

SOS
for
International
Students



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This is a student learning support for your future move to Geneva in Switzerland and studying at the University of Geneva.

We know that it is very difficult to begin in a new country with administration, languages, connections,...

So we want to help you to have an easy arrival with some connections with other students, your administrative procedures and some help with specific French language in Geneva.

Click on this picture if you want to begin





Associated to
University of **Genève**

Who ?

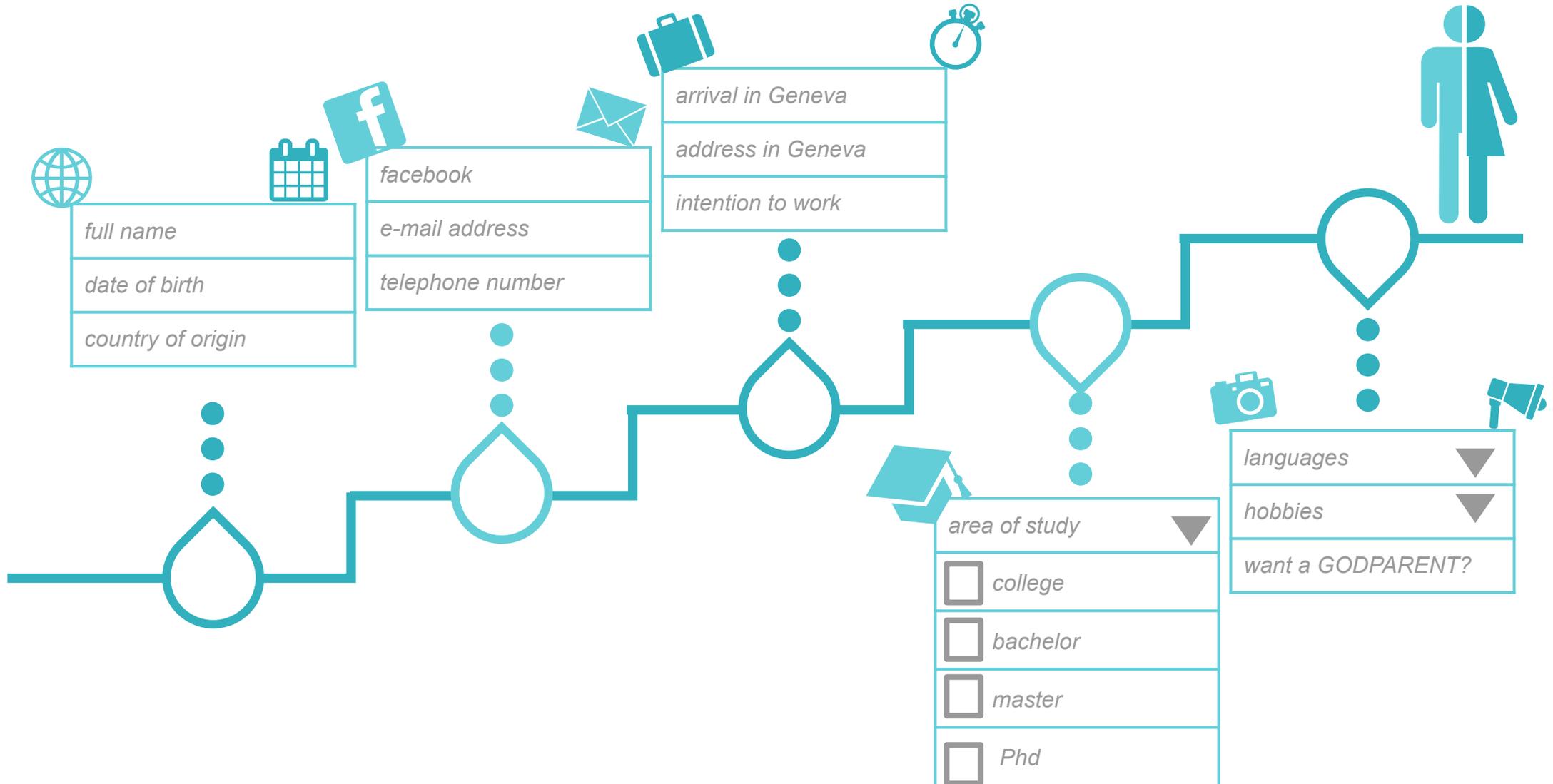
Why ?

