



Geneva City & Practical info







WELCOME TO GENEVA

A world metropolis and yet, an intimate city? Geneva proves that this need not be a contradiction. With its ever-present wealth of history, Geneva combines the advantages of a large city without its disadvantages. Despite its relatively small population, the city enjoys an international renown that has developed over the centuries.

Whichever be the season, Geneva proposes a host of attractions to delight you. The numerous cultural events, its quality range of hotel and shopping facilities, all located in the heart of an exceptional natural setting, make for a hospitable city of human dimensions where it is pleasant to live.

Situated at the tip of the largest Alpine lake, nestled between the Jura mountains and the Alps, our city offers its visitors countless ways to make their stay an agreeable one. Be it in Geneva, rambling through the Old Town with its 2000 years of history, strolling along the quays or through the nearby flourishing countryside, or during an excursion you have chosen, the charm and great diversity of our region will enchant you to no end.

Allow yourself to be tempted. You will not regret it.

WINTER

Winter enhances Geneva with thousands of lights and a series of events known as «**Lumière sur Genève**»:

- located in the heart of Geneva, the **Christmas Ice-Skating Rink** of Geneva

Tourism brings open-air fun to locals and visitors.

- the **International Christmas Market** lines up small cottages on the Fusterie Square and offers all types of Christmas decoration, crafts and gifts.
- the highlight of the winter season is certainly the «**Escalade Celebration**» which commemorates the vain attempt by the Duke of Savoy troops to invade Geneva during the night of December 11th-12th, 1602.

Every year on those dates, an impressive historical procession walks through Geneva to celebrate the victory over the invaders and all sweet-shops sell pots made out of chocolate reminding of the heroic act of «*Mère Royaume*» who poured vegetable soup over the attackers.

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Geneva Antiques Fair

Location: Geneva Palexpo, Grand-Saconnex

Dates: 10h-18h on 7, 14 and 28 Dec.

31st edition: Furniture, carpets, chinaware, watches and clocks, jewellery, silverware, glassware, books, paintings, stamps, postcards.

Information: 022 761 11 11



Christmas Ice Skating Rink

Location: Place du Rhône

Dates: 21.11.03-22.02.04

Open-air ice-skating rink located in the city centre during the winter season.

Open everyday from 10h to 22h.

Christmas Circus

Location: Plaine de Plainpalais

Dates: 29.11.03-04.01.04

Information: 022 321 22 41 or
079 204 35 30

Website: www.cirque-de-noel.ch

Funfair - Luna Park

Location: Plaine de Plainpalais

Dates: 06.12.2003-11.01.2004

Opening hours: Wednesdays, Fridays,
Saturdays and Sundays: 14h-23h.

The «Escalade» Celebration

Folklore Event

Location: Vieille-Ville

Date: 13.12.03-14.12.03

Commemoration of the historic victory of the Genevans on invading Savoyan troops on 12 December 1602.

Saturday 13: entertainment, demonstrations of pikemen and arquebusiers, market of local products, music parades in the streets. At 18h30: religious service at Saint-Peter's Cathedral.

Sunday 14: same street entertainment.

As of 17h: historical parade in 17th century costumes.

Details will follow on the website
www.compagniede1602.ch

Promenade de

l'Escalade

Guided Tour

Location: Vieille-Ville

Date: 05.11.03-10.12.03

On Wednesday at 6 pm

Meeting point: Arcade du
Pont de la Machine

Price: 12.- adults/8.-
students and seniors/6.-
children

Information: Geneva

Tourism

tel. 022 909 70 00



Ramble with a qualified guide on the theme of «Escalade», i.e. the commemoration of the heroic victory of the Genevans on invading Savoyan troops on 16 December 1602. This visit will show you historic traces of this period all over the Old Town. Comments in French, English and German (other languages upon prior request).



MUSEUMS

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum



Location: Avenue de la Paix 17, Geneva
Tél. 022 748 95 25, Fax 022 748 95 28

Open: Daily 10am-5pm. Closed on Tuesday

Website: www.micr.org

Geneva, the birthplace of the International Red Cross, hosts the only museum devoted to the work of Henry Dunant. Located just opposite the Palais des Nations, this museum was opened in 1988 to pay tribute to the extraordinary deeds of the men and women of the Red Cross who have served humanity for over a century. Eleven areas illustrate and explain the principles, history and work of the Red Cross and Red Crescent during the gravest events of our time. Very up-to-date museographics are used to display installations, sculptures, flags, numerous objects, original photographs and films. Audio-visual recordings, computer terminals and slide shows weave a striking fabric of written texts, unforgettable pictures and other documents.

