

Lavaux Highlights - D4 / PV

Geneva - Lausanne - Paddle Steamer to Castle of Chillon - Montreux cogwheel train to Rochers de Naye peak - Lavaux vineyards - Geneva

1 day excursion by private car



Your adventure begins as you depart from your hotel and travel by private car to Lausanne's picturesque lakeside neighborhood, Ouchy. There, you'll board a historic Paddle Steamer that will take you on a mesmerizing cruise across Lake Geneva to the magnificent **Castle of Chillon** (2h).



Lake Geneva, the largest lake in Europe, captivates with its sublime beauty, regardless of the weather. The backdrop of the majestic Alps provides an awe-inspiring sight that never fails to impress. On the left, you'll be enchanted by the UNESCO-listed terraced vineyards and charming wine-growing villages, creating a unique ambiance.



As you glide along the shoreline from Vevey to Montreux, you'll experience the microclimate of the Riviera. This delightful climate lends a Mediterranean atmosphere, perfect for relaxation, strolls, and exploration. After this unforgettable cruise, you'll disembark directly at Chillon Castle, a remarkable fortress that has stood since the 11th century. Located on a small island at the western end of Lake Geneva, the castle's imposing presence has witnessed significant moments in Switzerland's history.

Constructed by the House of Savoy in the 12th century, **Chillon Castle** guarded a strategic passage between the Vaud Riviera and the Rhone Valley. It played a significant role in events such as Bern's conquest in 1536 and the Vaud's in 1798. Today, it stands as Switzerland's most visited historical monument, attracting over 400,000 visitors each year.



Next, a short 5-minute drive will take you to the vibrant city of **Montreux**. Nestled between the lake and the mountains, Montreux enjoys a mild microclimate throughout the year, creating a delightful environment for an abundance of beautiful flowers and tropical plants. Stroll along the flower-lined quays and admire the serene beauty of Lake Geneva. Montreux is renowned for its natural splendor and rich cultural heritage, with the iconic Montreux Jazz Festival drawing music enthusiasts since 1967.



For an exceptional panoramic view of the Swiss and French Alps, embark on a cogwheel train journey to **Rochers de Naye**. At an altitude of around 2,000 meters, you'll be treated to breathtaking vistas from the Eiger to Mont-Blanc, with Lake Geneva shimmering below. The cogwheel train ride is just the beginning of the various experiences and opportunities for discovery that await you on this mountaintop.



In the mid-afternoon, venture into the renowned **Lavaux** wine region, a UNESCO World Heritage site stretching between Lausanne and Vevey. Traveling along scenic secondary roads, you'll follow «La Corniche,» a balcony road offering panoramic views of Lake Geneva. Admire the picturesque villages of Riex, Epesses, and Chexbres perched on the hillsides. Stop at one of these villages, where a passionate winegrower will introduce you to their estate and offer a delightful wine-tasting experience.



At the end of the day, your private car will transport you back to Geneva, leaving you with cherished memories of the captivating castles, stunning landscapes, and exquisite flavors you encountered throughout your journey.