" **Homesickness** is a problem but the more general feeling of loneliness among international students is a bigger problem."

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K. GROSS (2008)

Fill Out Your Profile ...



Do you need to improve your French?

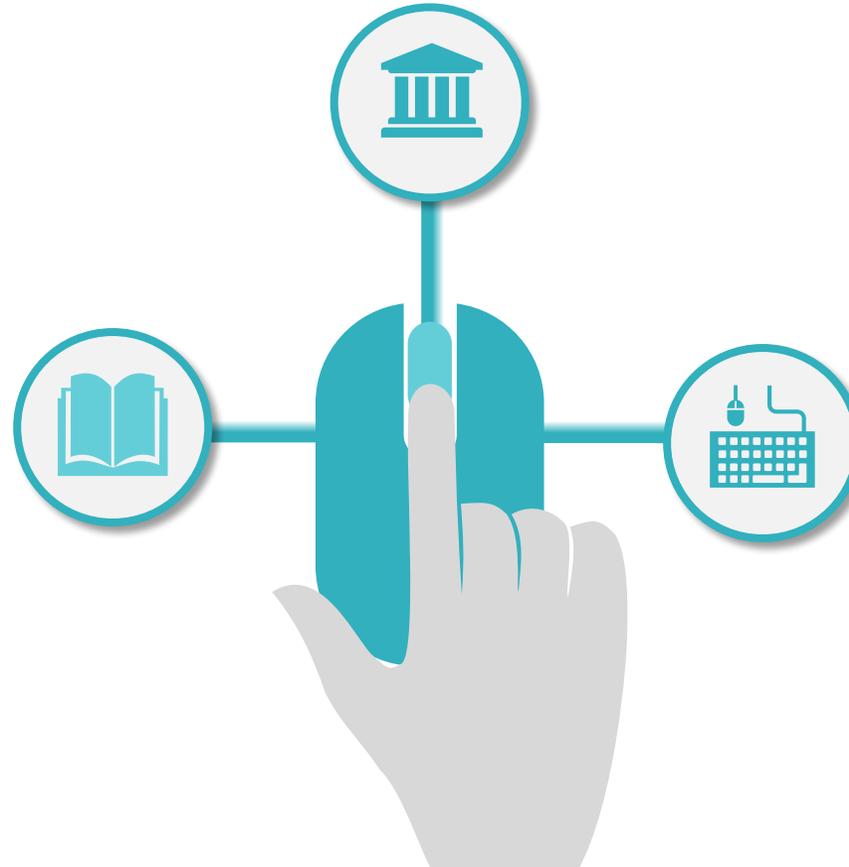


UNIGE - ELCF (*École de Langue et Civilisation Française*)

Strengthen your French skills BEFORE starting your studies in one of the Faculties/Schools/Institutes at the University of Geneva
<https://www.unige.ch/lettres/elcf/fr/>

MAISON DES LANGUES

La Maison des Langues offers support courses in French for members of the university, community as well as for the external public.
<http://mdl.unige.ch/coursetenseignement>



