

# Evian

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Ville d'Evian  
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# Evian, and the Southern shores of lake Lemman

## Geographical Location

Located to the north of the region of Haute-Savoie Evian faces Switzerland (the city of Lausanne is just 13 km away across the lake). Set amidst the foothills of the Chablais region, the town is built in the shape of an amphitheatre on the edge of Lake Lemman between 372 m - altitude of the lake - and 730 m. Evian has 7500 inhabitants, being the main county town of a canton covering 15 districts. Paris (580 km) - Lyon (190 km) - Annecy (85 km) - Geneva (45 km) - Thonon (9 km) - Swiss border (Valais) 18 km away (St Gingolph).

## A Truly Outstanding Environment between Lake and Mountains

The lake and mountain provide an ideal environment for tourism. Through its policy of attentive care and maintenance of natural areas and the promotion of civic awareness of the highest standard, the town itself contributes greatly to enhancing respect for this quite unique situation. Offering tourism for leisure, good health and business, over the years Evian has become recognised as a resort and venue open all year round.

## Historical Overview

Evian is never mentioned in accounts covering the first thousand years of our era. Over the centuries, the town changed its name several times : Aquianum in 1150, Aquiano in 1219, Ayviens in 1420 and finally Evian les Bains in 1864, shortly after the annexation of Savoy by France. It was from the Middle Ages onwards that the village began to expand, firstly with the construction of a château in the 12th century and the granting of franchises. Evian then became a market town, commercial port on the lake and a preferred place of stay of the counts and dukes of Savoy. The first recorded appearance of the coat of arms of the town dates from the 15th century, bearing the Latin motto 'deo et ducis fidelis perpetuo' (Loyalty everlasting to God and the Duke). It was not until the end of the 15th century, with the discovery of the qualities of its mineral water that the town truly began to develop.

Most of the historic buildings protected to date were built between 1870 and 1913, with the fame of the town reaching its peak in the 1930's when it became recognised as an International Spa.



# Evian and... its water

The discovery of Evian mineral water dates back to 1790 when, whilst taking a stroll, a gentleman from Auvergne, the count of Laizer, quenched his thirst at the Saint Catherine Fountain located on the estate of a certain Mr Cachat. Finding the water to be beneficial, 'light and well pleasing', this same man, suffering from kidney and liver ailments, went on to drink the water regularly during his country strolls and observed a definite improvement in his health. He spoke very highly of the qualities of this 'miraculous' water and doctors began to prescribe it for consumption.

It became a success so quickly that Mr Cachat enclosed his spring and began to sell the water. The very first 'bains d'évian' (baths) appeared in 1824 and two years later, the king of Sardinia granted permission for Evian water to be bottled. The first Société des Eaux Minérales was set up in 1829, marking the beginning of the expansion of the spa resort, with the construction of thermal baths, luxury hotels, the funicular railway and the theatre.





### **Mineral Water Springs** **Avenue des Sources**

The Cachat spring - formerly known as the Saint Catherine Fountain, is the most famous of the numerous springs found existing in Evian. Built in 1903, at the same time as the pump room standing opposite it, the spring runs continuously all year round and anyone at all is welcome to quench their thirst there. A few metres further along, we also find the spring of the Cordeliers.

### **La Société des Eaux Minérales d'Evian** **Exhibition Hall**

Located at 19 rue nationale (pedestrianised street), this building, erected in 1903 in accordance with a design by the architect Jean-Albert Hébrard, is a master-piece of Art Nouveau and was once used to house the thermal pump room. From May to September, it serves as a venue for an exhibition and video screenings showing products available under the Evian brand, including educational games and general information about the water. Speciality shop available for purchase of advertising products and items.

### **Bottling Factory Tour** **Industrial Estate - Amphion Plain,** **5 km from Evian**

Guided tours, including a presentation of the historical background and geological origin of the mineral water, followed by an enlightening discovery of the bottling process in all its stages: manufacture of the bottles, extraction and decanting, packaging and dispatch.

Individual tours arranged from June to September  
Bookings on 04 50 26 80 29

(Note: transport costs charged).

Group visits from mid-January to mid-December  
Bookings on 04 50 26 93 23

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Evian-les-Bains — Buvette et Manutention de la Source Cachat

# Discovering Evian

Heritage - Culture and Traditions

## Historical Tour of the Town

Departing from the Tourist Office, this tour comprises 14 information stopping points, providing comprehensive details of the history of the main historical buildings, from the Middle Ages through to the Belle Epoque.

**Free tour map available from the Tourist Office.**

## Guided Tours

Tours with full commentary by heritage guides of the Pays de Savoie (Savoy Region) are organised for groups throughout the year (prior booking required through the Tourist Office)

**Approximate duration 2 hours.**

**Tours in French, English and German.**

## Rue Nationale, Pedestrian Zone

This is the commercial high street of the town, featuring some beautiful façades of Italian inspiration.

## Thermal Pump Room and Springs

Standing in the centre of rue Nationale, this master-piece of Art Nouveau houses the information offices of Eaux Minérales Evian. A short walk around the building will take you to the springs.

## La "Villa Lumière" (1885-1896)

Former summer residence of the Lumière family (inventors of the cinema), this magnificent villa with a distinctive classical French style inspired by the Renaissance became the Town Hall in 1927.

Free tour of the foyer, grand salon and gilded salon between 9am and midday and 2 to 5pm during the week.

## Theatre and Casino

The Theatre (1883 -1885) is a fine example of neo-classical art and was designed by a student of Charles Garnier (in charge of building the Paris Opera House) - Admittance only during the performances season and in particular during the summer theatre festivals from July until September. The Casino, dating back to 1911, was designed by the architect J.A. Hébrard and was built on the site of the château de Blonay, bequeathed to the town in 1877 to allow for the creation of a 'gaming club'.



