



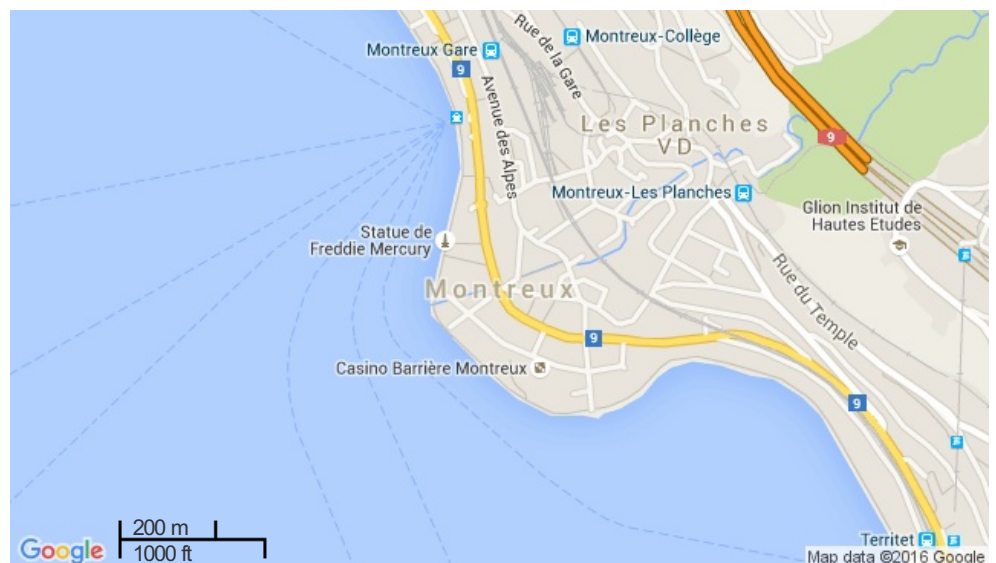
Cityguide Montreux Riviera

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The town of Montreux nestles in a sheltered Lake Geneva bay, surrounded by vineyards and against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps. The Montreux Jazz Festival, which takes place in June/July and features concerts on a variety of stages and parks is very famous.

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Because of the exceptionally mild climate Montreux is called the capital of the Vaud Riviera. Plants associated with the Mediterranean, such as pines, cypresses and palm trees grow here. Charlie Chaplin, Freddie Mercury and several other famous people of world-renown lived and continue to live on the Vaud Riviera.

The long, flower-bordered lake promenade which links Vevey and Montreux going all the way to Chillon Castle is simply asking to be strolled along. Cultural events, such as the Montreux Jazz Festival, as well as countless excursion options to the mountainous hinterland or on the lake make Montreux the most popular excursion and holiday destination. Many of the houses along the lakeside road, including the magnificent Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, date from the hayday of the Belle Epoque. And the town has a modern congress and exhibition centre: the Montreux Music and Convention Centre (2M2C).

Highlights

General Info

Canton: Vaud
Postcode/ZIP: 1816 - 1831
Language: Französisch

Important holidays 2016 in Montreux Riviera

01. Jan 2016 Fr New Year's Day
25. Mär 2016 Fr Good Friday
27. Mär 2016 Su Easter
28. Mär 2016 Mo Easter Monday
05. May 2016 Th Ascension Day
15. May 2016 Su Whitsun
01. Aug 2016 Mo Swiss National Holiday
19. Sep 2016 Mo Bettagsmontag
25. Dec 2016 Su Christmas

Opening hours

Shops/shopping

Monday - Friday: 8 am / 8.45 am - 6.30 pm / 7 pm

Saturday: 8 am / 8.45 am - 6 pm

Late night shopping: Friday, 9 am - 8 pm
(Shopping centre)

Banks and currency exchange

Monday - Friday: 9 am - 12 noon / 2 pm - 5 pm

Saturday: closed

Public authorities and offices

Monday - Friday: 8 am - 11.30 pm / 2 pm - 4.30 pm

Saturday: closed

Important phone numbers

Emergency calls:

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General information:

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- Rochers-de-Naye – the Rochers-de-Naye rack-railway, after overcoming a difference in altitude of 1600 metres, reaches one of the most beautiful vantage points in western Switzerland.
- Golden Pass Line – the panorama train operates between Montreux, Gstaad and the Bernese Oberland with connections to Lucerne.
- Lake Geneva Shipping Company – the ships, some of which are still powered by paddles, take visitors to the picturesque lakeside resorts.
- Chillon Castle – located on a rocky island near the shore featuring fortified walls and towers; the prison in which Bonivard was held in chains for four years and which provided Lord Byron with the inspiration for his famous poem "The prisoners of Chillon" in 1816 deserves particular attention. Nowadays the castle is a museum.

