

GENEVA (CLASSIQUE)

SWIM FACT SHEET

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LOCATION: SWITZERLAND TO FRANCE

POPULARITY

The LGSA Classique is an adventure swim that has grown rapidly in size since its inception. Once a regular fixture on the FINA world cup circuit, this is the definitive open water swimming border buster between Switzerland and France. Swimmers complete the full crossing of the lake (13km as the crow flies) in separate starts according to their average kilometre pace to give everyone the best swim possible. It takes place in July each year and is now part of the Global Swim Series.

KEY CONTACTS

Swum under the jurisdiction of Lake Geneva Swimming Association (LGSA):
lakegenevaswimmingassociation.com/classique
Global Swim Series: globalswimseries.com

CUT OFF

- There is a cut-off time of 34 minutes per kilometre.
- The water safety team will do a sweep to make sure all swimmers are out of the water.
- This time is a hard stop and non-negotiable.
- The cut-off usually allows plenty of time for even the more relaxed swimmers!



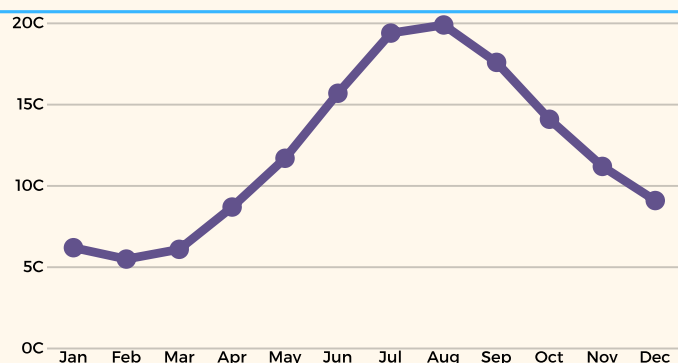
INFO

- The event is not a race and welcomes swimmers with or without wetsuits.
- The original swim route begins at Lausanne, Switzerland and finishes at Evian-les-Bains, France, although this may be reversed or altered.
- Support watercraft and event markers will direct swimmers along the route.
- There will be feed stations roughly every 2.5km along the route with a mixture of water, energy bars and sports gels.
- Tow-floats are mandatory for this swim and not included in your entry fee.
- You will be asked for your swim pace when you enter. They recommend you declare your average time for completing one kilometre in the pool or during an open water event (if one time is faster then write the faster one). Swimmers are grouped according to their pace, and the water safety team is deployed accordingly. If you begin to stretch the water safety team because you are swimming much faster than your wave you will be asked to slow down.

FINAL THOUGHTS

- The swim is an adventure, not a race, where they celebrate the completion of your journey across the lake, between two countries.
- Your event start time is assigned according to your predicted kilometre pace.
- During your swim, kayaks and support watercraft will be on hand to offer support and to look out for you.
- There are event medals, souvenirs and a warm drink!
- If you want to bring your own kayaker you can as the kayakers provided are not assigned one to one.

AVERAGE WATER TEMPERATURE



QUICK VIEW

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Temperature	●●●●●	●
Distance (13 km)	●●●●●	●
Conditions	●●●●●	●
Success rate	●●●●●	●
Price (€190)	●●●●●	●
Iconic	●●●●●	●
Water quality	●●●●●	●