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GUIDE TO

GVA

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ESSENTIALS

Introduction

ACCOMMODATION

Since finding housing in Geneva can be extremely difficult, it is crucial to start arranging accommodation as soon as you receive your **Admission Letter**.

At GBS, accommodation is reserved on a first-come first-served basis.

Students wishing to reserve a GBS apartment must give three months notice prior to arrival, by sending a request to: accommodation@gbsge.com or clicking the button below:



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ACCOMMODATION

Upon arrival, each student is accompanied to their apartment after informing the GBS reception of their arrival.

GBS example accommodation rates:

- **Shared Room.**

One individual bed in a shared room for two. The room is furnished and contains a double wardrobe. Shared kitchen & bathroom with toilet. **From CHF 700/month per person.**

- **Shared apartment.**

With a private bedroom. Two different rooms, furnished, kitchen & bathroom with toilet for two. **From CHF 900/month.**

- **Entire Studio.**

One room with one bed and wardrobe. Kitchen & bathroom with toilet for one. **From CHF 1200/month.**



Introduction

OPENING A BANK ACCOUNT

We recommend that you open a bank account as soon as you get your student B permit. Documents required for opening a Swiss bank account:

- Passport
- Proof of enrolment
- Student B permit

GBS students can open a bank account at UBS, Credit Suisse and/or La Poste.



GETTING TO GVA

Getting to GVA

OPTION 1:



Airport public transport

Students planning to use the public transportation system to go from Geneva Airport to Geneva city center can get a free ticket near the exit of the luggage claim area.

- **From the airport to the city center:** You can get to the railway station directly from the arrivals and check-in area at Geneva airport. A seven-minute train ride takes you to the central railway station (Gare de Genève-Cornavin).

Getting to GVA

OPTION 2:



- **From the airport to downtown Geneva:** The buses 5 and 10 will take you downtown. Bus stops are located at the departure level of Geneva Airport.

Getting to GVA

OPTION 3:



Taxi

Taxis in Geneva can be ordered by phone on **+41 22 33 141 33**, hailed in the street or found at about 60 authorised taxi ranks in town, notably at the airport and at the main station. Fares between the airport and the city center range from about **CHF 35 to CHF 60** depending on traffic, time and number of passengers. **Uber** also operates in Geneva and the prices may be more affordable.



TRANSPORT

Transport

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Here are two initialisms that you will quickly get familiar with:

The train company in Switzerland is called “CFF” (cff.ch).

The buses in Geneva are handled by “TPG” (tpg.ch).

Geneva Transport Day Card:

This travel card gives you freedom of travel for one day in Geneva, using any type of public transport (bus, boat or tram), for CHF 10.

Transport

Unireso Monthly Pass:

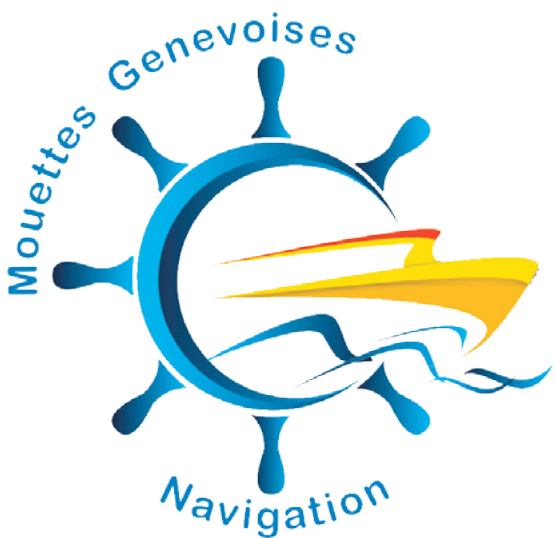
The monthly cost of a Geneva Public Transport (TPG) Pass, covering Zone 10, is CHF 75 for adults and CHF 45 for young people (25 or younger). Zone 10 covers the city of Geneva, including the airport, and gives you unlimited access to bus, tram, and boat.

You can subscribe for a monthly pass at any TPG point of sale, by providing a copy of your ID, your address in Geneva, and a Swiss phone number.