### **L'Eglise Notre-Dame de l'Assomption**

Medieval church built in the 13th century. Frescos, wooden stalls, statues...

### **The Funicular Railway, a journey back in time to the beginning of the last century**

**Departure at the rear of the building of the 'Palais Lumière' (old thermal baths), from the 'station aux sources'. Arrival at the 'plateau des Mateirons' (Hôtel Ermitage).**

Construction of the railway began in 1907 and it was originally intended to provide transport for people taking the waters at the grand hotels, stopping firstly at the thermal pump room before proceeding on to the thermal baths establishment itself. Services resumed in 2002 following complete modernisation of the carriages, stations, engines and equipment.

### **See the town on a little sight-seeing train**

Commented tours of the town on a little train from May to September. Guided tour on Friday mornings in July and August.

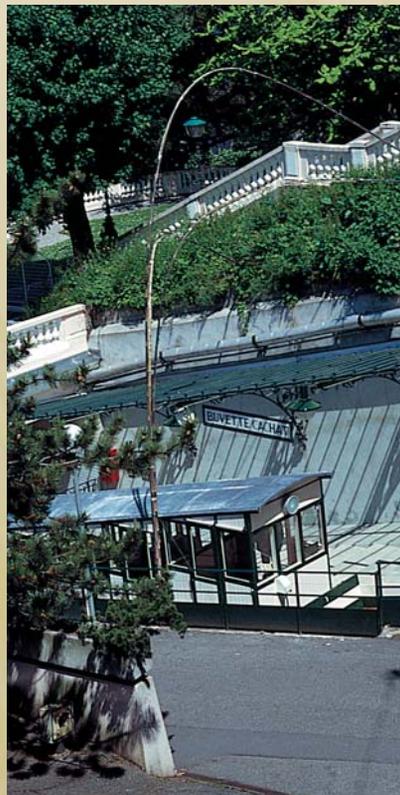
### **Small Boat Outings aboard "La Savoie"**

An exact replica of the small traditional lateen sail boats once used on Lake Lemman, «La Savoie» is one of the largest reconstructed heritage boats in France. Organised cruises.

**Details available from the information counter on the quay, during the summer season.**

### **Le Palais Lumière**

This architectural gem, which served as a spa from 1902 to 1984, has been turned into a Cultural and Convention Centre including an auditorium, 10 meeting rooms, exhibition spaces and a media library.



La Savoie

# Lake Léman



Julius Caesar named lacus lemanus in 58 BC when he left Geneva to fight the Helvetians. It is often called Lake Geneva, but the official name is actually Lake Léman.

Lake Léman was formed as the Rhône glacier receded around 15,000 ago. Western Europe's biggest lake, it has a surface area of 583 km<sup>2</sup> and a volume of 89 km<sup>3</sup>. The Rhône crosses the lake from east to west. Its maximum depth is 309 metres between Evian and Lausanne. The 167-km shoreline is shared by France (53 km) and Switzerland (114 km).

The lake's temperature easily reaches 22 to 25°C in summer and it does not freeze in winter.

## Passenger transport across the lake

Every day, the Compagnie Générale de Navigation (C.G.N.) ferries passengers back and forth across the lake between France and Switzerland on some of western Europe's most beautiful paddle-wheel steamboats. The trip between Lausanne and Evian takes 35 minutes.

Other French companies offer cruises during the summer season.

[www.cgn.ch](http://www.cgn.ch)

## The fish of Lake Léman

The most famous and prized species are the char, lake whitefish (whose local name is féra), perch and lake trout, but there are also roaches in abundance, monkfish, pike and even crayfish.

## The birds of Léman

Lake Léman's location on a migratory route between the Jura and the Alps makes it a favourite stopover point for many birds. Over 150,000 make this their winter home. Sedentary species include the common gull, common black-headed gull, grey heron, mallard duck, great-crested grebe, moorhen and of course, the swan.





# Water gardens

## The "Pré-Curieux"

Acquired in 1995 by the lakeside Conservatory, with the support of the Evian and Publier town councils, the Haute-Savoie general council and the Rhône-Alpes Region, the Pré-Curieux is an unique location for the discovery of wetlands.

### What "Pré-Curieux" is all about

In 1998, a partnership agreement between the State / the Ramsar\* Convention / the lakeside Conservatory and the Town of Evian consecrated the site as a "research unit" and International communication centre on wetlands. Open to the public, the site has also become a branch of the Ramsar Convention and welcomes researchers from all over the World. Located on the lakeside, at the Western entry to Evian, the property includes a charming colonial style house with its 3.5 hectare wooded parkland spreading out from it. A first turn around the house will enable, by following the exhibitions put up by our various partners, a discovery of the function, wealth and fragility of wetlands.

### "The water gardens"

The stroll continues in the park, which is organised around the various water based ecosystems. Here, an architectural water garden. This is where the carp live and thrive in pools spread over with water lilies and water buttercups.

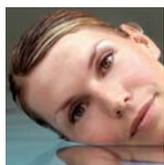
Over there, the natural water gardens: a waterfall, a pond, a marsh, wet fields and a delta, sheltering flora and fauna as unusual as they are varied.

Access to the Pré-Curieux water gardens is by boat, and by reservation.

**Information at the Tourist Office welcome desk: 04 50 75 04 26**  
**[www.precurieux.com](http://www.precurieux.com)**  
**[info@precurieux.com](mailto:info@precurieux.com)**

\*The Ramsar Convention is a body working for the protection of wetlands of International influence and concern. This convention, signed by 138 countries including France in 1986, is currently involved with almost 1328 sites, representing 120 million hectares world-wide.