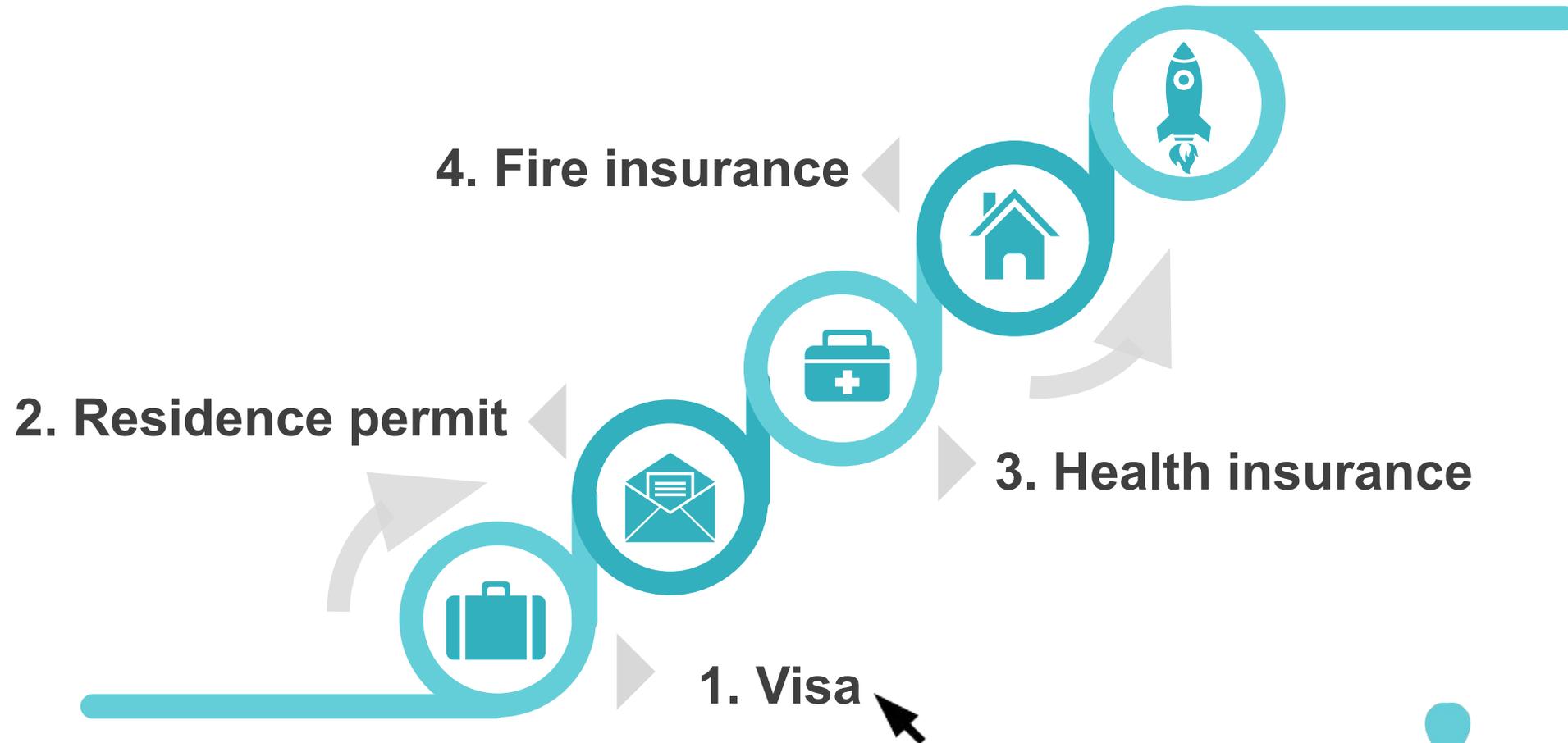
COURSERA

You can also find several free courses on the Coursera platform
<https://www.coursera.org/>





Do you know what to do first?



Be aware of this timeline



Activity/month	MAI	JUIN	JUI	AOUT	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEV	MARS	AVRIL
Visa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Residence permit					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
Health Insurance					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							
Fire insurance					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					



Visa Process

Documents:

- Motivation letters in French
- CV in French
- UNIGE confirmation letter
- Address of residence in Switzerland during your studies
- Proof of economic solvency
- Copies, translations and apostils of your diplomas



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Visa



Price:
70 CHF



Where:
Swiss Embassy in your
home country.



Waiting time:
Two or three months.



Due date:
Maximum three months
before your arrival in
Switzerland



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Which of these documents is not necessary in the visa process?

- A** Copies of diplomas
- B** CV in English
- C** Proof of economic solvency





QUIZ

ANSWER
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Which of these documents is not necessary in the visa process?

