The Maison de la paix, the centre of the Graduate Institute’s campus, provides a unique setting for holding events and conferences, due to its ultramodern infrastructure, extraordinary architecture and convenient proximity to the airport and the city centre. Located in the heart of International Geneva, it has become an important landmark since opening in 2013.

The Maison de la paix hosts the Institute’s Master and PhD teaching activities, its eight research centres, and one of Europe’s most important libraries specialising in international relations. It also hosts auditoriums, an International Conference Centre, meeting rooms, a restaurant, a cafeteria and contemporary works of art.

The Institute’s campus extends to the lakeside, including Villa Barton, with an auditorium and an open space for events, opening onto a park with uninterrupted views across Lake Geneva to Mont Blanc. The Barton site is just five minutes’ walk from the Maison de la paix.
The Maison de la paix

High-quality infrastructure

The Maison de la paix offers 17 different event spaces. The largest, Auditorium Ivan Pictet, can hold 558 people. It is equipped with Matteo Grassi leather seats and a 12-by-4-metre LED screen, the largest in Europe, making it perfect for film events or video presentations. Auditorium Ivan Pictet features state-of-the-art audio-visual, video-conferencing and stage lighting equipment, and can be divided into two rooms, seating 348 and 210 people respectively, separated by Dorma sound-insulated partitions.

Three auditoriums and nine meeting rooms are located in petals 1 and 2. The other five available spaces, located in petals 5 and 6, are found in the International Conference Centre leaflet.

Extraordinary architecture

Participants in your events will be amazed by the distinctive design of the Maison de la paix’s six ‘petals’. There are no straight lines, with curves creating unique spaces, reflecting the role of the Maison de la paix in bringing people together. Contemporary works of art add to the environment’s intellectual richness.

Central access

In the heart of International Geneva, a few minutes’ walk from the United Nations, the Maison de la paix is easily accessible from the city centre.

Geneva’s main railway station, Cornavin, is five minutes away by tram, or a fifteen-minute walk. The nearest train station, Genève-Sécheron, is a three-minute walk. Geneva Airport is fifteen minutes away by bus or taxi.

By car, the Maison de la paix is five minutes’ drive from the A1 motorway’s Genève Grand-Saconnex exit. Public parking at Sécheron is a three-minute walk away.

Tailor-made service

Our logistics team will help organise your event to your requirements. A range of additional services are available to ensure each event lives up to your expectations.

The catering company Novae Restauration can organise receptions, on request, for 200 to 400 people.

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Barton site

A green idyll beside Lake Geneva

Built in beautiful grounds overlooking Lake Geneva, sitting between the Perle du Lac park and the botanical gardens, the Villa Barton site offers stunning views of Mont Blanc. The site includes an auditorium, as well as the recently renovated, late-nineteenth-century Villa Barton, which has played an important role in the rich history of International Geneva.

Auditorium Jacques-Freymond, located between Villa Barton and the World Trade Organization, is an ideal venue for conferences, with the ground-floor cafeteria and large terrace fully-equipped for buffets and coffee breaks during the events.

Central access

Auditorium Jacques-Freymond, at rue de Lausanne 132, is a five-minute walk from the Maison de la paix. The Villa Barton site has a private car park for 30 cars, and is within walking distance of the Wilson and Sécheron public car parks.
THE MAISON DE LA PAIX CAFETERIA

Located in petal 3, the cafeteria is managed by catering company Novae Restauration. It is open on weekdays from 7:00 to 19:00, offering a wide selection of daily specials. The cafeteria can accommodate groups of up to 20 people for coffee breaks, cocktails or lunches. It can also be booked for private evening events such as cocktails or tailor-made dinners for 50 to 200 people.

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