

Vevey

Canton of Vaud · Switzerland

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Vevey is a lakeside town on the north shore of Lake Geneva, with vineyard terraces behind it. It is the home of Nestlé and was the long-time home of *Charlie Chaplin*. The old town is small and the promenade has views across the lake to the French Alps.

Most visitors come for a day or a night. Vevey is also a good base for the Lavaux wine region.

When to visit

May to September is the best time for the lakefront, boats and wine villages. The weekly market and cafés are busiest in summer. Spring has flowers, and autumn is the time of the grape harvest. Winter is mild but often grey by the lake. Vevey has a large wine festival, the Fête des Vignerons, about every 20 years. The last one was in 2019.

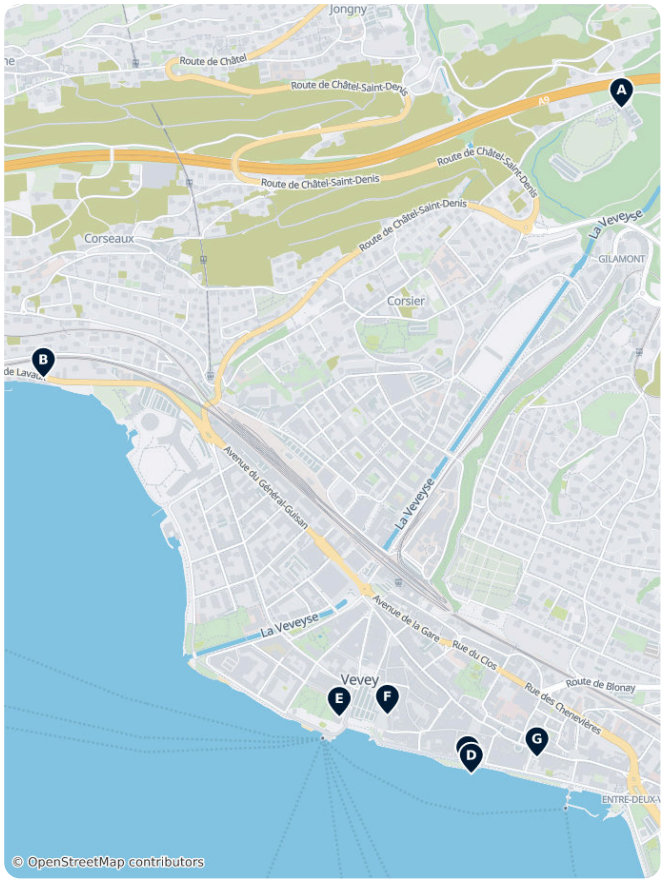
MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Poor Poor for watersports	6° / 11°	1° / -4°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Poor Poor for watersports	7° / 14°	1° / -4°	12 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
March	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 18°	2° / -2°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
April	Good Good for hiking	15° / 22°	5° / 0°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
May	Good Good for sightseeing	19° / 26°	9° / 5°	16 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
June	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 30°	13° / 9°	14 rainy days · Calm winds
July	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 30°	16° / 12°	15 rainy days · Calm winds
August	Good Good for sightseeing	24° / 31°	16° / 12°	14 rainy days · Calm winds
September	Good Good for sightseeing	20° / 26°	13° / 7°	13 rainy days · Calm winds
October	Good Good for hiking	17° / 23°	9° / 4°	13 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
November	Fair Fair for hiking	11° / 17°	4° / -1°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds
December	Poor Poor for watersports	7° / 12°	1° / -3°	14 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds

Best months: June

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Chaplin's World - The Studio is the museum in the former home of *Charlie Chaplin*, in Corsier-sur-Vevey. It has a film set, a wax figure exhibit and gardens.
- B Villa Le Lac is a small lakeside house built by *Le Corbusier* in 1923 for his parents.
- C Charlie Chaplin is a statue of the actor on the lakeside promenade.
- D La Fourchette is a large metal fork standing in the lake.
- E Château de l'Aile is a small castle in the old town.
- F Musée suisse de l'appareil photographique is a museum of cameras and photography.
- G Musée historique de Vevey shows the history of the town and the wine region.