# The Evian baths

Welcome to a world  
of well-being

Evian Bath treatments take away your stress, stimulate your energy, oxygenate your body and soothe your mind.

Several formulas to make your stay an outstanding moment.

### Evian Well-Being Holiday

A five-day programme to take an anti-stress break and think only about yourself.

Relaxing Evian natural mineral water treatments and the Fitness Club's many activities will soothe and relax you.

**Price, five days: €405**

### Evian Rebirth Holiday

The Rebirth holiday will clear your mind and teach you how to let go. Asian relaxation treatments and methods, including shiatsu, reflexology and tai ji quan, will restore your energy balance and bring you new serenity.

**Price, five days: €677**

### The Evian Sensations Holiday

To chase away stress, you need action.

This five-day holiday will introduce you to thrilling outdoor sports, including canyoning, caving, mountain-biking, snow-shoeing and whitewater rafting, that will make you feel things you've never felt before. Back at the spa, Evian natural mineral water treatments will totally relax you.

**Price, five days: €770**

### The Evian Toning-Slimming Holiday

This six-day programme will tone and refine your figure and help you start losing weight.

**Price, six days: €746**

### The Evian Youth Holiday

This six-day holiday will make you forget all about stress and wipe away every sign of fatigue. You'll feel regenerated, livelier and positively recharged with energy.

**Price, six days: €870**

### Evian Tranquillity Holiday

Feeling down and unfit? The Evian Tranquillity Holiday will help restore your energy and recharge your batteries with light therapy and Asian relaxation treatments.

**Price, five days: €742**



### The Evian Mum-Baby Holiday\*

Feeling like a new woman after childbirth is the goal of this three- or six-day holiday, which combines treatments for mummy with an integrated crèche and early childhood activities for babies three to 10 months old.

**Price:**

**Six days from Monday to Saturday: €858**

**Three days from Monday to Wednesday or Thursday to Saturday: €480**

\* This programme is subject to modification or transfer to another Evian Royal Resort site. Ask us.

### Evian Days

Sometimes it takes just a day or two to feel like a new person. Evian Baths offers you six one-day packages.

### Evian Discovery:

A relaxing, enjoyable day.  
**Price: €45**

### Evian Freedom:

Hydrotherapy treatments to relax, hydrate and tone you.  
**Price: €75**

### Evian Energy:

Treatments to make you feel relaxed and re-energised for a long time.

**Price: €95**

### Evian Mineral:

Treatments to make you feel good deep down.

**Price: €110**

### Evian Hydro Zen:

Relaxing treatments that restore well-being and serenity.

**Price: €140**

### Evian Rebirth:

Treatments that restore your vital energy and equilibrium.

**Price: €165**

### Evian Sensations:

An emotion-filled day of thrilling outdoor sports followed by relaxing treatments after your strenuous activity.

**Price: €170**



### The Thermal Cure at Evian

The thermal cure is indicated in cases of calculi, urinary infections, metabolic disorders, digestive diseases, post-traumatic effects and rheumatism.

Evian Baths

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Tel.: 00 33 (0) 450 75 02 30

Fax: 00 33 (0) 450 75 65 99

[www.lesthermesevian.com](http://www.lesthermesevian.com)

Holidays with accommodation: Evian Tourist

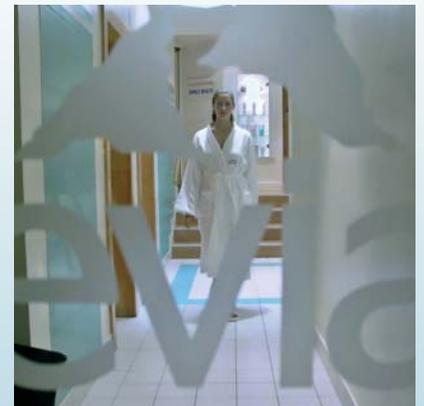
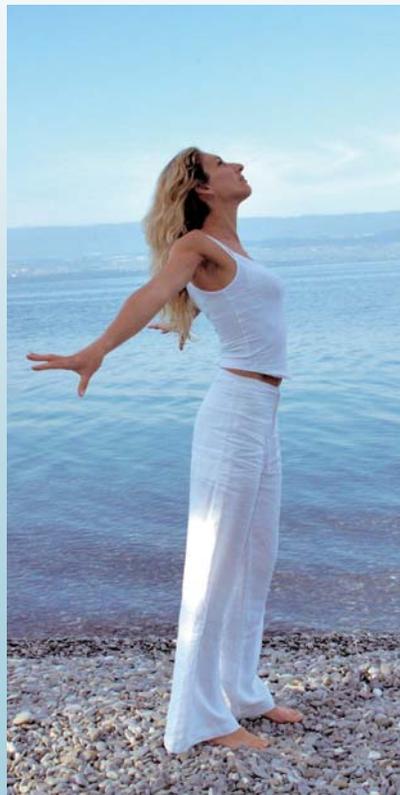
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The prices and terms in this document are indicative and subject to change during the year.





# Évian

Évian, the only golf destination of its kind in the world



Évian's legendary 18-hole golf course and Évian Masters tournament (the world's second-ranked women's golf championship) had already made it a must-play golf destination. Now, the new Évian Masters Training Center, the world's first golf training centre in a real-life setting, has made the resort a must for novice, advanced and professional golfers.

### The Évian Masters legend

Every year, the world's greatest woman players and 50,000 spectators come to the Évian Masters, one of the planet's most glamorous tournaments. The rest of the year, golfers can see how they stack up against the elite at this legendary golf course in a breathtaking setting between Alpine peaks and Lake Geneva!

### The 2007 Évian Masters

25 to 28 July

#### The "Évian Masters Training Center"

This training concept – the only one of its kind in the world – reinvents golfing on 15 hectares configured like the Evian Masters course.

