

Accommodation in Geneva

The housing situation in Geneva is very tight and vacancy rates are low. There are a number of options though, for finding accommodation in Geneva. The main options are apartments or shared apartments (flats) or foyers (similar to dorms). The process for finding apartments or shared apartments can be difficult and time consuming. Please note that it is very important to watch for scams while apartment hunting. If the place looks too good to be true, it just might be. It is not normal or safe to give deposits before seeing a place. Remember to be careful!

Foyers and Residences

This type of accommodation houses a lot of interns and students from the University of Geneva. They are relatively inexpensive and offer the chance to meet and interact with young people from all over the world. Some foyers provide different services, such as bedding, laundry and internet connections, sometimes even meals – be sure to check this out with each location. Some foyers also have rules, which you should also check out when researching where to live. For example, some foyers are for girls only or have curfews. Also keep in mind the location of the foyers; some are close to town, while others are not close to the centre of Geneva.

As a part of this intern guide we have assembled an extensive lists of different foyers and residences, as well as some other options, such as studios and apartments – you can find this list in Appendix B. We hope this is helpful in your search for accommodation!

Shared Apartments

Living in shared apartments is one of the more popular ways to find accommodation for interns, in Geneva. It is also one of the best ways to find housing at an average price. There are a couple of ways to search for shared apartments in Geneva, and some of those options are listed below to help you start. Again, it is always important to be vigilant and watch out for scams.

- Easy Roommate: www.easyroommate.com.

- **Geneva Home Information:** This is a good source for apartment hunting as all the real estate agents post their ads here. It is only available in French. When searching, some key words are “voir les petites annonces” (look for advertisements), “immobilier a louer” (to rent), and “sous-louer” (sublet). You will also find the classified section where people are looking to find someone to share an apartment with, or to sublet at “Tribune de Geneve,” the “GHI” or “Le Temps,” among others. Check the website for more information: www.ghi.ch.
- **Geneva University Housing Website (Student Advertisements):** This is one of the best places to look for reasonably priced apartments, studios and rooms. You can also find ads for sublets at Uni Mail (the large university building in Plainpalais). To get there, take the Tram 15 from Gare Cornavin and get off at Uni Mail. Visit the website to see housing advertisements: www.unige.ch/dase/bulog/form/bourse.php. Tip: Look under “Loue” for places available and under “Cherche” if you would like to advertise that you are searching for a place.
- **Geneva Welcome Centre:** This is a secure institution that provides all sorts of information and assistance, free of charge, for newcomers to Geneva. The intention is to help provide a smooth transition for international people moving to Geneva. Visit their website at www.cagi.ch.
- **Glocals:** Glocals is a social networking website intended for expatriates moving to Geneva. They have a great housing and classified section. Many interns and other newcomers to Geneva find apartments via glocals, though the prices tend to be a little on the expensive side. Visit www.glocals.com for more information.
- **World Radio Geneva:** This is an English language radio station in Geneva (88.4) that has classifieds on its website. You need to register to view them. Check the link for more information: www.worldradio.ch.

Finding apartments/flats via agencies

Many apartments are controlled by real estate agencies called Régies. A studio usually means everything is in one room. Be sure to look at the number of pièces. A pièce is a room, and in Geneva, the kitchen counts as one. Therefore, a 3-pièces = kitchen + living room + bedroom (note: in Vaud, the kitchen is not counted as a pièce). Half pièces are rooms of combined functions, i.e. a living / dining room combo counts as a 1.5 pièces. If you find an apartment you like, you will normally need to go through the application process where you will need to apply to the Régie for that apartment, and the agency will decide to whom they want to rent it. To apply, normally you will need a document stating your salary and your position at the ILO. In addition, you normally have to prove you

are not heavily in debt and may be asked to pay three months rent in advance as a deposit (“caution” in French). In exchange for CHF 231 (for the year 2009), the website www.swisscaution.ch will provide you with a year long deposit. You will require a document stating you are not a criminal, which you can get from the Office des Poursuites, located at 46 rue du Stand, tel. 022 388 90 90.

