

# Geneva Guide

Let the Fusion adventure begin !




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### GENERAL INFORMATION

The average price for a single room is around 100CHF. Most of the time, hotels in Switzerland offer free tickets for public transports for the length of the stay.

Here is some useful advice to help you during your research, if you look at the map:

- **Paquis** : quite cheap, near the train Station, lots of international food. Geneva is generally very safe, but Paquis can be a bit *lively* at night;
- **Around the lake**: mostly 4-5 star hotels, the most luxurious and expensive ones are right in the center, you will also find the world famous Jet d'Eau (see picture on the left);
- **Old Town** : be careful as the Old Town is situated on a little hill, and there is no public transportation until the top. Though it is the historical borough of Geneva the rent average is over-the-top. However, we recommend you wander there for sightseeing.;
- **Carouge/Acacias** : there aren't too many hotels and it is quite expensive as very fancied by residents due to its charm. The old town of Carouge takes you back in time to the 18th century, back when the township was presided by the King of Sardinia. We definitely recommend that you walk around the little shops and restaurants/ if you have some time to sightsee.
- **Plainpalais** : 10 min of tram away from Fusion, near the center and not too far from the station, very beloved by locals for residency, although the prices remain fairly close to the Geneva average. It is a festive district, with many ephemeral theaters,

amusement parks or circuses. Lots of bars all around, crowded with students. There is always a great lively atmosphere.

- **Eaux-Vives** : Situated roughly 10 minutes from the train station and 25 from Fusion, Eaux-Vives is another of the most beloved and lively neighborhoods in Geneva. You will find many shops, restaurants and bars there though it is one of the most sought after place to live in the city.

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## OUR HOTELS RECOMMENDATIONS

- [Ramada Encore](#) : 3 stars, around 115CHF per night, very close to Fusion HQ, well connected in terms of trams and buses
- [Hotel Le Prince](#) : 3 stars, around 110CHF per night, in the center, near the Old Town and Plainpalais
- [Hotel Ibis Centre Centre Gare](#) : 3 stars, around 150CHF per night, close to the Station (Cornavin)
- [Warwick Geneva](#) : 4 stars, around 200CHF per night, close to the Station as well, very well connected
- [Auberge Communale de Carouge](#) : 2 stars officially (but according to international standards it would be 3), around 150CHF per night, located in one of the most authentic districts of Geneva, quite close to Fusions' HQ as well
- [Starling Residence Genève](#) : single or double studios, very modern, around 150CHF per night, 2 stops away from Fusion's HQ by tram
- [Hostellerie de la Vendée](#) : 3 stars, around 90CHF, very close to Fusion

However, I strongly recommend you check on booking.com, tripadvisor or Airbnb so that you can find something according to your preferences and budget.

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## OUR AIR-BNB RECOMMENDATIONS

Near Fusion :

- [Room for 1 or 2 travellers on Plainpalais](#), 9€
- [Room for 1 or 2 travellers](#), 33€
- [Flat for 4 guests \(2 beds\)](#), 69€
- [Flat for 6 guests \(3 bedrooms\)](#), 144€
- [Seedspace](#) : is a global coworking spaces network that has its HQ in Geneva. About 5 min away from Fusion one of their locations has 10 rooms. Most will be busy but we are discussing with them to see if we can have some deals. Average price : 65€

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## FOOD, DRINKS AND RESTAURANTS

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### RESTAURATION



– [Les Armures](#) : Open daily from 9am to 23pm  
**1, rue Puits-St-Pierre, 1204 Genève**

Located right in the Old Town, Les Armures is definitely a must-do in Geneva to taste the Swiss national meal, the fondue. It is one of the oldest and most authentic restaurants in Geneva and they have welcomed famous guests such as George Clooney, Bill and Hillary Clinton or Queen Sofia of Spain. Do try to call a few hours in advance to make a reservation.

– [Chez Ma Cousine](#) : Open MON-FRI 7am to midnight, SAT 11am to midnight, SUN 11am to 11pm

**Place du Bourg-de-Four 6, 1204 Genève**

Another good restaurant in the Old Town, it is relatively small and cozy. If you like chicken and a home-like atmosphere, this is perfect for you. Strongly recommended.

– [Parfums de Beyrouth](#) : Open SUN-SAT 11am to 2am

Rue de Berne, 18, 1204 Genève

One of the best, if not the best, lebanese restaurant in Geneva. This hidden gem, situated in the Paquis district, is known by all the locals. You can have a full meal for under 20CHF and their plates are savoury and plentiful. Strongly recommended if you want to have a traditional Lebanese meal.

