

Sports, Wine and Cinema at Riviera

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Geneva - Lausanne Olympic Museum - Paddle Steamer to Vevey
Chaplin Museum - Lavaux vineyards (Unesco Heritage) - Geneva

1 day excursion by private car or van



Depart from your hotel in **Geneva** by private car and head towards Ouchy, the city port (1h). There, you will find the Olympic Museum, housed in a modern four-story building



with a stunning view of Lake Geneva. The **Olympic Museum**, also known as Musée Olympique, celebrates the Olympic movement, showcasing the history of the games, their organization, and the achievements of athletes. Inside the museum, you'll encounter interactive displays that complement the vast collection of 1,500 items directly related to the games and the athletes. Additionally, a beautifully landscaped park featuring statues, Olympic symbols, and breathtaking views of Lake Geneva and the Alps is accessible to all visitors.

After exploring the museum, you'll embark on a historical Paddle Steamer, which will take you to the magnificent **Castle of Chillon** (1h). Lake Geneva, the largest lake in Europe, captivates with its sublime beauty regardless of the weather. In the backdrop, you'll be enchanted by the majestic Alps, offering a perpetual spectacle. On the left, you'll notice the charming wine-growing villages surrounded by terraced vineyards, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As you journey from Vevey to Montreux along the shores of **Lake Geneva**, you'll experience the microclimate of the Riviera, lending it a Mediterranean ambiance perfect for relaxation, leisurely walks, and new discoveries.



Upon completing the unforgettable cruise, you will disembark directly at Chillon Castle, Switzerland's most visited castle dating back to the 11th century. Situated on a small island at the western end of Lake Geneva, the castle was constructed by the House of Savoy in the 12th century. With its impressive presence, the fortress guarded a strategic passage between the Vaud Riviera and the Rhone Valley. Chillon Castle reveals a significant part of Switzerland's history, including the conquests by Bern in 1536 and the Vaud in 1798. Today, it stands as Switzerland's most frequented historical monument, drawing over 400,000 visitors each year.



Nearby, you'll find the captivating city of **Montreux**. Nestled between the lake and the mountains, Montreux benefits from a mild and pleasant microclimate throughout the year, creating an ideal environment for vibrant flowers and tropical plants. The city's flower-lined quays provide a picturesque setting for leisurely strolls and gazing out at Lake Geneva. Montreux has also gained renown in the realm of jazz since 1967, with the Montreux Jazz Festival becoming an unmissable event on the shores of the lake. Moreover, the Belle Époque architecture adds to the city's charm, harboring intriguing stories waiting to be discovered.



Before returning, a visit to **Chaplin's World** in Vevey is a must. Located on the former country estate of the Chaplin family, «Manoir de Ban» in Corsier-sur-Vevey, this unique attraction offers a fascinating insight into the life of the iconic figure with the bowler hat. While exploring the manor house and its expansive park, visitors can delve into Chaplin's personal life, while the new building focuses on his artistic works.

On your way back, don't miss the opportunity to make a stop at the **Lavaux** wine region, listed as a UNESCO heritage site, between Vevey and Lausanne. In one of the charming villages, a local winegrower will warmly welcome you to his estate and offer a delightful wine-tasting experience. As you make your way back to Lausanne, take the scenic route via secondary roads, such as «La Corniche,» which offers a balcony-like view overlooking Lake Geneva. Along this route, you'll encounter the picturesque villages of Chexbres, Epesses, and Riex, adding to the enchantment of your journey. At the end of the day, your private car or van transport you that to Geneva.