Top Events

- Montreux Jazz Festival – since its beginning in 1967 the festival has developed into a big event which frequently features the greatest jazz, blues, rock, world music and soul musicians (June/July).
- Comedy-Festival – the humour festival every year brings together the most famous comedians from the French-, German- and English-speaking areas (December).
- Christmas Market – one of Switzerland's famous Christmas Markets with numerous attractions and over one hundred decorated wooden houses brimming with gifts (December).



A perfect day in Montreux Riviera.

Is this the path to happiness? The lakefront promenade between chic Montreux and charming Vevey is said to be the finest in Switzerland. The terraced vineyards of Lavaux, meanwhile, have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. “This must be heaven,” sang an enchanted Freddie Mercury – a view no doubt shared by many of the stars who flock to perform at the Montreux Jazz Festival.

Fairmont Le Montreux Palace

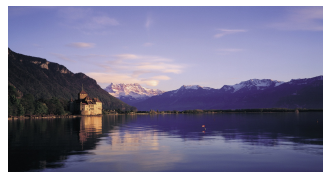
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In terms of atmosphere and style, this place is hard to beat. The Fairmont Le Montreux Palace is one of Switzerland’s most famous palace hotels – a dream destination offering total relaxation.

Lake Geneva’s famous castle

16:00



perhaps the finest in Switzerland.

The Château de Chillon, perched on a rock just off the shore of Lake Geneva, is Switzerland’s most-visited historical attraction. It has inspired countless artists and writers from JMW Turner and Gustave Courbet to Victor Hugo and Lord Byron; visit the castle today, and hundreds of years of history – from the 12th to the 16th centuries – are as vivid as ever. The lake-and-mountain setting is

In the golden light of evening

18:00



For wine lovers, the Vinoteca at the restaurant La Rouvenaz on the promenade is the place to meet to taste exquisite Italian wines. Tuscan wine on your lips, Lake Geneva before your eyes and the golden light of evening on your face: “La Terrasse” of the Rouvenaz is a wonderful summer venue at which to await Switzerland’s finest sunset.

A taste of the East

19:30



speciality of the house: the finest Iranian caviar.

A masterpiece of Middle Eastern architecture in the heart of Montreux: the Palais Oriental, for decades a private residence, has been lovingly renovated by Moroccan craftsmen. Today it is home to a restaurant boasting filigree honeycomb carving, colourful windows, ornate mosaics and exquisite marquetry, and serving mouth-watering Lebanese-Moroccan cuisine. Undisputed

Like James Bond

22:00



Time to try your luck, perhaps, at the legendary Casino Barrière of Montreux... There is no shortage of opportunity, with 22 gaming



tables, a poker room and 385 slot machines – 10,000 square metres of gaming, no less. The casino also boasts three restaurants and two bars. To round off the evening, take a place on one of the terraces, and enjoy the spectacle of Lake Geneva

shimmering in the moonlight.

Current events

Narcissus
Festival

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During the Narcissus Festival, you have the opportunity to take part in a series of guided tours among the fields of narcissus, in Mont-Pélerin, the Pléiades and Les Paccots.

Mothers' Day in
Chillon

10:30 Uhr

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To celebrate mothers, we invite all families to our springtime brunch.

Children will create a small gift for the queens of the day!

Freddie for a Day

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continued battle to fight AIDS worldwide.

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The Swiss Education Group's "Freddie for a Day" festival, open to the public, will be anything but boring! Organised by the staff and students of the Hotel Institute Montreux and Swiss Hotel Management School, the festival will be a fun-filled weekend based around the theme of prevention. All benefits raised will be donated to the Mercury Phoenix Trust to help them in their

Medieval
Feasting

18:30 Uhr

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Organised by the Friends of Chillon Castle Association.

