

Practical information

1. Organisers' information

You can always reach Sahra on her UK mobile phone number, **+447877871358** who can answer questions about Geneva for anyone who gets lost around Geneva or worried about where they should be. Dragos is also available on his French mobile on **+330643094754** and can answer questions about all the things you will be getting for the trip as well some of the events that will be taking place.



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2. Arrival in Geneva

Most people will arrive in Geneva by plane at Geneva International Airport (GVA). From inside the airport, before leaving the baggage reclaim area inside the airport, please take a **free Geneva transport ticket** from the machines, which should fully cover transport on buses, trains and trams (including transfers). However, it is only valid for the first 80 minutes that you are in Geneva, which should be plenty of time to get to the hostel from the airport.



From the airport, you can either take a taxi (~CHF 35) to the hostel or a 6-minute train to '**Gare Cornavin**', which is the central train station in Geneva. Directly after coming out of the airport baggage area through the sliding doors, the train you should take from the airport can be found on the left, in the subfloor of the airport. All trains go to the Geneva Main Station, no exception. The trip lasts 6 minutes and you must get off at the first stop at '**Gare Cornavin**'.

Also, according to someone who lives in Geneva, if you would like to take the bus, you can take the bus from just outside the train station. You can take the **bus number 5** heading towards "Hôpital", which will also take you past United Nations, which has a large giant chair near it and then please get off at the main train station '**Gare Cornavin**'.

If you are not sure, there will be an **information desk** at the airport and there is always someone who speaks English, French or German and maybe Italian.

Exit from the '**Gare Cornavin**' train station from the '**Place de Cornavin**' exit. '**Place de Cornavin**' is the name of the street from where you will need to take the tram or from where you will walk to the youth hostel.

b. Walking

If you would like, you can walk from the train station so you should stay on the same side of the street as the train station.

After coming out of the train station, turn left; go past the taxis and cross the street at the yellow lines heading towards the "Arcades" sign and the "Rail Europe" store on Rue de Lausanne. From "Rail Europe", cross the street again at the yellow line crossing where you will also cross the tram lines; head towards "Hôtel Warwick".

Turn left and keep walking, go past the entrance of the Warwick hotel, past the turquoise (blue) "Centre Commercial" sign, past the large orange "MM Migros". When you go past the McDonalds restaurant, there is a Credit Suisse on the opposite side of the road. However, stay on the side of the McDonalds, just keep walking, and go past the HSBC private bank, cross the yellow line crossing on Rue de Monthoux.

Go past the "Scandale" restaurant with the red background and white writing; go past the "Ali Haydar Kebab" place right next to the restaurant and cross the yellow line crossing on Rue de Zurich.

Walk past the "L AUTO ECOLE KESSLER Firstmed 1er étage"; walk past the TABAC 28; walk the "Lord Jim Pub", which has been a very popular Irish pub amongst previous CERN trip participants. Cross the street in "Rue de la Navigation"; head towards the green "Café Restaurant" sign.

Go past the "Patrick Location, Voitures-Minibus-Utilitaires", past the pizzeria opposite the bus stop, past the orange Coop sign, past the pharmacy and cross the yellow line street crossing on "Rue du Môle" heading towards the "Ad Gentes" internet access place.

Walk past the e-Xclusive store, past "Avis", past the "Point Break" boutique store, past the grids, past the "Boulangerie Só Mel Pâtisserie", past the big brown doors, past the Pizzeria – Trattoria then cross the small street of Rue de Prieuré heading towards "Born to print duo visual.ch".

Go past the printing house, past the "Millennium bcp" then keep walking and go past the "Monde de Lumière & de Décoration – Keria Luminaires" with the red "Parkings a Louer" sign above. Then, cross the small street called "Jean-Charles Amat" towards "Cité Seniors".

Keep walking straight ahead in the same direction going past "Cité Seniors", go past the Portuguese bank "Grupo Banco Popular, go past Ghin Art, go past Agences Voyages, go past the "MITSUBISHI Garage Daytona" and then past the "Linge-Express Blanchisserie". Once you get to number 70, you will go past a store, called Perritaz, which has lots of office chairs in it.

Turn right into **Rue Rothschild**. Keep walking down rue Rothschild and keep walking down the street until you get to the hostel. The hostel will have a symbol similar to the one shown here on the right.



I will be waiting for you in the hostel lobby from 12 pm on Monday 16th April 2012 to give you a welcome pack. If you arrive earlier than this, you can ask at the reception desk at the hostel if there is anywhere you can leave your luggage. It will either be placed in a cage or a locker or the Rothschild room depending on the availability. After leaving your luggage safely at the hostel, you are welcome to go exploring. However, you cannot check in before 12pm – just say that you are participants of the iaps2cern 2012 event. From the hostel, I will give all the instructions you need.

The address of the hostel is

*Auberge de Jeunesse
30, rue Rothschild
Phone number: +41 22 732 62 60*

<http://www.yh-geneva.ch/>

You can use the link below to access the separate map of all the essential places we will be visiting during this trip.
<http://maps.google.co.uk/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&hl=en&doflg=ptk&msa=0&msid=210288433869609552098.000498fcba3d060222aba&t=h&z=14>

5. Accommodation

Most probably we will get some 4 or 6-bedded rooms. You will get some bed sheets, so no need to take sleeping bags. There is wifi provided although it does not work that well at the hostel. Breakfast is included from 6am to 9am.

6. Public transportation in Geneva

You can find all the timetables here: <http://tpg.ch/fr/index.php>

The machines selling the transport tickets around Geneva do not give change, so do not put a CHF 5 coin there!!

Once at the hostel, you will receive a Geneva transport card, which will give you free bus and tram transport for the whole duration of the event, so you don't have to worry about purchasing any tram and bus tickets. Geneva has a scheme that anyone staying in a hostel or hotel will be given free transport to all of Geneva.

7. Weather

The temperature in Geneva in April will be an average of 10°C, so please take appropriate clothes: warm jackets, gloves, etc. most importantly comfortable shoes! Girls, please take some flat shoes because you won't be allowed to enter some CERN facilities in high heels.

8. Directions to CERN

From the train station, at the opposite end of where the taxi stand is, there is the **tram number 18**, which will take us directly from the Geneva train station all the way to just outside the CERN reception building.



See you there and we hope that you enjoy yourself!