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Do you know  
the name  
of this  
nice  
town?



Often described as the jewel of the Swiss Riviera, ???? is an upmarket resort that is renowned for its annual jazz festival. The town began to develop as an international tourist resort in about 1815, and its golden age lasted until the outbreak of World War I in 1914. In the 19th century the charm of the area captivated artists, writers and musicians, including Lord Byron and Mary Shelley, Leo Tolstoy and Hans Christian Andersen. It has many Belle Epoque hotels. The most famous of them is the ????? Palace on Grand'Rue, west of the town centre. Opposite this hotel is the Centre des Congres, a modern conference centre. The metalframed market hall in Place du Marche was built in 1890 with funds donated by Henri Nestle, founder of the powdered milk company.

At the end of the square, on the lakeshore, is a statue of Freddie Mercury, vocalist in the band Queen. ????? was his second home and it was here that he died, in 1991. East of the statue, on the lakeshore promenade, is a casino rebuilt after a fire that has entered into rock legend. On the 4 December 1971, during a concert given by Frank Zappa and the Mothers of Invention, a rocket-flare was fired into the ceiling and the building was suddenly engulfed by flames. As clouds of smoke soared above the waters of the lake, Ian Gillian, of the band Deep Purple, who was watching from his hotel room, was inspired by the sight to write Smoke on the Water.



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