



1| St Peter's Cathedral. 2| Chic Cham in nearby Lausanne stocks a range of interiors brands, including this graphic Tongue cushion by Wrong for Hay. 3| Lake Geneva. 4| Bistro Café des Bains serves rustic fare. 5| The Tiffany Hotel.

## GREAT ESCAPE GENEVA



*Long-time resident Emma Pocock, of British design company Turner Pocock, shares her secrets for the perfect weekend getaway in her beautiful and historic adopted home*



### STAY

For an intimate city break, I love the **Tiffany Hotel**, [hotel-tiffany.ch](http://hotel-tiffany.ch), which has a central location, stunning classic architecture and colourful interiors. Double rooms cost from £170 per night, with breakfast. For views of the famous fountain, Jet d'Eau, **Le Richemond**, [dorchestercollection.com](http://dorchestercollection.com), on the quayside of Lake Geneva's right bank is the place to be. The hotel offers old-world elegance and rooms from £286 per night, with breakfast. A few paces away, the **Izumi** rooftop restaurant at the **Four Seasons**, [fourseasons.com](http://fourseasons.com), serves great sushi and has a 360-degree view. Rooms cost from £475 per night, with breakfast.

### EAT

Plainpalais, the city's southern arts district, is a beautiful open space and home to **Café des Bains**, [cafedesbains.com](http://cafedesbains.com), a lively, rustic eatery that's a refreshing alternative to some of Geneva's more formal dining options. Its set menu changes daily and includes plenty of seafood, salads and grills. Close to the old town, **Le Patio**, [lepatio-restaurant.ch](http://lepatio-restaurant.ch), offers inventive surf and turf, a great wine list and friendly service. Meanwhile, **Brasserie Lipp**, [brasserie-lipp.com](http://brasserie-lipp.com), serves traditional, hearty dishes that go down particularly well in winter – try the spicy leg of lamb or beef fillet with béarnaise sauce.

### SHOP

You'll find smart luxury-brand stores along Rue du Rhône on the lake's left bank, but I prefer to head to the old town for its artisan shops and pavement cafés. Find exquisite perfumes at **Theodora**, [parfumerietheodora.com](http://parfumerietheodora.com), including home fragrances and scented candles, while **ADP Décoration**, [adp-decoration.com](http://adp-decoration.com), offers contemporary lighting and artwork. **Scènes d'Intérieur**, [scenes-interieur.ch](http://scenes-interieur.ch), stocks an array of elegant homewares and antiques. It is worth taking the 30-minute drive out of town to **Chic Cham**, [chiccham.com](http://chiccham.com), a treasure trove of vintage and contemporary accessories.

### VISIT

Incorporating a former Roman marketplace, the old town is easy to navigate on foot and is presided over by **St Peter's Cathedral**, [saintpierre-geneve.ch](http://saintpierre-geneve.ch), the origins of which date back to 1160. If the weather is fine, make a beeline for the lake. With great views of the Jet d'Eau, **Bain des Paquis** has been a city hotspot since the 1930s, where visitors can swim, dive, eat and catch the sun for a daily admission fee of about £1.50. I also like to go for lunch in the medieval town of **Lutry**, [lutry.ch](http://lutry.ch), an hour's drive away, where the UNESCO-listed Lavaux Vineyards roll down the mountains to the lake's edge.

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