

GENEVA (SIGNATURE)

SWIM FACT SHEET

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LOCATION: SWITZERLAND / FRANCE / SWITZERLAND

POPULARITY

A relatively new swim and definitely not for the faint hearted at 42 miles of fresh water - equivalent distance to a two-way English channel but without tide (+) and without the buoyancy of salt water (-). This swim is a border buster as you go from Switzerland to France and back to Switzerland. Expect to swim into the night and back into daylight again.

At time of writing (Jan 20) only 7 swimmers have ratified a length.

KEY CONTACTS

Swim under the jurisdiction of Lake Geneva Swimming Association (LGSA):
lakegenevaswimmingassociation.com/signature

It's expensive to stay in Switzerland and best to stay near the finish in Geneva. Consider staying the night before in Villeneuve where you will meet the boat

You can travel by train or get a hire car to reach the start point.



GETTING IN

Certified self-assessment swim:

- a ten hour swim
- followed by a 7 hour swim the following day
- in water that is 17C or colder.

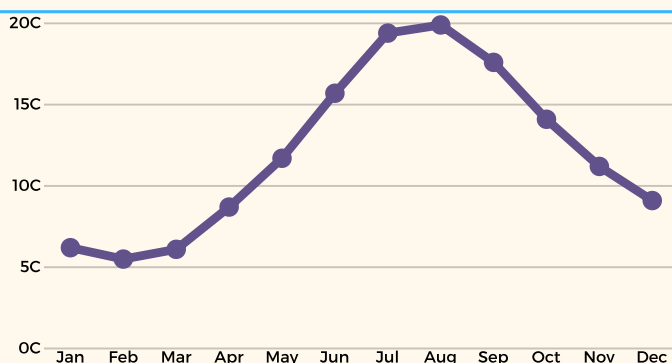
RULES

- Swum under channel swimming rules (CS&PF) with regards to costumes, hats, goggles etc
- The swim begins when the swimmer enters the water from a natural shore.
- The swim finishes when the swimmer clears the water on a natural shore, beyond which there is no navigable water (be it due to geography, safety or permissions).
- The swimmer may not make intentional supportive physical contact with any vessel, object, or support personnel at any time during the swim.
- A support swimmer (or swimmers) may accompany the solo swimmer for a limited duration. A maximum of one hour per support swim and a minimum of one hour between support swims. The support swimmer may not intentionally touch the swimmer and must position themselves at least slightly behind the swimmer. The pilot must agree to any request for a support swimmer before they enter.
- Everyone involved in the swim attempt - swimmer, observer, support personnel, and escort boat personnel - must treat the environment respectfully and prevent avoidable harm to marine wildlife and ecosystems.

FINAL THOUGHTS

- It is a freshwater swim, so your body position will be different to sea water.
- There is no assistance from flow as water takes 20 years to exit the lake!
- There are cold water streams that deposit cold water along the length,
- The scenery is stunning
- Expect the headlands at Evian and Thonon to take forever to pass.
- The finish is at Bains de Pacquin public baths.
- As it is a large lake and near the mountains you may experience thunderstorms and headwinds / currents that may impact the swim.
- You should expect to book a window of a week (like the English Channel)

AVERAGE WATER TEMPERATURE



QUICK VIEW

	-VE	+VE
Temperature	●●●●●	●
Distance (42 miles)	●	●●●●●
Conditions	●●●●●	●
Success rate	●●●●●	●
Price (€5,800)	●	●●●●●
Iconic	●●●●●	●
Water quality	●●●●●	●