### The days of the driving range are over!

Whatever your level or how much time you have, you'll train on a real golf course and make swift progress.

### Professional or advanced?

Target your training and boost your score by focusing on areas you need to improve.

### Beginner?

Immediately experience all the thrills that golf has to offer and make swift progress.

### With family or friends?

Share your passion at a single site where everybody can practice depending on his or her own level.

### Want to take a course on site or bring your coach?

Take advantage of optimal terms!

The World Travel Association voted the Évian Royal Resort Europe's Best Golf Resort in 2006.

### Évian Masters Golf Club competitions in 2007:

- Évian Royal Family Cup  
27 to 29 April
- Royal Open  
28 June to 1 July
- Couples Challenge  
5 to 7 October

### Information and booking:

33(0)4 50 26 85 00



# ÉVIAN ROYAL



PRESTIGE  
HÔTELS  
CASINO  
GOLF & SPA

# Resort

# “Hotel & SPA” Holidays

## Buddha-bar Spa

An unexpected setting that breaks with the classic spa tradition, a smart combination of activities and total body treatments, and decoration that awakens the senses and arouses passions help bring out the deepest inner self.

This oasis of peace and tranquillity restores a balanced pace of life. Facilities include a relaxation pool, cold water pool, sauna, hammam, relaxation area, Asian-inspired exfoliation rooms, heated outdoor swimming pool (29°C), gym, Pilates studio, coaching, yoga and lifestyle studio, six massage rooms based on Korean, Japanese, Thai and Tibetan traditions and VIP day suite.

A juice and tea bar offer refreshments and a boutique offers Buddhattitudes products.

Buddha-bar Spa is open every day from 7 am to 10 pm including Sundays and holidays.

Accessible by registration to customers who are not guests at the hotel.

### Buddha-bar Spa

Hotel HILTON EVIAN-LES-BAINS

quai Paul Léger – 74500 Evian

Tel.: 04 50 84 60 40/fax: 04 50 84 60 50

[buddhabarspa@buddhabar.com](mailto:buddhabarspa@buddhabar.com)

## EVIAN ROYAL PALACE

### Evian Royal Spa

Voted “Europe’s no. 1 spa”

Take a break from your stressful, hectic routine and dream at the Evian Royal Spa.

We offer outstanding programmes and treatments to help you regenerate your body with youth secrets and health rituals from around the world.

Regenerating yourself with the forces of sky and earth is a goal that our methodical approach and treatments on three inseparable levels – the physical, the energetic and the mental – can help you achieve. Professional masseurs, physiotherapists, osteopaths, reflexologists and beauticians perform the Evian Royal Spa treatments, which are based on knowledge of the body, a balanced diet and the harmonisation of energies, learned from Asian masters at the source of Asian traditions.

Evian Royal Resort – 74500 Evian

Tel.: 04 50 26 85 00/fax: 04 50 75 61 00

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## EVIAN ROYAL ERMITAGE

### Spa Maison les 4 Terres®

La Maison Les 4 Terres® puts you back in touch with the earth’s forces and the outstanding wealth of its beneficial properties vital to life and well-being.

At the Evian Royal Ermitage, nestling between the lake and the mountains, La Maison Les 4 Terres® brings you all the earth’s benefits.

The treatments are inspired by centuries-old Amerindian, African and Asian practices where the earth is a symbol of regeneration, and based on an outstanding treatment method – telluthery – in which active ingredients from the earth soothe and nourish body and mind. The earth, a reservoir of minerals and trace elements, is used in four forms: crystals, stones, clay and soil.

Evian Royal Resort – 74500 Evian

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# Sports & recreation

between lake and mountains

The lake and mountains offer an outstanding setting for many outdoor activities year round. From boating to swimming, golf and hiking, there's something for everybody and every mood.

## In Evian

**Sailing** 04 50 75 06 46  
Sailing school, lessons, races

**Canoeing-kayaking/  
MJC** 04 50 75 19 69  
Introduction, sea kayaking, lessons

**Rowing** 04 50 75 12 07  
Recreational rowing

**Boat rental** 04 50 75 42 48  
Motor, sail, pedal, canoes

**Marina** 04 50 75 36 10  
800 places – 50 visitors' rings

**Evian Tennis Club** 04 50 75 30 02  
Classes and lessons  
04 50 75 30 02

**Water-skiing** 06 07 72 59 16  
Bi, mono, figures, wakeboarding



**Diving** 04 50 74 00 59  
Lake diving, maiden dive, exploration  
04 50 74 00 59

**Fishing** 04 50 75 27 71  
Fishing in the lake and rivers  
04 50 75 27 71

**Horse-riding** 04 50 75 65 66  
Classes, lessons, rides

**Mini-golf** 04 50 75 63 66  
Landscaped 18-hole course

**Evian Masters 18-hole Golf  
Course** 04 50 75 46 66  
Course and Training Camp

**Pétanque**  
Courts in town

**Boules** 04 50 75 15 38  
Court at the Evian club

**Billiards** 04 50 75 10 82  
Maison des Associations



Hiking in the Gavot region



## Near Evian

**Guided hikes** 04 50 75 04 26  
Themed winter/summer hikes

**Rafting – Whitewater Sports**  
Descent of the "Dranses"  
Please ask us

**Hang-gliding** 04 50 70 95 75  
At Thollon les Mémises (10 km)

**Mountain-biking** 04 50 75 04 26  
Brochures at the TO

**Mountain-bike rental** 04 50 70 95 75  
Méda Sports

**Hot-air ballooning** 04 50 74 00 59  
Hot-air balloon flights

## The "Evian-Plage" Water Sports Centre

Open May to September  
Tel.: 04 50 75 02 69

The centre, which is located on 3.5-hectares of lakeshore lawns and parkland, boasts two heated swimming pools, a children's garden and a beachfront with diving boards and aquatic games.

