

practical information



How to get there.

Vevey and Montreux both have a main train station: from/to Lausanne (13 min.), from/to Geneva (1 h), from/to Interlaken (change in Zweisimmen) with the famous mountain train “MOB Golden Pass” – free for Eurail/Interrail-holders: a great journey which will take you across a beautiful landscape! You can easily move between Vevey and Montreux either by bus (15 min.) or by train (5 min.). Both train stations have lockers, rest rooms, bike rentals, a bank and small shops. The post offices are both near the train stations. ① The **tourist information offices** have all the major information you’ll need: in **Vevey**, Grand-Place 29 (0848 86 84 84), and in **Montreux**, Place de l’Eurovision (0848 86 84 84). @ Internet café in Montreux Digital Planet at Avenue du Casino 49; in Vevey Internet station open to everybody at Riviera Lodge, Place du marché 5.

www.montreux-vevey.com
www.lake-geneva-region.ch
www.backpacker.ch

budget accommodation

Vevey: Riviera Lodge, Place du Marché 5, (021 923 80 40) (300 m from the train station on the lake side in a charming renovated 19th century town house) »www.rivieralodge.ch

Montreux: Montreux Youth Hostel, Passage de l’Auberge 8, (021 963 49 34) (30 minutes on foot along the lake shore, or take train no S1 from the railway station to Montreux-Territet (takes only 2 min.), from there it’s 2 min. walking distance) »www.youthhostel.ch/montreux

TIP!



Taste a unique **chocolate fondue** at the Riviera Lodge, Vevey. An original recipe with melted chocolate and fresh fruit to dip in. (fondue with fresh fruits CHF 13.– per person, minimum 2 people). “I can resist everything except temptation”, Oscar Wilde said once...



Montreux on the shores of Lake Geneva

Vevey and Montreux are the main resorts of the so-called Swiss Riviera. The name describes the stretch of Lake Geneva roughly between Lausanne and Villeneuve and is one of the sunniest places in the country! Many writers, musicians and artists such as Charles Chaplin, Freddy Mercury (their statues are located on the lake shore), Igor Stravinsky, Ernest Hemingway, Lord Byron and many others chose this place for the beauty of the landscape. The two charming resorts of Vevey and Montreux work closely together. Vevey has a cosy historical downtown, esplanades, a shopping mall and many nice cafés, which offer the traveller a warm feeling. Montreux, 5 km from Vevey, is more touristically oriented, but the promenade on the lakeside, with the nearby **Castle of Chillon**, is a must!

highlights

Vevey

The old streets east of Grand Place and the lakeside promenade are worth exploring. Vevey also has a **15th century church** (St. Martin’s, up the hill behind the station) and several museums:

Vevey Historical Museum, Rue du Château 2. This museum (founded in 1897) is housed in a beautiful 16th century building dating from the Bernese occupation. Its collections of objects, paintings and documents bring the region’s past back to life. Open Tue – Sat 11 am – 5 pm. Admission is **free of charge**.

Swiss Camera Museum, Ruelle des Anciens-Fossés 6. This museum shows you the history of photography, from the camera obscura to numerical images. The history of photography, its inventors and its techniques, is recounted by an amazing collection of cameras, dating from the very invention of photography to the present day, and enhanced with audio-visual and interactive presentations. Open daily

except Monday 11 am – 5.30 pm. Admission CHF 8.–, students CHF 6.–.

The **Swiss Museum of Games** (Musée Suisse du Jeu), Rue du Château 11, La Tour-de Peilz. The colourful port village of La Tour-de Peilz is situated between the lake and the old town, just about 1 km east of Vevey and dominated by its white chateau. In this romantic setting, the Swiss Museum of Games invites you to actively discover games from around the world and throughout the ages. Have fun! Open daily except Monday, from 11 am – 5.30 pm. Admission CHF 9.–, students CHF 6.–.

The **Alimentarium** at Quai Perdonnet is a museum of food. Internationally renowned, it takes a scientific and ethnological look at the food of the past and the present. Open Tue – Fri 10 am – 5 pm, Sat & Sun until 6 pm (closed on Monday). Admission CHF 12.–, students CHF 8.–.

Sir Charles Chaplin, The immortal screen comedian, spent the last 25 years of his life

at the Manoir de Ban above Vevey. Chaplin, his wife and children, moved to Vevey in 1953. The whole family quickly settled in to their adopted town and became part of the local life. Sir Charles and his wife Lady Oona are buried in the Corsier s/Vevey cemetery. His memorial statue can be seen on the Vevey lakeshore.

Montreux-Vevey has always been a favorite place for artists – not only Charlie Chaplin, but also Freddie Mercury, David Bowie, Le Corbusier, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Henri Nestlé, Barbara Hendricks, Victor Hugo, Dostoïevski etc... Follow their trail through the vineyards or along the lakeside and discover a part of their lives (at Riviera Lodge you get **free flyers** with maps and stories about these artists!).