Gentle ladies and handsome gentlemen in costume are heartily welcome!

Starting at 18:30, pre-dinner in the magnificent Castellans Dining Hall in front of the blazing fire in the great fireplace.

At 19:30 you will then be accompanied to the Aula Magna to savour the tastes and smells of a real medieval banquet, worthy of the court of Amadeus VIII, Duke of Savoy!

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Museum's Night

17:00 Uhr

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An unmissable event for night-owls! The Vaudois Riviera Museums Association opens the doors of ten museums for a Night of discoveries...

For an enjoyable moment while appreciating the current temporary exhibitions, there are also many activities and a friendly

down-to-earth atmosphere.

Visitors can also grill their ever-present cervelas sausages over the Veytaux lumberjacks' fire or enjoy the delicious raclette served by the Friends of Chillon Castle.

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University lecture
on Lord Byron's

09:30 Uhr

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University lecture on Lord Byron's and his travels in Switzerland by Professor Patrick Vincent.

In English.

Places limited!

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Workshops for
adults "Travel
notebooks"

14:00 Uhr

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Introduction to drawing:

Sketches the castle with the guidance of Nicolas Imhof, visual arts teacher.

Federal Music
Festival 2016

08:00 Uhr

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Organised under the auspices of the Swiss Musics Association, this federal festival is the largest gathering of its kind in Europe. This year the event will take place in Montreux on two weekends in June (10,11,12 and 17,18,19 June), from Friday evening to Sunday late afternoon.

250,00 people are expected to attend during the 6 days, during which traffic will be affected in all the Montreux-Riviera area.

We highly recommend to our visitors that they travel to Chillon by boat or by train.

For groups coming by coach, a sign clearly indicating "CHILLON" placed on the windshield of the bus will allow parking in the castle's parking lot.

Other vehicles will be sent to parking areas a little further from Montreux and a shuttle bus service will take people to the town center. Due to these circumstances, we suggest that you plan enough extra time for reaching the castle.

In the hope that this information will help you avoid a maximum of travel inconvenience, we look forward to welcoming you at Chillon Castle soon.

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Federal Music
Festival 2016

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A traditional and integral part of Swiss popular culture, the Federal Music Festival is held every 5 years in a different town. In 2016, this important event will take place on the Montreux Riviera, on the shores of Lake Geneva.

The 560 Swiss wind instrument ensembles registered will compete with each other during two competitions, one in a concert hall, the other in the form of parades. Open to the public, these competitions will be held in around fifteen venues in the Montreux and Vevey region, including the Auditorium Stravinski, the Salle del Castillo or the Salle des Remparts.

In addition to the competition, the Federal Music Festival is also a time for Swiss people from all over the country to come together. There will be lots of special activities arranged for the 200,000 visitors expected, including a village with stalls, terraces and artistic performances set up on the Montreux lakeside, while in Vevey, the traditional Folk Markets will be part of the celebration.

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Guided Tour of
the "1816 -2016
Byron is Back!
Lord Byron, le
retour" exhibition

18:00 Uhr

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The Friends of Chillon Castle Association is offering members and their friends the opportunity to visit the new exhibition with the expert comments of Ms Marta Dos Santos, director of Chillon Castle.

The tour, followed by a short drinks reception, is also open to the

public.

To register call 021 966 89 10 or e-mail info@chillon.ch

In French only!

Please, take note that there is a limited number of places.

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Creative Writing
Workshop "Travel
Journals"

14:00 Uhr

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Visit of the castle with writing tips and exercises led by par Elvire Kuenzi, a young local author.

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Romantic guided
tour

15:15 Uhr

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At 15:15, unusual tour of the castle by a guide in costume!

In French and English only.

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Byron's back!

09:00 Uhr

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Day in honour of Lord Byron - bicentenary of his visit to Chillon Castle.

Activities and short performances held throughout the castle about Lord Byron and his friend Percy Shelley's visit to Chillon, 200 years ago!

Light refreshments available on site. Payment in cash only.

For all ages.

