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Forum Meyrin

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Hospitality Pack

Dear Fellow Thespians,

This Hospitality Pack contains information you need to find your way around FEATS 2011. We invite you to browse this document before coming to Geneva.

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More information, together with the latest news, can be found on:

geds.ch/feats

18 February 2011
(change of hotel telephone number)

Accommodation

It is important to reserve your accommodation quickly if you would like to stay in the "FEATS Hotel" 5 minutes walk from the theatre. A block of rooms at a special FEATS rate has been reserved for FEATS guests reserving their room by latest April 10th. Beyond this date we cannot guarantee the same rate or availability of a room. Geneva will host a very large *International Labour Organization (ILO)* conference during the same period so beware!

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel via the FEATS FAX FORM available at the end of this document and from our web site: <http://geds.ch/feats>. A credit card guarantee is essential which is why you are requested to fax the completed form to the hotel.

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www.nh-hotels.com

GPS coordinates – Latitude: 46.2273 / Longitude: 6.08653

Single CHF 145 standard room with shower or bath - including breakfast

Double CHF 165 standard room with shower or bath - including breakfast.

Prices quoted include VAT but do not include city tax of CHF 3.60 pp p/day.

The hotel provides a free shuttle service to and from Geneva Airport for all guests (pick-up outside arrival hall entrance). It runs every 20 minutes from 05:50 to 23:40 daily.

Adjudication

Our festival adjudicator is Mr. Tony Rushforth of the Guild of Drama Adjudicators, UK.

He will provide comments to the audience at the end of each evening's performances, and meet for individual feedback sessions with the performing groups on Saturday, Sunday and Monday mornings at the Forum Theatre Meyrin complex. The FEATS Committee will notify groups of the time of their session.

Theatre Venue

Forum Theatre Meyrin
place des Cinq-Continents 1
1217 Meyrin 1

This contemporary styled theatre is located in the middle of Meyrin, 25 minutes by tram from the centre of Geneva. The theatre is surrounded by the town hall, community facilities and a shopping mall within walking distance of the NH-Geneva Airport hotel.

During FEATS weekend at the theatre:

- Bar – drinks & sandwiches
- Box Office
- Hospitality Desk
- The Fringe

Parking

Parking at the NH-Geneva Airport Hotel is CHF 15 per 24 hours in their underground parking.

If you plan to drive to the theatre, there is a large open air parking area in front of the Forum Theatre. On Friday and Saturday until 19:00 it is "blue disc" parking which is free for two hours. After 19:00 it is free, as it is all day on Sunday & Monday.

Please note that for Swiss motorways it is necessary to buy a motorway sticker as you enter Switzerland: cost CHF 40.

FEATS 2011 Timing

Box Office	Opening Hours	18:00 – 19:30 Fri
	Opening Hours	18:30 – 19:30 Sat-Mon
Forum Bar	Open during The Fringe	Sat-Mon
	Opening Hours Evening	18:00 Fri-Mon
	Open during the Forum	11:30 Mon
Curtain Up	Forum Meyrin	19:30 Fri-Mon
The Fringe	Forum Meyrin – Foyer du Levant	12:30 – 17:30 Sat-Sun
	Forum Meyrin – Foyer du Levant	13:30 – 17:30 Mon
Party	Restaurant adjacent to theatre	23:00 – 02:00 Sat
FEATS Forum	Forum Meyrin complex	11:30 – 13:00 Mon
Hospitality Desk	NH-Geneva Airport Hotel Foyer	14:00 – 17:30 Fri
		10:00 – 12:00 Sat-Mon
Hospitality Desk	Forum Meyrin	18:00 – 19:30 Fri & intervals
		12:00 – 19:30 Sat & Sun & intervals
		11:00 – 19:30 Mon & intervals

Find out more about FEATS 2011 at the FEATS Hospitality Desk where you can buy a programme, pick up The Fringe programme, purchase drink tokens, find information concerning Geneva tourism possibilities, get a Geneva map, and discover all you need to know and didn't have time to ask before you left home.

The Fringe

The FEATS 2011 Fringe will be held in the *Foyer du Levant* of the Forum Theatre Meyrin complex on Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoons. The complete programme will be available at the Hospitality Desk.

