

Practical information for visitors

How to get to EPFL

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

From Geneva airport

Take a train to Morges, Renens, or Lausanne. From there, you can reach EPFL by the M1 metro line from Renens or Lausanne, or the MBC line 701 from Morges, which stops near the Rolex Learning Center (EPFL). Most trains from Geneva airport stop at Renens train station.

From Zurich airport

Take a train to Lausanne and then follow the instructions from Lausanne below. Most trains from Zurich airport via Neuchâtel stop at Renens station, from where you can follow the directions mentioned below.

From Lausanne station

Take the train to Renens and change to the M1 metro line.

Alternatively, take bus number 1 (from the stop opposite the Lausanne railway station) and get off at the Rolex Learning Center.

Take the M1 at the starting station *Lausanne-Flon* (which is a 10-minute walk, or a one-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 (MA building) is a few minutes' walk from the *EPFL* metro station.

From Renens station

Take the M1 metro line, located next to platform 1 at Renens railway station and get off at *EPFL* station (*Renens Gare* is the starting station of the M1 line). Approximate travel time: 6 minutes.

From Morges

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

Tickets for public transport

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. **Eduroam** is available at Geneva and Zurich airports. **Fairtiq** is a good app if you are staying for a longer period (i.e. not in a hotel).

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 and the EPFL Campus 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.

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 150CHF per month (or annual half price fare at CHF 185) which offers 50% off most trains, buses, and metros in Switzerland. Half Fare Card holders may also be entitled to discounts on certain privately operated tourist mountain railways.

[🔗 Swiss Half Fare Card](#)

Travel passes for Switzerland

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

Lausanne two-zone monthly travel pass is CHF 78.-, weekly pass at CHF 39.-, prepaid card, 10 tickets at CHF 36 (CHF 22 with a half fare card). Otherwise, single ticket is at CHF 3.90 per trip, or CHF 2.40 with half fare card.

[🔗 Mobilis Travel Passes](#)

[🔗 Lausanne Transport Info](#)

Holders of multi-journey cards must validate them at the validation machines (*bornes*) located outside metro stations in Lausanne when using the M2 line, and inside the metro itself when boarding from Renens on the M1 line.

Mobilis Weekend Pass allows unlimited travel across all Mobilis zones in Vaud on weekends (from Friday 19:00 to Sunday end of service, and on public holidays) for four consecutive weekends (about one month). It is valid on bus, train, metro, and funicular within all Mobilis zones in Vaud.

- CHF 19 for people who already have a Mobilis monthly or annual subscription
- CHF 39 for people without a Mobilis subscription

Travel Office in EPFL

On the EPFL campus, the **Kuoni** travel agency and the **Lausanne Public Transport** (*TL, Transports Lausannois*) information and ticket sales desks are located at the **Maison de la Mobilité** (Building BI, room A0 432).

Access by car

From the highway, follow the direction **Lausanne-Sud** and take the exit **EPFL-Ecublens**. For visitor parking spaces, please refer to the [website](#).

Further detailed information on how to get to EPFL is also available on the EPFL website ([Coming to EPFL](#)).

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

The Mathematics (MA) building opens from 7am to 7pm.

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

The office at MA C2 647 is manned by Mrs Bernadette Brun (bernadette.brun@epfl.ch - phone: +41 21 693 90 51)

Office Hours for MA C2 647

Tuesday 08:00 to 12:00
Thursday 14:00 to 18:00

Internet / Wi-Fi on campus

Select the network (SSID) **freewifi-epfl**

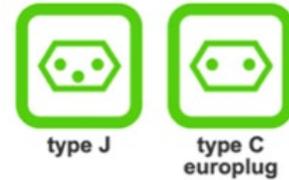
In your browser, click “**Open network login page**” or go to: login.monsoon.net

More information: <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**.

Power Plugs in Switzerland: Type J or Type C plugs and sockets are used

Don't forget to bring a power adapter!



Cash withdrawals on the EPFL Campus

ATMs:

- SwissTech Village - located at the entrance to the parking lot, next to the Migros entrance

Postomat (Swiss Post ATM)

- Located in the BI Building

EPFL Campus

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

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

EPFL boutiques 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/>

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

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.

Shopping in Lausanne

Most shops in Lausanne are open **Monday to Friday, 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM**, and on **Saturdays until 6:00 PM**.

Shops are **closed on Sundays and public holidays**, with limited exceptions.

Supermarkets & Essentials

- **Large Supermarkets (Coop & Migros):**
Located just south of the main Lausanne train station, offering a wide range of groceries and household items.
- **Coop Lausanne Caroline (Rue Caroline 6):**
A convenient spot for groceries, electronics, repairs, and everyday services.
- **Coop at Lausanne main train station:**
Open on Sundays and late evenings, ideal for last-minute or off-hour shopping.
- **Prepared Food:**
Supermarkets such as Coop, Migros, and Manor sell a variety of ready-made meals, quality cheese, dry meats, and fresh bread. Most hotels and apartments provide a microwave and hot water kettle, either in-room or in a shared area.

Local Market

A beloved local tradition, the Lausanne city center market takes place on **Wednesday and Saturday mornings**, with stalls set up at Place de la Riponne - Place de la Palud - Place Saint-François. Expect fresh produce, local specialties, and a lively atmosphere!

