

The Caux Palace



With its breathtaking views across the Lemman from an altitude of 1050 meters above sea level, the Caux Palace is a historic venue that transformed into an international meeting place for Initiatives of Change in 1946, thanks to the generous contributions of countless volunteers and supporters.

Despite its grandeur, the Caux Palace remains a humble place at its core, aiming to inspire, equip, and connect individuals and organizations to become the change they wish to see in the world.

Owned and managed by the Swiss foundation, Caux Initiatives of Change, [the Caux Palace](#) serves as a historical and inspiring center for reconciliation, peacebuilding, trust building, sustainability, ethical business, creative leadership, and more. Learn more about the history of Caux [here](#).

The Caux Palace is not a hotel but a purposeful meeting place, offering a safe space for people from all walks of life. Immerse yourself in the rich history of Caux and discover how this extraordinary place lies at the heart of the Caux Transformative Experience.

[More information about Caux Initiatives of Change](#)

How to get there

We highly recommend that you travel to Caux by public transport as parking spaces are limited. Caux's train station is situated right next to the Caux Palace. Caux can be reached within one and a half hours by car or train from Geneva, and two hours from Bern. Trains run every hour from both Geneva Airport and Bern.

For exact travel times and connections, please consult www.rail.ch

Click [here](#) for a detailed map of the area.

Important to know about Caux

Caux is situated at 1050M above sea level, and it can quickly get chilly. Please make sure to familiarize yourselves with the appropriate clothing requirements based on the season when traveling to Caux. Please note that there are no shops and no restaurants available in Caux and that you will need to go down the mountain to Glion or Montreux for any shopping.

Remember to bring your own medicine if needed, we are unable to provide any to you.

Our bedrooms

With a capacity of up to 450 people, our intentionally distraction-free rooms provide an environment conducive to reflection, connection, and meaningful experiences.

Therefore, you won't find televisions, mini-bars, hair dryers or room service in our rooms. Bedrooms in the Caux Palace are equipped with single beds. In rooms with twin occupancy, separate beds can be moved together for couples.

All standard bedrooms are located in the Caux Palace and have a balcony with a stunning view over the Alps and the Lemman, or direct access to the garden. The standard rooms in the Caux Palace are equipped with shower/bath, WC, telephone and free Wi-Fi-internet access.

Our economy single rooms have shared bathrooms and WC, no balcony and face the back of the building. Housekeeping services are provided once per week during your stay.

Should you require any assistance or have specific needs during your stay, our teams are at your full disposal and ready to help with anything you might need.

Meals

We look forward to offering you well-balanced meals, mostly inspired by European cooking traditions. We favor seasonal produce from environmentally sustainable sources. Meals are served as a self-service buffet, open at specific times. Meals include fresh mountain water and coffee or tea.

Please note that for food safety and health reasons, there are no storage space or fridges for personal food. We also ask you not to keep any perishable food in your bedroom.

During the Caux Democracy Forum, vegetarian and Hallal options will be available for lunch and dinner.

In line with our sustainable food policy for the Caux IDG Forum, all meals will be exclusively vegetarian or pescatarian.

If you have medical or health issues, our catering service will do its best to accommodate most standard dietary requests. We can also meet requests for gluten-free and lactose-free diets. Low fat meals are not provided, but you will be able to choose appropriate food at our buffets. In order to welcome people with different religious backgrounds we do not serve pork.

Please make sure to inform us about your dietary needs in advance, (see registration form) as we might not be able to accommodate late or on-site requests.

Dress Code, Clothing and Laundry Facilities

There is no formal dress code for the forum, however, please bring clothing that is respectful and inclusive of all participants. For the opening ceremony we ask that you dress in business casual attire.

It can get quite cold in Caux so you may want to bring some warm clothes even during the summer. Sturdy shoes for a hike and closed shoes may also be of use.

A public laundry room offers everything you will need to wash, dry and iron your clothes.

Drinking water in Caux

The water from our mountain springs is readily available and safe for consumption straight from the taps.

Children at Caux

Young people are vital stakeholders in the future of Caux.

The Caux IDG Forum and Caux Democracy Forum offer a tailored programme for teenagers, featuring a combination of participation in the main programme, to foster intergenerational connection and dialogue, and specific moments for teenagers, including a variety of enriching outdoor activities.

We are also committed to providing age-appropriate activities for younger children. These activities will be developed in close collaboration with parents and finalised after the registration closing date as the programme will depend on the number of children present in each age group.

All participants under 18 years old must be accompanied by their legal representative.

A free indoor play area and outdoor playground is available during the main events of the Caux Forum. Please be reminded that children remain the full responsibility of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

For parents with babies, a special kitchen is available 24/7 to store and prepare food.