Tickets & Tokens

We encourage you to order in advance both theatre and party tickets. Theatre and party tickets can be purchased online as of 1st May by credit card via Theater In English website: www.theatreinenglish.ch and will be available for pick-up at the theatre box office as of 18:00 on Friday.

Note: For those staying at the NH-Geneva Hotel – your theatre and party tickets can be collected at the Hospitality Desk in the hotel lobby up to 17:30 on Friday. All uncollected tickets will be transferred the theatre Box Office.

Tokens for drinks and snacks will be sold at the Hospitality Desks. Unused tokens will be reimbursed. We regret we cannot accept credit cards, cash only please (Swiss francs) when buying tokens.

Note exception: Drinks at the party will need to be paid in cash – no tokens will be accepted at the restaurant.

Food & Beverages

The Forum Theatre bar will open at 18:00 each day and during the Fringe on Saturday, Sunday and Monday afternoons. Plan to spend some time before and after the show to socialize with friends and to sample our delicious sandwiches, freshly prepared by our dedicated GEDS members! At the bar you can try our local red and white wines, have a beer or just have a “cuppa” tea or coffee and a chat.

Apart from the food and drink available at the Forum Theatre Bar there are some restaurants in various price categories within walking distance of the theatre. Evening meal service is from 18:30 to 23:00. The Hospitality Desk will provide you with a list of restaurants in the area.

If you plan to be out and about during the day Geneva offers a wide variety of lunch possibilities, ranging from fast food to up market gourmet and lakeside restaurants.

The Party

FEATS would not be complete without the opportunity to celebrate and have fun.

The Saturday night party will be held in the restaurant adjacent to the theatre immediately after the last performance and adjudication on Saturday night. The cost is CHF 50, for a sit-down 3-course meal, with disco until the early hours of the morning. A cash bar will be open for drinks – no tokens will be accepted in the restaurant.

Tickets will go on sale online as of 1st May via the Theater In English website: www.theatreinenglish.ch/ It's advisable to purchase your party tickets before coming to Geneva as numbers are limited.

FEATS Forum

FEATS Forum will take place at the Forum Theatre Meyrin, upstairs room, at 11:30 on Monday 13 June. Join the discussion and bring your ideas for the future of FEATS!

Public Transport

Public transport from Meyrin in and around the city, either by bus, tram or shuttle boats (Les Mouettes) are an easy and inexpensive way to visit the city. All hotels in Geneva and Meyrin provide a free travel card to all guests covering their entire stay. Ask at the hotel reception.

Trams 14 and 16 from tram stop '*Forumeyrin*' will take you to Geneva – ask for directions to the tram stop at the Hospitality Desk.

The Mouettes are small yellow boats seating up to 60 passengers that operate on Lake Geneva within the Geneva city limits. Currently six Mouettes are in operation, of which two are solar powered. A fun way to 'cruise' on Lake Geneva with your free travel card.

Leisure Activities

Geneva is Switzerland's second largest city after Zurich. The canton of Geneva has 126 km of borders with France and only 5 km of border with the rest of Switzerland. Geneva center is about 25 minutes tram ride from Meyrin. Geneva is situated on Lake Geneva (Lac Léman) and the Rhone River.

There are lots of interesting places to visit within and around the city, including beautiful parks and gardens, museums and art galleries. Geneva is home to many international organizations, nationalities and cultures. You may want to visit the United Nations, the International Red Cross Museum; the Old Town topped by the cathedral, or just ramble along the lake and enjoy the views. Much more information is available on the Geneva Tourist Office website, including a guided tour of the Old Town, and a mini-train offering three different tours.

Some useful web sites:

Geneva Tourist Office: www.geneve-tourisme.ch/

Lake Léman Navigation Company (large boats): www.cgn.ch/eng

Shuttle boats (Les Mouettes): www.swissboat.com/en/shuttles.php

Geneva Public Transport (in French): www.tpg.ch/fr/index.php

Shopping / Markets

There is a shopping centre a two-minute walk away from the theatre where you can buy just about anything you forgot to pack in your suitcase. Open Friday and Saturday only.

