



THE DOMAINE BARTON

AN EXCEPTIONAL SETTING
FOR MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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Set against the backdrop of a magnificent park on the shores of Lake Geneva, the Domaine Barton of the Geneva Graduate Institute, which includes the villa of the same name, an auditorium, a restaurant and four pavilions, offers an exceptional setting for any type of event.

A Unique History

In 1858, Sir Robert Peel, former British Prime Minister, purchased the lakeside estate and transformed the villa, which he named Lammermoor. In 1892, his daughter Alexandra moved into the villa with her husband, Daniel F.P. Barton, British consul in Geneva, who built and donated Victoria Hall to the city. After the creation of the League of Nations, Mrs Barton played an eminent and discreet role in welcoming prime ministers, foreign ministers, diplomats of the major powers of the day, as well as the heads of the new international institutions to her magnificent villa . This discreet diplomacy earned her the nickname “Queen of Geneva”. Upon her death in 1935, Mrs Barton bequeathed the villa to the Swiss Confederation, which entrusted it to the Institute. The villa was then renamed Villa Barton.

Multipurpose Spaces

In addition to their academic activities, the Villa Barton and the Jacques-Freymond Auditorium can be booked for a wide range of events, supported by the latest multimedia technology for conferences, meetings and workshops. They are outfitted, managed and equipped to meet the most demanding requirements:

- Assistance in organising your event
- Versatile room configurations
- State-of-the-art technology adapted to all types of meetings (recording and videoconferencing)
- High-speed WiFi

The Villa Barton

The two floors of the Villa Barton house eight classrooms, including the Abi-Saab Room, two historic lounges, and a lobby.

EIGHT STATE-OF-THE-ART ROOMS

The Villa Barton is made up of eight state-of-the-art meeting rooms ranging from 35 to 80 m² which are suitable for all types of meetings (face-to-face or hybrid) and can accomodate from 12 to 28 people in U configuration (standard configuration). All classrooms are located on different floors of the Villa Barton. The rooms can be configured in different formats (classroom-style, island-style, theatre,...). The rental is based on standard configuration only. Any layout other than the standard configuration is subject to additional charges.



Room B11 – 62m² – 22 people



Room B22 – 83m² – 28 people

SALONS AND LOBBY

The Villa Barton also features two elegantly frescoed lounges, characterised by ceilings adorned with period moldings and complemented by antique furnishings. They are listed as part of Geneva’s historical heritage.

As well as being used for receptions, the first floor lobby can be used for cocktails or coffee breaks. It also provides access to the magnificent terrace of the Villa Barton, offering breathtaking views of its grounds and Lake Geneva.

CATERING

The Villa Barton is equipped with a serving pantry, ideal for external catering services.



One of the two historic lounges

The Jacques-Freymond Auditorium and the Restaurant

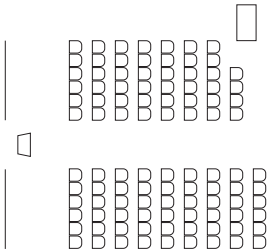
Just a few metres from the villa, a pavilion houses a large auditorium on the first floor and a restaurant with a magnificent terrace overlooking Barton Park and Lake Geneva.

JACQUES-FREYMOND AUDITORIUM

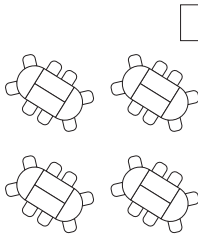
With a surface area of 135 m², the auditorium offers seating for up to 100 people and is readily adjustable to suit various event requirements (refer to technical specifications for details). Rental rates are based on the standard configuration (theatre) only. Any alternative layout or configuration may incur additional charges. The front of the room can be arranged for up to six people with a lectern.



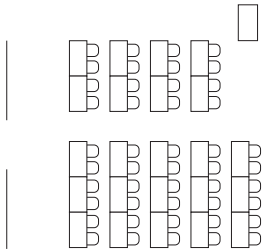
Standard Configuration (theatre)
100 people



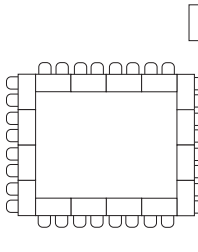
Island-Style
32 people



Classroom-Style
46 people



Rectangle Configuration
32 people



RESTAURANT

The restaurant is located just below the Jacques-Freymond auditorium. Featuring a magnificent terrace overlooking the lake, the restaurant can be privatised and offer a catering service for events. Additionally, it is open to the public.

The Pavilions

The Villa Barton is surrounded by four pavilions designed by André and Francis Gaillard in the 1960s, which have been completely renovated. Featuring a fully-equipped kitchen and dining/living room on the first floor, they offer for rent 18 rooms each equipped with private bathrooms. These rooms are available for short-term rental, ranging from one to 30 nights.

→ For more information or to book rooms: booking.housing@graduateinstitute.ch.





A CAMPUS AT THE HEART OF INTERNATIONAL GENEVA

The Domaine Barton is part of the Campus de la paix, which stretches from the Place des Nations to the shores of Lake Geneva. The Campus de la paix also includes the Maison de la paix, headquarters of the Institute; the Villa Moynier, home to the Académie de droit international humanitaire et de droits humains and the Geneva Center for International Dispute Settlement, two joint centres of the Institute and the University of Geneva; the Rothschild Building, which houses various programmes associated with the Institute; and two student residences, the Résidence Edgar et Danièle de Picciotto and the Résidence Grand Morillon.

ACCESS

The Domaine Barton is easily accessible from the Cornavin train station (10 minutes by bus), the airport (15 minutes by bus or taxi) or the A1 freeway (5 minutes from the Grand-Saconnex exit).



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