



Coming from the airport or train station to “Sciences II” or to “Home Swiss Hotel”

When you arrive **by plane** at “Genève/Contrin”, pick up a free public transport ticket in the baggage claim area, then pass the customs, turn left, stay on the arrivals level, and walk to the airport train station. Take any train and exit the next stop at “Gare Genève/Cornavin”. When exiting the train, descend one level, and walk opposite to the travel direction of the train (south-west).

When you arrive **by train** from Lausanne at “Gare Genève/Cornavin”, descend one level, and walk in the travel direction of the train (south-west). Continue to walk in this direction until you exit into an underpass below the train tracks and wait for **tramway 14** direction “Bernex P+R”. If you arrived by train (or forgot to pick up the free ticket at the airport) you must buy the “Geneva ticket” (“Billet tout Genève”) from a vending machine for CHF/Euro 3.00 (both currencies accepted, older machines return no change) before boarding the tramway. You cannot buy any tickets on the tramway.

Get off the tramway at the stop “Jonction”. Walk along the travel direction of the tram towards the river “Arve” (south-west) and cross the street or use the underpass. Then follow the river upstream (to the left, south-east) without crossing it. Soon you arrive at the big building Sciences II, which is on the left side of the street. The main entrance is in the middle of the building.

When you go to the “Home Swiss Hotel”, walk also along the river as to Sciences II, but turn left at the first traffic light. Walk straight and you will soon arrive at the hotel, which you find at the right hand side of the street.

Coming by Car to “Sciences II”

When you arrive through the motorway from Lyon, go through the customs (Bardonnex) and go direction “Genève/La Praille”. When you arrive through the motorway from Lausanne, follow sign “Airport/France/La Praille” and continue direction “Genève/La Praille”. In both cases, stay on the motorway until the very end following signs “La Jonction”. Keep going straight, cross the bridge in the right lane, and turn right immediately after the bridge. Go straight (about 200 m) and you arrive in front of Sciences II. Parking is a problem. Check with us in advance.

From the airport or train station to hotel “Ibis budget Petit-Lancy”

Follow exactly the same directions as to Sciences II. However, do not get off the tramway as indicated, but three additional stops later. Get off at “**Les Esserts**” and you will see the hotel in front of you towards the east.

From the hotel “Ibis budget Petit-Lancy” to “Science II”

At the stop “**Les Esserts**” in front of the hotel, take the **tramway 14** direction “**CERN**” or “**Meyrin/Gravière**”. Get off three stops later at “**Jonction**”. Walk to Sciences II according to the description given above. Do not forget to pick up your free public transport pass at the hotel. Walking from the hotel to Science II takes about 20 min.

Finding us Inside the University Building “Sciences II”

Take the main entrance, turn right, and go upstairs the 1st floor (2nd floor for the Americans). Turn left, follow the corridor, and look for office 166. This office is our secretariat and we shall help you from there. The people you are looking for are probably next-door.

Other hints

Free public transport: Booking any hotel room in Geneva entitles you for a pass for all public transport during the same period. You receive the pass in your hotel. Taxis are expensive.

Electricity: The power is 220V / 50 Hz as in other places in Europe, but the plugs might pose problems. If you have a two-pole plug, that one usually fits, but the grounded three-pole plug is different, see photo. There might be an EU socket in the hotel, but if not, you need an adapter. You may get one cheaply in **Interdiscount** store in the airport at the departure level (level 1) or in the **Fust** store at the train station, which you find on the right hand side when you use the Mt Blanc street exit from lowest level.



Currency: The Swiss currency is the **Swiss Franc** (CHF). Currently, CHF 1.0 is about € 0.80. The good places to exchange money are the main train station (Gare Cornavin) or the airport. Banks either don't do it or charge substantial fees. With most bank cards, you can also obtain money from cash machines. Euro is often accepted in restaurants and stores. You will normally get a fair exchange rate and the change in CHF back. Credit cards are accepted throughout.

Safety: Geneva is reasonably safe. Mugging incidents do happen, but rarely. Police can be called at 117 from any public phone or from your portable, and they may come quickly. The highest risk you run is pick pocketing, especially in crowds. Also be careful when helping strangers in the streets, as you might be the target of a theft-trick. Leave absolutely nothing in a parked car, especially with a foreign license plate.

Water: Water from the municipal water supply is excellent, sometimes better than bottled water found in stores. At public fountains watch for the sign “eau potable” (drinking water).

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