The many activities include a 160-m slide, game areas (beach volleyball, jumping ball, table tennis, etc.), water-skiing, swimming club and school. Restaurant-snackbar with terrace on the lake.

## The children's garden

Open from 10.30 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. in July and August. For children up to six years old only. Free admission. Paddling pools with games, nursing area and cots.



"Evian Plage" Water Sports Centre

# Floral decoration, a tradition

Evian benefits from exceptional natural surroundings, enhanced, since the last century, by a major arboreal heritage. Arranged as a "garden town", Evian offers high quality lawns, planted with trees and shrubs. To this can be added a long floral tradition has raised Evian to rank among the most floral towns in France.

## Evian, garden town

The age old reputation of the waters and the surroundings have led to the constitution of many parks. Around the spas, major hotels and miscellaneous private estates, these parks, planted at the beginning of the last century on the town slopes, now blend into the natural landscape.

Evian's parks are designed as English gardens, with curving alleyways separating the varying shaped and sized lawns, where trees, shrubs and cultivated varieties are laid out in a random design.

One particular case is known in Evian as the "Japanese Garden". This precious miniature, with its numerous dwarf conifers and its varied shrubs is the ideal décor for photographers.



Public gardens made up of small lines of clumps make up the décor along the quayside promenade, with here, the romantic garden, there, the English garden, and there the gardens of Benicassim and Neckargemünd (named after the Spanish and German towns twinned with Evian).

## A town that blooms in all seasons

With four floral seasons per year, Evian can take pride in a constant floral décor that varies with the rhythm of the seasons.

National and local festivals, events of all kinds are excuses for the composition of floral decors.





# Shops and services

Although essentially a tourist resort, Evian is also a market town in a canton with some 25,000 inhabitants and is a focal point for lively commercial exchanges throughout the year. All types of shops and services can be found here, with about 220 shops for visitors' convenience. Grouped into associations, the shopkeepers of Evian contribute significantly to promoting local cultural activities: fashion parades, cut-price sales, shop window competitions.



## Evian and the Craft Professions

A member of the national association "Villes et Métiers d'Art", Evian is a venue for artists and craftsmen in residence: ceramists, glass cutters and engravers, glass and tapestry artists, painters... Make sure to meet them during your visit.

## Weekly Markets

The town quarter surrounding the church comes to life every Tuesday and Friday morning with the highly colourful market offering the finest traditional and exotic flavours of products from Upper Savoy. Discover the local cheeses (Abondance, Reblochon, Tomme, etc.) salted meats and fish traditionally caught in the lake (perch, fera, char, trout).



## Shops and town planning

Evian's shopping district has been undergoing sweeping changes for several years. The old post office on Place Ch. de Gaulle was torn down, and will be replaced in spring 2007 by a pedestrian area with stepped seats and a 264-space underground car park. Near the lake, the Pari's section between the theatre and the town hall will be turned into a real estate complex with 34 housing units and two brasseries-restaurants.



# The Palais Lumière

**This imposing building, which housed Evian's baths from 1902 to 1984, is a prime example of the resort town's spa architecture.**

Re-opened in summer 2006, today it is home to three separate facilities: an 800-sq m cultural centre with museum-quality exhibition spaces; a media library; and a new, 2,200-sq m convention centre including a 383-seat auditorium and eight meeting rooms. The newly-renamed Palace of Light is bound to play a major part in Evian's cultural life and tourist economy. It is also an outstanding example of the adaptive re-use of a historic landmark, whose main features include a high-quality restoration of the dome, interior windows and majestic hall of honour graced with stained-glass windows, statues and fountains.





# Evian, a Convention Town

Evian's 950 hotel rooms, including 450 in four-star hotels, and meeting rooms ranging in size from 20 to 1,200 seats, make it an international convention town.

**LE PALAIS LUMIERE**  
Evian's New Convention Centre  
Quai Ch. Besson – Tel.: 04 50 75 04 26  
Contact: Tourist Office Convention Department  
A prestigious, fully renovated building with eight 20- to 100-seat rooms, a 383-seat auditorium and cocktail party areas.

**HILTON Evian-les-Bains**  
Quai Paul Léger – Tel.: 04 50 84 60 00  
[www.evianlesbains.hilton.com](http://www.evianlesbains.hilton.com)  
The Hilton Hotel, which opened in 2006, has 173 rooms and suites as well as 1,150-sq m of 20- to 200-seat meeting and reception areas. Seminars and incentives.

**LE PALAIS DES FESTIVITIES**  
Place Ch. Cottet – Tel.: 04 50 75 04 26  
Contact: Tourist Office Convention Department  
A venue for performances, exhibitions, activities, trade shows and group meals. Seven 40- to 600-seat rooms.

**"LAC ET MONTAGNE" VALVVF RESIDENCE**  
Quai Paul Léger – Tel.: 04 50 83 17 00  
[www.valvfvf.fr](http://www.valvfvf.fr)  
Tourist residence with 160 studios and apartments – Meals – Six 20- to 400-seat meeting rooms



**EVIAN ROYAL RESORT**  
Tel.: 04 50 26 85 00  
[www.evianroyalresort.com](http://www.evianroyalresort.com)  
Lake Geneva's biggest resort, with two hotels (245 rooms) and 23 meeting rooms with 20 to 220 seats.  
"La Grange au Lac" Auditorium, 1,200 seats – Casino (40- to 330-seat rooms), five restaurants. Seminars and incentives.