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Montreux Jazz
Festival

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The brainchild of Claude Nobs, its charismatic founder, the Montreux Jazz Festival brings the banks of Lake Geneva alive with sound for the first two weeks of July.

Jazz virtuosos, pop stars and legendary rock groups form the impressive line-up of the festival. Immortalised on film, their concerts comprise a unique musical archive protected by UNESCO. An eclectic festival, the aim of Montreux Jazz is to remain accessible to all and this is evidenced by the many free concerts available in addition to the list of prestigious performances in the perfect acoustics of the Auditorium Stravinski.

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Montreux-
Rochers de Naye
Walk

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JUL



Setting off from Montreux and heading towards the summit of Rochers-de-Naye, located at an altitude of 1,981 metres, this event always attracts large numbers of participants. A natural promontory overlooking the Vaud Riviera, Rochers-de-Naye offers



one of the most wonderful panoramic views over Lake Geneva and the surrounding Alps. Participants cover a distance of 18.8 km with 1,600 metres difference in altitude; this monumental effort is rewarded throughout the course by the magnificent landscape. Various departure points are located in Montreux and Caux depending on the category of event (runners, walkers and Nordic walkers). Supporters are of course welcome to encourage competitors, either at departure points in Montreux and Caux, or at other strategic points on the course. Finally, for those wishing to be present at the finishing line, they can take advantage of very attractive fares and reach Rochers-de-Naye by jumping aboard the cogwheel

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« Percival »
performed by the
Compagnie du
Graal

21:00 Uhr

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The Compagnie du Graal returns to Chillon Castle to perform an epic fresco of Percival's quest for the Holy Grail.

Twenty actors and extras re-enact the legend of the fate of King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table played out in the eternal struggle between good and evil, represented by Merlin and

Morgane.

A magical performance that will take you into the Other World.

In French only.

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First of August
Tournament

13:00 Uhr

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Outdoor games, folkloric music and laughter are part and partial of the Swiss national holiday celebration, where we will reward the participants in our traditional tournament with a little snack "Made in Switzerland".

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Night opening at
the castle for
Heritage Days

17:00 Uhr

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Guided tours and presentations by the architects and restorers of the castle.

Chillon Castle invites you to do a nighttime tour. Discover the fascinating universe of the castle's restoration through unusual tours led by heritage specialists. They will show you parts of the

castle not normally open to the public.

Light refreshments on site.

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Route Gourmande
(wine trail)

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Take a stroll through the verdant vineyards around Montreux and sample the excellent local wine and culinary specialities of the region. Info : www.routegourmande.ch

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Chillon Castle



The rock island between Lake Geneva and the steep looming mountains was inhabited even in prehistoric times. For hundreds of years the passage of ships on Lake Geneva and the important land route to the St. Bernhard Pass was controlled from this island. Chillon belonged to the Counts of Savoy from the 12th to the 16th century, then the inhabitants of Bern conquered the water castle, and subsequently the inhabitants of Vaud prevailed.

It's possible to rent the castle for various events. From the Castle, you can reach Montreux (by boat, by bus or on foot), where you can admire ten mile of sheltered bays, bordered with flower-lined promenades, exotic plants and palm trees.

More than 350,000 guests visit Chillon per year. They view the wall paintings from the 14th century, the subterranean vaults, parade halls and the bedroom (which has been preserved in its original form) dating to the time of Bernese rule. The entire complex consists of 25 buildings and three courtyards, protected by two circular walls.

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Palais Oriental



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Blonay-Chamby - Oldest Museum Railway



The museum railway of Blonay-Chamby is owned by a cooperative that maintains the museum's own narrow gauge railway line and exhibits over 60 historic vehicles ranging from the steam tramway locomotive to the electric streetcar in two halls in Chaulin. The museum is unique especially because the steam locomotives, electric locomotives, electric railcars, tram

carriages, railway carriages, freight cars and company vehicles are maintained so that they are operational at any time.

The museum train Blonay-Chamby uses the three kilometer long narrow gauge line between Blonay and Chamby, which was built in 1902. The best-known structure on the line is the 78-meter-long and 45-meter-high viaduct over the ravine of "Baye de Clarens".

