

Geneva City Info

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Getting to the GEO Secretariat (5th floor WMO building)

From the Airport

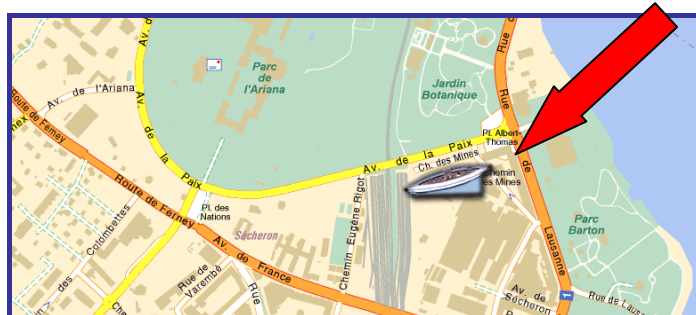
Taxi: From the taxi rank outside the Arrivals Hall (Ground floor) Cost: approximately CHF 25 – 30

Bus: Bus 28 can be taken from outside the Terminal Building (First floor). The stop is situated to the left as you come out of the terminal. The bus goes all the way to Jardin Botanique, which faces the WMO building (last stop). Cost: CHF 3 (tickets available from machine, which also accepts Euros)

From the Train Station

From Cornavin Station, trams 13 and 15 go to the Place des Nations. WMO is then downhill within walking distance (Avenue de la Paix, towards the lake – 10 minutes). Buses 11 and 28 also stop at the Jardin Botanique, which faces the WMO building.

A map of the bus network can be obtained free of charge from the UNIRESO Information Centre at Cornavin Station





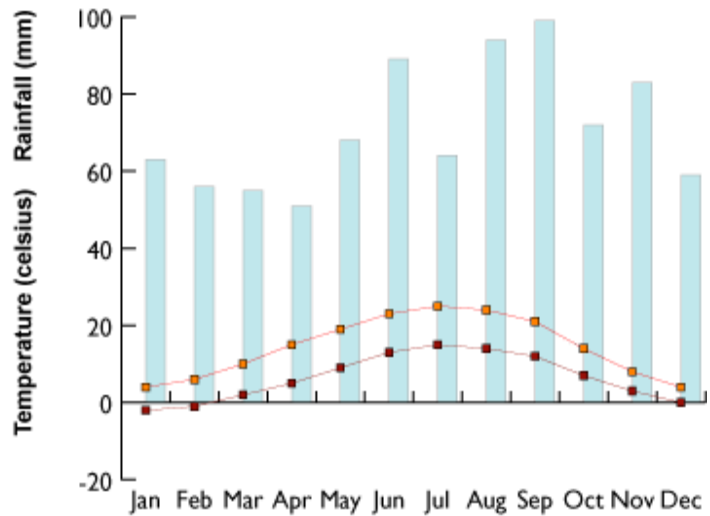
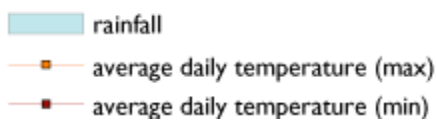
Hotel information

See file “2006 hotel pricelist.pdf”

Average Weather Conditions, Geneva, Switzerland

Average Weather Conditions, Geneva, Switzerland (Source: BBC weather)										
Month	Average Sunlight (hours)	Temperature (°C)				Discomfort from heat and humidity	Relative humidity		Average Precipitation (mm)	Wet Days (+0.25 mm)
		Average		Record			am	pm		
		Min	Max	Min	Max					
Jan	2	-2	4	-13	16	-	87	78	63	11
Feb	3	-1	6	-18	20	-	86	71	56	9
March	5	2	10	-10	22	-	84	62	55	9
April	7	5	15	-3	27	-	79	56	51	9
May	8	9	19	-2	32	-	79	58	68	11
June	9	13	23	4	36	-	78	58	89	11
July	10	15	25	6	36	Moderate	77	56	64	9
Aug	9	14	24	5	36	Moderate	82	59	94	11
Sept	7	12	21	2	32	-	87	65	99	10
Oct	4	7	14	-3	25	-	89	71	72	10
Nov	2	3	8	-7	19	-	88	76	83	11
Dec	1	0	4	-13	15	-	88	79	59	10

The following bar chart for Geneva, Switzerland shows the years average weather condition readings covering rain, average maximum daily temperature and average minimum temperature.



Other useful information and web sites

Currency & Euro

Swiss franc (CHF). 1 CHF divided into 100 centimes.

Average rate: 1 Euro = CHF 1.65

The exchange rate is subject to daily market fluctuations. Check <http://www.xe.com>

Public transport

Public transport is excellent in Geneva. The “Transports Publics Genevois” (<http://www.tpg.ch/>) provides frequent bus, tram, 'mouette' (boat) and suburban train service to within a block or two of most locations in the city and canton. There is also an expanding network of frequent trams. Many lines have their hub at the Cornavin train station, a few others at Place Bel-Air on the old-town side of the river. Tickets which cover both trams and buses must be bought from ticket machines (located at every stop) before boarding the transport.

Driving

In town 50 km/hr. (some zones 30 km/hr.), outside built-up areas (national roads) 80 km/hr., motorways 120 km/hr. A tax sticker, "vignette", is compulsory to drive on motorways and semi-motorways. The tax sticker is valid for 1 year at CHF 40 (on sale at post offices, garages and customs posts). The wearing of seat belts both in front and back seats of vehicles is compulsory.

Electricity

Voltage 230 volts

Languages

Official language: French

Other languages spoken: English and German

Cafeteria

The WMO cafeteria is located at the top floor (A or Attic) of the building which will give you a panoramic view of the Lake Lemman and the city of Geneva. The 200-seat cafeteria-restaurant has a

self-service area and a table service area, and the restaurant is open Monday to Friday between 12h00 and 14h30.

Parking

Parking zones: white = pay parking / blue = 1 1/2 hrs maximum (parking disks compulsory, can be obtained from police stations). There are individual and collective parking meters.

Tipping

Prices in hotels, restaurants, taxi fares, etc., are calculated to include taxes and service. A tip, therefore, is not indispensable, but justified for good service.

Vaccinations

No vaccinations are required to enter Switzerland.

Visas

Travellers requiring a visa to enter Switzerland should ensure that it entitles them to re-enter after having visited neighbouring countries. A valid passport is essential for excursions into France and Italy and, for certain nationals, visas must be obtained beforehand

Web sites

Please visit following web sites for additional information

<http://www.geneva.info>

<http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/>

<http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/topics/counz/infoch.html>