



Hospitality & Leisure Management Programme

An Immersive Exploration of Swiss Hospitality Education

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Before you apply to a hospitality management school

Choosing a university in this field is not simply a question of reputation. Each institution offers a different balance between academic study and practical training, a different environment, and a different perspective on what a career in hospitality can become.

Yet many students make this decision without ever experiencing these differences first-hand.

This programme is designed to change that.

Over the course of one week in Switzerland, you will engage directly with some of the world's leading hospitality institutions, gaining insight into their academic environments, teaching approaches, and student life.

The purpose is not simply to visit universities, but to experience them. So that when the time comes to choose, your decision is informed by experience and guided by clarity.

Programme Overview



Set in Switzerland, widely recognised as a global centre of excellence in hospitality education, our one-week programme offers direct exposure to six of the world's leading hospitality management institutions, each distinguished by its teaching quality, academic outcomes, and international reputation.

Based in Lausanne for most of the programme, you will start the week with a visit to EHL Hospitality Business School. You will then travel across some of Switzerland's most renowned and picturesque regions, from the shores of the Swiss Riviera, home to Glion Institute of Higher Education, SHMS and HIM, to the alpine resort of Crans-Montana, home to Les Roches, and the historic town of Brig, visiting César Ritz Colleges. The programme concludes in Geneva, where the final day offers a relaxed setting after a week of focused academic exploration.

The experience is designed to reflect the environment and standards that define leading hospitality education. From the settings in which you stay and dine to the way each university visit is thoughtfully tailored, every element is selected to offer an authentic sense of hospitality education at the highest level.

The purpose of the programme is to provide clarity. Through direct academic exposure, participants gain a more nuanced understanding of the environment that best suits their individual profiles and future aspirations.

Designed For



The programme is designed for upper-secondary students who are considering hospitality as a prospective field of study but are still exploring which university would best match their academic and career aspirations.

By joining this programme, you will gain a first-hand insight into what student life at some of the world's leading hospitality institutions can truly feel like.

Why This Experience Matters



Choosing a university is one of the most important decisions in a student's academic journey. Yet, understanding the true differences between institutions can be challenging without experiencing them in person.

This programme is designed to provide that clarity. By engaging directly with universities, you will gain a deeper

understanding of their academic environments, teaching approaches, and student life - insights that go far beyond what can be gathered through research alone.

With this perspective, you will be better equipped to make informed decisions and approach your university applications with greater confidence.

Why Switzerland



Switzerland is internationally recognised as the global benchmark for hospitality education, home to some of the world's most prestigious and highly regarded institutions in the field.

Its programmes are distinguished by a strong balance between academic rigour and practical application, as well as close connections with the international hospitality industry.

This approach allows students to develop both the strategic and operational understanding required for successful careers in a highly dynamic global sector.

Studying in Switzerland offers exposure to an environment shaped by excellence, precision, and a long-standing tradition in hospitality, values that continue to shape standards across the industry.

Partner Academic Institutions



EHL Hospitality Business School



SHMS
Swiss Hotel Management School



HIM Business School



César Ritz Colleges Switzerland



Glion Institute of Higher Education

Les Roches Les Roches

The Programme Experience



University Visits



Each university visit is tailored to offer direct, meaningful insight into both the academic environment and the broader student experience.

Activities may include:

- Introductory presentations of each institution and its undergraduate programmes
- Sample lectures or interactive sessions with faculty members
- Workshops exploring specific areas of hospitality
- Networking opportunities with current university students
- Guided campus tours

*The format and content of each university visit may vary, with certain elements offered depending on faculty and resource availability.

Beyond the Campus



Alongside academic visits, the programme includes curated experiences across the cities and regions visited.

Rather than traditional sightseeing, these moments are designed to offer a more authentic sense of each location, exploring key areas, local venues, and everyday environments that reflect what student life in each destination may feel like.



Accommodation and Travel



Accommodation

Throughout the programme, accommodation is carefully selected to reflect the standards and environments associated with leading hospitality education.

