



International Social Survey Programme

ISSP 2017 Annual Meeting
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Travel and visitors' information

Host city of Lausanne

Situated at the heart of the Lausanne-Morges agglomeration, the capital of the canton of Vaud is in the throes of development, with business, urban planning, public transport and mobility, all sectors undergoing transformation. Being the fourth-largest city in Switzerland, Lausanne is set apart by its vocation as an Olympic city, a sustainable city and a place of training and culture. A very popular tourist destination, the city is also home to many international companies, particularly the headquarters of multinationals. Quality of life and economic attractiveness combine to multiple effect!

For more information on Lausanne: <http://www.lausanne-tourisme.ch/en/infos/lausanne-en-bref/un-portrait.html>

Getting to Lausanne

Travel by air from Geneva International Airport

Its exceptional connections and the attractive prices make Geneva airport an interesting hub for passengers from all over the world.

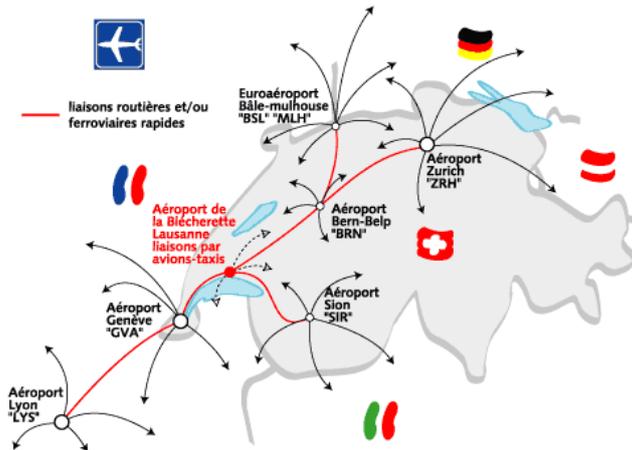
- Route network with 42 destinations within Europe and North America, plus Marrakech, Cairo and Tel Aviv
- Up to 9 flights per day to Zurich for onward travel
- Extensive route network thanks to partner airlines from Lufthansa Group and Star Alliance

See : <http://www.gva.ch/en/DesktopDefault.aspx>

Travel by air from Zurich International Airport

For years it has been known as a "Europe's Leading Airport". Nowhere else do departing passengers, transiting passengers and home-coming passengers feel more comfortable than in Zurich.

See : <https://www.zurich-airport.com/passengers-and-visitors>



Getting to Lausanne From Geneva Airport : <http://www.gva.ch/en/DesktopDefault.aspx>

After having passed customs, take on your left and walk through the whole building. Go through the revolving door and enter the railway station. Buy your ticket (2nd class) to Lausanne at the counter on the opposite side of the hall. For Lausanne, check on the departure panel above each track. The journey to Lausanne takes approximately 45 minutes.

From Zurich Airport : <https://www.zurich-airport.com/passengers-and-visitors>

After having passed customs, follow the sign with a train (train station) to the 2nd basement of the airport. Buy your ticket (2nd class) from the counter and check on the blue departure panel for the next train. The journey to Lausanne takes around 2 hours and 30 minutes. Getting to Lausanne by train or a connecting flight to the Geneva airport will take you around the same time and the cost will be similar. Note however that in the evening, there are less direct trains from Zurich airport to Lausanne and the last train departure is at 21.43.

Consult the following webpage for the train connections <http://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html> and check your journey (from Geneva Airport or Zürich Flughafen). Tickets can also be booked online in advance. Note that passengers without ticket have to pay an expensive supplementary charge. Tickets for public transport must always be taken in advance and, usually in Switzerland, you cannot buy your ticket in the train or directly by the bus drivers.

Public transportation in Lausanne



The Lausanne Transport Card gives any guest staying in Lausanne and paying the overnight visitor tax a free and unrestricted access to all public transport services in the city (bus, train, metro), see the map below for the exact perimeter.

This personalized card is given to each visitor paying the overnight visitor tax by the hotel or guest house on arrival at their place of accommodation. It is valid for the duration of the reservation, including the arrival and departure days (maximum 15 days).

Check metro schedules: <http://www.t-l.ch/en/customers/journey/timetable>

To get to the University of Lausanne campus, the Metro m1 runs every 5-7 minutes, and Metro m2 every ten minutes.

Taxis

To book a taxi: +41 (0)844 814 814 (or online: <http://www.taxiservices.ch/en/>)

Note that Taxis are expensive in Switzerland, but they are easy to find anywhere in the city, especially at the train station.



Visa requirements

Switzerland is part of the Schengen area. Delegates are responsible for making their own visa arrangements. Visas for foreign nationals can be issued by the Swiss representation covering their place of residence. Visa requirements can be found here:

<https://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home/entry-switzerland-residence/visa-requirements-application-form.html>

Please contact us if you are in need of an invitation or recommendations letter.

Currency

Switzerland's currency is the Swiss Franc (CHF). Click on the following link for a currency converter: <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter>.

Exchange rate (CHF – 16.02.2017)

1 EUR = 1.071 CHF

1 USD = 1.065 CHF

Note that Euros are accepted in many places in Lausanne but the conversion rate is quite high and the returned cash is in CHF.

Insurance

Organizers cannot accept liability for personal injuries sustained, or for loss or damage of property belonging to participants or their accompanying persons. It is therefore recommended that delegates and accompanying persons arrange for appropriate travel and health insurance before traveling.

Languages

Switzerland has four official languages, French, German, Italian and Romansh. English, however, is commonly spoken in large cities.

Contact

Please do not hesitate to **contact us** if you have any problems or questions during the meeting.

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