How to get to Lausanne by plane and/or train

Arriving in Switzerland by plane
Should you arrive by plane at one the Swiss international airports (Geneva, Zurich, or Basel), the most convenient way to reach Lausanne is by train.

From Geneva airport (Cointrin)
The trip to Lausanne takes about 45 minutes and there are 3 departures per hour. Most connections are direct and there is no need to change. Full timetable details are available at http://www.sbb.ch/en/index.htm.

From Zurich airport (Kloten)
The trip to Lausanne takes 2½ hours. There are 2 departures per hour and some trains require changing in Bern or Zurich Hauptbahnhof (Zürich HB). To check the timetable please refer to the link above and make your request by using Zurich Flughafen (Airport) as point of departure and Lausanne for arrival.

From Basel airport (EuroAirport)
The railway station is not in the airport but there is a shuttle service that gets you to the main train station (Basel SBB), in 20 minutes. The trip to Lausanne takes about 2½ hours. There are 2 trains per hour and most trains require changing in Bern or in Biel/Bienne. To check timetables please refer to the link above and make your request by using Basel Airport as point of departure and Lausanne for arrival.

Arriving in Switzerland by train
There are good train connections from Paris, Lyon, and Milan. You can check timetables at http://www.sbb.ch/en/index.htm

From Paris
A TGV connects Paris "Gare de Lyon" with Lausanne. The trip takes about 4 hours and requires no changes. There are 4 departures a day.

From Lyon
From "Lyon Part-Dieu" station, the trip to Lausanne takes about 2½ hours. There is one train every two hours and it is always necessary to change in Geneva main station.

From Milan
From Milan main station, the trip to Lausanne takes roughly 4 hours (3 hours with Cisalpino). There is one departure every two hours and usually changing train is not necessary.
Arriving in Lausanne by car from Geneva or Bern

By car from Geneva
Take the highway from Geneva and take the indicated direction for Lausanne. The journey takes around 30 minutes. Once you pass Morges and arrive in the vicinity of Lausanne, follow "Lausanne Sud" and exit at "UNIL-EPFL".

By car from Bern
Take the highway and take the indicated direction for Lausanne. Once you approach the town, stay on the highway and follow the direction "Genève" until you see the sign "Lausanne Sud". Then proceed as above.

How to get to EPFL from Lausanne Gare

Visitors staying in most hotels in Lausanne receive free travel cards for Lausanne buses and metro.
The city center of Lausanne is a short distance from the train station: 2 minutes by metro, 5 minutes by bus or 10-15 minutes (uphill) by foot. The main metro stop for the city center is Lausanne-Flon where the m1 and m2 metro lines intersect. Lausanne lakeside can be reached from the railway station by metro m1 direction "Ouchy" in 5 minutes.
The EPFL campus is located 6 km west of Lausanne and is accessed easily by metro.

Public Transport
If you come directly from the main railway station (Lausanne Gare CFF), take the metro line m2 to Lausanne-Flon (direction Croisettes), then change to metro line m1 (direction Renens).
The ride on the m1 metro line from Lausanne-Flon to stop Bassenges takes 13 minutes (direction: Renens or Renens-Gare).
NB: Tickets for the bus and metro lines in Lausanne should be purchased prior to boarding, from machines located at each bus/metro stop (make sure to have coins, as bills or credit cards are often not accepted).
A single ticket costs CHF 2.20 for zone 11 (just for the city) and CHF 3.- for zones 11-12 (to reach EPFL from the city), and will be valid for 1 hour (from the time of purchase) of unlimited travel on any method of transport (bus, metro, local train) within the zone. Note, however, that most hotels provide day passes to their guests.

By Taxi
Tell the driver you would like to go to the "Chemin de la Raye 10". From the main railway station (Lausanne Gare CFF) the trip takes between 15 to 20 minutes, and normally costs between CHF 33.- to CHF 36.- (depending on traffic).
How to get to EPFL from Renens Gare

Once you have reached Lausanne's railway station, you are about twenty to thirty minutes away from us.
You can choose a taxi (approx. CHF 20.-) or public transports (1 hour ticket: CHF 2.80). From Renens CFF train station, it takes about 10 minutes.

Public transportation
Buy a ticket for CHF 2.80 from one of the vending machines (2 zones). This ticket is valid for one hour and includes an unlimited number of changes.
From Lausanne train station, take the M2 metro from the CFF train station (entrance next to Mac Donald).
Get off at Flon stop. Change there to get the M1 metro, direction Renens. There are frequent departures.
From Renens CFF train station, take the M1 metro in the Flon direction.
Get off at the Bassenges stop (do not forget to press the stop button – Bassenges is a request only stop). You should reach the Château En Bassenges by passing under the Avenue du Tir-Fédéral. Then walk up the street ahead (Chemin de la Raye 10). The building is the first one on your left (picture below).

By Taxi
Tell the driver you would like to go to "EPFL, Chemin de la Raye 10, in Ecublens". The trip takes between 10 and 20 minutes depending on traffic, and normally costs around 20 CHF.

NB: Parking on campus is payable and as there are very few spaces available, we strongly recommend that you use public transport.

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