Temporary Exhibition:**Side by Side or Face to Face**

Israelis and Palestinians:

50 years of photography by Jean Mohr

17 September 2003-25 January 2004

Rath Museum

Location: Place Neuve 2, Geneva
Tél. 022 418 33 40, Fax 022 418 33 51

Open: Thursday to Tuesday 10am-5pm,
Wednesday noon-9pm. Closed on Monday

Website: mah.ville-ge.ch

The first Swiss museum to be devoted to the fine arts, the Rath Museum displays large temporary exhibitions organized by the Art and History Museum. Built as a gift to the people of Geneva by two sisters, Jeanne-Françoise and Henriette Rath, and inaugurated in 1826, the Museum was conceived as a «Temple of the Muses» embodying both French taste and the Italian style. The Museum currently exhibits international as well as Swiss art. Over the past decade it has housed more than 60 thematic and single-artist exhibitions. Special emphasis has been laid on archaeology and ancient art on one hand (e.g. «Treasures of Islam») and on modern and contemporary art on the other («Bram van Velde», «Markus Raetz» retrospectives, etc).

Temporary Exhibition:**Ferdinand Hodler - Le Paysage**

Commemorating the 150th anniversary of Ferdinand Hodler's birth, this exhibition of 70 paintings illustrates the fundamental role played by landscape in Hodler's work and brings a major contribution to the understanding of his art.

4 September 2003-1st February 2004



PRACTICAL INFO

Geneva Palexpo Venue

The first phase of WSIS will be held from 10 to 12 December 2003 at the Geneva Palexpo Exhibition and Conference Center, Chemin Edouard Sarasin, CH-1218 Grand-Saconnex, Geneva, Switzerland.

Palexpo is situated in the Geneva Airport Area, at the North East of the Airport, 5-10 minutes walk from the Airport Arrival Building. WSIS shuttle buses will be provided [free of charge] for the WSIS participants from the Airport Main Building, Arrival Area, to Palexpo Hall 7, where the WSIS Registration Service is located. A WSIS Information Desk will be set up from 8 to 12 December 2003 in the Airport Arrival Lounge.

Services available at Palexpo

Two restaurants will be available for participants, besides coffee and snack stands which are at different locations in Halls 2 and 4. Banking facilities will be available at Palexpo from 8 to 13 December 2003, from 09:00 to 17:00h.

Palexpo area picture and map

A bird eye's view of the Palexpo area is at: www.palexpo.ch/en/Home/Espaces/Halles/index.php

A map of the area is at:

www.genevetourisme.ch/images/carte1c.gif

Transportation

All participants will be allowed **free access** to the TPG (Transports Publics Genevois) from the 8th to the 13th of December within the Geneva metropolitan area. The Summit badge will enable this access.

TRANSPORTATION GUIDE

Public Bus Transportation

Monday 8 – Saturday 13 December

The Geneva Public Transportation Service allows easy transportation within the city limits. The buses operate normally from 05:30 (06:00 during the week-end) through until midnight. The bus stop for bus line n° 5 is located under Hall 5/6. This bus serves the main train station (Cornavin), in the centre of Geneva. From there, connections are available to reach the different hotels, whereas the hotels close to the train station are reachable within walking distance. Applicable for all hotels not mentioned on the free shuttle list.

Special Hotel Transfers

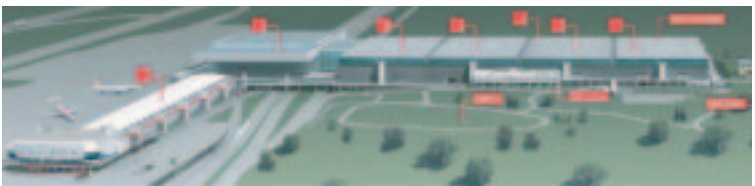
Tuesday 9 – Friday 12 December

This service is used for all hotels booked through MCI Group, located either in Geneva and which cannot be reached by public transportation or located in nearby France. One service is foreseen in the morning from the hotels to parking area P47 and two services in the evening from parking area P47 to the hotels. From the parking area P47 a TPG shuttle will bring the participants to Hall 7 (registration area) and Palexpo (below Hall 5/6) and back.

