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[Lake Geneva](#) has long been known as one of the Midwest's most beautiful and relaxing getaway locales. Conveniently located within a short drive from both Chicago and Milwaukee, this spot makes for a perfect romantic weekend, family vacation or a wedding/special event destination. So where to stay and what to do? We'll fill you in!

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Get out on the open water by taking a boat tour on the [Lake Geneva Cruise Line](#), a classic Lake Geneva activity. Insider tip: choose the nationally recognized U.S. Mailboat Tour on which a person delivers mail to the residents along the lake, jumping from the boat onto the docks and back again, all while the boat is in motion. It's a sight to see and the only marine mail delivery of its kind in the country! Then swing over to [Lake Geneva Canopy Tours](#), a year-round 100-acre zip line park. Zip line from tree to tree on the canopy tour or pick the racing zip line tour for an adrenaline-pumping experience. This is certainly an adventurous way to check out the fall color.

When you're ready for a bite, you have your pick of delicious dining options. The [Baker House](#) expertly balances luxury, casual and fun. Enjoy tapas and a sunset champagne toast with panoramic views of the lake. Our hats are off (or on, actually) to this inn and eatery that encourages guests to get festive by donning one of the dozens of hats they provide to guests every day. Visitors are also encouraged to dress up for their unique events like masquerade balls. And you've got to grab a slice (or two) of award-winning pie from [Lake Geneva Pie Company](#).

Where to Stay in Lake Geneva

Since you'll have to call it a day sooner or later, let us suggest a few places to rest your head. These accommodations will make you feel like royalty. Stay at The [Geneva Inn](#), boasting arguably the best view of the lake – which you can enjoy from your room's private balcony. The Travel Green Wisconsin-certified [Grand Geneva](#) is always a favorite, both eco-friendly and lavish. We suggest you try the Champagne Sunday Brunch at the Geneva ChopHouse. Another favorite place to relax? The [Lake Lawn Resort](#), which boasts a spa, championship-level golf and private marina slips.

Lake Geneva Activities

On your drive to Lake Geneva, don't miss these nearby activities and attractions. Head a bit north to cruise along State Road 59, from Whitewater to Elkhart Lake on the [Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive](#). This drive through the Kettle Moraine State Forest boasts awe-inspiring mile after mile of autumn foliage. Another great way to see the fall color is by bike. Don't worry if you didn't bring your bike – you can rent one from [Backyard Bikes](#). Then it's time to hit one of the nearby trails. We suggest the challenging [John Muir and Emma Carlin Trails](#). If you enjoy a slower pace, walk, hike or backpack the Ice Age Trail, a national scenic trail. Take a guided walk from the Highway 12 [Ice Age Trail](#)

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