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**GENÈVE**  
A WORLD OF ITS OWN®

Geneva  
**Tourism**  
& Conventions

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# 1. GENEVA

## *THE SMALLEST OF THE BIG CAPITALS*

Geneva is situated in one of Europe's most beautiful scenery, between lake and mountains.



In the very heart of Europe, Geneva has a long tradition as a venue for major meetings and is a host city to many international organizations such as the United Nations Organization, the World Health Organization, the International Labor Office, the International Red Cross and the European Organization for Nuclear Research, among others. It has been a cultural center for many centuries and home to many creative spirits in the fields of science and art. It has all the advantages of a small city combined with the facilities and services usually only found in much larger cities.

Switzerland has four national languages: French, German, Italian and Romansh (the first three are the official languages in use). French is the official language spoken in Geneva, but most citizens speak fluent English. English is also the official language of most multinational and of international organizations based in Geneva.

Geneva is Europe's most international city. Some 44% of its inhabitants do not have the Swiss nationality. The city remains open to people of different origins and cultures.

The currency in Switzerland is the Swiss Franc, but the Euro is also accepted at most businesses.



## 2. ACCESS

### *GENEVA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT*

Geneva has an international airport offering direct regular flights to more than 100 international destinations.



The terminal has all the facilities a traveller could wish for. It is designed for speedy and simple check-in and has essential services such as change, information and restaurants at strategic points.

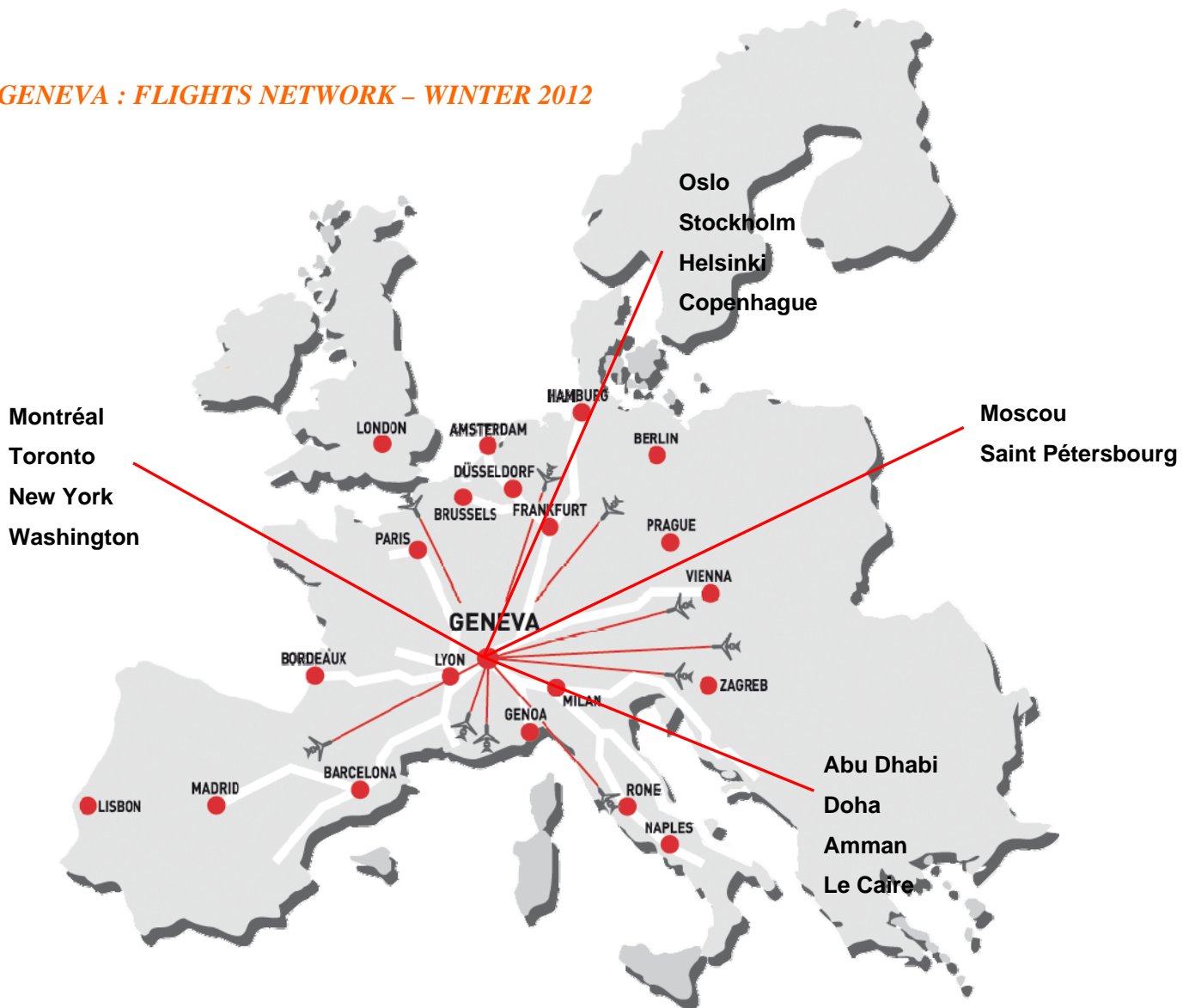


The company Swiss is a member of the Star Alliance Group.



