

5 GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCES IN GENEVA: FROM FONDUE TO MICHELIN STAR

Whether you are a fine dining enthusiast, a meat lover or on a quest for the best Swiss specialities, Geneva will delight you with its cosmopolitan cuisine. The city is filled with mouth-watering treasures and attracts visitors thanks to the quality and, more particularly, diversity of the gastronomy it has to offer. No matter which district you are in, you will find something to satisfy your taste buds at any time of the day. Here are 5 gastronomic experiences in Geneva.

1. Charming bistros

With their gently euphoric atmosphere, generosity and authenticity, bistros never cease to attract gourmets. Established or up-and-coming, here are a few of the best: in Eaux-Vives, a stone's throw from the lake, treat yourself to a gourmet break at Max, the new trendy "Parisian" brasserie. Nearby, Coin du Bar charms with its exceptional cellar and its revisited bistro cuisine. In Carouge, visit Le Dix Vins, with its French cuisine. In the heart of Jonction, Le Comptoir Canaille takes inspiration from Lyon's traditional restaurants, while at Odéon, Benjamin Garin revives forgotten recipes. Le Bologne, near the train station, fascinates with the crafted quality of its products.

2. Swiss Italy

From pasta fresca to Neapolitan pizzas, Italy shines with its rich and varied cuisine. For a bite of Italy in Geneva, head to Franco Pepe's Kytaly, voted best pizzeria in Switzerland in 2020, where Franco will delight you with his creations. Or go to Gigi's, the latest newcomer to Eaux-Vives. You can also enjoy them gluten free at Pizza Leggera, in the Rive district. But if you're in the mood for pasta, head to Champel to Osteria Zaza to discover its gourmet and creative dishes. In Plainpalais, we recommend Seppia, a Sicilian bistro, or Fabbrica Pasta. The most refined, Ciro and Osteria della Bottega, feature elegant creations and exceptional products. Finally, Tosca is a Michelin star restaurant that should not be missed.

3. Savor local favorites

Swiss specialities are a must during your stay in Geneva. To taste them, head to Le Gruyérien, a Swiss institution par excellence, or to Buvette des Bains des Pâquis for its famous fondue and its breathtaking views of Lake Geneva. For a "chalet" atmosphere, go to Les Pâquis at the Hôtel Edelweiss, with its uniquely decorated restaurant, or to the Auberge de Savièse for its traditional raclette. In the Old Town, don't miss the Restaurant des Armures, an emblematic establishment where Bill Clinton and Georges Clooney have sat, or Restaurant de l'Hôtel-de-Ville, the meeting place for Geneva's international and political guests. Finally, a few steps from the Grand Théâtre and the Parc des Bastions, you can taste the inimitable Emincé de veau à la Zürichoise and its home-made rösti, in the warm and freshly renovated setting of the Cave Valaisanne-Chalet Suisse.

4. Trendy cuisines

Geneva is also full of new concepts and trendy restaurants where the atmosphere has a festive touch, and the menu features creative cocktails and contemporary cuisine. Chez Calvin at Eaux-Vives is a perfect example. Thanks to its revisited French dishes and intoxicating atmosphere, your evening is a guaranteed success. Inda-Bar charms with its fusion cuisine and inventive cocktails. At Yakumanka, the Peruvian restaurant of famous chef Gastón Acurio at the Mandarin Oriental, you can enjoy pisco cocktails, ceviche and tiraditos in a most exotic setting. Rooftop⁴² with its terrace, unique views of the Jet d'eau and the creations of chef Cyril Arachequesne will delight gourmets. You can also dress up and eat Asian food at the Baroque Restaurant in the

banking district, and immerse yourself in the good life and the Greek sun at Khora's, where sharing is the order of the day.

5. Willy Wonka worthy chocolates

Celebrate the long-awaited release of the movie *Wonka* this December with Geneva Tourism's indulgent Choco Pass. Providing a sumptuous way to commemorate the magical story of the iconic chocolatier, the Choco Pass promises to immerse travellers in the rich chocolatey flavours of Geneva. Geneva's chocolate-making history dates back hundreds of years, beginning with the establishment of its first chocolate factory, and has since evolved into a symbol of the Swiss city. Guests can embark on a delectable Willy Wonka approved journey into the artisanal mastery of local chocolate connoisseurs with exclusive access and delicious tastings at some of the city's most sought-after chocolatiers. A chocolate lover's dream, the pass offers ticketholders the freedom to build their own chocolate tour around however many artisans they wish to visit within a 24-hour period from the first tasting – a must-try experience for any *Wonka* fans. Indulge in the famous Geneva pavé at Stettler before heading to Sweetzerland to delight in mouthwatering truffles that will be sure to satisfy any sweet tooth. Priced at £27 for adults and £5 for children, the Choco Pass opens the doors to Geneva's magical world of chocolate to visitors both old and new.