

# Welcome to EPFL

## Information for visitors

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## Arrival in Switzerland

### Heading to Lausanne



- SBB Mobile app provides train/bus schedules and tickets
- Free wifi access at airport or train station by Eduroam or by mobile phone

- From Geneva airport  
There is a train station right within the airport. Trains to Lausanne run frequently from 5am to 12am (40-55 min ride).
- From Zurich airport  
Like in Geneva, there is a train station right in the airport. Trains to Lausanne run from 5am to 11:45pm (2,5 h ride).

Your train tickets can be purchased on the SBB web site <https://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html>. If you have mobile data in Switzerland, it might be easier to use the SBB Mobile app, which you can also use to purchase tickets for local public transport.

### Public transport in Lausanne



If you are staying at a hotel, your hotel will **provide a travel card** allowing free public transport within the greater Lausanne area (trains, buses, and metros). This also covers Renens, **but does not cover Morges**. You can also **use local public transportation for free on your day of arrival** (e.g. from Renens or Lausanne station to EPFL or your hotel) if you stay in a hotel or other accommodation charging tourist tax– it is sufficient to show your hotel reservation confirmation, should there be a ticket controller.

Lausanne area public transport map can be found here: <https://www.t-l.ch/map/schema>. Lausanne is zone 11 et EPFL is in zone 12 but both zones are called Greater Lausanne (Grand Lausanne or GL)

You can purchase your tickets:

- on SBB Mobile app
- on SBB website <https://www.sbb.ch/en/home.html>
- by sending an SMS to 456: “GL” for full fare or “GLR” for half-fare (under 25 year old or with half-fare travel card). The ticket covers zone 11 & 12 (Lausanne, Renens, but not Morges) for 60 minutes.
- on FairTiq app

One can purchase on SBB app combined public transport from A to B, including train, bus, and boat. If unsure where to get off, can use easyrider function on SBB/CFF app.

For visit over one week, consider a weekly and a monthly transport card which allows to choose zones. Lausanne 2-zone monthly travel pass is @ CHF 74.-, weekly pass at CHF 37.-. (otherwise this is CHF 3.70 per trip, or CHF 2.40 with half fare card)

<https://www.t-l.ch/en/component/content/article?id=493:find-the-best-travel-pass>  
<https://www.lausanne-tourisme.ch/en/public-transportation/>

**If you intend to travel intensively in Lausanne or Switzerland**

You may purchase a half fare card or Lausanne passes or Swiss passes. Use apps such as Fairtiq and Swiss mobile app to reduce hassles.

Swiss half fare card is available for tourists at 120CHF per month (or annual half price fare at CHF 185)

<https://www.sbb.ch/en/leisure-holidays/inspiration/international-guests/swiss-halffare-card.html>

Travel passes for Switzerland

<https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/planning/transport-accommodation/tickets-public-transport/swiss-travel-pass/>

## How to come to EPFL



- EPFL Campus app provides useful info on a broad range of topics
- Eduroam is available in many public places

The EPFL campus is served by metro line M1 (M1's terminal stations are in Renens and Lausanne) and by bus (from Lausanne Gare or Morges).

### From Lausanne train station

Take the M1 at the starting station *Lausanne-Flon* (which is a 10 minutes walk, or a 1-minute ride on the metro line M2, from the Lausanne train station).

- Exit Lausanne train station from the north side, cross the road to take the M2.
- Take the M2 for one stop (direction *Croisettes*) and get off at Lausanne-Flon (1-minute ride).
- At *Lausanne-Flon*, take the M1 and get off at the stop *EPFL* (about 13 minutes ride).
- The mathematics department is a few minutes walk from the *EPFL* metro station.

Alternatively, you may take bus number 1 in front of Lausanne train station. EPFL Colladon is the terminal station. Please note that the ride is a bit longer with the bus.

### From Renens station

Take the metro M1 and get off at *EPFL* station (*Renens Gare* is the starting station for M1).  
Approximate travel time: 6 minutes.

### From Morges

Take the MBC line 701 (Direction *Lausanne Bourdonnette*), get off at *St-Sulpice Pâqueret* or *St-Sulpice Science Park*.  
Approximate travel time: 20 min.

A campus map can be found at <https://campus.epfl.ch/map/> and on the “EPFL Campus” app.

## At EPFL

A campus map can be found at <https://campus.epfl.ch/map/> and on the “EPFL CAMPUS” app.

**The Mathematics building (MA) opens from 7am to 7pm. Access outside these hours possible only with a Camipro card.**

### Administrative steps at EPFL

Upon arrival at the mathematics building, please go to the office **MA C2 647** for your office key.

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Office Hours:

Monday	12h30 to 16h30
Tuesday	12h30 to 16h30
Wednesday	12h30 to 16h30
Thursday	12h30 to 16h30
Friday	08h30 to 12h30

### EPFL WIFI

Connect to the (SSID) **freewifi-epfl**

In your browser click **Open network login page** or enter **login.monsoon.net**

Info @ <https://www.epfl.ch/campus/services/en/it-services/network-services/wifi/visitors/>

In case of problems, please contact the Monsoon support at **0800 666 966**.