Geneva is a major hub for low cost airlines like easyJet. From March 2013 easyJet will operate 58 destinations to Europe, North Africa and Middle East from Geneva.

**GENEVA : FLIGHTS NETWORK – WINTER 2012**



**Highest Weekly Frequencies**

- 260 x London (LHR, LGW, LCY, LTN)
- 85 x Paris (CDG, ORY)
- 62 x Zurich
- 63 x Frankfurt

**Intercontinental weekly frequencies**

- 13 x New York (JFK, EWR)
- 5 x Washington
- 5 x Montreal
- 7 x Dubai
- 7 x Doha
- 7 x Abu Dhabi

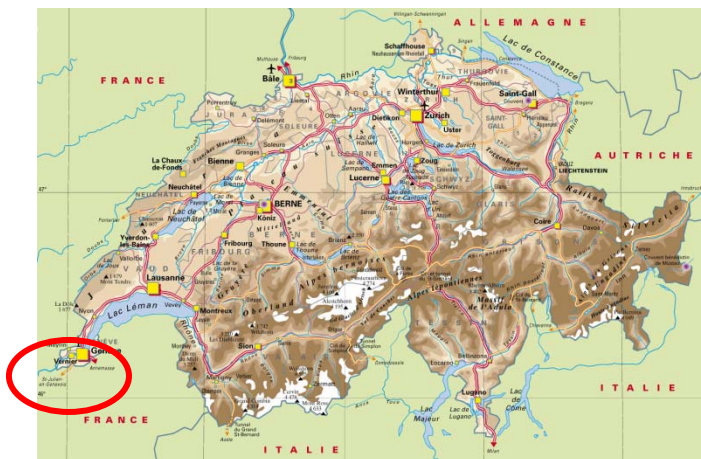
## ZURICH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

### Scheduled flights from and to Zurich



## CROSSROADS OF EUROPE: BY HIGHWAY OR RAIL

Geneva's favoured geographical position makes it a natural focal point for the international traveller. Road and rail facilities radiate from Geneva to provide rapid access to the rest of Switzerland (Zürich airport in 3 hours (2x/hour)) and Europe.



Geneva is only 3 hours away from the heart of Paris by high speed train TGV

## COMFORT AND CONVENIENCE BY RAIL

The Swiss National Railroad system offers hourly links to Lausanne, Bern, Basel, Zurich and the regions of Vaud and Valais.

## **HIGHWAY HUB FOR CENTRAL AND WESTERN EUROPE**

In recent years, highway construction within Switzerland and in neighbouring countries has turned Geneva into a highway intersection of Europe.

A branch of this same highway offers rapid link from Geneva to the South of France and from Geneva to the West of France. To the North and east, the Swiss highway system provides fast direct connections to Germany and Eastern Europe.

## **FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN GENEVA !**

Every visitor receives a **free Geneva Transport Card** upon check-in to their hotel establishment with validity for the entire duration of their stay.

From the airport, **80 minutes free public transport ticket** for all passengers arriving in Geneva by plane.

Geneva airport to city centre **by rail: only 6 minutes**. From the airport to city centre by bus is around 20 to 30 minutes.

Unlimited use of the entire public-transportation network in Geneva, covering trams and buses, CFF Swiss Federal rail's local trains, as well as yellow taxi boats operated by the Société des Mouettes Genevoises.



### 3. CONFERENCE SITE

#### *THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTER, GENEVA*



Completely renovated in 2005, the building is equipped with the latest technical facilities and its variable geometry gives now great organisational flexibility, making it possible to hold either a single large conference, two or three smaller simultaneous meetings.

