

A few tips to make your life easier in Geneva

The Congress will take place at Uni Mail (Boulevard du Pont d'Arve 40), a modern and functional building, with access for disabled persons if necessary. From main station, Tram #15 stops right in front of the Uni Mail building (Trams #12 and #18 and Bus #1 stop at Plainpalais and Pont d'Arve, each about a 5 min walk to Uni Mail).

Public transportation: remember that your Geneva hotel should give you a pass for free use of public transportation in Geneva (city buses, trams, train between the central station and the airport). This is the easiest way to move around town. You may also use your ticket on the so-called “Mouettes Genevoises”, small boats that sail across the harbour; but it will not work on the larger boats that sail on the lake.

Taxis: tel. +41 (0)223314133.

Internet: in the Uni Mail building, at the center of the ground floor, there are four pillars equipped each with a computer that will give you public access to the internet. You can check your webmail from there. Non-secured WiFi is available on campus and in many public areas of the city. A handout with instructions for access to the campus system is included with registration materials.

Eating

For lunch, you have several possibilities:

- A: Cafeteria of the Uni Mail building (40 Boulevard du Pont d'Arve).
- B: Cafeteria of the Uni Dufour building (24 Rue du General Dufour).
- C: Cafeteria of the Sciences II building (30 Quai Ernest Ansermet).
- D: Cafeteria of the Migros shopping center (64 Rue de Carouge).
- Cafeteria of the Coop shopping center (76 Rue de Carouge; another Coop center is at 12 Rue de Carouge, without cafeteria).

At Coop and Migros (or Denner), you will find all you need for groceries, picnic & drinks, pharmacy, ATM machine (bancomat) etc., and there are many banks near Plainpalais and on Rue de Carouge.

There are also many restaurants in the area, for instance on the Boulevard du Pont-d'Arve (in front of Uni-Mail) and on the Boulevard Carl-Vogt as well as on Rue de Carouge (prices are indicative):

Asian low budget:

La Feuille de Banane (1)	29 Rue de Carouge; tel. +41 (0)223293393; Open 7/7, lunch and dinner, except Sunday lunch	2 Specials from Mon-Fri around 15.- CHF, others: 20.- CHF
Mike Wong (2)	near the McDonalds; 20 Rue du Conseil-Général	fast food

Italian Food:

Leo's Pizzeria (3)	51 Boulevard du Pont-d'Arve; tel. +41 (0)223295298; Sun 18:30-0:00, Mon-Thu 9:00 - 0:00, Fri-Sat. 9:00-1:00	€€
Ponte Vecchio (4)	63 Boulevard du Pont-d'Arve; tel. +41 (0)223280602; Sun-Fri 9:30-14:00, Sun-Sat 17:30-23:00	App.+main dish: 30.- to 60.- CHF
Trattoria dei Trulli (5)	81 Boulevard Carl-Vogt; tel. +41 (0)223287068; Mon-Sun	App.+main dish: up to 30.- CHF



Hamburger:

Inglewood (6)	44 Boulevard du Pont-d'Arve; tel. +41 (0)223203866; Mon-Sat 11:30-14:30, 19:00-22:00	App.+main dish: up to 30.- CHF
Holy Cow! (7)	Gourmet Burger Company - 14 Rue Carouge	Fast Food
Vinnie's Café (8)	Hot Dogs, Sandwiches, hamburgers and vegetarian food: 55 Boulevard du Pont d'Arve; Mon-Fri 7:00-20:00, Sat 9:00-21:00, Sun 9:00-17:00	
Le Calamar (9)	91 Boulevard Carl-Vogt; tel. +41 223216277; Mon-Wed 9:00-1:00, Thu-Fri 9:00-2:00, Sat 12:00-2:00, Sun 14:00-23:00; also a good place to stop for a drink	App.+main dish: up to 30.-

Lebanese

Le Sofra (10)	31 Boulevard Carl-Vogt; tel. +41 (0)227811781	App.+main dish: 30.- to 40.- CHF
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Japanese