Montreux

Chillon Castle at Montreux – one of Switzerland’s most beautiful sites! This extraordinary fort was built on a rock set in a lovely scenic location on the shore of the lake. Chillon is an exceptional combination of castle and fortress. There are magnificent collections of antique furniture, pewter and weapons. The towers and ramparts offer a wonderful view of the lake and mountains. Cruise on Lake Geneva on a steamboat and discover the Chillon Castle you’ve perhaps seen on pictures many times but never in reality. The castle, called “Château de Chillon”, was made legendary by the poem “The Prisoner of Chillon”, written by Lord Byron in 1816. Open daily April – Sep 9 am – 7 pm, in Oct 9.30 am – 6 pm (latest

entrance is one hour before closing time). Admission CHF 12.–, students 10.–.

Visinand House, situated in the old town of Montreux (Rue du Pont 32), is the oldest building of the area! It is the home of the cultural centre, which includes three exhibition rooms, as well as an attic where classes, conferences, shows and activities are held. The fine arts, photography and applied arts provide some themes for the numerous temporary exhibitions. Open Wed–Sun 3–6 pm, **free entrance**.

Freddie Mercury and the group Queen loved their frequent stays in the peace and scenic splendour of the Vaud Riviera, where they composed, produced and recorded some of the biggest hits in their repertoire. A stroll along the shores of Lake Geneva will bring you to Freddie Mercury's statue.

activities

Vevey and Montreux are the capitals of the **Lavaux winegrowing region, a UNESCO World Heritage Site**. The Lavaux vineyard terraces stretch for about 30 km along the south-facing northern shores of Lake Geneva from the Chillon castle to the eastern outskirts of Lausanne. The steep, narrow stone walled terraces cover the lower slopes of the mountain-side between the villages and the lake's edge; above are forests and pasture and across the lake, the high peaks of the Alps. Discover the unique region and its typical villages. Easy to reach with the wine train or funicular. **Wine tasting** in the "caveau" (wine cellar) of Riviera Lodge has begun to spread its reputation. Or visit one of the many wine cellars and taste one or two of their specialties.

The hilly surroundings of the Vevey Montreux area offer a good range of easy **hikes**. There is a huge choice for everyone's taste and ability, from footpaths through the mountains, vineyards, fields and forests, to the many flowered walks along the shores of Lake Geneva. Ask at the tourist office for the "Hiking Map".

A very good reason for coming to Vevey or Montreux is to explore the beautiful **Lake Geneva**. Would you like to board a ship to go shopping in **Evian (France)**? Do you feel like celebrating the first of August off Pully? Or are you interested in visiting the Olympic Museum in **Lausanne**? Do you want to admire the "jet d'eau" in **Geneva's** harbour? These are only a few proposals. It is up to you to make the most of them! For swimming and sunbathing in an idyllic setting, you'll find quiet pebble beaches and green parkland all along the Riviera. Enjoy a relaxing afternoon while splashing in the invigorating waters of Lake Geneva. There are about **20 natural beaches** and access to them is **free**. Some suggestions: Jardin Doret – Vevey, Bains des Hommes – la Tour de Peilz, Bain des Dames – la Tour de Peilz, La Becque – la Tour de Peilz, La Grotte – Corseaux (they are all near Vevey); and Plage de Chillon – Veytaux, Port du Basset – Clarens, La Maladaire (near Montreux).

Rochers-de-Naye, with its floral alpine garden, is a great one-day tour. You may walk up to the top (2,042 m / 6,700 ft., approx. 3½ hrs for good hikers), or take the scenic MOB railway, or the cogwheel train to "les Pléiades", 1,300 m of breathtaking views of the lake.



events

June 9th – 12th	Montreux Sundance Festival Montreux. Electro sound at Montreux Music & Convention Centre
July 1st – 16th	Montreux Jazz Festival . Details and tickets call (0848 86 84 84) or check out »»www.montreuxjazz.com
July & Aug	Every Saturday morning Vevey's Market Square turns into a magical summer market
mid-july – mid-Aug	Open-air cinema at Place Scanavin Vevey
July 30th – Aug 1st	Oldtimer Ships Regatta (just in front of Vevey and Montreux)
Aug 1st	Swiss National Day – party and fireworks everywhere!
Aug 19th – 21st	Street artists festival Vevey . This popular annual lakeside festival attracts talented performers from Switzerland and abroad
Sep 2nd – 4th	Freddy Mercury Memorial Days

For more events ask at the tourist office!

entertainment, fun & parties

Vevey

- For a Latino & salsa night, go to the cocktail bar called **Indigo** (rue de la Madeleine 29).
- **Rocking Chair** (Av. de Gilamont 60) has concerts and a dance floor.
- **Le Bout du Monde** (Rue D'Italie 24) is where the locals meet. Live music.

Montreux

- Live music and DJs at **NED** (rue du Marché 19).
- **Paradise Pub** (at Grand Rue 58) has billiards, games and more.
- **Mayfair House** is a music and lounge bar (Grand Rue 52).
- **White Horse** is a nice pub (Grand Rue 28).
- **Opus café** (rue du Marché 23), a cafe and restaurant.
- **Le Casino Barrière** of Montreux (rue du Théâtre 9) rolls out the red carpet to welcome you (free introduction to games, live music every Fri & Sat).



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