Shuttle from the Airport to Hall 7 (Registration Area)

Sunday 7 – Saturday 13 December

Shuttle service, operating from the Airport to Hall 7 (Registration Area). This service, by TPG bus, will operate from Sunday, December 7 until Saturday, December 13, on a continuous basis from 08:00-21:00. Approximate time from Airport to Hall 7:10 minutes. Departures every 15 minutes.



**TPG - GENEVA PUBLIC
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

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Applicable for all hotels not mentioned on the free shuttle service list.

**Shuttle from P47/49 – Hall 7 (Reg. Area)
Palexpo (below Hall 5/6) – and return
Monday 8 – Saturday 13 December**

Shuttle service, operating from parking area P47/49 to Hall 7 (Registration Area) and Palexpo (below Hall 5/6) and return. This service, by TPG bus, will operate from Monday, December 8 until Saturday, December 13, on a continuous basis from 07:30-21:00. Departures every 15 minutes.

BUS NO 5:**PALEXPO TO DOWNTOWN TRAIN STATION (CORNAVIN)**

	Monday – Friday	Saturday	Sunday
05:00	47		
06:00	03 18 29 40 50 59	09 24 39 54	28 48
07:00	05 12 20 27 35 42 50 57	09 24 39 54	08 28 48
08:00	05 12 20 27 34 43 52	09 24 39 51	08 28 48
09:00	00 09 17 26 34 43 51	06 20 32 45 58	06 21 35 49
10:00	00 08 17 25 34 42 51 59	11 24 37 50	03 18 34 48
11:00	08 16 25 33 42 50 59	03 15 28 41 54	04 19 34 49
12:00	07 16 24 33 41 50 58	03 11 19 27 35 43 51 59	04 19 34 49
13:00	07 15 24 32 41 49 58	07 15 23 31 39 47 55	01 14 28 41 55
14:00	06 15 23 32 40 49 57	03 11 19 27 35 43 51 59	08 22 35 49
15:00	06 14 22 30 38 46 52	07 15 23 31 39 47 55	02 16 29 43 56
16:00	00 08 16 24 32 40 48 56	03 11 19 27 35 43 51 59	10 23 37 50
17:00	04 12 20 28 36 44 52	07 15 23 31 39 47 55	04 17 31 44 58
18:00	00 09 17 25 33 43 54	03 11 19 27 35 43	11 25 38 49
19:00	05 16 29 48	01 16 31 49	01 13 30 49
20:00	04 19 34 49	04 19 34 49	04 19 34 49
21:00	04 21 38 58	04 21 38 58	04 21 38 58
22:00 until 23:00	18 38 58	18 38 58	18 38 58

**Shuttle from Hall 7 (Registration Area)
Palexpo (below Hall 5/6) – and return
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Welcome Reception

Tuesday 9 December

The Welcome Reception takes place at Palexpo (Plenary) from 18:00-21:00. After the welcome reception, starting at 21:00, transfers for all participants will be organized to the official hotels booked through MCI Group (departure in front of Hall 6).

BUS NO 5:

DOWNTOWN TRAIN STATION (CORNAVIN) TO PALEXPO

	Monday – Friday	Saturday	Sunday
06:00	02 18 33 44 55	24 39 54	42
07:00	05 14 22 29 37 44 52 59	09 24 39 54	02 22 42
08:00	07 14 22 29 37 44 51	09 24 39 54	02 22 42
09:00	00 08 16 25 33 42 50 59	08 23 37 49	02 20 35 49
10:00	07 16 24 33 41 50 58	02 15 28 41 54	03 19 34 50
11:00	07 15 24 32 41 49 58	07 20 32 45 58	04 20 35 50
12:00	06 15 23 32 40 49 57	11 20 28 36 44 52	05 20 35 50
13:00	06 14 23 31 40 48 57	00 08 16 24 32 40 48 56	05 17 30 44 57
14:00	05 14 22 31 39 48 56	04 12 20 28 36 44 52	11 24 38 51
15:00	05 13 22 30 38 46 54	00 08 16 24 32 40 48 56	05 18 32 45 59
16:00	02 10 18 26 34 42 50 58	04 12 20 28 36 44 52	12 26 39 53
17:00	06 14 22 30 38 46 54	00 08 16 24 32 40 48 56	06 20 33 47
18:00	02 10 18 27 35 43 51	04 12 20 28 36 44 52	00 14 27 41 54
19:00	01 12 21 32 45	00 17 32 47	05 17 29 46
20:00	04 20 35 50	05 20 35 50	05 20 35 50
21:00	05 20 37 54	05 20 37 54	05 20 37 54
22:00	14 34 54	14 34 54	14 34 54
23:00	14 34 54	14 34 54	14 34 54
00:00	14	14	14