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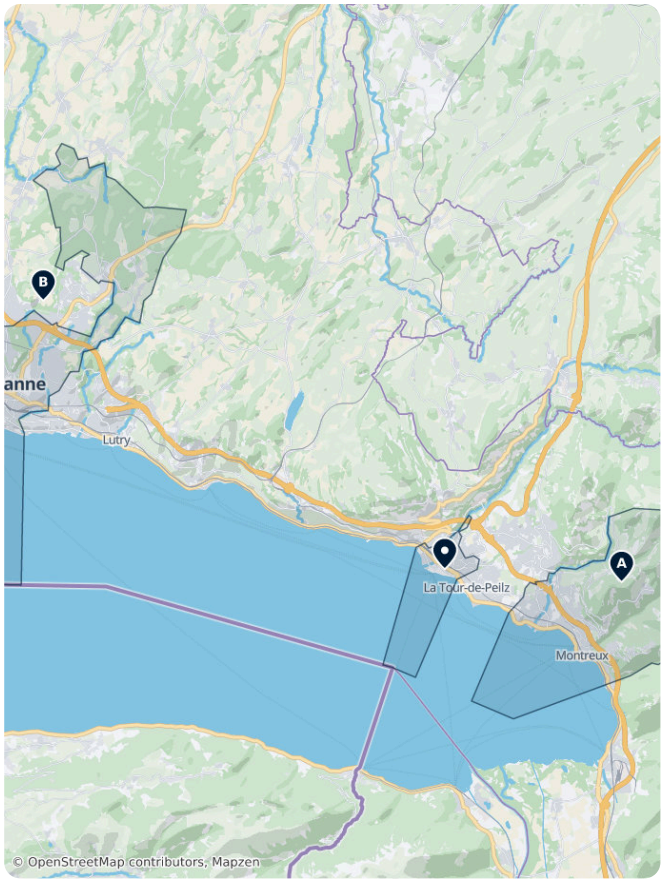
What to experience

- Walk the lakefront promenade and look at the sculptures.
- Visit the market on Grande Place. It is held on Tuesday and Saturday.
- Walk between wine villages in Lavaux. The paths pass vineyards and the lake.
- Taste local white wine in a village cellar.
- Take a lake boat to Montreux.
- Visit Château de La Tour-de-Peilz in the nearby town of La Tour-de-Peilz.

Day trips

- A Montreux is a lakeside town with Chillon Castle nearby. It is about 10 minutes away by train.
- B Lausanne is the largest city on the lake, about 20 minutes away by train.
- The Lavaux vineyards, a UNESCO World Heritage site, lie between Vevey and Lausanne. You can walk between wine villages.
- Mont Pèlerin is a hill above Vevey. A funicular goes to the top.



Where to explore

- Montreux and Lausanne are the nearest larger towns on the lake.

Getting there

- By air: Geneva Airport is the main gateway. Direct trains reach Vevey in about 1 hour.
- By train: Vevey is on the main line between Geneva, Lausanne and the Valais. Check times on SBB.
- By boat: lake boats stop at Vevey in the warm months.

Getting around

- The old town and lakefront are easy to walk.
- Local buses link the station with Corsier-sur-Vevey and Chaplin's World.
- A funicular goes up to Mont Pèlerin from the hill above the station.
- Boats link Vevey with Montreux, Lausanne and other towns on the lake.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The lakefront and old town are flat and compact. The hills behind the town are steep.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Moderate

The lakeside path is flat. The road up to the hills is steep.

Driving

- A car is not needed in Vevey. Trains, boats and buses reach most places.
- Parking in the old town is limited and costly.
- A car helps for the wine villages, but the roads are narrow.

Food & drink

Try cheese fondue or raclette. Perch fillets from the lake are a local dish. The Lavaux white wine, made from the Chasselas grape, goes well with both. Chocolate is a local product, and Vevey is the home of a large chocolate maker.

The lakefront has many terraces. Prices are high.