Here are several websites to help in your search:

- Tout l’immobilier: www.toutimmo.ch
- Immostreet : www.immostreet.ch
- Geneva Immobilier: www.geneveimmobilier.ch
- Home Sweet Home: www.homesweethome.ch

Apartments, Foyers, Studios Listing

Name	City Area	Address	Directions from Gare Cornavin	Directions to the ILO	Journey time to ILO (avg)	Price	Hours	Contacts
Cité Universitaire de Genève	Champel	Avenue de Miremont 46 1206 Genève	Bus: 3 Direction: Crêts-de-Champel Stop: Cité Universitaire	Bus 3 direction Gardiol Stop: Cornavin Bus 8 direction: OMS Stop: BIT	40 minutes	Single Room: CHF 980 Studio (2 ppl): CHF 2020	Monday-Saturday: 8h-12h;18h-22h Sunday: 18h-22h	Tel: +41 22 839 22 22 cite-uni@unige.ch www.asso- etud.unige.ch/cite-uni/
Foyer Champel (6 months minimum)	Champel	Avenue de Champel 47 1206 Genève	Bus: 3 Direction: Crêts-de-Champel Stop: Cité Universitaire	Bus 3 direction Gardiol Stop: Cornavin Bus 8 direction: OMS Stop: BIT	35 minutes	Single Room: CHF 410-575	Monday-Saturday: 8h-12h;13h-17h	Tel: +41 22 388 56 37
Foyer Dumas	Champel	Avenue Dumas 15 1206 Genève	Bus: 3 Direction: Crêts-de-Champel Stop: Cité Universitaire	Bus 3 direction Gardiol Stop: Cornavin Bus 8 direction: OMS Stop: BIT	40 minutes	Single Room: CHF 400-535		
Residence Universitaire de Champel (6 months minimum)	Champel	Av. De Beau-Séjour 18 1206 Genève	Bus: 3 Direction: Crêts-de-Champel Stop: Cité Universitaire	Bus 3 direction Gardiol Stop: Cornavin Bus 8 direction: OMS Stop: BIT	38 minutes	Full-Pension: CHF 1100 Half-Pension: CHF 960	8h30-12h30; 14h-18h	Tel: +41 22 347 21 14 info@champel.ch www.champel.ch
Foyer «Caritas» Le Carilan (per men)	Grand Lancy	Av. Communes- Réunies 16 1212 Grand-Lancy	Tram: 15 Direction: Palettes Stop: Piscine de Lancy	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	38 minutes	Small room: CHF 400 Medium Room: CHF 420 Big Room: CHF 450 (internet: extra CHF 10)		Tel: +41 22 794 61 50 carilan@caritas-gs.ch www.caritas- geneve.ch/foyers.php
Foyer «Caritas» Levron (per women)	Grand Lancy	Av. Communes- Réunies 20 1212 Grand-Lancy	Tram: 15 Direction: Palettes Stop: Piscine de Lancy	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	38 minutes	Room: CHF 400 (internet: extra CHF 10)	Monday-Friday: 18h30-19h30	
Foyer «Caritas» Myrjana (per women)	Grand Lancy	Av. Communes- Réunies 16 1212 Grand-Lancy	Tram: 15 Direction: Palettes Stop: Piscine de Lancy	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	38 minutes	Small room: CHF 300 Standard room: CHF 400 Stand. room without WC: CHF 370 (internet: extra CHF 10)		
Centre Universitaire Protestant 1	Plainpalais	Avenue du Mail 2 1205 Genève	Tram: 15 Direction: Palettes Stop: Cirque	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	25 minutes	Room: CHF 540-560 Studio (2 persons): CHF 940-1000	Monday-Friday: 8h-12h;13h-17h	Tel: +41 22 322 90 00 welcome@cup.dpn.ch
Centre Universitaire Protestant 2 (6 months minimum)	Plainpalais	Rue du Petit-Salève 10 1205 Genève	Bus: 1 Direction: Rive Stop: Lombard	Tram 13 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	35 minutes	Room: CHF 530 Studio (couple): CHF 1060 (Internet: extra CHF 25)	Monday-Friday: 8h-12h;14h30-17h	Tel: +41 22 708 10 10 cup2@span.ch