**BUS CONNECTIONS FROM AND TO THE HOTELS
FROM DOWNTOWN TRAIN STATION (CORNAVIN)**

Hotel Name	Nearest bus stop	Bus Line	Change at	Travel time in minutes (approx.)
Amat Carlton	Prieuré	4	5 to Cornavin	21
Ambassador	Bel Air/Quai Poste	5		20
Angleterre	Monthoux	1	5 to Cornavin	20
Ascot	Wilson	1	5 to Cornavin	23
Astoria	Cornavin	5		15
At Home	Cornavin	5		15
Auteuil	Cornavin	5		15
Balzac	Gautier	1	5 to Cornavin	26
Beau Rivage	Monthoux	1	5 to Cornavin	23
Bergues	Coutance	5		17
Bernina	Cornavin	5		15
Bristol	Chantepoulet	8	5 to Vidollet	22
Calvy	Villereuse	Tram 16	5 to Cornavin	24
Capitole	Cornavin	5		15
Cornavin	Cornavin	5		15
Cristal	Cornavin	5		15
Drake	Monthoux	1	5 to Cornavin	23
Edelweiss	Navigation	1	5 to Cornavin	23
Eden	Jardin Botanique	11	5 to NationsOMPI	10
Epsom	Monthoux	1	5 to Cornavin	23
Excelsior	Cornavin	5		15
Grand-Pré	Canonnière	8	5 to Vidollet	16
Ibis	Goulart	13	5 to Cornavin	20
Kipling	Zurich	4	5 to Cornavin	17

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FROM DOWNTOWN TRAIN STATION (CORNAVIN)**

Hotel Name	Nearest bus stop	Bus Line	Change at	Travel time in minutes (approx.)
Mandarin Oriental du Rhône	Bel Air Quai Poste	5		20
Midi	Coutance	5		17
Moderne	Cornavin	5		15
Mon Repos	Jardin Botanique	11	5 to Nations OMPI	13
Montana	Cornavin	5		15
Montbrillant	Cornavin	5		15
Nations	Cannonière	8	5 to Vidollet	16
Noga Hilton	Monthoux	1	5 to Cornavin	27
Novotel	Monthoux	1	5 to Cornavin	25
Paix	Mont-Blanc	8	5 to Vidollet	20
Richemond	Mont-Blanc	8	5 to Vidollet	20
Rivoli	Cornavin	5		15
Royal	Prieuré	4	5 to Cornavin	23
Strasbourg	Cornavin	5		15
Suisse	Cornavin	5		15
Swissotel Genève Metropole	Place du Port	9	5 to Cornavin	25
Terminus	Cornavin	5		15
Tiffany	Stand-Rhône	2	5 to Bel Air	24
Tryp Berne	Cornavin	5		15
Warwick	Cornavin	5		15
Windsor	Cornavin	5		15

SHUTTLE SERVICES

Geneva - Chavannes de Bogis - France/Hotels - P47 - Hotels
Wednesday 09 until Saturday 12 December 2003

From P47 shuttle buses are available serving P47/49 - Hall 7 (registration area) -
Palexpo (below Hall 6)

Arrival at P47:

From Hotel	Line	Meeting point from hotel	Dep. Time
Airport Guest House	2	Ramada Park	08:15
Chavannes de Bogis	6		08:10
Express by Holiday Inn	1		08:20
Median - Ferney - France	5		08:20
Mövenpick	1		08:25
NH Geneva Airport Hotel	1		08:10
Novotel - Ferney - France	5		08:10
Phoenix	2	Ramada Park	08:15
Ramada Encore Genève	3		08:10
Ramada Park Hotel	2		08:15
Reserve	4		08:15
Stars - Ferney - France	5		08:25
Trente-Trois	2	Ramada Park	08:15

Evening transfers from P47 back to the hotels :
Wednesday, December 09 - Saturday, December 12, 2003

First Departure:

18:30

Second Departure:

21:30