Restaurants near the EPFL Campus

Le Gina (Italian / pizza)

Address: Les Arcades, Rue Louis Favre 8C, 1024 Ecublens (in front of the SwissTech Convention Center)

Phone: +41 21 691 01 31

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

Toriko (Japanese restaurant)

Address: Rte Cantonale 97B, 1025 Saint-Sulpice

Phone: +41 21 320 40 40

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

Osteria 31 at Starling hotel

Across from the EPFL

Address: Route Cantonale 31, 1025 St-Sulpice

Phone: +41 21 694 85 85

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

Restaurant L'Abordage (Italian restaurant)

Address: Avenue du Léman 67, 1025 St-Sulpice

Phone: +41 21 691 93 93

Website: <https://abordage-restaurant.ch/>

Restaurant Le Skipper (Nice terrace in summer)

Address: Rue du Centre 43, 1025 St-Sulpice

Phone: +41 21 691 97 15

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

Restaurant du Débarcadère (French restaurant by the lake)

Address: Chemin des Crêt 7, 1025 St-Sulpice

Phone: +41 21 691 61 18

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

Restaurant Petit Port (French restaurant by the lake)

Address: Chemin du Petit-Port 11, 1025 St-Sulpice

Phone: +41 21 691 95 05

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

La boulangerie Pultau (Bakery and tearoom)

Address: Rue du Centre 70, 1025 St-Sulpice

Phone: +41 21 691 60 10

Website: <https://kpultau.ch/>

Restaurants in Lausanne

Chez Xu (Chinese restaurant)

Address: Rue du Tunnel 10 and rue du Petit-Chêne 27, Lausanne

Phone: + 41 21 312 40 87 and + 41 21 320 72 68

Website: <https://www.just-eat.ch/fr/menu/chez-xu#pre-order>

Nandanam (Indian restaurant)

Address: Av. Louis-Ruchonnet 11, 1003 Lausanne

Phone: + 41 21 312 23 00

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

Brasserie de Montbenon (European cuisine)

Address: Allée E. Ansermet 3, 1003 Lausanne

Phone: +41 21 320 40 30

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

Café de Grancy (Bistrot)

Nice food, relaxed atmosphere

Just below Lausanne's main train station

Address: Avenue du Rond-Point 1, 1006 Lausanne

Phone: +41 21 616 86 66

Website: <https://www.cafedegrancy.ch/cartes/carte-du-soir/>

Le Ticino (Food from Ticino, Italian part of Switzerland)

Address: Place de la Gare 12, 1003 Lausanne (opposite of the main train station)

Phone: +41 21 320 32 04

Website: <https://leticino.ch/>

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: +41 21 311 18 88

Website: <https://kung-fu-cuisine.business.site/>

Pain Quotidien (place for a snack / light lunch)

Address: Place de la Gare 2, 1001 Lausanne (just opposite of the main train station)

Phone: + 41 21 311 46 08

Website: <https://www.lepainquotidien.com/ae/en/stores/Lausanne>

Anne-Sophie Pic

A very fine restaurant in a beautiful historic building.

Great if you want to splash out 300 CHF per person!

Address: Beau-Rivage Palace, Place du Port 17/19, 1006 Lausanne

Phone : + 41 21 613 33 39

Website: <https://www.brp.ch/restaurants-bars/pic-au-beau-rivage-palace/>

Medical

Pharmacy Sunstore : Centre commercial Coop, Chemin du Croset 1-3, 1024 Ecublens
Phone: +41 58 878 53 30

Pharmacy & Drugstore St-Sulpice, Rue du Centre 68, 1025 St-Sulpice
Phone: +41 21 691 68 13

Health Medical Center at the EPFL

(<https://www.epfl.ch/campus/restaurants-shops-hotels/medical-center-les-arcades/>)

SwissTech Village, Quartier Nord, Rte Louis Favre 6A, 1024 Ecublens
Phone: +41 21 614 63 63

Emergency Medical Centre

VidyMed, Route de Chavannes 11, 1007 Lausanne

(5 minutes' drive from the Bernoulli Center/bus stop *Bois de Vaux* on bus line number 1)

Phone: +41 21 622 88 88

Tourist Information and Services

Lausanne Tourism Office is located across from the Lausanne main train station, at the entrance to the Plateforme 10 Arts District. **Opening hours:** 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

www.lausanne-tourisme.ch

Nearby villages and walks

- St-Sulpice Village: A charming village next to EPFL with a small beach.
- Walking routes:
 - To the **East**: Walk to **Lausanne** via **Parc Louis Bourget** and **Vidy**.
 - To the **West**: Walk to **Morges** through **Préverenges**.

Swimming Pools

- **Bellerive-Plage** (Outdoor Pool)
[More Info](#)
- **Vaudoise Arena** (Indoor Pool)
[More Info](#)

Urban Training offers free outdoor activities throughout the year.

[More Info](#)

Museums

Several museums in Lausanne offer free entry on the **first Saturday of each month**. Some notable museums include:

- [Olympic Museum](#)
- [Plateforme 10](#)
- [Art Brut Museum](#)

Public Gardens

- **Esplanade de Montbenon**: Enjoy the beautiful views and visit **Myo Sushi Bar** and **Brasserie Montbenon** nearby.
- **Parc de l'Hermitage**: Located high up, near the cathedral and the Hermitage Museum.
- **Parc du Denantou**: Close to Ouchy, the lake and the Olympic Museum.



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