– [Da Paulo](#) : Open MON to FRI 11:30am to 2:30pm and 6:30pm to 11:45pm, SAT & SUN at 11:30am to 11:45pm

**Rue du Lac 3, 1207 Genève**

Very good Italian restaurant close to the center, in Eaux-Vives. Right after dinner, you can walk near the lake and have a look at all the lights of the city reflected in Lake Geneva. If you're lucky with the weather, the Jet d'eau might be colorfully illuminated.



- [Vapiano](#) : opens daily from 8:30AM–12AM

Place de Saint-Gervais 3, 1201 Genève

Vapiano is a quite simple restaurant situated near Bel-Air that serves fresh pizza and pasta made right in front of you. It won't replace some of the legendary Italian food you can find in Geneva but it can save your stomach and your wallet quite a few times.

- [Bain des Paquis](#) : opens daily from 7AM-11PM -  
 Quai du Mont-Blanc 30, 1201 Genève

The Bains des Paquis is actually a public beach here in Geneva. In the summertime it also has a sauna and hammam and even organises special concert early in the morning. In the wintertime we recommend their fondue that is actually one of the most well-known and respected fondue in all of Geneva.

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## NIGHTLIFE

There are many bars in Geneva, they are mostly crowded on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Here are a few recommendations:

– [Rooftop 42](#) : Open TUE-SAT from 10am to 2am

***Rue du Rhône 42 | 1204 Genève***

Located in the centre, you can have a nice cocktail whilst enjoying a panoramic view on the lake and the whole of the city. Rooftops in Geneva are quite rare, but the prices are definitely worth the view.

– [Le Calamar](#) : *(HQ of Fusion's Team!)*  
Open THU-FRI-SAT till 2am

***Bd Carl-Vogt 91, 1205 Genève***

Very pleasant atmosphere and lively bar. Don't hesitate to try their burgers, they're delicious!

– [Barbershop](#) : Open THU till 1am, FRI & SAT till 2am

***Boulevard Georges-FAVON 14, 1204 Genève***

Vibrant and lively bar situated the tram stop Stand. Experts in cocktails. There are also a couple others bars around, so I recommend this area for a nice drink in the evening.

– [Chat Noir](#) : Open from 5PM every day  
Rue Vautier | 1227 Carouge  
Chat Noir is one of the most legendary Clubs and renowned concert venue in Geneva. You can go there to enjoy drinks and good food during the evening while dancing the night away while enjoying their crazy events/parties

- [Le Village du Soir](#) : Open from Thursday to Saturday from 18h. (15CHF from midnight)

People will tell you that Geneva doesn't like to have fun. However about 500m from Fusion is a place where they renovated 3 industrial warehouses into trendy clubs that welcome local bar temporarily every month. This venue situation right next to the La Praille Stadium also hosts food-trucks to make sure everyone spends a memorable night.

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## "THE MUSTS"

The Geneva nightlife is structured by neighborhoods. Depending on where you live, most of the well-known neighborhoods have "streets" you need to know if you're looking to relax after a day of hard-work or dance the night away.

- **Eaux-Vives** : [Rue Henri-Blanvanet](#)

This street is not that small but in a few streets start hosting a slew of trendy bars & restaurants such as : Bottle Brothers, Yvette de Marseille, Atelier Cocktail Bar or Alma. Not far from there be sure to check the rum bar Little Barrel.

- **Plainpalais** : [Rue de l'Ecole-de-Medecine](#)

Plainpalais is a very artsy and lively neighborhood. In this neighborhood you can find one of the biggest flea market in Europe for example and many art galleries. One extremely popular street among University students is the Rue de l'Ecole-de-Médecine. Most of their bars are awesome from Eléphant de la Canette, to l'Etabli, Le Café du Lys, Kraken or even the Bout de La Rue.

The possibilities for a great night are endless. La Rue des Bains also have a few gems including the Italian restaurant "Da Tavolone" where you can find fresh homemade food at affordable prices.

- **Carouge :** [Rue Vautier](#)

Carouge is the ideal place to get inspiration, relax after a long day or have a good time. There are so many places to recommend but we highly recommend discovering Vautier street. On this street you will notably find the Chat Noir (see above) but also Le Marchand de Sable, and their surprisingly delicious burgers, La Plage or the Vert'Bouteille wine bar.

Be sure to wander in the neighborhood though, there are just too many addresses to choose from. L'Auberge du Cheval Blanc (great tapas and a cool brunch on weekends) and La Brasserie de la Bourse on the Place du Marché.

- **Geneva Center:** [Rue Georges-Favon](#)

The center of Geneva is a tricky place to have fun in the evening. However on Georges-Favon street you'll find what you're looking for with places such as the Apothicaire Cocktail Bar, Barbershop (mentioned above), Kytaly or the even Manhattan Bar.

