

WELCOME TO WORLD VISION GLOBAL CAPITALS GENEVA

WORLD VISION'S OFFICE IN GENEVA

World Vision's home is located in *International Environment House 2*, at:
Chemin de Balexert 7-9 (3rd floor, No. 9)
CH-1219 Chatelaine, Geneva

Bus directions

From the Gare Cornavin train station, go to the nearby bus stop 22-Cantons. Take Bus 6 or Bus 19, direction Vernier-Village. Get off at *Châtelaine*. Continue walking up Avenue de Chatelaine and turn onto Avenue du Pailly. The third street on your right will be a small entrance called Chemin des Anemones, and the first building on your left is Chemin de Balexert 7-9. (About 20 minutes)

From the *Airport*, take Bus 23, direction ZIPLO. Get off at *Bois-des-Freres*, walk a little further up Route de Vernier and cross the street onto Avenue du Pailly (make sure you are on the south, or far side, of the roadway). The third street on your right will be a small entrance called Chemin des Anemones, and the first building on your left is Chemin de Balexert 7-9.

Tram directions

From *Gare Cornavin* you can take Tram 14 or 16 direction Meyrin-Graviere or Tram 18 direction CERN. Get off at *Balexert*. Walk west along Avenue du Pailly (keep to the south side of the roadway, which should be your left). Look for a small entrance on your left called Chemin des Anemones, and the first building on your left is Chemin de Balexert 7-9. (About 15 minutes)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Time Zone: GMT/UTC +1

Telephone area code: 0041

GENEVA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

The airport is located only 5 km from the city center. A direct and frequent rail connection links the airport to the main train station, Gare Cornavin, in central Geneva in 6 minutes. All trains departing from the airport stops in the main train station in Geneva. Several buses access the airport and the city. When departing from Geneva, it is recommended to check-in two hours before departure of the flight. You can get a free ticket valid for 80 minutes from a TPG ticket machine located in the luggage delivery area in the airport, just to the right of the exit before going through customs. The ticket can be used for all public transportation in Geneva (train, bus and trams) and will take you from the airport to the hotel free of charges. Just press the button to get your ticket.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The public transportation in Geneva is safe, frequent and always on time. It is run by Unireso, a group of 7 transport companies in Geneva and its region including the border areas of France. The agreement between these companies makes it possible to travel with the same ticket on all the different transports (bus, tram, boat, train). TPG-Transports Publics Genevois runs trams and buses in Geneva. If you do not have a transit pass, however, please note that tickets must be purchased from the ticket machines (there is one at every transit stop) before you board – fines for not having a ticket are quite heavy. Tickets within Geneva cost CHF 3.00 and are valid for one hour.

THE GENEVA TRANSPORT CARD

Everyone who stays in hotels in Geneva are given the Geneva Transport Card for free. This personal and non-transferable pass is given to you at check-in in the hotel, enabling its holder to use of the entire public transportation network without restriction (bus, train and boat). You can use your Geneva Transport Card for free transport during your entire stay, including the departure day.

TAXI

Taxis are easily available in Geneva, and can be ordered by phone, hailed in the street or found at about 60 authorized taxi ranks in town. Taxis are always to be found at the airport and in front of the main train station (Gare Cornavin). Note that many taxis do not accept credit cards (or accept credit cards with an additional fee) so it is best to ask the driver or the taxi telephone operator before the journey. Fares between the airport and city range from about CHF 30 to CHF 35.

Taxi Geneva

Taxi-Phone Centrale SA Genève
Rue des Rois 15
1211 Genève 11
Tel: +41 (0)22 33 141 33
www.taxi-phone.ch

ELECTRICITY

Electricity in Switzerland is 220 volts, 50 Hertz, as in the rest of Europe. Most U.S appliances require a converter and an adapter to operate, although some dual-voltage items such as laptops may only require an adapter. Most European (non-UK) plugs should work in Switzerland, but some European appliances may require an adaptor as Switzerland uses a 3-prong outlet system that is smaller than most Continental plugs. If you need an adaptor these should be available in the airport and in electronic shops in Geneva.

MONEY AND EXCHANGE RATE

The currency in Switzerland is Swiss Francs (CHF, SFr.) Euro notes are also widely accepted but at a premium rate, and change will be given in CHF. The exchange rate is around 1.166 USD for 1 CHF, and 0,83 Euro for 1 CHF. Most transactions in the city are conducted in cash and many businesses, including most taxis, does not accept credit cards. It is this advisable to have Swiss Francs in cash for all kinds of transactions. ATMs are available throughout the city, dispensing notes up to 1000 CHF. You can exchange money at the airport with several moneychangers as well as in the main train station Gare Cornavin. For daily updated exchange rates: www.oanda.com

SAFETY

Geneva is generally a safe city, but visitors should be aware of the risk of pick-pockets, especially around the central train station. Common sense should be observed to avoid complications.

GENERAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police: 117

Fire Brigade: 118

Ambulances: 144

Poisoning: 145

SOS Doctors at Home: +41 (0)22 748 49 50

Emergency Doctors at Home: +41 (0)22 322 20 20

SOS Pharmacists: +41 (0)22 420 64 80

SOS Nurses: +41 (0)22 420 24 64

SOS Keys: +41 (0)22 311 12 22

Hospitals in Geneva – HUG: +41 (0) 22 37 28 120

Duty Pharmacy Service: 1811/144

Duty Veterinary Service: 1811/144

Road Assistance: 140

Lost and Found: +41 (0)22 327 60 00

USEFUL WEBSITES

www.x-rates.com/calculator.html (Currency calculator)

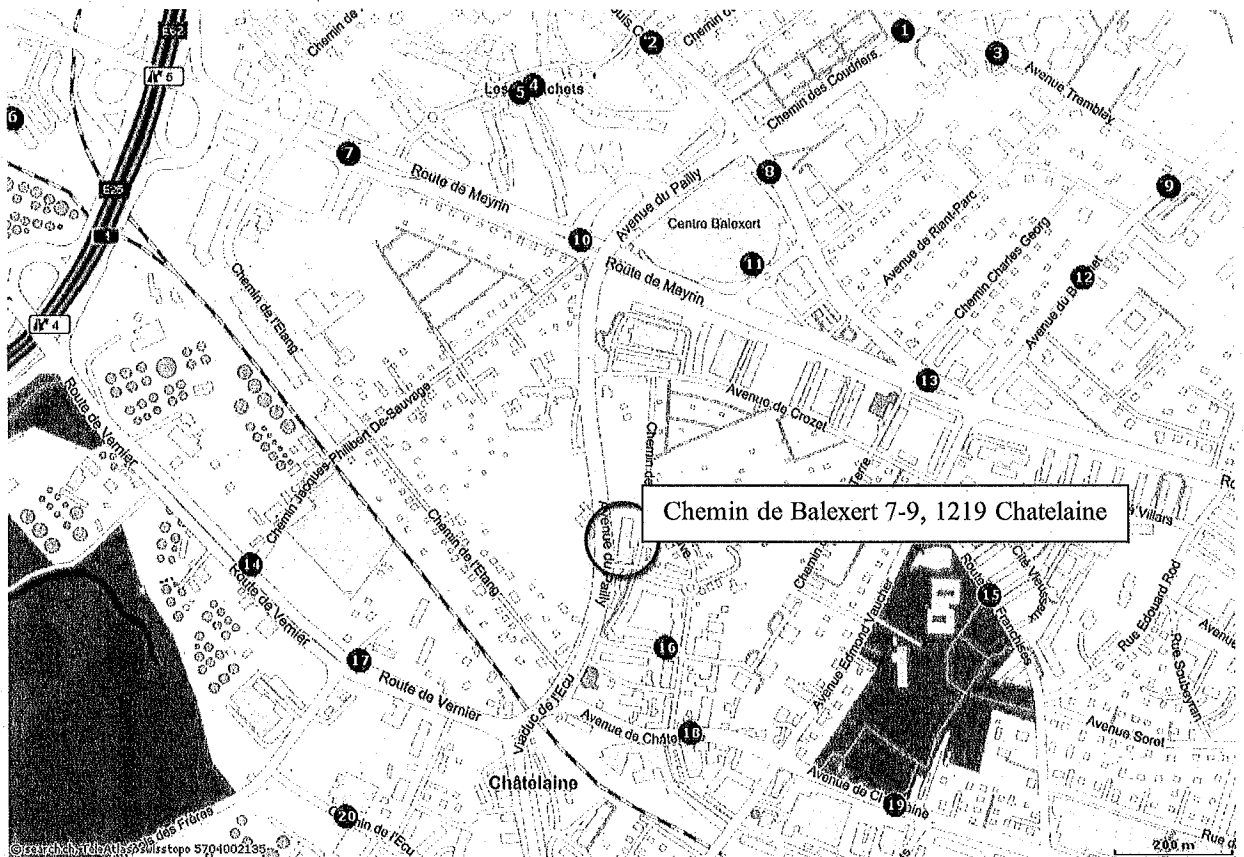
www.tpg.ch (Public transport)

www.meteoswiss.admin.ch (Weather forecast)

www.geneva-tourism.ch/?lang=_eng (Geneva tourism information)

www.geneve-restaurants.ch (Restaurants in Geneva)

MAP



Legend

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| •1 Bus: Genève, Joli-Mont | •11 Car park: P1 Balexert |
| •2 Bus 10: Vernier, Floralties | •12 Bus 22: Genève, Collège Rousseau |
| •3 Bus: Genève, Riant-Parc | •13 Tram 14, 16, Bus 10, 22: Genève, Bouchet |
| •4 Car park: Centre commercial Les Avanchets | •14 Bus 6, 19, 23: Vernier, Jean-Philibert de Sauvage |
| •5 Bus: Vernier, Avanchet centre | •15 Bus 10, 22: Genève, Franchises |
| •6 Car park: Blandonnet II TCS | •16 Bus: Vernier, Châtelaine-Pt-Bois |
| •7 Tram 14, 16, 18: Vernier, Avanchet | •17 Bus 6, 19, 23: Vernier, Bois-des-Frères |
| •8 Bus 10: Vernier, Pailly (Balexert) | •18 Bus 6, 19, 22: Vernier, Châtelaine |
| •9 Bus 22: Genève, Mervelet | •19 Bus 6, 19, 22: Genève, Parc-des-Sports |
| •10 Tram 14, 16: Vernier, Balexert | •20 Bus: Vernier, Ecu |