B CV in English



Your CV should be presented in French, not in English





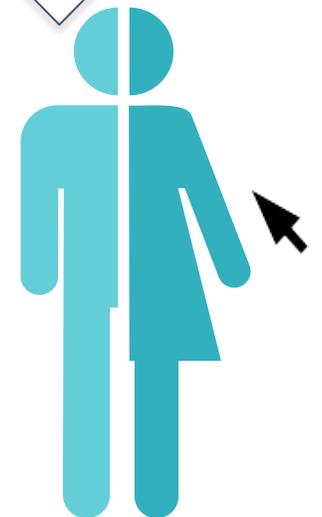
Find a Godparent in Geneva !





A **Godparent will help you to get adapted in Geneva**

A **Godparent is someone who has something in common with you!**



You can sign up at any time to have a **GODPARENT !**

Would YOU like to be someone's **GODPARENT? yes no**



They match with you ...

					
Country					
Studies					
Hobbies					
Arrival in Genève	09/19	07/18	01/17	08/18	04/19

...and they would be pleased to meet you !



Meet Jose Da Silva



Contact him



Fortaleza

Testimonial

"Being well-informed was crucial, as I was able to adapt easily to both the University and the Swiss culture."
Malai Sasithorn



public transports

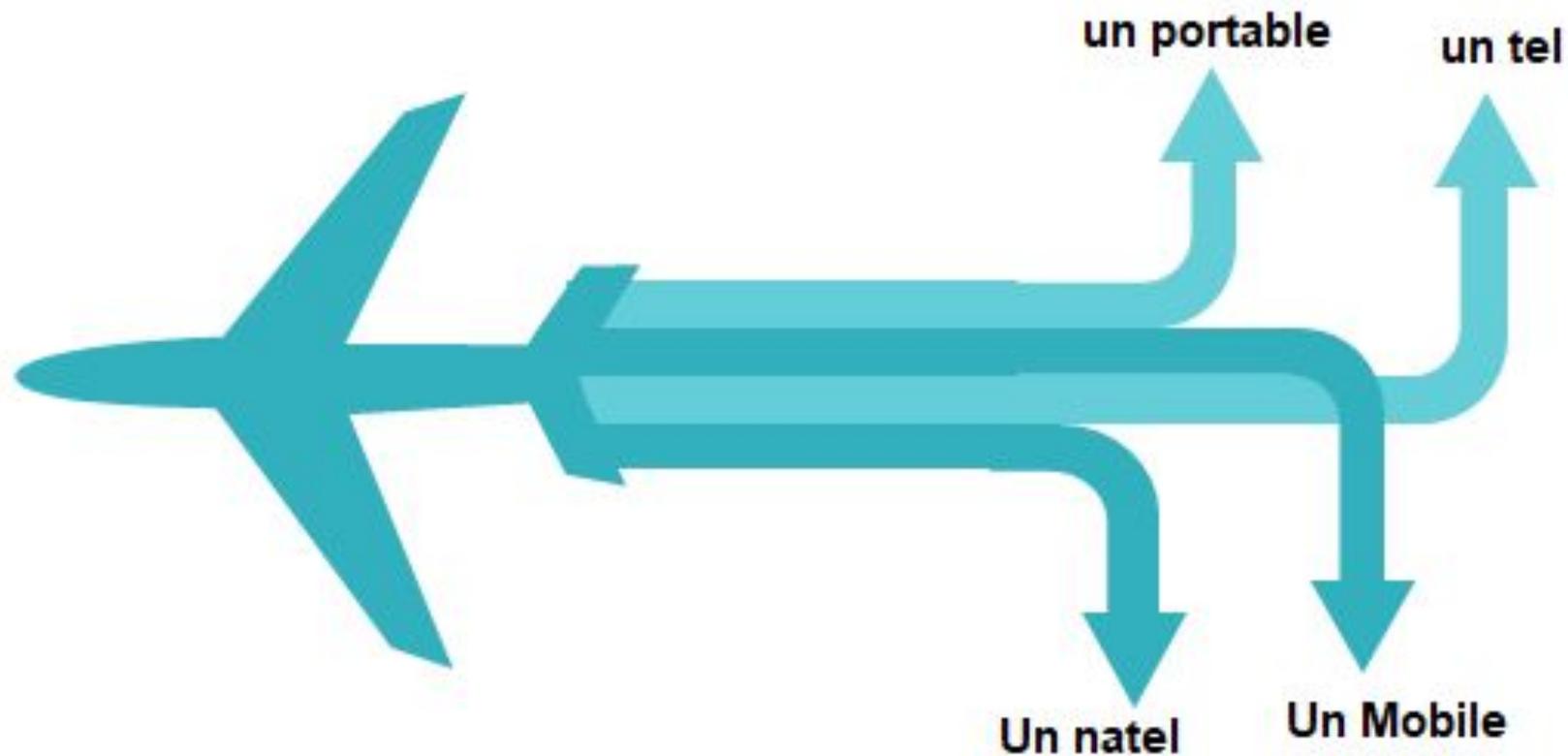
housing

cultural offer

welcoming people



Comment appelle-t'on un téléphone portable à Genève et en Suisse romande?





Félicitations!!!

A black smartphone with a teal screen displaying the text 'La réponse est Natel'.

La réponse
est Natel

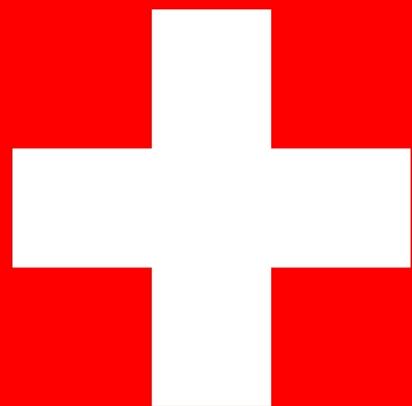


Swiss cuisine

Here you will find the
recipes of Swiss
dishes



Raclette Recipe



Fondue Recipe



Rösti Recipe

Fondue Moitié - moitié



4 people



20 minutes

Ingredients

1. Approx. 600 g (1.3 pounds) of white bread
2. 1 piece of garlic
3. 400 g (0.9 pounds) grind Gruyere cheese
4. 400 g (0.9 pounds) grind Vacherin cheese
5. 3 dl (10 fl. ounces) white wine
6. 5 cl (1.7 fl. ounces) kirsch
7. 2 tea spoons of maizena
8. grind pepper
9. a small amount of nutmeg

Preparation

1. Cut the bread into small pieces.
2. Split the piece of garlic in two and rub the inside of the caquelon with them. Put the cheese and the wine in the caquelon and cook them on the cook stove. Constantly stir the mixture. Add kirsch and maizena, but keep stirring. Leave them on the stove for a while. Add pepper and nutmeg, then put the caquelon on the burner on the table.