**Conference Rooms (in all the major rooms simultaneous interpreting is installed)**

- 27 conference rooms from 20 to 2'200 seats
- 8 rooms fully equipped for interpretation (fixed cabins)
- 45 offices
- 4000 sqm of exhibition space
- 1 restaurant - M!P Restaurants - with 400 seats and a nice terrace of 800 sqm
- 1 "Espace Voyage" offering every day various menus from all over the world
- 1 bar/kiosk
- 1 security management centre
- 1 public parking lot with 1200 parking spaces

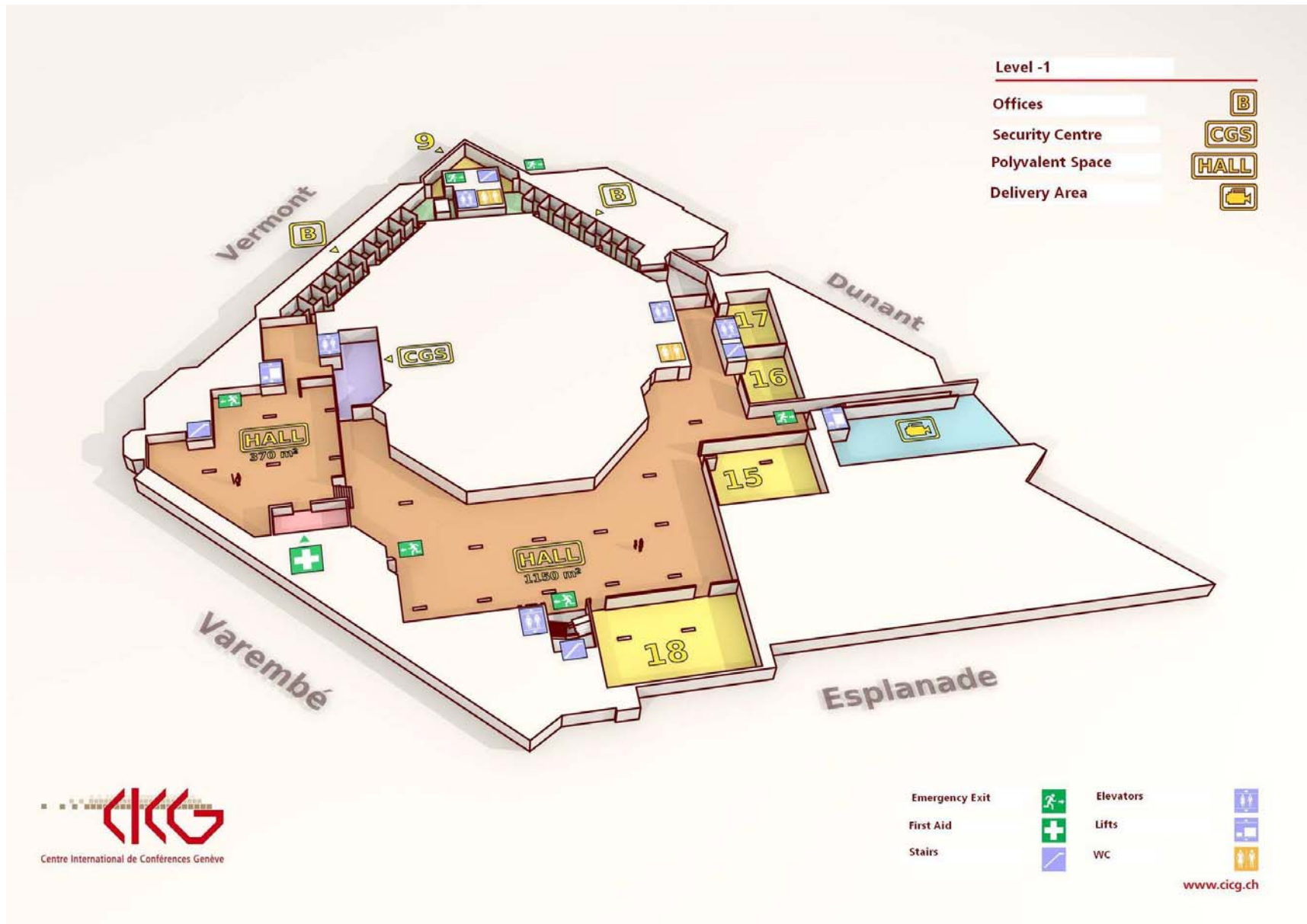


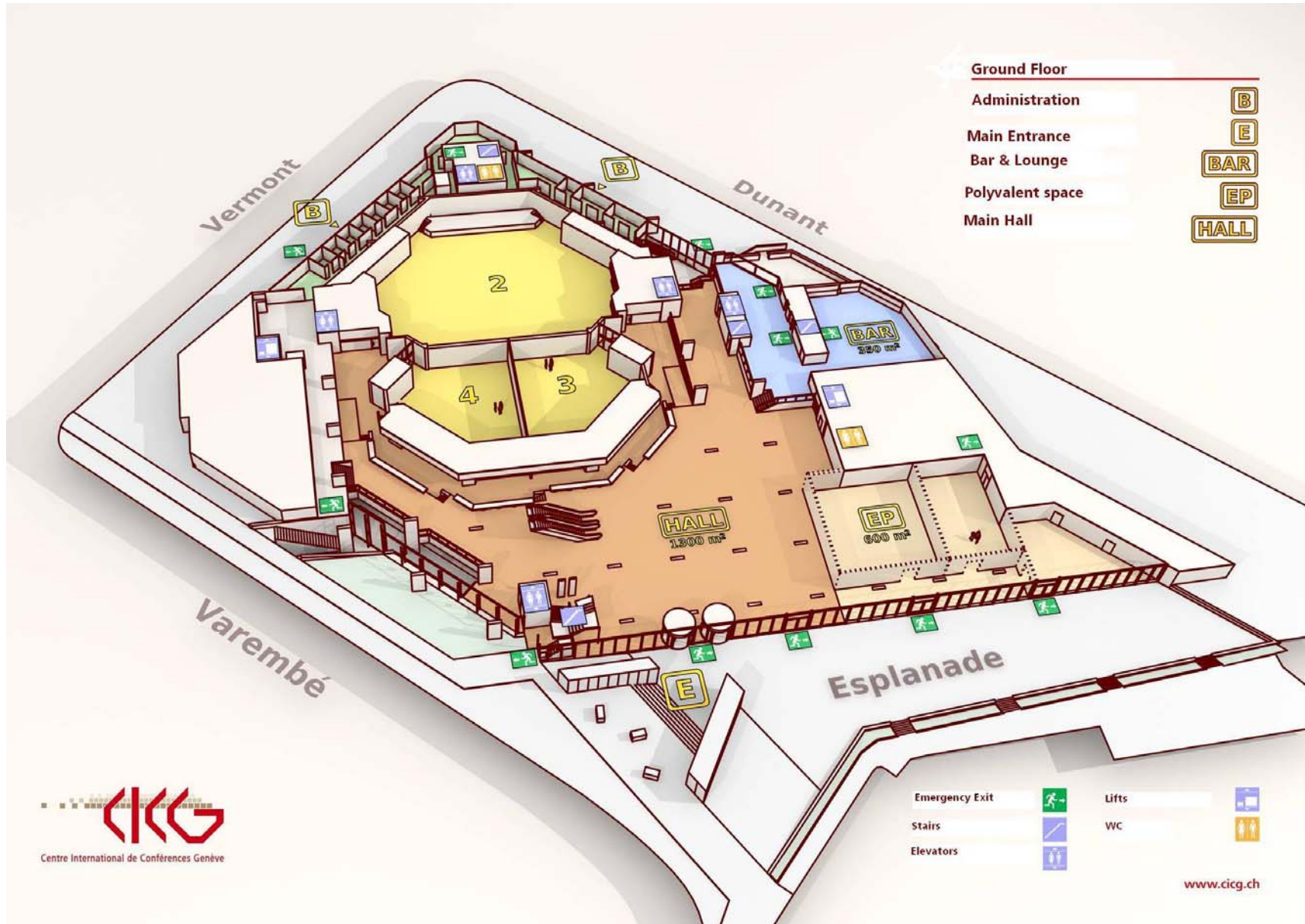
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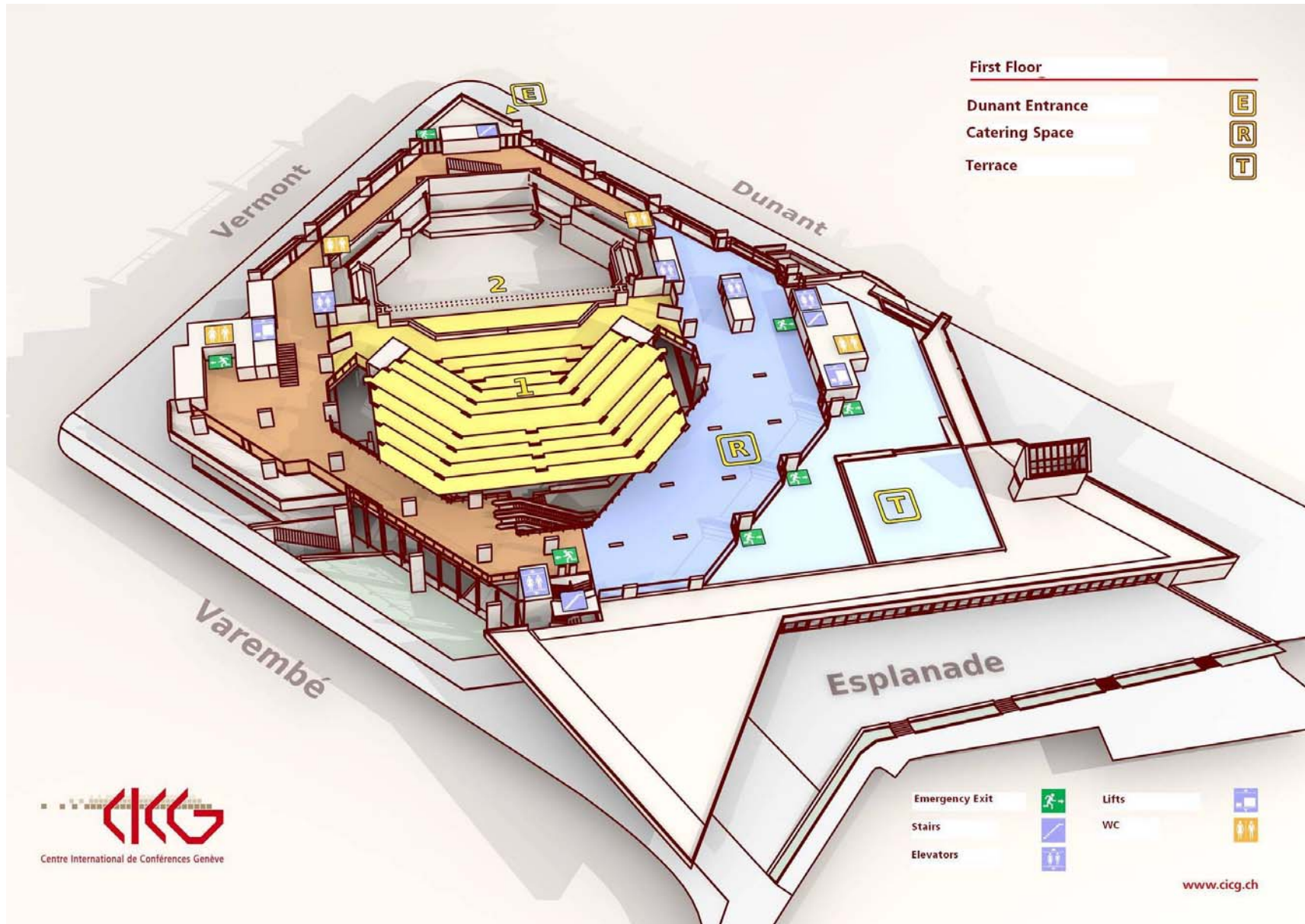
The International Conference Centre offers the necessary facilities for large conferences: registration area, cloak-rooms, post office, bank nearby, bar/kiosk/souvenir and an adjacent large parking with 1200 places.

