskirts.

MDA
Place de la Riponne 5
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3 Hills, 2 Streams

A long and wide walk (at high altitude) takes visitors from the town centre to explore the identity and atmosphere of Lausanne. This trip makes it easy to see the metamorphosis experienced by the town in the 19th century. According to personal preferences, the tour can emphasise the modern-day character, the history or the architecture of the town.

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1000 Lausanne 6
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information@lausanne-tourisme.ch

Walk through Lausanne with an Audio Guide

This is a tour of Lausanne with a difference. In cooperation with ethnological guide Pierre Corajoud, Lausanne Tourism offers you an innovative way to tour the city. Make your way through the city at your own pace with an MP3 player. The three different routes will lead you from the higher parts of the city, through the city centre and down to Lake Geneva. You may download the files for free to your own MP3 player or use a player on loan from Lausanne Tourism.

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Excursions

Lausanne rolls

Lausanne has pulled out all the stops to help you explore the city by bike. There are two ways to rent a bike here – either at the automatic self-service bike stations or at the Lausanne Roule hire station. This association also offers a range of thematic itineraries: history, architecture, environment, panoramic views… you can explore trails in the summer with a guide or download as a PDF, MMS or MP3 file.

Lausanne Roule
Place de l’Europe 1b
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 533 01 15
info@lausanneroule.ch

Batsol Aquarel

In addition to the scheduled roundtrip cruises, there are also interesting excursions that start at Ouchy Harbor. The eco-friendly lakeboats sail with their passengers on romantic and theme-based pleasure cruises or even professional outings across gentle waves in glorious sunshine.

The Aquarel Boats can be rented by the hour or day. On request, the crew provides picnic baskets and organizes thematic evening cruises.

Engagements, weddings, birthdays…with décor designed for the occasion. Business people have a Workboat with high-tech equipment at their disposal.

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info@lesaquarelsduleman.ch

Places To Be
Bleu Lézard

Every month sees an art exhibition of some description in this pleasant setting. The Bleu Lézard is not only a bistrot in this lively part of town, but also an imaginative restaurant with a French-inspired menu. In short, it is one of the most unique places in this great capital of the Vaud region.

Bleu Lézard
Resto'Bar & Club
concerts et DJ's
rue Enning 10
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 321 38 30
bleulezard@carte-blanche.ch

King Size Pub

With its subdued lighting and interior decor of dark wood, the King Size follows the style of English pubs. All lovers of tea, beer and sports on the big screen get their money’s worth at this bar. In the evenings, a very special event provides a great atmosphere in the hot and crowded room as the "dueling piano" pits two piano players against each other to the delight of the audience.

Bourg

This cafe-theater, located in a former cinema in the Rue de Bourg, is decorated with a red floral wallpaper pattern from that era. Here, visitors will find a cosy atmosphere with small, candle-bedecked tables in front of the stage. The programme featuring concerts, comedy and DJs is international, bizarre, and always good for surprises. In summer, the local authorities open a second relaxation area under the arches of the Bessières bridge. This area, a large terrace with palm trees and deck chairs set right in the city centre, is in great demand by the public between 4 pm and midnight each day.

Le Bourg
Café-Théâtre
rue de Bourg 51
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 625 07 07
info@le-bourg.ch

Restaurants

Café de l'Hôtel de Ville

This is a small café in the town centre where time stands still. Old and young mingle happily here, along with artists, students, passers-by and locals. Everyone gets on well under the exposed beams (dating back to the 19th century) that have seen it all.

Café Hôtel de Ville
pl. de la Palud 10
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 312 10 12
La Brasserie du Château

This Artistic Brasserie in Lausanne and the Château Public Bar are inside an ancient building in the town of Lausanne, on the Place du Tunnel. 6 house beers are made in the Brasserie's copper vats. All beer lovers who appreciate a pleasant atmosphere meet in the adjoining café and in the bar every weekday at 17.00 to taste the home brews.

La Brasserie du Château
brasserie artisanale
pl. du Tunnel 1
1005 Lausanne
info@biereduchateau.ch

The Swiss Chalet

An authentic chalet located in the Sauvabelin wood above Lausanne. There is a magnificent view of the village and of Lake Geneva. The restaurant offers musical entertainment and culinary specialties from all over Switzerland and there is a special fondue and raclette room. Folklore evenings are available on request. There is a banquet room with a capacity of 300 people and a terrace.

Le Chalet Suisse
Route du Signal 40
1018 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 312 23 12
chaletsuisse@cdmgroup.ch

Pur

An ultra-modern, New York-influenced restaurant serving refined Italian cuisine in the Flon area, at the heart of the Lausanne nightlife. There is also a large, peaceful and sunny terrace.

Restaurant Pur
Rue du Port-Franc 17
1003 Lausanne
Tél. +41 (0)21 311 99 33
info@pur-flon.ch

Le Vaudois Brasserie

The Le Vaudois Brasserie/Restaurant is in the heart of Lausanne and draws you into its unique and friendly atmosphere. It has been entirely renovated in the style of a brasserie in the Vaud region and its cosy atmosphere is from another era. A terrace has been arranged for open-air reunions involving dinner or drinks.

