Swiss Youth Hostels®

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Check-in for All: New Geneva Youth Hostel has Opened its Doors

Geneva has a new meeting place for travellers from all over the world, for sports enthusiasts and for the neighbourhood. The Swiss Youth Hostels opened their new hostel in the up-and-coming Châtelaine district on 16 July 2026. With the youth hostel, a public restaurant and sports facilities, the location offers a place for people to come together, connect and share experiences.

The Swiss Youth Hostels opened their newest hostel with a celebration for all those involved and guests alike. Open all year round, Geneva Youth Hostel at Chemin Jeanne-Hersch 6 in Châtelaine has now welcomed its first guests. The seven-storey building with 176 beds in 61 rooms – including 23 barrier-free rooms – has intentionally positioned itself as an open and welcoming place for anyone looking for high-quality yet affordable accommodation in Geneva.

«With Geneva Youth Hostel, we are not simply opening a new hostel, but a place where people can come together. This is where travellers from all over the world meet visitors from Switzerland, sports clubs, school classes, business people and local residents. Connecting people from the most diverse backgrounds is deeply rooted in our DNA», says Janine Bunte, CEO of Swiss Youth Hostels.

As the building owner, the Swiss Foundation for Social Tourism (SFST) worked closely with the Fondation de la Ville de Genève pour le logement social (FVGLS), which is building 50 affordable housing units, and with the City of Geneva, which is expanding its sports facilities and tying the entire development together with a redesigned surrounding area. René Dobler, CEO of the SFST, is delighted: «The architects lopes & périnet-marquet Architekten have done an exemplary job of bringing together three completely different building projects to create a new district and generate added value for everyone.»

A shared commitment to play, sport and fairness

The youth hostel's principle of play, sport and fairness fits in with the neighbouring sports facilities and runs throughout the hostel. The clean lines of the architecture, the playful accents in the bar and reception, as well as the games area on the first floor with pool table, table football and board games reflect this spirit. The public areas such as the terrace and bar are intentionally open-plan and invite guests to linger – whether after a football training session, a long day at work or a shopping trip through Geneva's city centre.

The sporty vibe of Geneva Youth Hostel is no coincidence, given its appeal to sports clubs. Sports fields and halls, a fitness centre and several football pitches are all located right next to the new building. For running enthusiasts, a Helsana trail starts right in front of the youth hostel, which can be completed at various levels of difficulty.

Good food, great company: Restaurant Yoummi is open to all

One key component of Geneva Youth Hostel is the public restaurant Yoummi on the ground floor. With around 60 seats and 12 lounge and bar seats each, it offers both overnight guests and local residents a welcoming space to enjoy good food and drinks and spend time together. Guests can look forward to the Yoummi three-course menu for CHF 19.50, as well as a range of pinsas, salads and a selection of tasty ice cream. In future, the à la carte menu will be expanded with Asian fusion cuisine. The youth hostel bar is open around the clock – whether it's a coffee to go in the morning or a well-earned drink in the evening.

Top location, ideally connected, sustainably operated
The youth hostel is ideally situated: There is a bus stop located right in front of the building and Geneva Airport can be reached in 15 minutes by public transport. Geneva city centre, the railway station, Lake Geneva and the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) are all within 20 to 30 minutes by public transport. «Geneva Youth Hostel is a real asset to our tourism offering. It provides affordable, high-quality accommodation in an ideal location – and is open to all: Leisure travellers, conference participants, research staff or athletes. This is exactly in line with our aim of positioning Geneva as an accessible and attractive destination for all», says Adrien Genier, managing director of Genève Tourisme & Congrès.

Thanks to good public transport connections, Geneva Youth Hostel can also be reached using sustainable transportation options. Sustainability is also a priority in the hostel's day-to-day operations: A photovoltaic system on the roof and connection to the district heating network contribute to resource-efficient operation.

Meeting and event rooms and working spaces
In addition to various leisure and recreation areas, the services offered by the new youth hostel also include various workspaces. These include two modernly equipped meeting rooms for 20 people each as well as six to seven working spaces that offer flexible options for workshops, team meetings or training courses. These spaces can also be used by external parties for half-day or day rental. The hostel thus appeals not only to leisure travellers, but also to educational and business travellers who appreciate an uncomplicated, inspiring environment.

Geneva Youth Hostel key data:

Address	Chemin Jeanne-Hersch 6, 1219 Châtelaine
Beds:	176
Room offer:	38 double rooms with private shower/WC
	of which 3 with connecting doors (ideal for families)
	3 family rooms with private shower/WC
	16 4-bed rooms with washbasin
	4 6-bed rooms with washbasin
Barrier-free access:	23 rooms with barrier-free access
Price per overnight stay:	from CHF 38 per person including breakfast buffet

About the Swiss Youth Hostels
The Swiss Youth Hostels Association's network comprises 44 hostels under its ownership and 7 Associated Youth Hostels, ranging from romantic castles to urban design locations and wellness hostels. The non-profit organisation records more than 820,000 overnight stays every year. The focus is on quality-conscious, sustainable and affordable tourism for young people and families.
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