

DESTINATION Geneva

CHAMONIX, WITHIN ONE HOUR OF GENEVA

OVERVIEW

Blue Islands provides the only direct service from the Channel Islands to Geneva. Blue Islands has no baggage charges, so whether it's skiing or snow boarding that you love, you can take your ski equipment free of charge. The City is set upon the beautiful lakefront of Lake Geneva and is only an hour away from the luxury ski resort of Verbier. However, the closest ski resort is Mount Salève, just across the French border.

Geneva is also a city of culture and entertainment with plenty of museums and galleries to choose from. Lake Geneva is one of the city's most spectacular attractions. Beautiful flowerbeds surround the lake, including the famous flower clock. This marvellous display highlights Geneva's historic association with watch making.

You will be impressed by the high-quality local cuisine on offer. Why not try some traditional Swiss dishes, such as filets de perches or Longeole. Geneva is great for a break or if you want to take to the slopes; it won't disappoint.



CHILLON CASTLE ON THE BANK OF LAKE GENEVA



Blue Islands operates flights to Geneva from Guernsey & Jersey. For full timetables, see pages 112-113.

LEISURE EVENTS

3-11 MARCH. INTERNATIONAL MOTOR SHOW, PALEXPO EXHIBITION CENTER.

The Geneva Motor show is the largest international show in Europe and arguably the most important motor show in the world. Many new prototypes and innovations are unveiled during the week and the atmosphere is electric with lots of freebies and plenty of flair.

BUSINESS EVENTS

18-22 APRIL. INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF INVENTIONS, NEW TECHNIQUES AND

PRODUCTS AT PALEXPO EXHIBITION CENTER. The largest event of its kind, Geneva's International Exhibition of Inventions features over one thousand new innovations and inventions from around the world, from every field from computer science to plumbing to toys and games.

RESTAURANTS

PATARA.

This is the most elegant and prestigious Thai restaurant in Geneva, occupying street-level premises within the Hôtel Beau-Rivage, and a position immediately adjacent to Le Chat Botté, one of the most elegant restaurants in town. Within a decor of teak woodcarvings and Thai paintings, the impeccably dressed staff will serve flavour-filled examples of the best of their country's cuisine.

LE CHAT-BOTTÉ. This grand restaurant is in one of the fanciest hotels in Geneva. Decorated with tapestries, sculpture and rich upholstery, it serves some of the best food in the city. If the weather is right, you can dine on the flower-bedecked terrace, overlooking the Jet d'Eau. The cuisine, although inspired by French classics, is definitely contemporary.

HOTEL

SWISSÔTEL METROPOLE GENEVA.

This luxurious and elegant hotel is in the heart of the city's shopping district with a splendid view over Lake Geneva. All 111 bedrooms and 16 suites are tastefully decorated with many facilities. The brand new restaurant Le Grand Quai features contemporary and authentic cuisine in a cosy setting. The Mirror Bar brings a trendy image to the Swissôtel Métropole.

AIRPORT INFO

CHECK-IN.

Opens 2 hours before departure & closes 40 mins before departure.

TAXIS.

There is a taxi stand just in front of the arrivals area. Fares between airport and city range from CHF 30 - to CHF 35.

BUSES & TRAINS. Buses leave from the departure level. Bus 10 to Geneva city centre leaves every 10 minutes. Trains - 8 minutes to Geneva city centre. Tel: +4122 7177111 or see www.unireso.com.

CAR HIRE. In the main terminal, the car hire desks are just across from arrivals.

PARKING. Covered long term and open air short term parking available at the airport. First 10 mins free. For more information, Tel: +4122 717 70.

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