**"Côté Lac" ETHIC ETAPES CENTRE**  
Avenue de Neuvecelle – Tel.: 04 50 75 35 87  
[www.cotelacevian.com](http://www.cotelacevian.com)  
73-room residence – Meals – Six 15- to 130-seat meeting rooms





# Events and animations

Evian promises you a lively season! In addition to traditional events, the resort hosts activities and performances year round. Visit the Internet site at [www.eviantourism.com](http://www.eviantourism.com) to see the updated programme. Meanwhile, here are some of them.

## Carnival

Saturday, 24 February

Big parade with floats, costumed groups, music and marching bands with local organisations.

## Lake Geneva Hair-Styling Festival

Sunday 25 March

Professional exhibition and competition, shows presenting artistic creations, hairstyles and accessories. Open to the public.

## Lissac Historic Car Tour

Saturday 28 April

An outstanding exhibition of 200 historic cars.

## France Tarot Championship

17 to 20 May

Evian is France's tarot playing capital and hosts championships by series and young people.

## Les Escales Musicales

26/26/27 May

The spring music festival in the majestic "La Grange au Lac" auditorium

## "Alps Cup" Car Rally

Thursday 21 June

Beautiful cars that participated in legendary rallies leave Evian for the Mediterranean and Alps

## French Underwater Activities

Championship

22 to 24 June

## "Les Estivales Théâtrales"

Late July – mid-August

Comedy and vaudeville in a historic 1885 theatre

## Lakeside fireworks display

14 July and 15 August, opposite the

Casino

## 14<sup>th</sup> Evian Masters Women's

Golf Tournament

25 to 28 July

The world's best women players compete on one of Europe's most beautiful golf courses for four days.

## "Acro-sports" Festival

1 to 5 August

International gathering of acrobatic disciplines, including trampoline, tumbling, acro-sports, parachuting and diving

## International Dog Show

25 and 26 August

Savoy's biggest dog show (1,400 dogs, 150 breeds): judging, competitions, breed confirmations.



# The Casino

Europe's largest theme Casino

## Cultural Events

**Retrospective of works by the artist Ernest Pignon-Ernest**  
10 February to 13 May at the Palais Lumière

**"Le Léman des Auteurs"  
book fair**  
30, 31 March and 1 April at the Palais Lumière.

Sale, signings, round tables and presentations with guests Patrick Poivre d'Arvor, Laurence Benaïm, Elisabeth Quin, Pierre Assouline, Jocelyne Sibuet, Sophie Dudemaine, Nicole Lambert, Nicolas Vanier and others.

**Painting exhibition, "Water in Russian Art in the 19th and 20th Centuries"**  
June to September at the Palais Lumière.

In cooperation with the Russian National Museum in St. Petersburg and the Ekaterina Foundation.

## Gambling Area

From 10 o'clock in the morning, the "slot machines" section opens to delight and surprise you with its exotic African setting and atmosphere. Here, you will find yourself right in the heart of the jungle and there are no less than 287 slot machines to try, all set out on two floors serviced by lifts. Let yourself go amidst all the emotion and change of scenery, as you try for jackpots beyond your wildest dreams. Stakes range from 10 cents to 2 euros. From 8pm, the Jeux de Table salon opens its doors for those who would like to try their hand at English and French roulette, Black Jack and Punto Banco. Free admission, proof of identity is required.

## Restaurants Area

At the Casino d'Evian you can choose from amongst no less than 5 restaurants. Between two games of roulette, enjoy a rewarding break in a world of enticing flavours at the restaurant Le Baccara, conveniently located in the salons des Jeux de Table.

L'Espace Machines à Sous (Slot Machines Area) At the Urban Tropic you can enjoy a full selection of absolutely astonishing and unique cocktails in a salon setting as cosy as you could ever wish. The Savana Lodge is also a world to be discovered, offering impeccable refinement and wondrous beauty. Here you will find yourself transported to

the very heart of the tropics, with an entire range of exquisite traditional and exotic dishes available. Meals and set menus from €13.

For an entertaining and refreshing adventure, climb on board the Liberté, a unique bar restaurant on the Casino waterway. Offering cuisine from around the world - Terrace - Tearooms - Ice creams.

The Pub-Brasserie Au Bureau® takes you into the world of Anglo-Saxon tradition at its best. Discover wonderful speciality dishes from England, Italy and the Alsace region, along with some 70 internationally renowned beers.

With its panoramic view over the lake and felt-lined salons, l'Orée du Lac will surely become your preferred meeting place for receiving guests and friends alike.

## Reception and Host Services Area

Whenever you wish to invite from 20 to 450 guests to the Casino d'Evian, you will enjoy all the advantages of its absolutely extraordinary amenities and the unsurpassable know-how available for the organisation of large-scale receptions and events. Our 4 salons will amply meet all your requirements.

**Information and Bookings on 04 50 26 87 87**  
[www.casino-evian.com](http://www.casino-evian.com)  
[casino@evianroyalresort.com](mailto:casino@evianroyalresort.com)





# Lake and mountains

Evian, which nestles between Lake Geneva and the Chablais region's Alpine foothills, is in an outstanding environment you can enjoy any time of year.

## **Yvoire, a medieval town** 25 km from Evian

Considered one of France's most beautiful villages, Yvoire, an authentic, flower-bedecked medieval fishing village bustling with artists and craftsmen, is one of the area's most noteworthy sites.

## **Ripaille Castle** 8 km from Evian

This 15th century château surrounded by a vineyard was the home of the Dukes of Savoy. Guided tours, tastings and sales of the estate's wines, exhibitions, arboretum.

## **The Mémises Range, Dent d'Oche and Gavot Plateau**

Less than 10 km from Evian, welcome to the Alps and the Bernex and Abondance Valleys. Breathtaking views of the lake from atop Les Mémises (Thollon), Lake La Beunaz and its themed trails, Larringes Forest and other outstanding hiking, mountain biking and skiing sites.