Misuji (11)	One of the best sushi restaurants in Geneva - 49 Boulevard du Pont d'Arve; tel. +41 (0)223201000, reservation for lunch; Tue-Sat 11:30-22:00	App.+main dish: 30.- to 60.- CHF
Le Samourai (12)	Cheaper than Misuji - 1 Rue Dancet; tel. +41 (0)223208101; Mon-Fri 12:00-14:00, 19:00-22:00	
Wasabi (13)	68 Boulevard Carl-Vogt; fast food; Mon-Sat 11:00-22:00	App.+main dish: 15.- to 30.- CHF
Mikado (14)	8 Rond-point de Plainpalais; fast food; Mon-Sat 11:00-21:00	App.+main dish: 15.- to 30.- CHF

French:

Echalotte (15)	Good French food at an affordable price, always in the Guide du Routard since 15 years (vegetarian food too) - 17 Rue des Rois; tel. +41 (0)223205999; reservation for lunch and dinner; Mon-Fri 12:00-14:00, 19:00-22:30.	2-3 specials for lunch: 20.- CHF Dinner 40.- to 50.- CHF
Café de la Radio (16)	Tartare, meat and even fondue - 73 Boulevard Carl-Vogt; tel. +41 (0)223216417	App.+main dish: 30.- to 60.- CHF
L'Entrecote St-Jean (17)	79 Boulevard Carl-Vogt; tel. +41 (0)223219941	App.+main dish: 60.-+ CHF

For dinner, you will find countless restaurants in Geneva (go there <http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch/en/eating-drinking/> or here you can find the guidebook “Le renard sur la Lune” on <http://www.unireso.com/Le-Renard-sur-la-Lune/RSL-2013.pdf>). Service and taxes are included in the restaurants. No one will blame you for rounding up the bill (e.g. leaving 40.- francs when you get a bill for 38.70), but do not feel obliged to tip like in the US.

Here are a few suggestions, which of course constitute only a sample.

- If you want to eat a cheese «fondue» or «raclette», try the **Cave Valaisanne** (23 Boulevard Georges Favon; tel. +41 (0)223285820; App.+main dish: 30.- à 60.- CHF). Fondue also at the **Hôtel Les Armures** in the old city (1 Rue du Puits-Saint-Pierre, tel. +41 (0)223199172; App.+main dish: 30.- à 60.- CHF). Fondue, rösti and also the famous “steak au fromage” at **Au Platane** (91 Bvd de la Cluse; tel. +41(0)223297198; 30.- à 60.- CHF). Rösti at **Café du Bourg de Four** (13 Place du Bourg de Four, in the old City; tel. +41 (0)223119076 reservation for Dinner; 7:00-0:00). With fondue or raclette, one usually drinks white wine: Fendant, a.k.a. Chasselas; avoid icy drinks on cheese.
- A decent and not expensive Italian restaurant: **Restaurant Italia** (4 Bvd. des Philosophes; tel. +41 (0)223282970); Mon-Sat 11:30-14:00, 18:30-23:30; App.+main dish: up to 30.- CHF).
- Salad eater? Try **La Boursiere** (2 Rue de la Rôtisserie, tel. +41 (0)223107310; App.+main dish: up to 30.-).
- For a drink or a small snack (& books): **Cafe-Librairie Livresse** (5 rue Vignier).
- For international cuisine (Mexican, Greek, Moroccan, Lebanese, Asiatic etc.), try **the streets between the train station and the lake. (But beware of purse-snatchers.)**
- There is also a variety of restaurants around the **Rue des Eaux-Vives**.
- Along the lake, you can get a snack in many places and enjoy the evening.
- If you are looking for a quiet and elegant (if somewhat pricier) atmosphere, try going to the city of **Carouge**, only a few minutes from the congress; Tram # 12 on the Rue de Carouge. Direction “Palettes”, get off at stops “Marché”, “Ancienne” or “Carouge”. You can try the **Fleuve d'or** - Asian Food (37 Rue de Saint-Joseph; tel. +41(0)223420332; 11h30-00h00; App.+main dish: 30.- à 40.- CHF). **Brasserie des Tours** - terrace, salad, tartars, hamburger and beer the “Carougeoise” (18 av. Vibert; tel. +41 (0)223430044; App.+main dish: 30.- à 60.- CHF).
- Chinese: **La baguette d'Or** (15 Av. Henri Dunant, tel. +41 (0)223297165); **Le Paravent bleu** (1bis Rue Dancet; tel. +41 (0)223291701; App.+main dish: 60.-+ CHF).

