



culture and unique lifestyle. The vibrant district known as the Quartier des Bains (quartierdesbains.ch) is perhaps the key player in the city's strong desire to nurture both international and local contemporary art.

Day One

■ **9:00** Start your day with a fresh croissant and reviving coffee on the **Place du Bourg-de-Four** in the heart of Geneva's Old Town. It's a charming cobbled square that features a number of little cafés.

■ **10:00** Head across town to the **Palais des Nations** for a tour of The United Nations (8-14 Avenue de la Paix, unog.ch). The palace



Tintin fans should head to the Cornavin Hotel, which features in *The Calculus Affair*

stands in a park originally owned by the Revilliod de Rive family, whose last member bequeathed it to the city – but only on the condition that peacocks should roam freely in the grounds. You can sometimes hear the birds' strange mating calls interrupting major peace conferences.

■ **12:30** Back in the Old Town, stop for lunch at the cafeteria of the **Musée d'Art et d'Histoire** (2 Rue Charles-Galland, tel. +41 (0)22 418 2600) before exploring the collection and the incredible bookshop.

■ **14:00** **Septieme Etage** (10 Rue du Perron, septieme.com) has two stores, which are set right at the edge of the Old Town; it makes a nice contrast to have modern collections from international designers set against this historical backdrop. Just a few doors up is **Librairie L'Exemplaire** (12 Rue du Perron, lexemplaire.ch), where the owner can unearth collector's items such as the largest stockpile of the very fashionable 1920s illustration magazine *La Gazette du Bon Ton*. Also on the same street is the curious **Perret Antiques**



Top: Peruse on-trend creations amid serene surroundings at Septieme Etage

Above and left: All things old and unusual at quirky Perret Antiques

Opposite page: Beauty inside and out at the Fondation Bodmer