## **Winter in Evian Country**

All the winter sports and leisure activities are at your doorstep: downhill, Nordic and cross-country skiing, snow-shoeing, dog-sledding, walks in the forest and tobogganing. Forty minutes from the French-Swiss "Portes du Soleil" skiing area in the Châtel, Morzine-Avoriaz, Les Gets and other resorts.



Bernex resort

# Trips to neighbouring Switzerland



## **The Gianadda Foundation**

This cultural landmark in the Valais hosts prestigious exhibitions every season and houses an amazing car museum.

Exhibitions in 2007:

March to mid-June: "Picasso and the Circus"

Mid-June to November: "Chagall"

## **Geneva, the International City** 45 km from Evian

Headquarters of major international institutions, tours of the UN, the Red Cross museum, watchmaking and luxury goods capital, many museums and exhibitions.

## **Lausanne, the Olympic City** 35 min. from Evian by boat

The old town, cathedral, exhibitions at "L'Hermitage", the prestigious Olympic Museum in Ouchy.

## **The Swiss Steam Park** In Bouveret, 20 km away

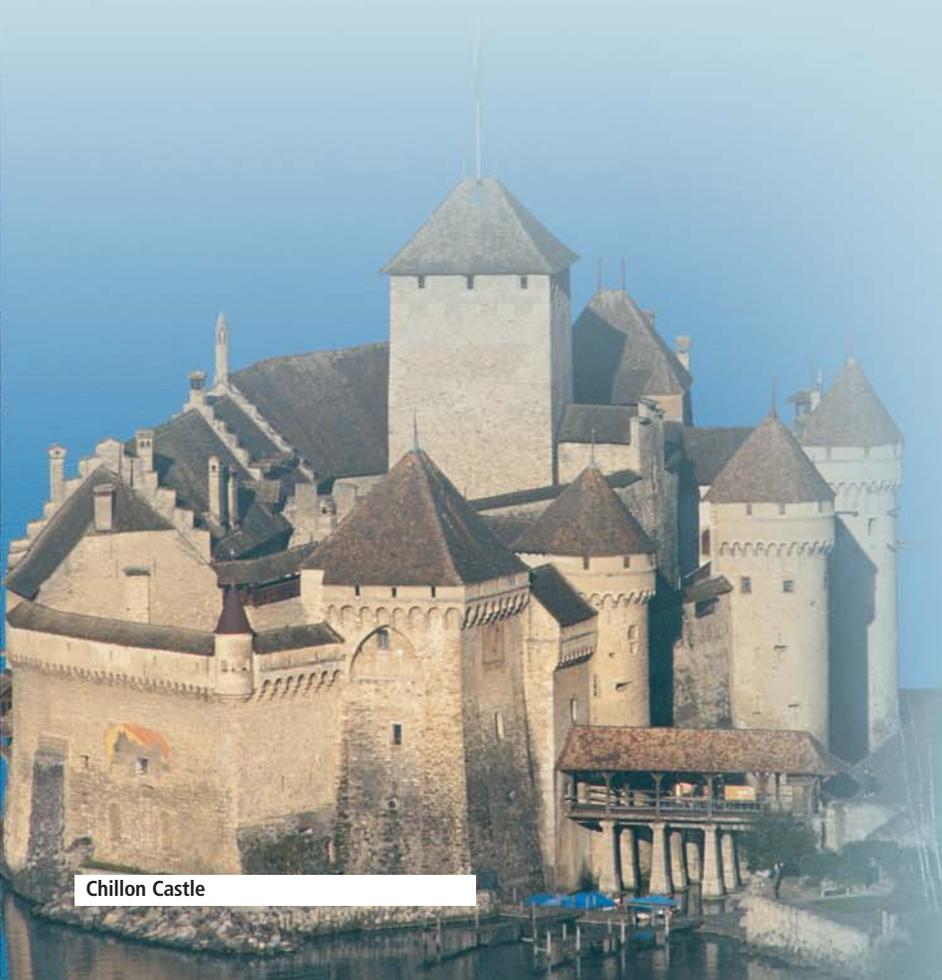
A theme park focusing on rail travel with miniature trains in a remarkable landscaped area.

## **Cruises to Switzerland**

Sixteen CGN boats, including eight powered by paddle wheels, cross Lake Geneva in both directions. This "Gilded Age" fleet is the only one of its kind in Europe. The company serves 37 French and Swiss ports in summer. Daily 35-minute connections between Evian and Lausanne year round. CGN. 04 50 70 73 20 – [www.cgn.ch](http://www.cgn.ch)

## **Geneva Without Borders**

This organisation groups together 40 tourist sites around Lake Geneva. Guide available at tourist offices. [www.infoleman.org](http://www.infoleman.org)



Chillon Castle





# Real estates

and rentals

Evian's geographical situation is particularly favourable for renting or acquiring a holiday residence for not just a summer holiday, but your winter holidays as well.

## Real estate and rentals

AGENCE LEHMANN

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74500 Evian  
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Leger-location@foncia.fr / www.foncia.fr



## Private furnished property to let:

Evian Tourist Office also publishes a list of furnished properties available to let from private individuals.

In all cases, a lease and description should be supplied to you.

Furnished accommodation information service. Requests for property rental are passed on to our subscribers, who will contact you directly with their proposals.

## Gîtes

For a guide to the hire of gîtes, please contact: Gîtes de France de Haute-Savoie  
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Tel 04 50 10 10 10 Fax 04 50 10 10 12  
resa@gites-de-france-haute-savoie.com  
www.gites-de-france-haute-savoie.com

Water sports in the summer, snow sports in the winter, walking throughout the year... Evian is the perfect location for your second home. Evian's estate agencies, specialists in the holiday home field, are on hand to provide all the information you need, and advise you on your investment.



