



Geneva

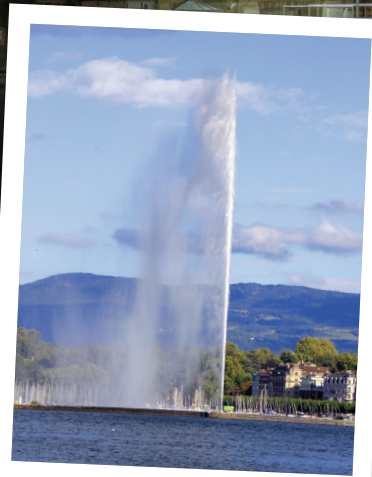
WITH A ZEST FOR LIFE THAT SAVOURS ART AND CULTURE, NATURE, CUISINE AND REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENTS, LET TIME STAND STILL AS YOU EXPLORE THIS TRANQUIL YET VIBRANT CITY.

With a quarter of the city covered by public parks, begin your morning with birds a-chirping at the **Promenade de Bastions**, where you can squeeze in a blend of history and botanical beauty in one stroll. Much-loved by locals and tourists alike, the Reformation Wall and giant outdoor chess boards make this popular park stand out. It is also a convenient hop away from the **Plaine de Plainpalais**, a hub for open-air markets selling everything from paintings to vintage records on certain weekday mornings, as well as **Victoria Hall** and the **Grand Theatre**, a famous concert hall and opera house, respectively.

Geneva is a hotbed when it comes to culture, with more museums, art and photography galleries and centres than you can shake a guidebook at. Timepiece lovers will find great delight in the **Patek Philippe Museum**, honouring the 'timeless' traditions of Swiss watchmaking. Meanwhile, philanthropists can find inspiration in the

International Red Cross Museum where extraordinary deeds in the name of humanity receive well-deserved accolades; the **United Nations Headquarters** is located nearby for a nifty photo-op. Traditional museum lovers will enjoy the **Museum of Art and History** and **Natural History Museum** (the largest in Switzerland), while those with more specialised tastes can explore the **Museum of Geneva Military History**, the **Ethnography Museum**, the **Museum of the Swiss Abroad**, the **Museum of Communication**, or the **Museum of Swiss Cutlery**. Technophiles will be drawn to learn about the creation of the World Wide Web and much more at the **CERN centre**.

With your museum quota well and truly in check, talk a walk through the charming **Old Town** then head for a spot of shopping at **Rue du Rhône**. Don't forget to pick up some goodies from outstanding Swiss chocolatiers **Auer** or **Rohr**, and hunks of glorious Gruyère, Emmentaler and Tomme



From left: The striking **Batiment des Forces-Motrices**; the shooting **Jet d'Eau**.

cheese and whatever else strikes your fancy from the **Halles de Rives**. Next, admire the 140 metre tall **Jet d'Eau** at **Lac Lemman (Lake Geneva)** and the **Flower Clock (l'Horloge Fleurie)** in the gardens, then relax on the promenade with a gelato aside the moored boats as cyclists whiz past. Be sure to visit **Windows at the 5-star Hotel d'Angleterre** for its celebrated afternoon tea – you'll have a hard time deciding what to try, between the tempting mini puffed pancakes and stuffed bugne fritters to espelette pepper ice cream and "fairy tale tea." Watch the sun set from its large windows while mulling over where to wander for dinner in this gourmand's paradise city. **END**

GETTING AROUND

Geneva boasts an efficient and varied set of options when it comes to getting around with buses, trams, taxis, boats and a motorway network. TPG (Transports Public Genevois) buses, trams and suburban trains, which run frequently all over the city, are covered under the same ticketing system. Tickets must be bought from ticket machines, located at every stop, before boarding. The Swiss Federal Railways system (CFF) is Europe's most punctual railway, and can take you all over Switzerland and elsewhere in Europe. Boat services, run by the **Compagnie Générale de**

Navigation, are provided from ports all around Lake Geneva. Bicycles are another option, with many safe and scenic routes highlighted in the **VELO-LOVE Plan de Ville**, found at any bike shop in town. Free bikes are available through the "Geneve Roule" scheme kiosks throughout the city.



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