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Foyer L'Accueil (per women)	Plainpalais	Rue Alcide-Jentzer 8 1205 Genève	Tram: 13 Direction: Palettes Stop: Augustins	Tram 13 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	35 minutes	Single Room: CHF 505-545 Double Room: CHF 420 (per person) (Breakfast is included)	Monday-Saturday: 8h-12h; 18h-22h Sunday: 18h-22h	Tel: +41 22 320 92 77 accueil@infomaniak.ch
Centre Saint-Boniface	Plainpalais	Avenue du Mail 14 1205 Genève	Tram: 15 Direction: Palettes Stop: Cirque	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	28 minutes	Small Room: CHF 410-775 Standard Room: CHF 540-930 Big Room: CHF 605-1240 Room with shower: CHF 740-1240 Room with Shower and WC: CHF 770-1550 Studio: CHF 970-2170	Monday-Friday: 9h-12h; 16h-18h30	Tel: +41 22 3 222 600 accueil@cstb.ch www.csbt.ch
Résidence "Les Epinettes"	Plainpalais	Av. Industrielle 5 1227 Acacias 1205 Genève	Tram: 15 Direction: Palette Stop: Industrielle	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	32 minutes	Room: CHF 445	Monday-Friday: 10h-13h; 14h-16h	Tel: +41 22 379 77 20 logements@unige.ch www.unige.ch/dase/bulog
Résidence Hugo-de-Senger	Plainpalais	Rue Hugo-De-Senger 2 1205 Genève	Tram: 15 Direction: Palette Stop: Uni-Mail	Bus 3 or 5 Stop: Cornavin Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	30 minutes	Room: CHF 415-445 Studio: CHF 595-735		
Maison Internationale des Etudiants	Eaux-Vives	Rue René Louis-Piachaud 2 1204 Genève	Bus: 3 or 5 Direction: Crêts-de-Champel/Hopital Stop: Uni-Mail	Bus 1 Stop: Jardin Botanique Bus 28 to Meyrin-Village Stop: BIT	30 minutes	Room: CHF 335-420		
Résidence Glacis-de-Rive	Eaux-Vives	Rue des Glacis-de-Rive 15 1207 Genève	Bus 8 direction Veyrier-Douane Stop: Rive	Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	20 minutes	Studio: CHF 500-600		
Résidence Université 3	Plainpalais	Rue de l'Université 3 1205 Genève	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Palette Stop: Plainpalais	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	24 minutes	Studio: CHF 455-515		
Résidence chemin Vert	Carouge	Rue de la Tambourine 62-72 1227 Carouge	Tram: 13 Direction: Palette Stop: Carouge	Tram 13 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	50 minutes	Room: CHF 415-515		
Résidence de Candolle	Plainpalais	Rue de Candolle 12 1205 Genève	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Palette Stop: Plainpalais	Tram 13 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	25 minutes	Single Room: CHF 425-515 Double Room: CHF 565		