Swiss Camera Museum Vevey



Swiss Camera Museum on the market square in Vevey was opened in 1979 and extended in 2001.

A wide range of equipment may be viewed here, everything from the camera obscura and the magic lantern to digital cameras.

There are also photographs on display, especially prints from the early days of photography. Also provided are details of the history of some of the inventors who contributed to the development of photography.

In addition to the permanent collection, there are temporary exhibitions on display all year round. To ensure that all visitors get their money's worth, there are also games, texts and special installations for our younger guests.

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Queen: The Studio Experience



An exhibition on the work of Queen in the 1970s has been staged in the world-famous Montreux Mountain Studios at Casino Barrière Montreux, where the band created a major portion of their most successful albums.

The exhibits include numerous memorabilia, such as the handwritten original versions of the songs or instruments. The centerpiece of the exhibition is the original sound studio that was used by the band and where Freddie Mercury recorded his last songs.

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Old City of Vevey



The pedestrian zone of the old city, the lakeside, and the market (Tuesday and Saturday mornings) in the Grande Place (the heart of the old city), are well worth a browse.

From the Place de la Gare, walk towards the lake to the Grande Place and the Vevey landing stage. Each Tuesday and Saturday morning in summer, the square belongs to the famous Vevey market, with its colourful, perfumed stands offering flowers, fruits, vegetables, cheeses, meats, fish and old objects. On Saturdays in July and August, these markets give way to folklore markets: thanks to a glass of wine - you pay for your first glass only - everyone can sample the various regional wine appellations in the company of their vintners! The atmosphere is assured with fanfares, alphorns and winegrowers in their traditional costumes!

Via the Rue du Lac (on the east side of the Grande Place, after the Swiss Camera Museum), you come to the picturesque part of Vevey, intimate and pedestrians only.

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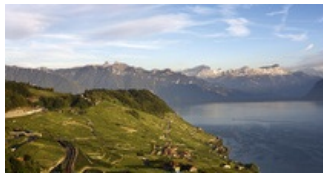
In the last five years of her life, she came back time and again to Lake Geneva. She liked to explore the region and took trips, for instance, to Rochers-de-Naye and Bex, enjoying the unique lake and mountain panorama. But her life came to a sudden and tragic end when she was murdered by an anarchist while travelling in Geneva in September 1898. Aboard a beautiful vintage minibus,

visitors explore the splendour of the Belle Epoque and follow the trail of the unforgettable Empress Elizabeth. The tour takes you through the idyllic scenery of the Riviera to the favourite monuments of the Empress (historic hotels, castles, churches). During this tour you will listen to many fascinating anecdotes about Sissi.

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Lavaux, Vineyard Terraces



St-Saphorin, Dézaley, Epesses - names which roll easily off the tongue of fans of fine wine. And the views from the Lavaux vineyards, set high above Lake Geneva, provide the perfect backdrop for winelovers. The natural, cultural and culinary highlights of this area are definitely well worth a visit.

The blue-yellow "Train des Vignes" is a very convenient way to travel. In just twelve minutes it winds its way from Vevey through the lush green vineyards up to Puidoux-Chevbres. Here you can sample the local produce, as tasting is available at almost every cellar.

Now, to really get a taste you need to visit one of the charming pintes. These mini-restaurants are as typical of the Lavaux as are the original winegrowers' villages and the picturesque shores of Lake Geneva at the foot of its vineyards. All in all, Unesco deserves an award - as a world heritage.

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Lavaux vineyards



The steep terraced vineyards benefit from three-fold warmth from solar, thermal and radiation sources: Directly from the sun, mirrored reflections from Lake Geneva and that of heat stored in the many stone walls in the surroundings. No wonder that this is the source of Switzerland's Grand Crus in wine.

Take to your bicycle or even walk to discover the 800 hectares of terraced vineyards of the Lavaux that have been accorded UNESCO World-Heritage listing. A footpath of 32 km in length leads from Lausanne-Ouchy to Chillon Castle. En route you'll find 7 circuits complete with information panels detailing every facet of local viticulture. Taste locally produced wines in an authentic wine cellar and learn more about local wine growing culture and grape varieties.

