

## Geneva - Travel & Attractions

### Getting to Geneva

Located at the heart of Europe, Geneva is a vibrant international city that's easy to reach from anywhere in the world. With excellent transport connections, including its well-connected airport, efficient rail links, and major highways, traveling to Geneva is simple and convenient.



#### By Plane

Geneva Airport (GVA), also known as Cointrin Airport, is just a short 15-minute drive from the city center, making it one of the most convenient entry points to the city. The airport offers direct flights from major cities across Europe and beyond. Upon arrival, you can easily access the city via public transport, with free train and bus tickets available in the arrivals hall, or by taxi and rideshare services.

#### By Car

Driving to Geneva is a scenic and straightforward option, with excellent road connections from neighboring countries. The A1 motorway links Geneva with major cities like Lausanne, Bern, and Zurich, while roads from France provide easy access from Lyon, Annecy, and beyond. Parking is available throughout the city, with various short- and long-term options.



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### By Bus

Long-distance buses provide an affordable and eco-friendly way to reach Geneva. Several major operators connect the city to destinations across Europe, with comfortable and modern coaches. Geneva's main bus station, Gare Routière, is located in the heart of the city, within walking distance of key hotels and attractions. From there, it's easy to hop onto the local transport network to reach your final destination.

### By Train

Arriving in Geneva by train is both efficient and relaxing. Geneva's central train station, Cornavin, is a major hub serviced by high-speed trains such as the TGV from France and intercity trains from Switzerland and beyond. With frequent connections to cities like Paris, Zurich, and Milan, the train is a sustainable and stress-free travel option. Once you arrive at Cornavin, you're just minutes from the city center and can connect to public transport with ease.

### Commitment to Sustainability

At GIN, sustainability is a core value, and we are committed to reducing our environmental impact wherever possible. We kindly encourage all attendees to consider the most sustainable travel options when planning their journey to the conference if at all possible. Opting for trains, buses, or carpooling instead of individual car travel or short-haul flights can make a significant difference.



## Geneva - Attractions

Geneva, Switzerland, is known for its stunning natural scenery, rich history, and international influence. Here are some of the main attractions:

**Jet d'Eau** – One hundred and forty metres high and 500 litres of water per second at 200km/h: that's the Jet d'eau! A true icon of Geneva, the gigantic water fountain has a beautiful story to tell and, fun fact: its presence in Geneva was almost an accident!

**Old Town (Vieille Ville)** – Switzerland's largest historical city! The small cobblestone streets tell its story through small squares, historic buildings, fascinating museums and mysterious secret passages.

**Cathedral St. Pierre** – St. Pierre Cathedral is a historic landmark in Geneva, known for its Romanesque-Gothic architecture and its role in the Protestant Reformation. It offers an archaeological site and a towers offering stunning views of the city and Lake Geneva.

**Palais des Nations** – The European headquarters of the United Nations and a symbol of international diplomacy in Geneva. Visitors can take guided tours to explore its grand assembly halls and admire its beautiful park overlooking Lake Geneva.



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**Broken Chair** - The Broken Chair is a powerful monument in Geneva's Place des Nations, symbolizing opposition to landmines and armed violence. Standing 12 meters tall with one broken leg, it serves as a reminder of the impact of war and the importance of humanitarian efforts.

**Rue du Rhône** - Geneva's luxury shopping street, home to renowned Swiss watch brands, designer boutiques, and high-end jewelers. Strolling along this elegant avenue offers a blend of world-class shopping and stunning views of Lake Geneva.

**Musée d'Art et d'Histoire** - Musée d'Art et d'Histoire is Geneva's largest museum, showcasing an extensive collection of fine art, archaeology, and applied arts. Visitors can explore everything from ancient Egyptian artifacts to masterpieces by artists like Rembrandt and Cézanne. Housed in a grand neoclassical building, the museum offers a rich journey through history and culture, making it a must-visit for art and history enthusiasts.