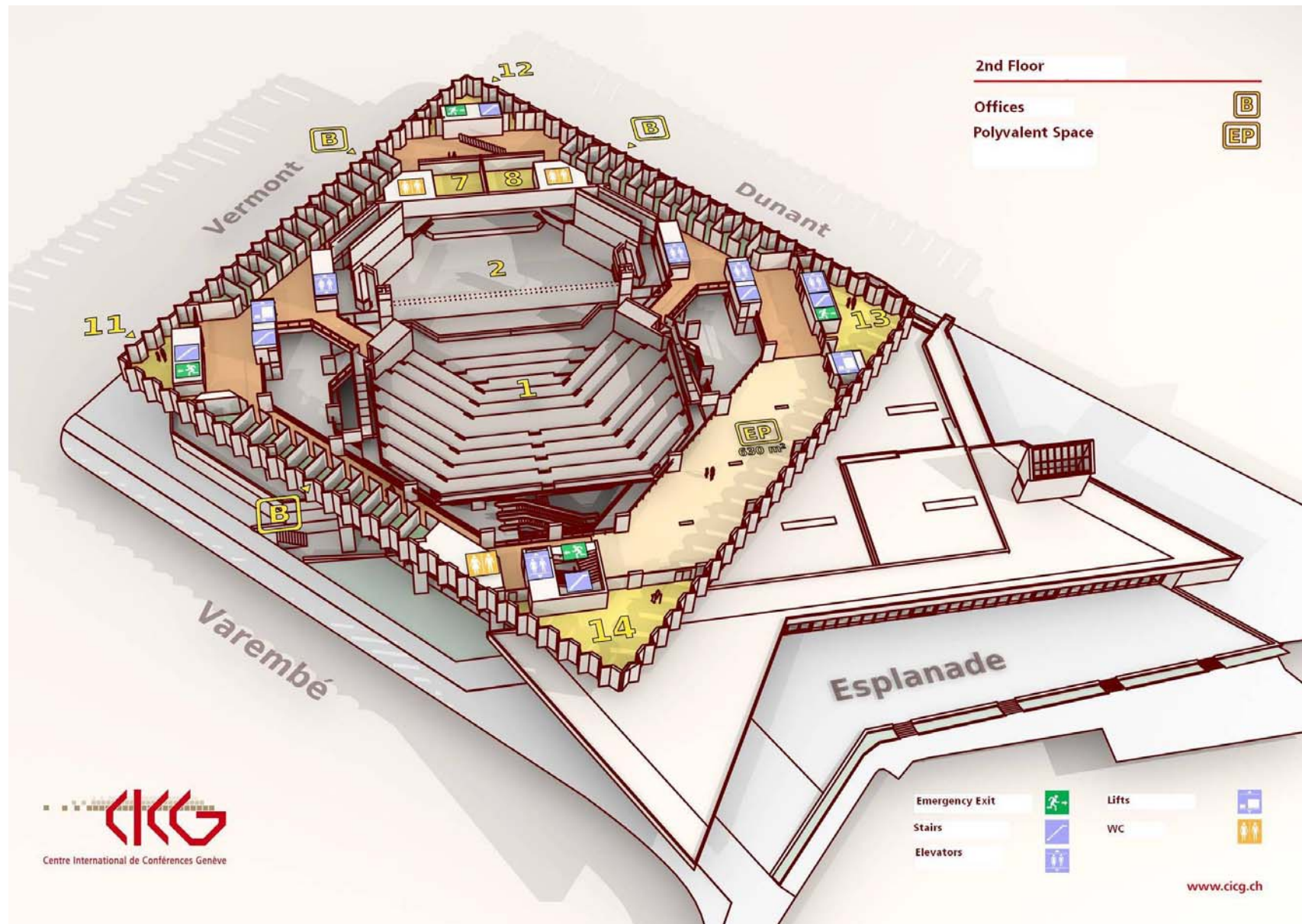


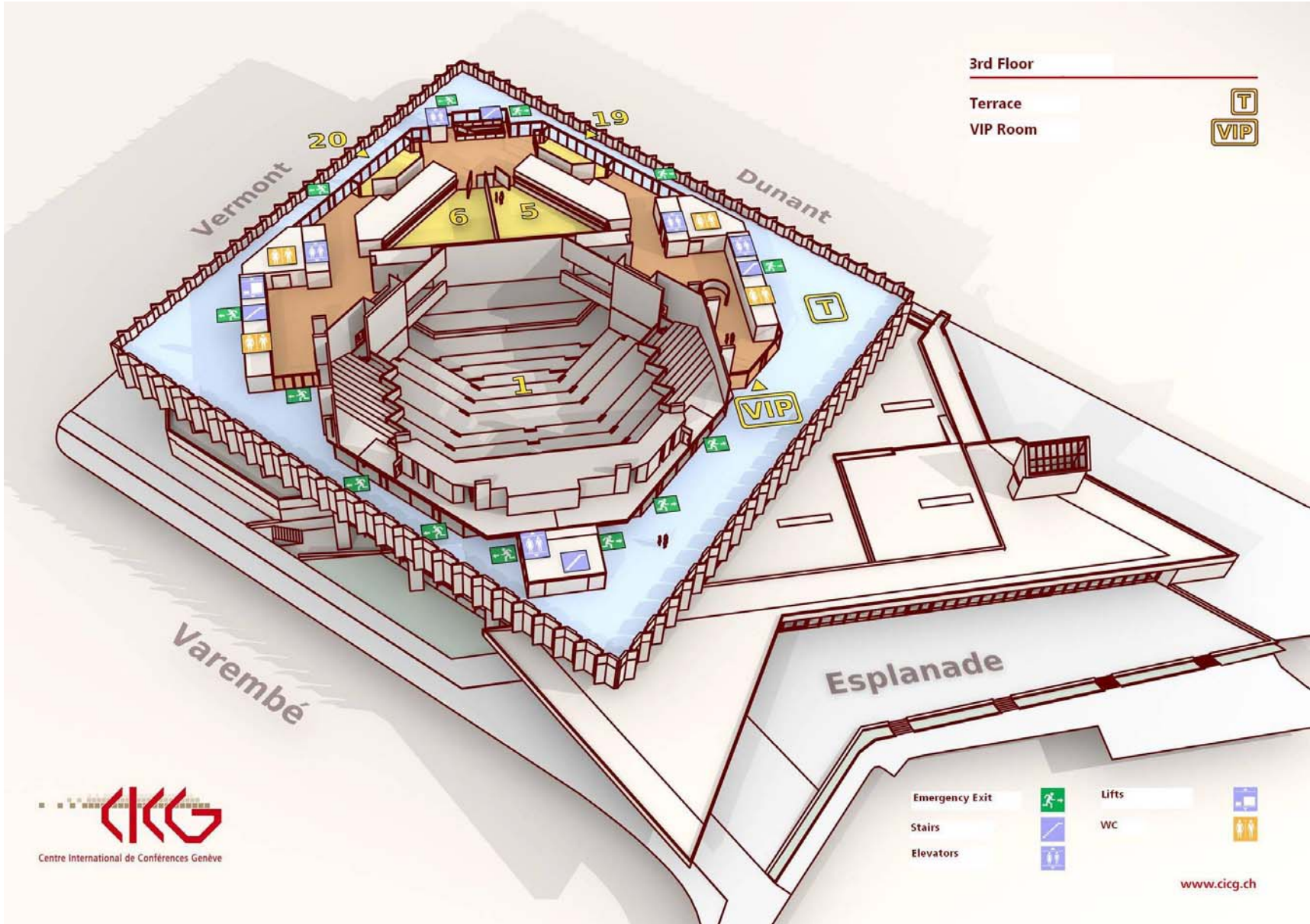












## 4. ACCOMMODATION

Geneva and its vicinity have a capacity of 12'625 hotel rooms in international and local hotel chains.