Participants will stay in some of the most representative hotels in each location, properties that embody the level of service, attention to detail, and atmosphere explored during the academic visits. In Lausanne and Geneva, this may

include landmark establishments such as Lausanne Palace, Royal Savoy Hotel, Mandarin Oriental, Beau-Rivage, or similar properties of the same standard.

This approach allows participants to experience, beyond the classroom, aspects of the hospitality environment they are considering as a future field of study.

Travel & Logistics



All travel within Switzerland is carefully coordinated to ensure a smooth and comfortable experience throughout the programme.

Most transfers are carried out by private coach, allowing efficient travel between cities and institutions. In addition, selected journeys, such as Lausanne to Brig and Brig to Geneva, are undertaken by train, offering first-class travel and a perspective on one of Switzerland's most widely used and highly regarded means of transport.

Safety & Support



Student wellbeing is a central consideration in the design and delivery of each programme.

Participants are supported throughout by dedicated Edessence staff, with a structured approach to supervision and clear procedures in place to ensure a safe and well-managed experience at all times.

A supervisor is assigned for a maximum of ten participants, ensuring appropriate guidance, oversight and support.

All participants receive a written code of conduct designed to ensure their safety and wellbeing. The rules are reviewed during the orientation session on arrival day, while adherence is monitored throughout the program.

Parents are provided with direct contact details for the Edessence staff accompanying the group, who remain available at all times.

Accommodation, transport, and all programme elements are arranged with carefully selected and trusted partners, while all activities are planned and supervised to the highest standards.

[Learn more about our safety policies](#)

Indicative programme structure



Sunday

- Participants' arrival
- Hotel check-in
- Orientation meeting
- Group welcome dinner

Monday

- Visit to EHL Hospitality Business School
- Lausanne City Tour
- Rest of the afternoon at leisure

Tuesday

- Visit to Glion Institute of Higher Education
- Montreaux City Tour
- Rest of the afternoon at leisure

Wednesday

- Visit to Les Roches
- Crans Montana Walking tour

Thursday

- Visit to SHMS SwissHotel Management School
- Visit to HIM Business School

Friday

- Visit to César Ritz Colleges Switzerland
- Brig City Walking Tour

Saturday

- Geneva City Tour
- Rest of the afternoon at leisure
- Group farewell dinner

Sunday

- Hotel check-out
- Departure from Geneva Airport

**The programme is designed as a fully inclusive experience, allowing participants to focus entirely on the academic and cultural journey.*

The days allocated to university visits are indicative and may be subject to change. ● Lunches and dinners are included for each day of the programme. ● Free time to explore cities on own (pending parental consent).

Registration now open

Express interest

Schedule a call with us

Booking & Payment



Participation is secured through a registration fee, followed by staged payments leading up to the programme start:

- A non-refundable registration fee of CHF 700 is required to secure a place
- A second instalment of 40% of the programme fee is payable within 30 days of registration
- The remaining balance is due 6 weeks prior to the programme start

Cancellations



As programme arrangements are secured in advance, the following cancellation terms apply:

- The registration fee is non-refundable
- Cancellations made more than 90 days prior to the programme start date are eligible for a full refund of payments made beyond the registration fee
- Cancellations made between 90 and 45 days prior to the programme start date are eligible for a 50% refund of payments made beyond the registration fee
- For cancellations made less than 45 days prior to the programme start date, no refund will be available.

*In the event that a participant is unable to attend, their place may be transferred to another eligible student, subject to prior approval.

Programme Fee



The programme fee is **CHF 5,700 per participant**.

A 10% reduction on the programme fee applies to registrations confirmed by 10 July.

*Based on double occupancy. A supplement applies for single accommodation.

*Places on the programme are limited to ensure the quality and personal nature of the experience. Early expressions of interest are encouraged. Students are also welcome to arrange a short call to discuss the programme.



Built on a simple insight, our work begins with the idea that many pre-university students make one of the most important decisions of their lives without ever truly experiencing the universities and cities they are considering. Our programmes are designed to guide participants toward more informed and confident decisions about their academic pathway.

Enquiries and Appointments

Write to us

Schedule a call



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