Brasserie-Restaurant Le Vaudois
Place de la Riponne 1
1005 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 331 22 22
Fax. +41 (0)21 331 22 23
info@levaugeois.ch
Le Gruetli

In the middle of the Place La Palud and at the foot of the steps at the market leading to the Cathedral, this lovely little authentic restaurant offers a wide range of traditional Swiss dishes.

Cafe du Gruetli
rue Mercerie 4
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 312 94 93
cafedugruetli@bluewin.ch

Le Cafe Romand

This old brasserie with its ad hoc interior décor, is very famous throughout Lausanne and offers a large selection of the most well-known dishes from the Vaud region and Switzerland in general. It is in Place St. François in the town centre.

Brasserie Romand
pl. Saint-François 2
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 312 63 75

Le Jardin

Casual all-day dining with breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner. Don’t forget to sample our delicious Moevenpick ice cream, available in all restaurants. Terrace with view on the lake. Kids’ playground.

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Avenue de Rhodanie 4
1006 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)41 21 6127612
hotel.lausanne@moevenpick.com
www.moevenpick-lausanne.com

Pinte Besson

The Pinte Besson was opened in 1780 and is regarded as a historic pub because of its age, social function and faithfully maintained tradition. Mingle with the regulars under the smoke-blackened stones of the vault and sample a wide variety of Vaud wines or one of the house specialities - fondue, croûte au fromage (cheese slices) and Rösti.

La Pinte Besson
Rue de l'Ale 4
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 312 59 69
infos@pinte-besson.com

Suite

This restaurant offers quality Provencal cuisine with a seasonally changing menu. The interior decoration in pure white appeals to its many patrons, who also enjoy sitting on the roof terrace with its cushions and torches in the summer.

La Suite
Rue du Petit-Chêne 28
1003 Lausanne
Tel. +41 (0)21 320 60 30
info@lasuite.ch
Kai Zen

New York, Paris, Rome, Bangkok and Tokyo – the menus at the Kai Zen take guests on a gastronomic journey and invite them to a relaxed and enjoyable Saturday brunch. Shows and musical performances are offered on weekends. The restaurant has a lounge area with cocktail tables and red velvet sofas.

Kai zen Restaurant  
rue Pépinet 3  
1003 Lausanne  
Tel: +41 (0)21 310 84 84  
info@kaizenrestaurant.com

Tribeca

While “Tribeca” is the abbreviation of a trendy neighborhood in Manhattan, the Lausanne restaurant-lounge of the same name is located on a quiet, cobbled square. Here you can enjoy exquisite Mediterranean cuisine in a Zen-like atmosphere with excellent service. The menu changes every 2 months.

Nomade

The Nomade is a fixture in the modern Flon quarter. Its cosmopolitan clientele appreciates the vinotheque’s extremely versatile range of offers, the low lounge tables and the equally chic and appetizing dishes.

Nomade  
Place de l’Europe 9  
1003 Lausanne  
Tel. +41 (0)21 320 13 13  
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Sculptures

Ouverture au Monde

This stainless steel sculpture is well-known throughout Lausanne and is the work of the internationally-recognised artist Ángel Duarte. It was a gift from Rotary International to the Town of Lausanne on the occasion of its worldwide meeting. The piece was originally placed in the “Comptoir Suisse” Gardens in Beaulieu, before being transferred to the Osche pier in Ouchy. “Ouverture au Monde” consists of 6 semi-hyperboloids, constructed with the help of 36 diamond-shaped panels.

Sculpture “Ouverture au Monde”  
1000 Lausanne-Ouchy

Palud Fountain

The basin of this prestigious fountain dates back to 1557 and the Justice statue dates back to 1585 (this is a copy). Along with the town hall, it has witnessed the growth of the town through the years.

Place de La Palud  
1003 Lausanne

Flamme de l’amitié

The “flamme de l’amitié”, designed by Mexican artist Leonardo Nierman, is now part of the private collection of the International Olympic Committee. It adorns a roundabout that leads to the new Philip Morris complex and symbolizes the close relationship between the city, international business, culture and sports.

Avenue de Rhodanie  
1007 Lausanne
The Eole, created by Clelia Bettua, is a large, semi-circular wind vane with a diameter of 20 metres by the lakeside wall at the port of Ouchy. It follows the prevailing wind direction and four monoliths located at the quai at a distance of 150 metres enable this work of art to be read. You can check the direction of the wind by combining the semi circle of the vane with the semi-circles carved into the stone.

Port d'Ouchy
1006 Lausanne

A wondrous tree has sprung up on the Place Ville-Flon. On one hand it testifies to the wide range of administrative services offered, and on the other, with its stylised branches and roots it offers a pleasant place to relax and play in the shade of the wooden crown. The soft-coated floor area provides a quiet atmosphere. The tree strongly reflects the considerable artistic and architectural creativity of the Flon district.

Place Flon- Ville
1003 Lausanne

Discover the true wealth of the Vaud region! Wines, cheeses and regional products are all available at the Vaudoise Farm, and many products may even be tasted: fruit, vegetables, smoked meats, products direct from around seventy producers who supply each shop. The production methods are used openly and respect the environment.

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Various items, gift items made by local artisans (ceramics, textiles, appliqué work, woodwork).

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This little jewel of a “chocolaterie” is located on the beautiful pedestrian rue du Bourg. It was established in 1850 and the same techniques and traditions have been used for more than 150 years. More than 120 types of chocolate await handmade chocolate enthusiasts.

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