3. Adjust the heat so that the cheese stays at a constant temperature while eating. Put a small piece of bread on the fork, stir it gentle in the cheese and enjoy.



Useful webpages



[Visit here!](#)

Swiss info (RTS)

Radio and television in Switzerland. Website in English, French, German and Italian



[Visit here!](#)

Tribune de Genève

Latest news of Geneva (in French)



[Visit here!](#)

Activities in Geneva

Information about cultural activities in Geneva (in English)



[Visit here!](#)

Météo Suisse

Official Suisse website of the weather of the country





Best deals

Bookstores

Discover how to save money with our recommended bookstores in Geneva

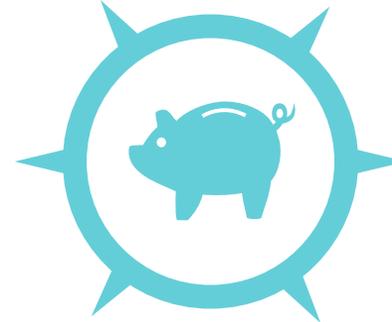


Shopping clothes

Discover how to save money with our recommended clothing stores

Grocery shopping

Discover how to save money with our recommended supermarkets for grocery shopping in Geneva



Accommodation

Discover how to save money with our accommodation deals in Geneva

Eating around the University

Discover how to save money with our recommended restaurants and cafés near the University



Travel

Discover how to save money with our travel deals in Switzerland and in Europe



Grocery shopping



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COOP

Suisse retail and wholesale company. You can also find restaurants there



[Visit here!](#)

ALDI

German global discount supermarket chain present in Switzerland



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LIDL

German global discount supermarket chain present in Switzerland



Ready ?



**Don't worry,
Just study !**





Thank you