

URBAN ACTIVITIES

At this time of year, Geneva offers lots of activities to be enjoyed with family or friends. From the displays of lights to the delicacies of Christmas markets, discover the magic of the city during the festive season.



ESCALADE FESTIVAL

This year, the traditional Escalade Festival takes place from December 7 to 9, 2018. Head for the cathedral square and warm up around the bonfire with a bowl of veggie soup or a glass of mulled wine. Indulge in the bountiful chocolate, enjoy the music and kid-friendly activities, then finish with the torchlight procession through the Old.

ICE SKATING



The canton of Geneva has many facilities for skating amateurs and enthusiasts, both indoor and outdoor. There's even a winter pop-up outdoor rink in Parc des Bastions, at the foot of the Old Town, where you can swap your shoes for ice skates. Open until February 24, 2019.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Geneva boasts several Christmas markets that are sure to get you into the festive spirit: wander through the stalls adorned with lights, sample seasonal food, discover local arts and crafts, or find the perfect gift for a loved one.



SWIMMING CUP

On Sunday, December 16, 2018, head for the English Garden to watch the traditional Christmas swimming race. Enjoy hot food and mulled wine while you watch the (fool)hardy participants compete in icy water.