Around and about that neighborhood you will find other cool places such as Les Filles Indignes, Le Bateau Lavoir, le Bistrot 23, Boréal Coffee Shop, Cirkus/Ka-Chon or les Halles de l'Illes (that do incredible parties on the weekend).

Downtown be sure check the Chez Philipp Grill, Nico&Co or FMR (Funky Monkey Rom) and their famous burgers.

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## DISCOVERING GENEVA

As the second largest-city in Switzerland, Geneva has a reputation of being rich by its diversity of international organizations, financial headquarters and scientific progress. The 3 must-see's in Geneva would be the Jet d'Eau, Red Cross and CERN. So if you have some time to discover the city, the [Lonely Planet recommendations](#) are perfect. I also strongly

recommend this **map** of [Geneva's Hidden Gems](#) if you have some time to visit the city.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

- [Lasergame](#) : groups of 15-20 people,
- [Trip Trap Escape Game](#) : groups of maximum 6 people, 150CHF per room,
- Two malls :
  1. [La Praille](#) (5 min away from Fusion), comprises many shops, restaurants and a cinema,
  2. [Balexert](#) (between Cornavin and the Airport) is slightly bigger than La Praille, with therefore more shops and cinema rooms.

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## NEAR FUSION > FOOD & ATM

Right downstairs of the Fusion office you will find a Pizzeria, which also serves salads. You can take it away and go back up at the office.

Across the street, you will find Fusion's sweet spot: **Genecand Traiteur**. At lunch, there is a buffet and you can take whatever you want for 13CHF.

Not so far from Fusion (about 7 minutes walking), "**Chez Locci**" offers great homemade sandwiches and pastas at an average price of 10CHF.

There is also a McDonalds across the street on your right.

For the Credit Suisse ATM : when you get out of Fusion, go right; right again at the corner and right again at the next one. It will be on your right.

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## TRANSPORT

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### GETTING TO FUSION

*I have explained below the itinerary But I suggest you enter in Google Maps the following address (click here to open it in Google Maps):*  
[Avenue de la Praille 50, 1227 Carouge,](#)  
→ this will give you the step by step guide to our office including the 2 min walk from the tram station or where to take the tram in front of the Geneva Train Station.

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### HOW TO GETs

#### *How to get from GENEVA AIRPORT to GENEVE CORNAVIN (the Railway station)*

Once you're done with the Baggage Claim, you can get a free ticket for the buses and trams right on your way to the Customs. To get to Cornavin, you can either take the train (they run every 20 min) or buses 5, 10 or 28 (the journey will be slightly longer though).

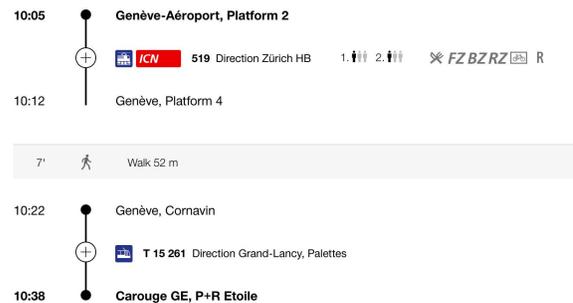
#### *How to get from GENEVE CORNAVIN to FUSION HEADQUARTERS*

You can either catch a taxi, an Uber (you'd just have to download the app) or directly take tram 15 (direction: Palettes) and stop at P+R Etoile.

Tram 15 is right in front of the train station, and it will take you approximately 16 minutes. Since you have to be at our HQ at 10h45 sharp, we would advise you to catch Tram 15 around 10h15, to make sure you will be on time. Swiss people are

very fond of punctuality. Once you get out of the tram, you have to turn right, cross the street towards the big building/parking lot, cross again towards the stop of bus 21. Normally at this point you will see a pizzeria. Turn left at the corner and it's the first entrance on your left. Go up to the 3rd floor and continue straight onto your left.

#### *How to get from GENEVA AIRPORT to FUSION HEADQUARTERS*



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### PARKING

If you find an empty spot on the street, make sure to check if there is a parking meter nearby. Be careful, as very often, you can only pay with coins.

– [P+R Etoile](#) : A 516 places parking lot right across the street from our office. You can see how many parking lots are available live on their website, as well as the prices per hour.

## TRANSPORTS PUBLICS GENEVOIS

For public transportation, Geneva is divided by zones. Staying in Zone 10, a ticket costs 3.00CHF and lasts 60 minutes.

You can find more specific tariffications at <http://unireso.com/fr/tarifs-titres-de-transport>.

If you plan to use the public transportation regularly, we recommend that you buy a monthly subscription for 70CHF at the TPG Office at Cornavin. To give you an idea, if you take the tram twice a day, 3 days a week for a month (4 weeks), you would pay 72CHF in total. It might therefore be more advantageous to buy an “abonnement” and not have to worry about it anymore.