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Centre évangélique Stadmission (minimum 6 months)	Plainpalais	Rue Bergalonne 7 1205 Geneva	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Palette Stop: Cirque	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	32 minutes	Room: CHF 550-600	Monday: 10h-13h Tuesday: 11h-13h Thursday: 17h-20h	Tel: +41 22 321 26 11 christian.tischhauser@fre esurf.ch
La Villa Clotilde (only girls)	Eaux-Vives	rue du Mont-de-Sion 14 1206 Geneva	Bus:8 Direction: Veyrier-Douane Stop: Florissant	Bus:8 Direction: OMS Stop: BIT	31 minutes	Full-Pension: CHF 1370 Half-Pension: CHF 1170	Monday-Friday: 8h-12h; 14h-20h Saturday: 8h-12h	Tel: +41 22 703 51 70 info@villaclotilde.ch www.villaclotilde.ch
Centre International Réformé John Knox	ONU	Chemin Gréts-de-Pregny 27 1218 Grand Saconnex	Bus:8 Direction: OMS Stop: OMS	Bus:8 Direction: Veyrier-Douane Stop: OMS	10 minutes	Room with Shower: CHF 1230-1400 Room with WC: CHF 845-1280 Room without WC: CHF 550-990 Studio: CHF 1620	Monday-Friday: 7h30-20h Saturday & Sunday: 8h-11h	Tel: +41 22 747 00 00 welcome@johnknox.ch www.johnknox.ch
Residence Universitaire Internationale	Pâquis	Rue Rothschild 22 1202 Geneva	Bus: 5 Direction: Hôpital Stop: Butini	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	20 minutes	Room: CHF 560 Studio: CHF 630 Room (summer): CHF 38 (day) Studio (summer): CHF 43(day)	Monday-Friday: 8h-12h; 14h-18h Saturday: 10h-12h	Tel: +41 22 716 02 02 rui@frui.ch rui.ge.bizland.com/rui.htm
Foyer International St-Justin	Pâquis	Rue du Pricuré 15-17 1202 Geneva	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Nations Stop: Môle	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	25 minutes	Single Room: CHF 570 Studio (1 person): CHF 840 Studio (2 persons): CHF 1200	Monday-Saturday: 8h-12h and 15h-19h	Tel: +41 22 731 11 35 justinge@justinus.ch www.justinus.ch
Residence Le Voltaire (minimum 6 months)	Pâquis	Rue Voltaire 9 1201 Genève	Tram: 13 Direction: Palette Stop: Isaac-Mercier	Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	20 minutes	Double Room with bath: CHF 250 Single Room with Shower: CHF 320-340 Single room with bath: CHF 360-450	Wednesday: 18h-20h30 Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10h-12h	Tel: +41 22 344 24 60 residence.voltaire@foj.ch www.foj.ch
Home Saint-Pierre (only women)	Jonction	Cour St Pierre 4 1204 Geneva	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Nations Stop: Croix-Rouge	Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	30 minutes	Single Room: CHF 618-756 Double Room: CHF 516-528 (breakfast is included)	Monday-Saturday: 9h-12h and 16h-18h	Tel: +41 22 310 37 07 info@homestpierre.ch www.homestpierre.ch
Foyer George Williams	Jonction	Av. Sainte Clotilde 9 1205 Geneva	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Palette Stop: Plainpalais	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	28 minutes	Single Room: CHF 29 per day ≥ 3 months: CHF 555	Monday-Friday: 9.30h-11.30h Every day: 18h-20h	Tel: +41 22 328 12 03 admin@foyerug.ch www.foyerug.ch
Foyer Universitaire de Carouge	Carouge	Rue Joseph-Girard 12 1227 Carouge	Tram: 13 Direction: Palette Stop: Ancienne	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS	36 minutes	Full-Pension: CHF 1250 Half-Pension: CHF 1150	Every day: 8h30-12h30 and 14h-18h	Tel: +41 22 301 54 34 carouge@arbor.ch www.foyerdecarouge.ch

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Residence Régie Foncière (minimum 1 year)	Plainpalais	Avenue Vignier 8 1211 Geneva	Tram: 16 Direction: Moillesulaz Stop: Place Favre	Stop: BIT Tram 17 to Lancy-Pont-Rouge Stop: Rive Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	44 minutes	Room: CHF 900 Studio (2 people): CHF 1500	Monday-Friday: 9h-17h	Tel: +41 22 817 08 51 info@regiefonciere.ch www.regiefonciere.ch
Môle Meubles (minimum 4 months)	Paquis	Rue du Môle 34 1201 Geneve	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Nations Stop: Môle	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	25 minutes	Studio: from CHF 905	Monday-Friday: 9h-16h	Tel: +41 22 738 27 35 mole34@bluewin.ch www.residence-meubles.ch
Residence du Môle (minimum 6 months)	Paquis	Rue du Môle 342 1201 Geneve	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Nations Stop: Môle	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	26 minutes	Studio: from CHF 900		
A.B. JAKIR	Paquis	Rue Gautier 16 1211 Genève	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Nations Stop: Môle	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	20 minutes	Studio: from CHF 1700	Monday-Friday: 9h-12h and 13h-17h	Tel: +41 22 731 49 46 jakir@bluewin.ch
Residence Rossi	Paquis	Rue Pellegrino-Rossi 3 1201 Geneve	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Nations Stop: Môle	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	20 minutes	Studio: CHF 945 Studio duplex: CHF 1200		
Residence Moléson	Gare	Rue du Moleson 4 1202 Genève	Tram: 16 Direction: Avanchet Stop: Poterie	Bus:8 Direction: OMS Stop: BIT	20 minutes	Small studios: CHF 840 Standard Studio: CHF 1050 Big studios: CHF 1470 Villa: CHF 2400		
Residence de France	Paquis	Avenue de France 4 1202 Geneve	Tram: 13 or 15 Direction: Nations Stop: France	Tram 15 direction Nations Stop: Nations Bus 8 direction OMS Stop: BIT	18 minutes	Small studio: CHF 1415-1435 Large studio: CHF 2125 Small apartment: CHF 2785 Large apartment: CHF 3250-3300 Penthouse: CHF 7350		