Event Safety and Conduct Guidelines

At Caux Initiatives of Change, we are committed to creating a secure and inclusive environment for all. We enforce a strict zero-tolerance policy against any form of misconduct to ensure the safety and comfort of all participants. If you encounter any inappropriate behavior during our events, please promptly notify a staff member and request to speak with “Aretha”. This code ensures that trained staff will address your concerns promptly and discreetly and ensure appropriate action is taken.

Caux Initiatives of Change retains the right to expel any attendee displaying disrespectful behavior, with the duration of expulsion determined at our discretion.

Smoking Areas

The Caux Palace and Villa Maria buildings are a non-smoking zones. There are designated smoking areas outside the buildings. Smoking on the balconies is forbidden for fire security reasons.

Alcohol Recommendations

During the Caux IDG Forum (28 July - 1 August, 2025) and at the reception of the Opening Ceremony of the Caux Democracy Forum (8 July 2025), participants who wish to enjoy local wine and beer can do so in the dining room and on the terrace of the Caux Palace. Wine and beer will be available for purchase at a designated area during dinner time (CAUX IDG FORUM ONLY).

Please note that bringing alcohol onto the premises is not allowed and that any alcohol purchased at the Caux Forum must be consumed in the dining room or on the terrace.

Free Time

Caux's beautiful location high above the Lemman offers an ideal environment to relax. The conference schedule allows time for individual reflection and for cultural or outdoor activities.

Caux Forum participants receive the **Riviera Card** which offers free travel to Montreux and Vevey, reduced train fees up to the Rocher-de-Naye as well as numerous discounts for museums and other activities.

The schedule may include opportunities to share your artistic talents and pianos are available.

There is a self-guided Belle-Epoque historical walk starting right outside the Caux Palace reception.

If you consider hiking in the mountains during your stay in Caux, please make sure to check out the basic tips to stay safe and avoid accidents or injuries. This document is available at reception.

Health and Travel Insurance

Please make sure you have adequate health insurance to cover your journey and stay in Caux since the Swiss medical system is expensive.

Languages

Interpretation services will be provided upon request (see registration form). Interpretation into other languages may also be provided according to the needs of the audience.

Media Coverage Policy

The Caux Forum welcomes journalists, bloggers, organizations, institutions and individuals who wish to cover Caux Forum events. Depending on your role and who you represent, different requirements, terms and conditions will apply. For any request to cover the Caux Forum, including interviews with participants or speakers, please [contact us by filling out the form for media coverage](#).

Sustainability in Caux

Help us reduce our carbon footprint!

In recent years, Caux Initiatives of Change has taken various measures to reduce its carbon footprint and to promote sustainable living.

- Wood-fired heating was installed in the Caux Palace in 2016. This has reduced both our direct CO₂ emissions and those associated with transporting fuel.
- Most lighting is energy-efficient LED lighting.
- Local energy supply, mainly from renewable sources.
- We try to work as much as possible with local and seasonal products.
- Use of cleaning products from a range specifically recognized as eco-friendly.
- Waste sorting and transformation of organic waste into renewable energy.
- Caux Forum notebooks, bags and other official merchandise are made from sustainable materials.
- Since 2016 all Caux Initiatives of Change promotional materials have been printed on Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) certified or recycled paper. This ensures that the paper is produced from responsibly managed sources.

You can help us in the following ways:

- Switch off the lights when you leave your room.
- Unplug your battery charger as soon as your device is recharged. Don't leave the charger plugged in overnight.
- Save water by turning off the tap while brushing your teeth or washing your hands.
- Avoid unnecessary washing of towels and sheets by following the housekeeping recommendations.
- Use the stairs instead of the elevator: this saves electricity and helps to keep you fit.
- When the heating is on, don't leave the window open for more than ten minutes.
- Reduce food waste by only taking as much food from the buffet as you will eat. If you are going out for a meal, please sign out in advance.
- Reduce plastic waste by refilling your water bottle from the tap. Tap water in the Caux Palace is drinkable and comes from our own mountain springs

Arrival and departure information

Participants' rooms will be ready and available for check-in from 2pm on the day of arrival.

On the day of departure, the forum will end completely after lunch. For organizational reasons and to prepare our spaces for other events will kindly request all participants to check out by 10:00 am on the day of departure and to leave the site before 2:00 p.m.

Accessibility for Guests with Reduced Mobility

The Caux Palace & Villa Maria are part of the **OK:GO initiative!**

We are delighted to be taking part in the [OK:GO initiative](#) set up by the Swiss Tourism Federation. This initiative enables businesses, in particular those in the hospitality sector, to make information on the accessibility of their buildings available to their customers at a glance.

For people with reduced mobility, information on accessibility plays an important role when planning a trip.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@caux.ch.

Parking

There are two designated car parks near the Caux Palace with spaces for about 60 cars. All parking spaces are free of charge. There are more parking lots available close by but we recommend that you use our spaces first according to availability.

