This tour offers a unique perspective on Geneva's international influence, going beyond the United Nations to explore the city's deep-rooted diplomatic, aristocratic, and celebrity legacy. Discover historic parks once owned by the elite, now public spaces rich with history, and visit key sites of major international organizations, including the UN, the Red Cross, and the Palais Wilson. Through these hidden gems and iconic landmarks, you'll uncover how Geneva has shaped global diplomacy for centuries.

Information	Description
Tour name	Geneva's Hidden International Diplomatic & Celebrity Legacy
Code produit	KTG206-2
Opening	Every Thursday (July - August)
Time	10:00
Description	When we think of International Geneva, the first image that comes to mind is often the United Nations and the many international organizations headquartered in the city. While these institutions are undeniably central to Geneva's global influence today, they represent only one facet of its international identity. Geneva has been a crossroads of diplomacy, culture, and power for centuries—long before the creation of the League of Nations or the UN. Since the Middle Ages, Geneva has maintained a reputation as a center of knowledge, trade, and refuge for thinkers, aristocrats, and political figures. In the 18th century, it became a sought-after destination for European elites, who were drawn to its serene lakeside landscapes and peaceful atmosphere. Many of them acquired vast estates along the shores of Lake Geneva, building grand residences surrounded by beautiful gardens. Over time, these private lands were transformed into public parks, each carrying its own history, secrets, and fascinating connections to Geneva's past. This tour invites you to step beyond the well-known institutions and explore the lesser-known side of International Geneva. We will visit the city's historic parks, once the retreats of wealthy diplomats, politicians, and celebrities, and now open to all. Along the way, we will also stop at some of the most significant sites of international diplomacy, including the United Nations, the Red Cross Museum, and the Palais Wilson, where the League of Nations once stood. Through these locations, we will uncover how Geneva has shaped global history—not only as a hub for modern international organizations but as a place where aristocrats, diplomats, and visionaries have left their mark for generations. This is also a chance to experience Geneva in a different way, immersing yourself in its natural beauty while exploring the stories of the people who helped define its international character.
Duration of circuit	2h00
Departure	Keytours: 8 rue François Bonivard
Return point	Keytours: 8 rue François Bonivard
Guided tours	Professional historian guide
Commentary	French, English
Important	The tour will be mainly walking
Included	Walking tour Open-top bus transfer to the International District Professional historian Guide Slideshow of Old pictures
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