New "la Touvière" quarter

# Practical Information

## By Road

- PARIS 580 km, taking A6 / A40 / N 206 / RN5
  - LYONS 190 km, taking A42 / A40 / N206 / RN5
  - ANNECY 85 km, taking A41 / N206 / RN5
  - GENEVA 45 km, taking RN5
- Motorway through Switzerland: Take the Villeneuve exit 25 km from Evian

## By Train

SNCF train station in Evian  
 Daily services to Paris via Bellegarde  
 Direct TGV (high speed train) services between Paris/Evian at weekends in winter and summer seasons.  
 SNCF Information-Bookings:  
 In France: 3635  
 From abroad: 08 92 35 35 35

## By Air

- Geneva International Airport, 50 km from Evian
- Flight Information: (0041) 900 57 15 00
- Bureau Accueil France: (0041) 22 798 20 00

## By Boat

Lausanne/Evian: daily services throughout the year  
 Duration of Crossing: 35 min.  
 Compagnie Générale de Navigation.  
 Tel.: (0041) 848 811 848  
 www.cgn.ch

## Taxis

Taxi Rank: Tel.: 04 50 75 03 17

## Public and Emergency Services

Town Hall: 04 50 83 10 00  
 Fire Brigade: 18  
 Samu (Mobile Emergency Medical Service): 15  
 European Emergency Call: 112  
 National Police Force: 04 50 75 06 21  
 Local Police Station: 04 50 75 16 12  
 Lemans Region Hospitals: 04 50 83 20 00



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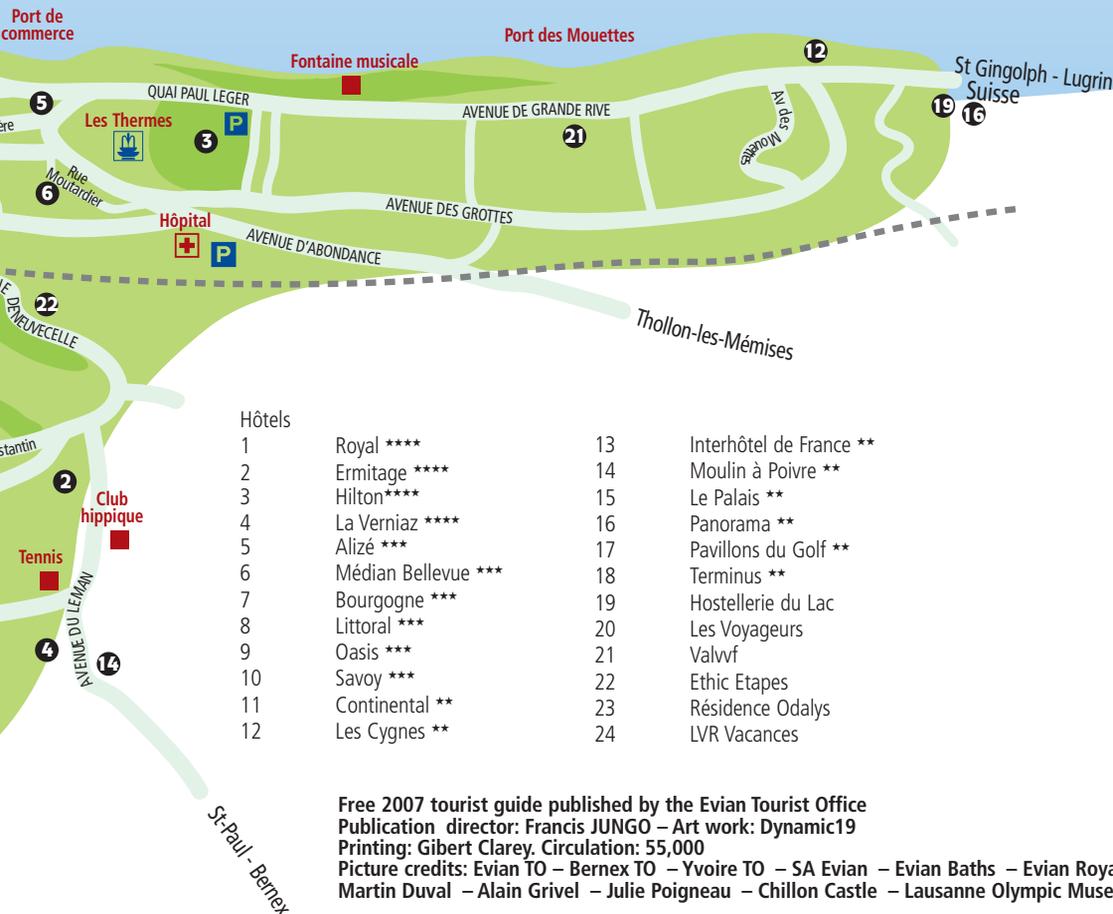
## Evian is twinned with:

- Benicassim (Spain - Costa del Azahar)
- Neckargemünd (Germany - Baden Wurtemberg)
- Izumo (Japan) - Cultural exchanges



## The town of Evian is affiliated with:

- Ville et Métiers d'Art
- France - Congrès



### Hôtels

1	Royal ****	13	Interhôtel de France **
2	Ermitage ****	14	Moulin à Poivre **
3	Hilton****	15	Le Palais **
4	La Verniaz ****	16	Panorama **
5	Alizé ***	17	Pavillons du Golf **
6	Médian Bellevue ***	18	Terminus **
7	Bourgogne ***	19	Hostellerie du Lac
8	Littoral ***	20	Les Voyageurs
9	Oasis ***	21	Valvif
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