

CERN Update – 6 (17/04/2016)

Dear everyone,

Just about there. Travel Pack attached. Two further issues:

- **PAYMENT:** the hotel won't budge from requiring a single payment so I am asking for *good old fashioned cash* on arrival !
- **LAKE TRIP:** there is no boat to Lausanne on 2 May, Yvoire only.

PAYMENT

If this was my last trip I would ignore their single payment demand, they want us to do their work for them. However I don't want to burn my boats so will acquiesce.

If you are ordering currency before leaving UK, add this amount to the CHF currency you purchase. If relying on using a cash dispenser (say, at the airport or CERN - and there is one next to the restaurant) ensure that you won't exceed your withdrawal limit for the day or the week or whatever time span you are subject to and run out of money later during your stay! You may have a choice of cards. Further instruction about payment will follow once the Foyer have replied to my request for the final invoice.

LAKE TRIP

They had not published the lake timetable for Spring when I sent Update 5. They have now and there is no boat to Lausanne, only Yvoire, dep Geneva 10:15 arr Yvoire 11:57 (Swiss timing!). There is a Belle Epoque steamer back dep 16:50 arr Geneva 18:35 (another 50 min earlier). I have attached the lake timetable. If you decided in advance, you can purchase and print tickets from home. It may however be simpler just to get to the boat in good time, built into the schedule. I no longer need to know numbers.

I expect it was the cruise that attracted people to Lausanne but you could still get to Lausanne by train if the Olympic Museum *was* the main attraction, please ask.

Whatever you do, this day is DIY, though Paula and I will go to Yvoire. You could book a table in advance or just go in groups to whichever you fancy, there is a wide selection of restaurants.

You may prefer to do something else. The English speaking tourist office is 5 minutes from the station through which you will pass between GVA and CERN and it *will* be open on the Sunday 10h - 16h despite 1 May being a Bank Holiday - I've checked. There you can ask about other options, e.g. day trips to Chamonix and the Mont Blanc glacier (and glass floored overhanging platform.... Pricey but an option. The travel pack describes where the office is and describes other options including the Saleve cable car above Geneva, just into France. Lovely on a fine day but what isn't in Geneva, Europe's leading city break destination 2014 and 2015? Check the forecast, Chamonix for example is of little interest in bad weather and the cable car can be (partly) closed.

TRAVEL PACK

Reduced to 4 pages, I like to print as a booklet. Also an annotated map of our part of CERN. Do print these off and read the Pack carefully when you have a moment to see what information is included. If there is anything else you would like to know please ask and I will publish to the whole group if of interest. Also let me know if having difficulties with the attachments. I will reiterate: www.geneve.info contains a wealth of useful information, the transport section includes bus maps you can print off.

I personally am arriving with several others ex-LGW Easyjet landing at 13:35. There are several others arriving 14:20 ex-LHR. We will wait for them in one of the cafes to the left as described in **DIRECTIONS** in the Pack. **BUT PLEASE! Can you collect half a dozen free transport tickets for us as ours might run out of time!**

If there are significant delays we may not wait. For what it's worth, Paula and I will hire a car on the 4th and visit Lyon and the Burgundy before returning from GVA on the Sunday.

Hopefully my next and last update will be regarding payment as soon as I hear from the Foyer. I **WILL** ask for an acknowledgement to **that** email but prefer *not* to receive an acknowledgement to *this* one - sheer numbers of emails!

Regards

Stewart