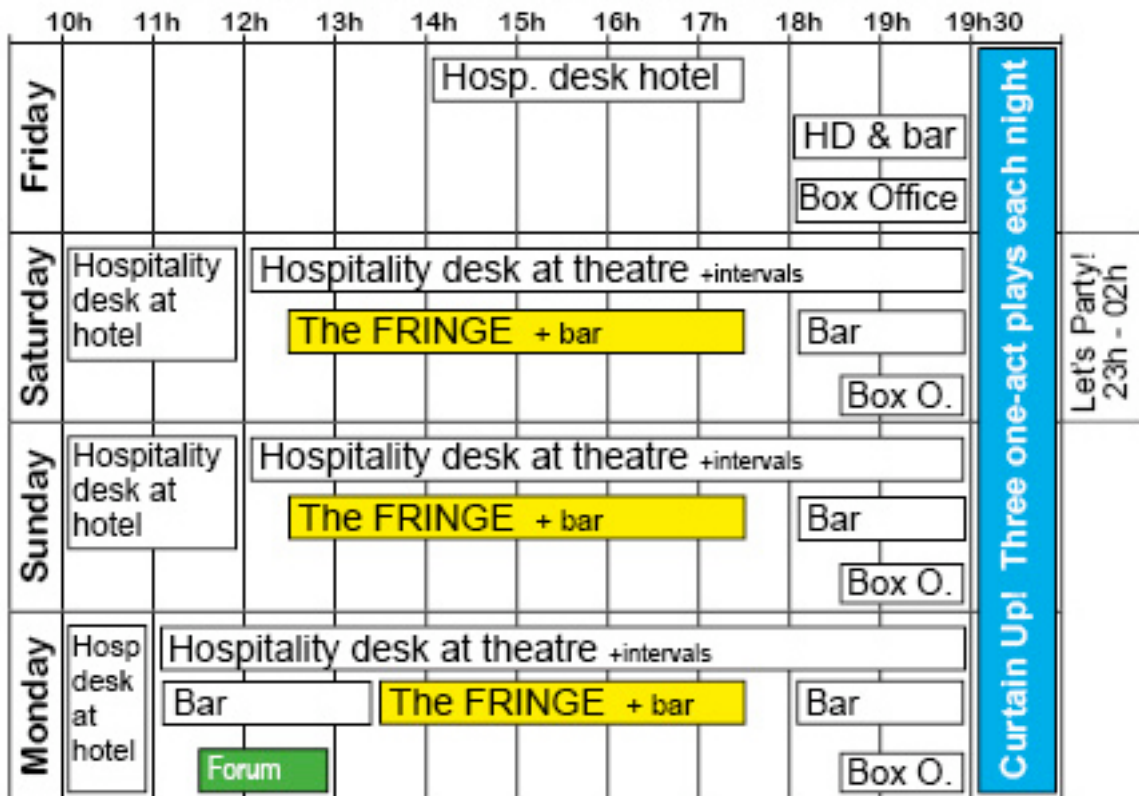
Plainpalais Flea Market – Mingle with the locals at Geneva’s largest outdoor flea market on Saturdays from 09:00 to 17:00 rain or shine. Antiques, records, vintage clothing and other curios await savvy bargain hunters.

Ferney Voltaire market, France, Saturday morning - A large market offering everything from carrots to carpets every Saturday morning in the centre of Ferney attracting visitors from all over the region. The writer and philosopher Voltaire spent the last 20 years of his life in a chateau on the edge of Ferney. This chateau and pretty grounds are open to the public every day but Monday. It is worth a visit to those who are interested in Voltaire, his philosophies and the way that they affected those around him. You may need your passport and your Euro currency. Buses leave from the airport for a short 15 mins journey.

Divonne-les-Bains, France, Sunday morning market. 15 minutes drive via autoroute towards Lausanne. First exit Divonne / Coppet. An abundance of vendors offering fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, seafood, prepared foods, breads, and flowers. The market also offers dry goods such as clothing, spices, linens, etc. You may need your passport and Euro currency.

