

# Swissnex Quantum Summit: Travel Information

October 14 | Lausanne, Switzerland

## Getting to Switzerland

The two closest international airports are in Geneva (GVA), 60km from Lausanne, and Zurich (ZRH), 180km from Lausanne. Both airports have direct train connections to Lausanne.

## Getting to Lausanne

The Swiss train system ([SBB](#)) is the most efficient way to travel from airports or other nearby European destinations to Lausanne. Tickets can be purchased at machines, or you can download the '[SBB Mobile](#)' app, set up an account, and buy tickets on your phone.

- From Geneva airport: Direct trains depart to Lausanne every 15-20min.
  - Duration: 45-55min
  - Standard one-way ticket: CHF 27.
- From Zurich airport: Direct or connecting trains depart every 15-30min.
  - Duration: 2.5-3hrs
  - Standard one-way ticket: CHF 78.

## Getting to EPFL and around Lausanne

The conference will take place on the campus of the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Lausanne (EPFL). From the Lausanne train station, public transport is available:

- Take the M2 metro (direction Croisettes) one stop to Lausanne-Flon, then transfer to the M1 (direction Renens-Gare). Take the M1 to the EPFL stop.
  - You may purchase a ticket at a machine. Alternatively, you can purchase a 'city ticket' for Lausanne as part of your SBB train ticket.
- You may also take a taxi or Uber, it will take approx. 20 minutes from the train station.

Upon arrival your hotel should provide you with a 'city ticket' valid for local public transport during your stay. Please keep this ticket with you.

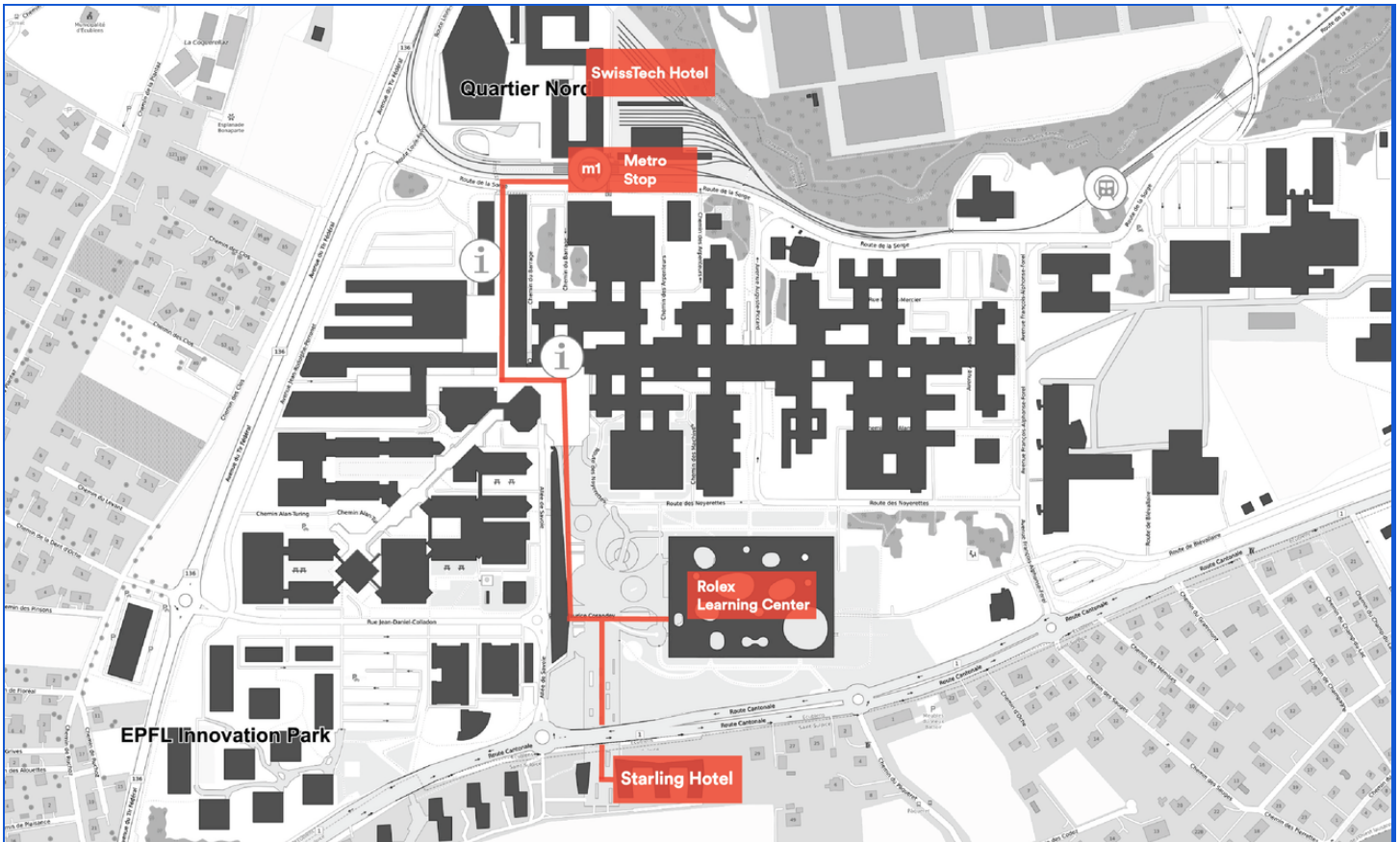
## Hotel

We offer discounts on two hotels within easy walking distance of the conference venue:

1. [Starling Hotel](#) (2min walk to conference): CHF 170 + room tax, breakfast included. Click on the [direct link](#) to book. Rate expires Sept. 17.
2. [SwissTech Hotel](#) (10min walk to conference): CHF 130 + room tax, breakfast extra. Rate expires Sept. 2.
  - a. To book SwissTech, send an email to [reception@sthotel.ch](mailto:reception@sthotel.ch) with your full name, dates of stay, number of persons, and discount code: SNX\_quantum23

## Summit Location and Map

The summit will take place at the [EPFL Rolex Learning Center](#). The entrance will be near the southwest corner of the building ([Google Maps link](#)).



## Other Conferences

Two other quantum-related conferences are scheduled in Switzerland within the same week:

1. [GESDA Summit](#) | Geneva | October 11-13: A conference on science diplomacy with a track on quantum.
  - Conference attendance is by invitation, please reach out to Marianne Schoerling to request more information, [marianne.schoerling@gesda.global](mailto:marianne.schoerling@gesda.global).
2. [Quantum Industry Day in Switzerland](#) | Lausanne | October 16: Premier annual meeting for the Swiss quantum ecosystem, spanning innovation, research, and industry
  - You may register directly on their webpage. The conference will take place at the SwissTech Center, adjacent to EPFL.

## Excursions

If you are staying before or after the conference, we can suggest the following activities.

- [Lake Cruise](#): A pleasure cruise on Lake Geneva, departing from Lausanne.
- [Montreux](#): Visit the lakeside town famous for its jazz festival, under 30min from Lausanne by train.
- [Gruyères](#): Experience the picturesque medieval town, just over 1hr by train from Lausanne.
- For other options, visit the [Switzerland tourism website](#).

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