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Rochers de Naye



The mountain railway runs from directly below to the summit hotel on the Rochers de Naye; the vantage point slightly higher up can be reached in a few minutes on foot. From a vantage point slightly higher up you also enjoy views over Lake Geneva as far as Jura. And to your left, the Savoy Alps followed by Dents du Midi and Trient region.

Unexpected are also views from the "Plein-Roc" – the restaurant imbedded in a wall of rock. Other highlights up here include the "La Rambertia" Alpine garden with almost a thousand flower and plant species, the marmot park, via ferrata, Grottes de Naye caves and the chance to spend the night in Mongolian yurts.

The railway to the Rochers de Naye also runs in winter; there is a small skiing area on the north side between the Col de Jaman and the summit. Botanical gardens, marmot park, climbing garden and Mongolian-style overnight stays in a yurt are further highlights on the mountain high above Montreux.

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Montreux Jazz Festival



The Auditorium Stravinski is a giant of a venue with a peerless reputation. Bearing the patina of countless legendary artists, this auditorium exudes emotion on a massive scale. A veritable anthology factory, this master stage still echoes with the voices of David Bowie, James Brown, B.B. King, Keith Jarrett, Carlos Santana, Etta James, Patti Smith, Massive Attack, Björk,

Radiohead, Leonard Cohen, Deep Purple, or Prince. If these walls could talk...

The Montreux Jazz Lab is an entirely new platform, interactive and in your face. A heady mix of audiovisual experiments, with newcomers, artists engaged in comebacks, and even groups making buzz all around the planet smashing into each other like high-energy particles. Edgy concerts and incredible artists: the Lab concocts new crossover formulas to test on a curious audience. Add a little heat, and the chemistry goes wild, as the Lab transforms into a test-tube for electronic music late into the night.

Up close and personal with the artists. Claude Nobs wanted to bring old-school class to the Festival with an authentic listening experience. The brand-new Montreux Jazz Club is the touchstone of the Festival, where music lovers and purists come for an absolutely unique musical experience. Showcasing major talents, songwriters, as well as the next generation of jazz (among others...), the Club provides impeccable service to guests and instruments alike in an intimate, cozy atmosphere. And when an improvised jam starts up, there's no closing down the Club...

Trains, boats and more, these "home-made" classics of music in motion, both figuratively and literally, transport musical discovery beyond four walls.

Free events are the flipside of the Festival. Free stages, free clubbing, free workshops: the variety is endless! Enjoy the thrill of the crowd surrounded by one of the most spectacular natural backdrops on Earth!

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La Rambertia Alpine Garden



The garden has a total of more than 1,000 different flower varieties and is situated at an altitude of 2,025m, at Rochers-de-Naye. It is dedicated to Eugène Rambert, the 19th century poet and writer from Montreux.

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Charlie Chaplin



When Charlie Chaplin (London, 1889 - Vevey 1977) presented his film "Limelight" while on a European tour, he was denied reentry to the USA - because of McCarthyism.

He decided to settle in Vevey, along with his wife and children, four of whom were born in Switzerland. The family stayed in the Manoir du Ban in Corsier, a mansion in the neoclassical style of 1840, and which is set in a vast 14 hectare park with century-old trees. His children attended the public school. At the peak of his fame, Charlie Chaplin starred in "A King in New York" (1957) and "A Countess from Hong Kong" (1967), which he also directed.

Soon, in the heart of the Swiss Riviera, an astonishing museum dedicated to the life and times of Charlie Chaplin will be unveiled.

Also, the confiserie Poyet in Vevey dedicated a special chocolate to Charlie Chaplin. They also offer chocolate tasting for groups.

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Freddie Mercury



The son of a British official of Indian origin, Freddie Mercury (1946-1991) was born on the island of Zanzibar and moved to London where he began his fruitful collaboration with Queen in 1970.

At the Montreux Jazz Festival in 1978, the singer recorded the album "Jazz" with Queen. He fell in love with Montreux and Lake Geneva and decided to settle here. He said, among other things, "If you want peace of soul, come to Montreux".

To commemorate his time in Montreux, a bronze statue of Freddie Mercury was placed by the waterfront in 1996. And what of today? Well, his fans still come and place flowers by his monument every day.

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