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FEATS 2011 AT A GLANCE

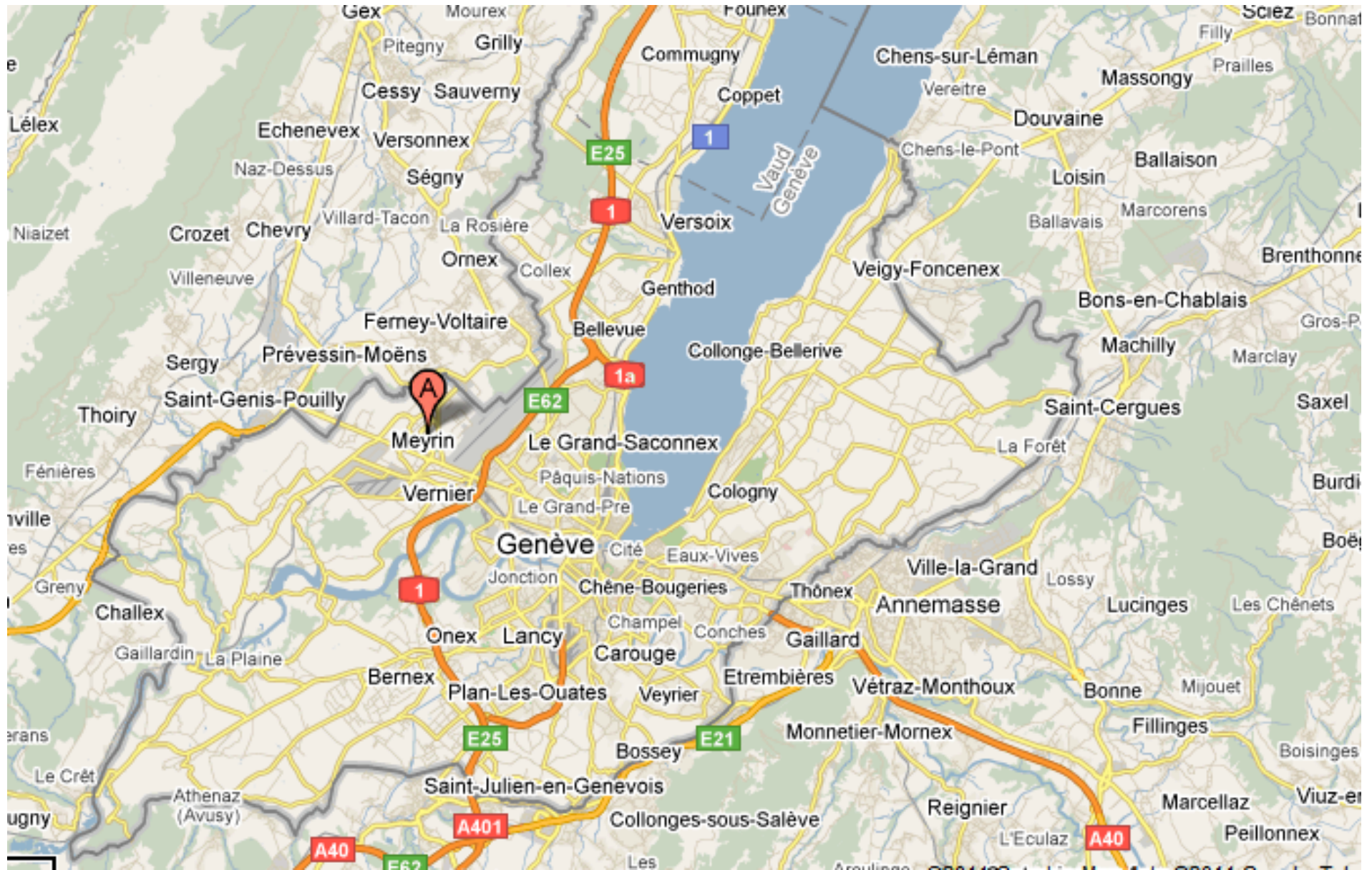


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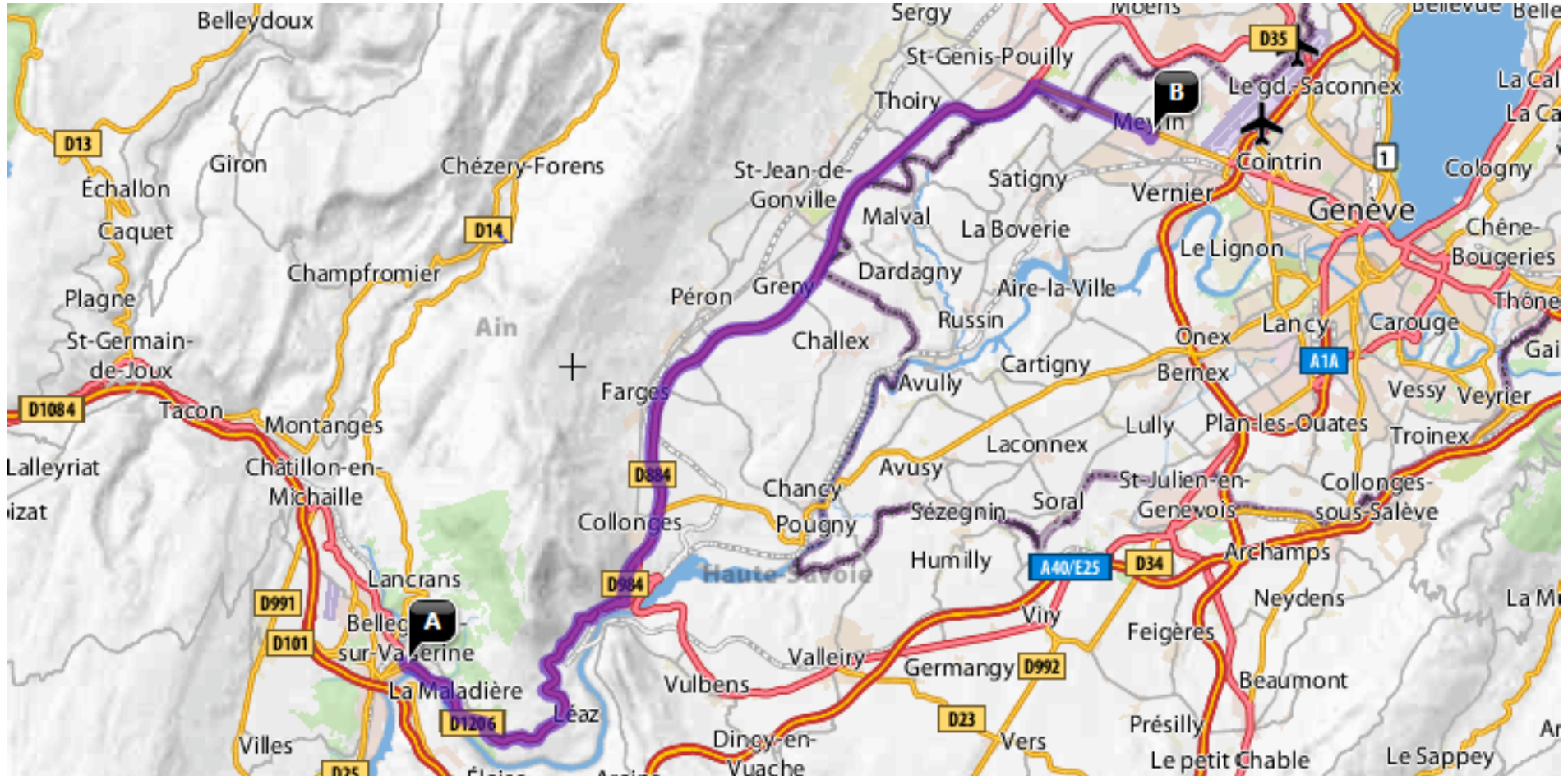
1 Map of Meyrin



2 Motorway to Meyrin



3 - Driving directions from French Motorway - Bellgarde





HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

FEATS 2011 – 10-13 June 2011

Reservation Deadline 10 April 2011

- please FAX this form to the hotel -

ARRIVAL DATE: _____ ARRIVAL TIME: _____

DEPARTURE DATE: _____

NAME (block letters) _____ EMAIL _____ THEATRE GROUP / COUNTRY _____

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

ROOM TYPE: SINGLE DOUBLE TWIN

Single standard for one person = CHF 145

Double/Twin for two persons = CHF 165

Breakfast is included / City tax is not included (CHF 3.60 per person per day)

METHOD OF PAYMENT (We regret we cannot guarantee your reservation without credit card information.)

Credit Card type – room reservation guarantee _____

Credit Card number _____

Expiry Date _____

Card Holder's Name _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

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