A SHORT GUIDE FOR VISITORS TO LAUSANNE

**Cash / credit card**

Current rate (February 2023) Euro / Swiss Franc: 1 Euro = 1 Swiss Franc

Euros are sometimes accepted, but you will always be given back in Swiss francs.

- If you withdraw money from an ATM (known as a bancomat), bank charges will often be much higher than if you pay by card in shops.

- When paying by card, in some shops you will have to choose between:
  1: EUROS
  2: CHF
  Always choose CHF, bank charges will be lower.

**Restaurants / Bars**

- You can pay at the counter if you are in a hurry, but the Swiss are more willing to pay at the table after asking for the bill (to be anticipated).

- To avoid misunderstandings at the bar: half a pint = une pression (or 25 deci beer), a pint = une choppe.

**Various**

- Switzerland is not in Europe, so roaming charges may apply for communications (including calls) and internet.

- You may need an adapter for the electrical outlets (in Switzerland they use triple plugs). These can be bought in kiosks and most supermarkets.

- Never say Lake Geneva in the canton of Vaud, it is simply le Léman.
- Upon check-in, the hotel will provide you with a Lausanne Transport Card which gives you free access to all public transport (bus and metro) for the duration of your stay.

- If you do not have this card, you will have to pay for your tickets either at the machines at the bus/metro stops or by phone (text "GL" to 456). [https://www.t-l.ch/abos-billets/billets/billets-sms-456](https://www.t-l.ch/abos-billets/billets/billets-sms-456)

- In Lausanne itself, the price of a one-hour ticket is 3.70 chf and the day pass is 9.30 chf.

We advise you to use public transport as the Palais is well connected:

**Conference venue:**

Palais de Rumine  
Place de la Riponne 6  
CH - 1005 Lausanne

**Access**

**METRO FROM THE CFF STATION**  
Metro M2, direction Croisettes : Stop Riponne-M. Béjart

**BUS**  
Buses n°1, 2, 7, 8, 16, 18, 60.
If you are driving:

- The motorway is not free, the annual vignette is 40 chf and allows you to drive everywhere. You can buy it at the customs or in the petrol stations and post offices.

- Cars always stop to let people pass at pedestrian crossings so some people cross without paying attention, be careful.

- White parking spaces are paid for by parking meter. Blue spaces, reserved for residents, can also be used occasionally with a disc (the authorised parking time is specified on signs but is generally short).

- Underground car parks in the city centre are expensive (for example, the Riponne car park costs 1 chf for 15 minutes, 28 chf for 24 hours)... We advise you to park in the "park-and-ride" or "long-term car parks" located on the outskirts of the city and then take public transport. [https://www.lausanne.ch/vie-pratique/mobilite/parkings-stationnement.html?map=true&mode=](https://www.lausanne.ch/vie-pratique/mobilite/parkings-stationnement.html?map=true&mode=)

Park and ride (or P+R):

The rates are 16 chf/day with a day pass for public transport included, 9.90 chf on Saturday. The most convenient ways to reach the conference venue at Place de la Riponne are as follows:

P+R Vélodrome, Bus 1 stop Riponne

P+R Grand-Mont, Bus 60 stop Riponne.

P+R Valmont, Bus 6 stop Tunnel.

P+R Vennes (! 20chf per day), metro 2, stop Riponne.
! the bus route map is not up to date on the City of Lausanne website above, due to numerous works. Please refer to the above information.

Long-term parking:

The price is 8 chf per day but public transport tickets are not included in the price.

The most convenient ways to get to the Place de la Riponne are the following:

Vélodrome (N°20), Bus 1 stop Riponne

Ouchy (N°13, ! not the " Ouchy Indigo " parking at 20 chf the day), Metro 2 stop Riponne

Valmont (N°5 19 and 16), Bus 6 stop Tunnel.