### *ROOMS*

Deluxe hotels	485
International chain hotels	1'726
4-star hotels	3'064
3-star hotels	1'759
1-2-star hotels	782
Other categories	1'409

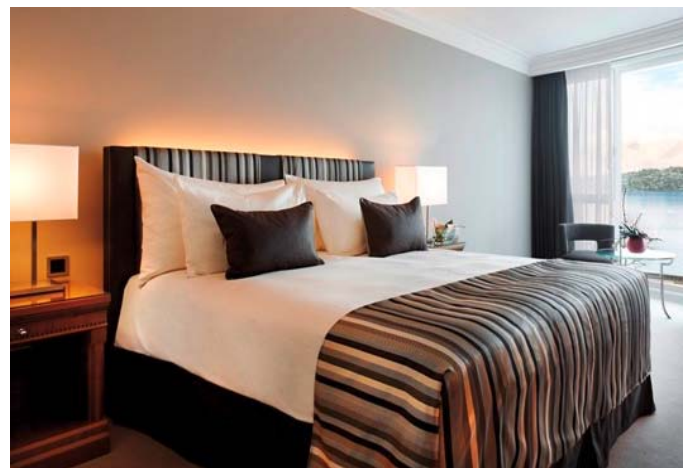
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Total hotel accommodation	9'225
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French vicinity (20 minutes)	3'400
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<b><i>TOTAL ROOMS</i></b>	<b><i>12'625</i></b>
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500 beds are available in low cost, student accommodation from CHF 40.-



## 5. FOOD & RESTAURANTS

As a very cosmopolitan city, Geneva has more than 1'100 restaurants offering an extremely vast and varied range of cuisine and for every budget.

The variety of food offered in Geneva's restaurants is widely renowned.



Many visitors are very pleasantly surprised by the quality and the creativity of the meals served in even the simplest establishments, which are very popular with local residents.

Let yourself be tempted by the aroma and flavour of some of our typically Swiss or local Geneva specialities, accompanied of course by Geneva wines.

Geneva cooking has evolved from French cuisine by developing its own local specialities and incorporating the recent "nouvelle cuisine" trends.

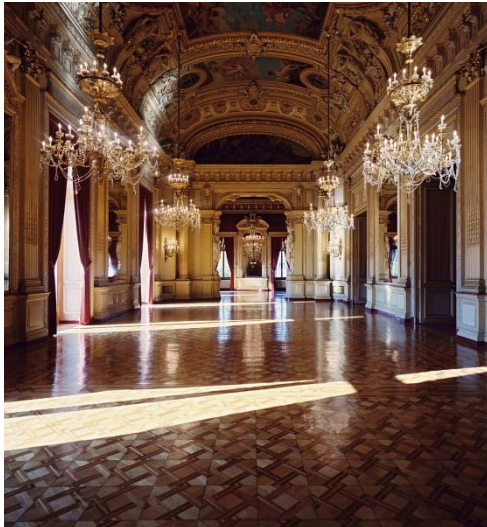
This has created what is now referred to as "Swiss Cuisine".



## 6. SOCIAL EVENTS & EXCURSIONS

### *POSSIBLE GALA EVENING AND RECEPTION VENUES*

Geneva offers a large choice of prestigious venues for gala events:

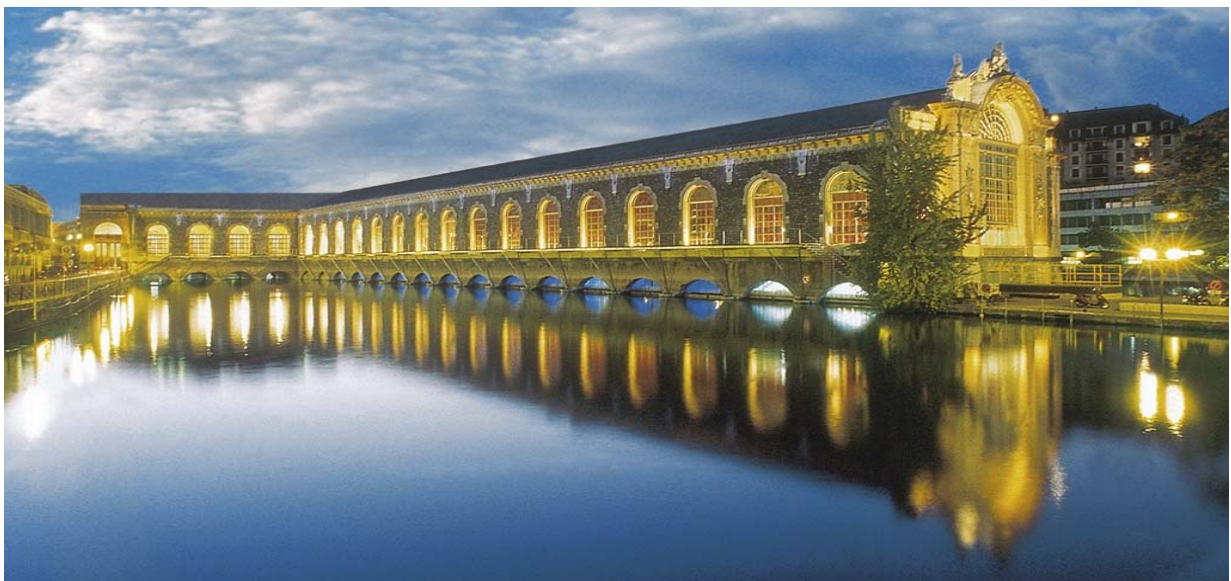


### *GRAND THÉÂTRE*

The Geneva Opera House, with its imposing 19<sup>th</sup> century façade, faces one of Geneva's main squares and parks. It can host in its elegant surroundings a gala dinner for 270 persons and a reception for up to 450 persons.

### *BÂTIMENT DES FORCES MOTRICES*

This motionless vessel was erected in 1886 directly on the river Rhône in order to supply the Geneva households with drinking water and also to regulate the level of the lake. This beautiful building has been changed into a welcoming and prestigious hall and auditorium in the heart of Geneva, which can easily host 1'000 persons.





### *ARIANA MUSEUM*

Completed in 1884, the Ariana Museum, with its palatial Italian architecture, is situated in the very heart of the neighbourhood of the international institutions next to the United Nations. The museum was built to present collections of ceramics and glass. Surrounded by a park, it is an elegant venue to host either a gala dinner or a cocktail for up to 200 persons.



### *CGN STEAMERS*

Cocktail parties or an entire evening with dinner and music can be organized on steamers for an evening cruise on the Lake of Geneva.



### *DOMAINE DE CHOULLY*

The Domaine de Chouilly is a beautifully restored mansion nestled in the heart of Geneva's vineyards. This venue offers a wide range of possibilities to organize conferences, brunches, cocktails, weddings, Gala dinners and so on. This 17th century country house, situated in a magnificent 15'000 m2 park, in the heart of the vineyards, is a listed building as part of the Geneva heritage.



## *POSSIBLE EXCURSIONS OR VISITS FROM GENEVA*

Since the Lake of Geneva Region covers a wide area, a great variety of excursions can be envisaged either in the city of Geneva itself or in one of the many other towns along the lake coast or in the nearby mountains.

Geneva offers an incontestably rich choice of visits, for instance the visits of various international organizations or to numerous local museums (Museum of Art and History, Watch Museum, Contemporary Art Museum, Bodmer Foundation, etc.)



With a guided tour of the city you may discover the old town and the cathedral, the University, the Promenade des Bastions and its world famous Reformation Wall, the lake front and the unique Water Fountain.



Within 10 minutes drive from the city centre you can discover the beautiful countryside of Geneva with its vineyards and typical villages.



The fabulous world of everlasting snow is at Geneva's doorstep. In one hour you can go to Chamonix, beautiful place at the foot of the famous Mont-Blanc and of other Alpine peaks. Chamonix can also easily be reached by bus or train.

## 7. SUPPORT OFFERED BY THE GENEVA CONVENTION BUREAU

### **WELCOME DESK AT GENEVA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Upon availability, a welcome desk is available at Geneva International Airport's arrival hall.

### **WELCOME MESSAGE ON PLASMA SCREEN AT GENEVA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

Upon availability, two plasma screens are available to welcome the delegates in the baggage reclaim area at the airport.



### **FREE PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

Upon arrival at the airport a free public transport ticket will be available for all delegates to go to their hotel. A free transportation card will be provided to all delegates staying in a Geneva Hotel for the duration of their stay.

### **GENEVA PASS**

With the GENEVA PASS, you take advantage of Geneva's large tourist offer – more than 40 free offers, preferential rates and gifts! The principle is very simple. The moment you hold your GENEVA PASS, valid for 1, 2 or 3 days, you can set forth to discover Geneva. It is your "open Sesame" to museums, cruises, visits, tours and many other surprises... This is the perfect offer for accompanying person and the participants extending their stay in Geneva.