Opening hours: most stores will be open from 9 am till 7 pm. Grocery stores open an hour earlier. On Saturday, closing time is 6 pm. On Sunday, expect most stores to be closed, except at the airport.

Chocolate: for chocolate cake after a long day listening to fascinating papers, try **Le Mortimer** (2 Place du Bourg-de-Four, tel. +41 (0)223101398). There are also many places where you can buy Swiss chocolate. Pre-packed boxes are to be found in department stores in the shopping area. If you are looking for something a bit more special (but more expensive), you may want to try **Micheli** (1 Rue Micheli-du-Crest), **Berger** (16 Av. Henri Dunant, very close to Uni Mail), **Chocolaterie du Rhône** (3 Rue de la Confederation), **Pascoet** (20 Rue de la Filature, in Carouge).

Bars and pubs can be found on Rue de Médecine near Uni Mail, in the Old City or in Carouge.

Medical care: pharmacies are to be found everywhere in Geneva. If you need something when stores are closed, every pharmacy will have a sign posted telling you where you can find the closest pharmacy on duty. In case you need to see a doctor, you can try the Permanence medicale de Plainpalais (**E:** Rue de Carouge 17-19, tel. +41 (0)223295231), open from 8 am till 10 pm Monday - Friday. or 8 am till 8 pm Saturday - Sunday. In case of a real emergency, you can call an **ambulance** by dialing 144, or go to the emergency service of the Hospital (**F:** 10-15 min walk from Uni Mail).

Police: dial 117. There is a police station on the Rue de Carouge (51).

Post office: 6 rue Pictet-de-Bock (near Uni Mail)

Museums:

There is a wide range of museums in Geneva. Museums that belong to the City of Geneva generally offer free entry, except for special exhibitions. We suggest here only a short selection:

- **Musée d'art et d'histoire** (2 Rue Charles Galland; 10 am - 6 pm, closed on Monday): this is the place where the reception is taking place on Tuesday evening). Ancient Egypt, Greece & Rome, regional prehistoric archaeology, medieval & modern periods, as well as quite a lot of painting, from Renaissance till the 20th century.
- **Musée d'ethnographie de Genève** ("Ethnological Museum of the City of Geneva"; Boulevard Carl Vogt 65-67 (near Uni Mail), 11 am – 6 pm, closed on Monday): one of the most important ethnographic museums in Switzerland, recently reopened in a new building.
- **Maison Tavel** (6 Rue du Puits Saint Pierre: 10 am - 5 pm, closed on Monday): the oldest house still standing in Geneva, and a museum on the history of the city.
- **Bibliothèque de Genève**, Salle Lullin (Parc des Bastions; 2-6 pm, Saturday 10-12 am and 2-5 pm; closed on Sunday and Monday).
- **Museum of Natural History** (1 Route de Malagnou: 10 am - 5 pm, closed on Monday): from fossils to stuffed tigers and birds.
- **Museum of the Reformation** (Cour Saint-Pierre, 4 Rue de Cloître; 10 am - 5 pm, closed on Monday: fee 10.-): an award-winning museum located next to the St. Pierre Cathedral in the heart of the old city.
- **Excavations under the Cathedral:** while you are in the area, you may want to have a look at the underground of the cathedral, which has been excavated (10 am - 5 pm, closed on Monday; fee 8.-, or 16.- combined with the towers of the Cathedral).
- On the other side of the city, near the international organizations, you will find the **Red Cross Museum** (17 Avenue de la Paix, access with bus # 8 ; 10 am - 5 pm, closed on Tuesday ; fee 10.-).