### Amenities

- On the EPFL campus there are restaurants, cafes, grocery stores, and a bank, further details are given below, together with a list of off campus restaurants.
- There are large supermarkets (Coop and Migros) close to the main Lausanne train station (just south of it).
- The Metropole in the Flon (center of Lausanne) is a good place to find services and various shops for every day use, groceries, electronics, repairs, etc. Maxi Bazaar nearby has some inexpensive items such as glasses, mugs, etc.
- The small Coop at the Lausanne train station is open on Sundays and late into the evening.
- Coop, Migros, and Manor sell prepared meals, to be served cold or hot. It's easy to find good cheese, dry meats, and good bread. The department has a microwave on the third floor. Most hotels provide also microwave and hot water kettles either in the room or in a common area.

### EPFL Campus

**Finding a restaurant, a self-service or a café on site:**

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/restaurants-shops-hotels/fr/restauration/>

**EPFL boutique and stores:**

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/restaurants-shops-hotels/fr/restaurants-shops-hotels/shops-2/>

**Grocery stores on campus**

Migros: <https://www.epfl.ch/campus/restaurants-shops-hotels/fr/migros/>

Denner: <https://www.epfl.ch/campus/restaurants-shops-hotels/fr/denner/>

**SwissTech Village**

<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/restaurants-shops-hotels/fr/les-arcades/>

**Banks**

Credit Suisse and cash machine: CM1 453 near the information desk

**Pharmacy**

Sunstore / Amavita: Centre commercial Coop, Chemin du Croset 1-3, 1024 Ecublens

Phone number: +41 58 878 53 30 / +41 58 878 16 20

**Library**

<https://math.epfl.ch/>

**Bookstore**

<https://actu.epfl.ch/news/la-boutique-4/>

**Swimming:** The small beach “Plage du Pélican” in Saint-Sulpice is a 10-15 minutes walk from the department.

**Restaurants around EPFL**Le Gina

(In front of the SwissTech Convention Center; Italian / pizza)

Address: Les Arcades, Rue Louis Favre 8C, 1024 Ecublens

Phone number: +41 21 691 01 31

Website: <http://www.gina-ristorante.ch/>

Toriko

(Japanese restaurant not tested)

Address: Rte Cantonale 97B, 1025 Saint-Sulpice

Phone number: +41 21 320 40 40

Website: <https://www.torikorestaurant.ch/>

Starling hotel

Across from the EPFL

Address: Route Cantonale 31, 1025 St-Sulpice

Phone number: +41 21 694 85 85

Website: <https://starling-hotel-lausanne.com/eat-and-drink/>

Restaurant du Débarcadère

(French restaurant by the lake)

Address: Chemin des Crêt 7, 1025 St-Sulpice

Phone number: +41 21 691 61 18

Website: <https://restaurant.ledebarcadere.ch/>

Price range: around 40-80 CHF

La boulangerie Jacquat

(Bakery and tea room, apparently quite nice, but also rather far)

Address : Rue du Château 8, 1026 Echandens

Phone number : +41 21 701 11 47

Website: <http://www.boulangerie-jacquat.ch/>

## **Restaurants in Lausanne**

### Chez Xu

rue du Tunnel 10 and rue du Petit-Chêne 27,  
Lausanne,  
Phone number : 021 312 40 87 and 021 320 72 68  
Mond-Sat 11h-14h30/17h30-23h  
Price range: Around 25-35 CHF

### Nandanam

Indian restaurant (not tested)  
Address : Av. Louis-Ruchonnet 11, 1003 Lausanne

### Café de Grancy (Bistrot)

Nice food, relaxed atmosphere  
Just below Lausanne's main train station  
Address: Avenue du Rond-Point 1, 1006 Lausanne  
Phone number: +41 21 616 86 66  
Website: <https://www.cafedegrancy.ch/cartes/carte-du-soir/>  
Price range: Around 30-70 CHF

### Le Ticino

Food from Ticino (Italian part of Switzerland)  
Menu: <https://leticino.ch/carte-des-mets/>  
Just in front of the main train station in Lausanne  
Address: Place de la Gare 12, 1003 Lausanne  
Phone number: +41 21 320 32 04  
Website: <https://leticino.ch/>  
Price range: about 40-50 CHF

### Kung-Fu cuisine

Quite good Chinese restaurant, serving large portions, very good value for a group sharing food.  
Address: Avenue de Tivoli 4, 1007 Lausanne  
Phone number: +41 21 311 18 88  
Website: <https://kung-fu-cuisine.business.site/>  
Price range: about 25-35 CHF

### Anne-Sophie Pic

A very fine restaurant in a beautiful historic building. Great if you want to splash out 300 CHF per person.  
Address: Au Beau-Rivage Palace, Place du Port 17/19, 1006 Lausanne.

### Pain Quotidien

Just opposite Lausanne station. Excellent place for a snack / light lunch.  
Address: Place de la Gare 2, 1001 Lausanne  
Website: <https://www.lepainquotidien.com/ch/en/locations/lausanne/place-de-la-gare-2/>

## **Other restaurants**

### Restaurant du Port de Pully

Nice food, nice view  
Address: Route du Port 7, 1009 Pully, Phone number : +41 21 728 78 78

## Contact list

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- For all emergencies on campus (24/7): dial **115** from any office phone or **021 693 30 00** from a private phone or **SOS** from EPFL Campus app.
- Outside campus emergency numbers:
  - Police            117
  - Fire              118
  - Ambulance      144
  - Tox Info         145
  - Mental health   143