What to eat & drink

BREAKFAST

Birchermüesli
A raw-oat, fruit, and yogurt breakfast invented by a Zurich doctor around 1900, now standard on breakfast buffets.

LUNCH

Rösti
A fried, shredded-potato cake, originally a Bernese farmer's breakfast, now a national side dish.

DINNER

Cheese Fondue · Fondue
Melted Gruyère and Vacherin cheese in a shared pot, eaten by dipping bread cubes on long forks.

Raclette
Cheese melted tableside or under a grill and scraped over boiled potatoes, pickles, and onions.

Zürcher Geschnetzeltes
Sliced veal and mushrooms in a creamy white-wine sauce, traditionally served with rösti.

Älplermagronen
Alpine herder's macaroni gratin with potatoes, cheese, and cream, often topped with fried onions and served with apple sauce.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Cervelat
Switzerland's best-known sausage, usually grilled and often called the country's unofficial national dish.

SWEETS & DESSERTS

Swiss Chocolate · Schweizer Schokolade
Switzerland pioneered milk chocolate in the 19th century; look for small-batch chocolatiers alongside the big national brands.

Basler Läckerli
A dense, spiced honey-and-candied-fruit biscuit from Basel, traditional around Christmas.

DRINKS

Swiss Wine · Vin Suisse
Mostly consumed domestically rather than exported; Valais and Vaud, along Lake Geneva, produce the best-known Chasselas whites.

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Safety & health

- Vevey is very safe.
- Watch your bags on busy promenades and boats.
- Tap water is safe to drink.
- Vineyard paths can be steep and slippery in wet weather.

History

Vevey was a Roman town and later a trade centre on the lake. The wine terraces have been worked for about a thousand years. In the 19th century the town became a place for visitors and for early food industry.

Charlie Chaplin moved to Corsier-sur-Vevey in 1952 and lived there until his death in 1977. A statue by the lake remembers him.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Switzerland at a glance:

CURRENCY
CHF CHF

EMERGENCY
112

ELECTRICITY



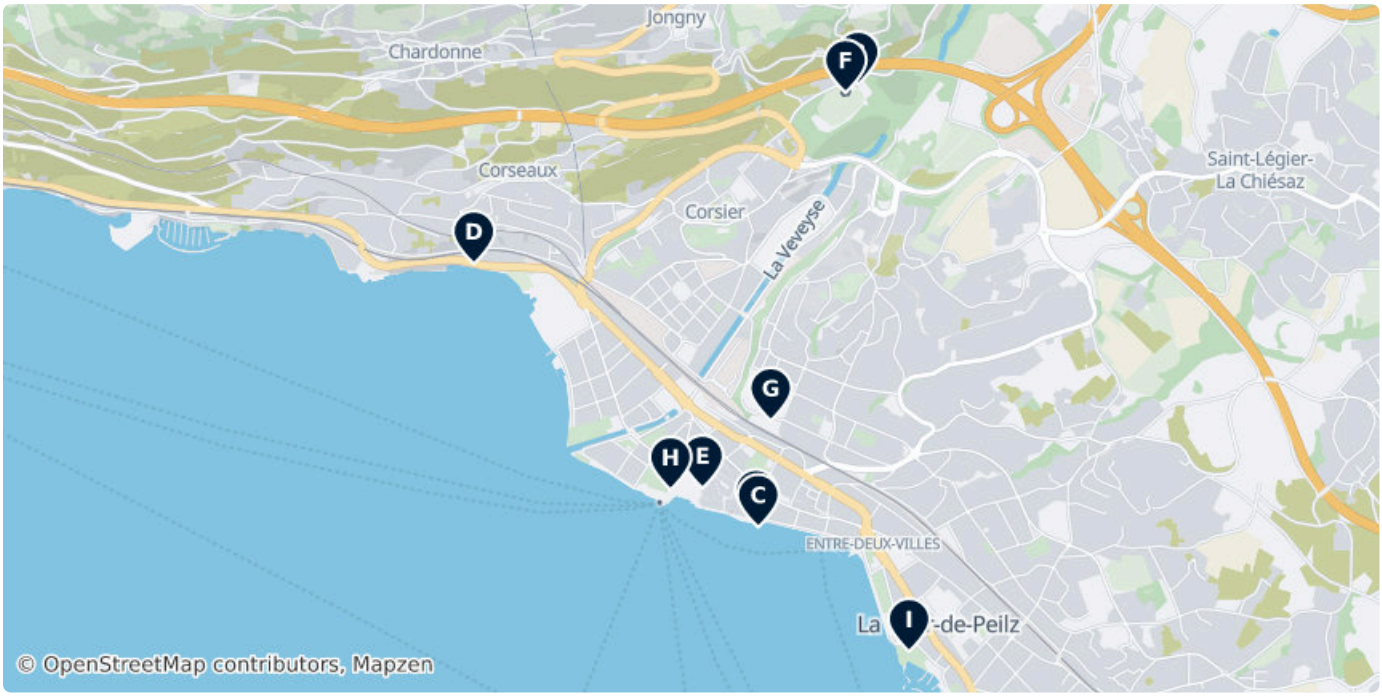
Type C / Type J
230 V · 50 Hz

LANGUAGES
German, French, Italian, Romansh

TAP WATER
Safe to drink

Vevey's Unmissable Gems

Vevey, situated on the Swiss shores of Lake Geneva, is defined by its connection to cinema icon Charlie Chaplin and its significant architectural heritage. The town features Chaplin's World, located at his former estate, Manoir de Ban, and the striking eight-meter-high Fork of Vevey sculpture. Notable landmarks include Le Corbusier's Villa Le Lac, the 13th-century Château de La Tour-de-Peilz, and the Swiss Camera Museum. The historic Saint-Martin church offers views across the lake to the Alps.





A Charlie Chaplin Statue

Life-sized bronze statue by British sculptor John Doubleday, situated on the lakeside promenade to commemorate the actor's 25 years in the town.

3 Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville, Vevey 1800, Switzerland
(46.45796, 6.84612)



B Chaplin's World - The Studio

A cinematic museum exploring Chaplin's filmography through immersive sets and original movie clips, providing insight into his creative process and Hollywood career.

1804 (46.47581, 6.85217)

Mo–Su 10:00–18:00

chaplinsworld.com, +41 842 422 422



C Fork of Vevey

Fork of Vevey is an 8-metre-tall, 1.3-metre-wide stainless steel fork on the shore of Lake Geneva in Vevey, Switzerland.

3 Rue de l'Hôtel de Ville, Vevey 1800, Switzerland (46.45776, 6.84626)



D Villa Le Lac

Very first Le Corbusier's building project in Switzerland - he designed this house together with Jeanneret for his parents.

Route de Lavaux, 1802 Corseaux, Switzerland (46.46849, 6.82942)

+41 79 829 63 08

E Musée suisse de l'appareil photographique

This museum documents the history of photography and optical instruments, featuring a collection that spans from early camera obscuras to modern digital technology.

Grande Place 99, 1800 Vevey, CH (46.45935, 6.84296)

Tu–Su 11:00–17:30

cameramuseum.ch, +41 21 925 34 80



F Chaplin's World - Manoir de Ban

The neoclassical mansion where Charlie Chaplin lived from 1953 until 1977. The museum displays original furniture and personal artifacts within a 14-hectare park.

Route de Fenil 2, 1804 Corsier-sur-Vevey (46.47547, 6.85142)

Mo–Su 10:00–18:00

chaplinsworld.com/en

G Saint-Martin

A 12th-century Reformed church featuring a 16th-century square tower. The site offers panoramic views of Lake Geneva and the surrounding Alpine landscape.

(46.46211, 6.84700)



H Aile Castle

Aile Castle is a castle in the municipality of Vevey of the Canton of Vaud in Switzerland.

Grande Place, 1800 Vevey, Switzerland (46.45929, 6.84106)

I Château de La Tour-de-Peilz

A 13th-century fortress built by the House of Savoy. It now houses the Swiss Museum of Games, showcasing the history of gaming from antiquity to today.

11 Rue du Château, La Tour-de-Peilz 1814, Switzerland (46.45269, 6.85518)

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