

# YOUR PERFECT GETAWAY



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**EXCITING HOLIDAY GUIDE FOR A WHOLE WORLD OF CHOICE**

# GEN-UINE BEAUTY

**PRETTY:** Geneva is well known for its lake with famous fountain, the Jet d'Eau

## HOT SPOTS

### Morocc' and roll

SHAKE off the winter chill with a sunny getaway to amazing Morocco.

Stay at the four-star Iberostar Founty Beach Hotel all-inclusive for seven nights this February from just €669 with Sunway.

Price includes flights, transfers, accommodation and all taxes.

Book at [www.sunway.ie](http://www.sunway.ie) or call 01 288 6828.

### Slope for the best

FOR a last-minute great ski deal, Crystal Ski has it covered.

Hit the slopes in Austria and stay in the Guesthouse in Rauris from €375pp, departing on January 25, or sample the Italian slopes at Planibel apartments in La Thuile from €319pp, leaving January 26.

Call 01 433 1055 or visit [www.crystalski.ie](http://www.crystalski.ie) to book.

### More the Meyrick

INDULGE in a pampering break at Galway's luxurious Hotel Meyrick from just €160 per room this spring.

The 'Suite Surprise' package offers accommodation overlooking Eyre Square, a Full Irish breakfast, and a 30-minute spa treatment in the Square Spa and Health Club.

For more information, call 091 564 041 or visit [www.hotelmeyrick.ie](http://www.hotelmeyrick.ie).

### Film fans go West

FANS of Westerns should grab their Stetsons and head to the wild west of Wales for the Fishguard Spaghetti Western Film Festival next month.

Set sail from Rosslare to Fishguard with Stena Line and enjoy a weekend of well-known movie classics from February 7-9.

To book, go to [www.stenaline.ie](http://www.stenaline.ie) call 01 204 7777, or visit your local travel agent.

## Take a Swiss roll on a different destination

IF YOU'RE bored of London and Paris as your go-to European city destinations, look to Geneva.

Holidaymakers might be put off visiting this Swiss city based on its expensive reputation but there are ways to see the best of Geneva without blowing the budget.

The Swiss city packs a cultural punch.

Located at the bottom of Mont Blanc, Geneva has scenic beauty in the bag.

Some of the best things to do in Geneva are free — arm yourself with a free pocket map and get exploring.

The first thing to tick off the tourist checklist is the famous Lake Geneva which inspired the romantic poets and Mary Shelley's Frankenstein which was

nearby. The expansive but serene lake comes to life with the city's most famous landmark, the Jet d'Eau, which shoots water high into the air.

If history is what you're after, head to the Old Town where around 30 museums and art galleries will get you up to speed with the city's past.

Geneva was once a walled city and you can see remnants of the walls dotted around the Old Town as well as wonderfully Gothic churches and narrow cobbled streets.

### Gardens

Browse antiques in boutiques, take a pew in St Peter's Cathedral or make a pilgrimage to Geneva's oldest house, Maison Tavel.

Spring and summer are the best times to visit Switzerland and Geneva has many

manicured gardens which are delightful to stroll through when they're in full bloom.

Right in the city centre you'll find the Jardin Anglais garden which plays host to one of Geneva's most photographed items, a colourful working clock made out of flowers which change each season.

One of the best things about Geneva for visitors is the Transport Card.

Every single hotel gives guests this nifty card so you get free travel around the city for the duration of your stay and also a free trip back to the airport.

Dining in Geneva without blowing the budget is still a task — but it's not impossible.

Get quality grub and browse for designer garb at the quirky Table & Wear, an atmospheric restaurant with a women's boutique to the side offering cool labels including DVF, Acne and Isabel Marant.

With more five-star hotels than any other European city, visitors to Geneva have their choice of opulent places to



**LAKE INSPIRATION:** Author Mary Shelley

## Splash out on holiday

FALCON is offering free child places on an exciting selection of summer holidays, including the Estival Splash Resort, Costa Dorada, Spain.

AquaSplash Estival Resort offers unlimited access to the waterpark and Barcelona just an hour away.

A family of four can stay for seven nights all inclusive for €2338, departing Dublin on May 16.

## DISNEY DEAL'S MAGIC



**FRENCH FANCY:** Disneyland Paris

ENJOY two free nights at Disneyland Paris when you book a magical break with Abbey Travel.

You can avail of the deal if you visit the famous park from April 3 to August 31.

A family of two adults and two kids under seven can stay in Disney's Hotel Santa Fe or Hotel Cheyenne for four nights starting from €716 per family, including five days' park tickets.

To book visit [www.abbeytravel.ie](http://www.abbeytravel.ie).

## factfile

**WHERE:** Geneva, Switzerland

**GETTING THERE:** Aer Lingus fly direct to Geneva from Dublin.

Go to [www.aerlingus.com](http://www.aerlingus.com) for fares.

Geneva is seven minutes away from the airport on the train.

**BOOK:** Geneva Tourism offers great value packages combining cultural events and hotel deals.

Go to [www.geneve-tourisme.ch](http://www.geneve-tourisme.ch) for the latest deals.

stay. But the city's booming boutique hotel scene is the best way to enjoy a stylish but affordable getaway.

We recommend East West, a sophisticated four-star hotel offering free wi-fi, continental breakfast and comfortable but stylishly decorated rooms.

Best of all, it's just five minutes from the main train station and a five minute walk from Lake Geneva.

## Get in flying form for NY

THIS summer it's even easier to get to the Big Apple with United's new twice-daily nonstop service between Dublin and Newark Liberty International Airport.

From June 6 until August 19, the flight will depart Dublin daily at 12.30pm, while the return departs New York/Newark daily at 10.25pm.

Book your flight at [www.united.com](http://www.united.com) or call 1890 925 252.