Transport

BOAT



Yellow shuttle boats called “Les Mouettes” – or “seagulls” – cross the lake and take you from one side of Geneva to another, **every 10 minutes between 7:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

Buy single-ride tickets from machines on the dock, or use any valid TPG bus ticket.



Transport

BIKE

Genèveroule!

From April to October, free bikes are available for up to four hours at Genèveroule, just outside the train station. Simply show your photo ID and leave a **CHF 20 cash deposit**. The rest of the year, Genèveroule rents out bikes **from CHF 12 per day**. A second office, known as Terrassière, is located at Ruelle des Templiers 4 in the Eaux-Vives neighborhood (left bank).





SHOPPING

Shopping

CITY CENTER



Extending from the financial district to Eaux-Vives, the parallel streets of Rue du Rhône and Rue du Marché (and Rue de Rive further east) constitute Geneva's most famous shopping district. Designer retail stores and world-famous watchmakers line streets packed with window shoppers, turning it into an impromptu fashion catwalk.

Shopping

RUE DU MONT BLANC



Although not as fashionable as the city center, there is an equally large selection of clothing and jewellery on display along Rue du Mont Blanc and its surrounding streets. This is also the best area in the city to pick up souvenirs such as Swiss Army knives, chocolates and other Swiss knick-knacks.

Shopping

THE OLD TOWN



If you're looking for art or antiques, the Old Town (Vieille Ville) is the place for you. The Grand Rue is the primary shopping street but don't be afraid to get lost in one of the Old Town's many winding alleys, where every turn promises a new surprise. Many antique shops feel like real museums, filled with relics dating back to Geneva's medieval days.

Shopping

CENTRE BALEXERT



The largest and best mall in Geneva with over 110 stores including designer outlets, a grocery store and a movie theater. In Balexert, students can get all they need for their day-to-day life.

Avenue Louis-Casai 27

Shopping

MANOR DEPARTMENT STORE



Perhaps the largest shopping center in Geneva with designer labels and high-end jewelry as well as a gourmet grocery store on the ground floor complete with wine cellar.

Rue de Cornavin 6

Shopping

GLOBUS DEPARTMENT STORE



Perhaps the largest shopping center in Geneva with lots of designer labels and high end jewelry as well as gourmet grocery store on the ground floor complete with wine cellar.

Rue de Rhône 48



FOOD & DRINK

Food & Drink

LE FIX



This place is one of our favorite local coffee shops. Great sandwiches, delectable brownies & cakes, and of course great coffee. The cafe has a terrace where you can take in the Geneva landscape, or a take-away service for a snack on the go.

Avenue de France 17



Food & Drink

LANNA THAI



Five minutes walking from the campus, this Thai restaurant has a very nice atmosphere and a buffet of traditional hot and cold Thai meals. It is a cozy place and the friendly staff will adapt their dishes if you like your food spicy.

Avenue Blanc 42



Food & Drink

SAVEUR ET PASSION



Ideally placed a few steps away from campus. Coffee and breakfast are served at 8:00 a.m. From 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., they serve a unique hot and cold buffet, offering diverse cuisine and exotic flavors.

Avenue de France 21



Food & Drink

COSTA SMERALDA



This fabulous Italian restaurant hides behind a less-than-promising facade close to the campus. They serve delicious homemade food, with a wide variety of options on the menu.

The friendly staff give it a genuinely family-run feel. The wood-fired oven adds to the cozy ambience, and the quality of the pizza, of course!

Parc du Château-Banquet 2



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CHEZ PHILIPPE



The chef behind this restaurant is Philippe Chevrier (2 Michelin stars). The modern snack-bar on the ground floor has its place, but the pièce de résistance is the vast restaurant, divided into several sections on the first floor. The layout and decor are something to behold.

Passage des Lions Rue du Rhône 8



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BAYVIEW



Contemporary style meets the classic and daring cuisine of renowned chef Michel Roth. He revisits and enhances classics of French gastronomy to perfection with a modern and original touch.

Quai Wilson 47





EMERGENCY INFO

Emergency Info

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Medical Emergencies: **144**

European Emergency Number:
112

Fire Brigade: **118**

Police: **117**

Poison Control: **145**

Roadside Assistance: **140**



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