



Trip description

4-day cycling tour on ViaRhôna from Montélimar to Avignon

Discover biking along the ViaRhôna from Montélimar to Avignon, from the orchards in the Drôme to the vineyards in Provence. A trip rich of new tastes and culture!



Destination	France
Location	Between Lyon and Marseille
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	April to Novembre
Minimum age	8 years
Reference	VR0403

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Take the chance of a short 3-day biking trip to discover the ViaRhôna from Montélimar, city of the famous "nougats" to Avignon and its "Palais des

Papes". This colorful part of the itinerary gently takes you to the heart of Provence. You follow the bike path along the ViaRhôna to Pont-Saint-Espirit, then keep on biking on small typical roads of Provence. Discover a wild Rhône river snaking through orchards and vineyards. Your trip ends in the gorgeous historical cities of Orange and Avignon, witnesses of a prestigious past.

Day 1

Arrival in Montélimar

Wellknown stop on the road to the South, Montélimar has a flair of Provence! Walk the pedestrian streets in the old district, admire the colorful houses and enjoy a drink sitting in sidewalk cafes in the cool shade of trees. You can't miss tasting the famous nougats which will rejoice kids and parents.

Day 2

Montélimar - Pont-Saint-Espirit

Bike
48km

Leave Montélimar and ride through the medieval cities of Viviers and Donzère, witnesses of the flourishing past in the area. Your next stop will be Bourg-Saint-Andéol with its numerous historical buildings. There, you'll see the most important bas relief in antique Gaule. Then, you will reach Pont-Saint-Espirit, crossroad of 3 departements : Vaucluse, Ardèche and Gard. Cross its 700 years old stone bridge and enjoy the beautiful view over the medieval city and its cathedral. It is a jump in History!

Day 3

Pont-Saint-Espirit - Orange

Bike
38km

You keep on following the Rhône river to reach Caderousse. This Provence village is a beauty with its stone dam protecting the town since the 19th century against the regular floodings.

You leave the Rhône river to cross the plains and discover the roman city of Orange. The typical ochre colors of the city will tell you you are in Provence. With an exceptional historical heritage, Orange will take you back to the heart of the Roman civilisation. Of course, you will visit the Antique Theatre, very well preserved and still used today during the summer festival and admire the impressive Triumph Arch.

Day 4

Orange - Avignon

Bike
47km

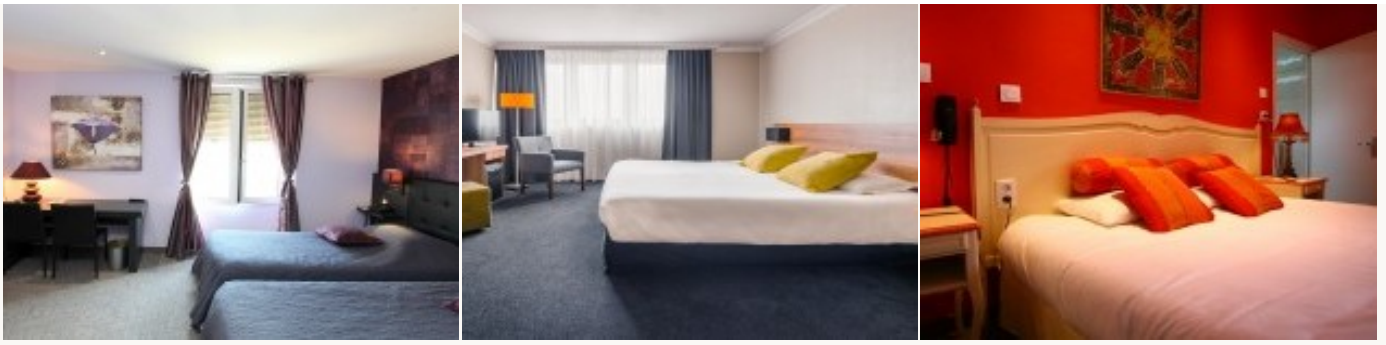
You leave Orange to reach Châteauneuf-du-Pape and its 3000 hectares of vineyards. Of course, tasting its Grands Crus is a must! Take a stroll in the small streets of the village up to the ancient Chateau des Papes, resort place for the Popes from Avignon.

Then your path takes you through the beautiful vineyards back to the Rhône banks. Following the river, you'll get slowly to the impressive Cité des Papes. Admire the gorgeous treasure of Avignon : the Palais des Papes, the bridge Saint Bénézet named « Avignon's bridge », the city walls, the numerous churches and chapels...

Accommodation

Category B

You are accommodated in **/** hotels selected for their ideal situation on the itinerary. You will be comfortable and warmly welcomed. Breakfast is included.



* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Lyon or Montpellier, then take a regional or TGV train to Montélimar.

By train: Direct TGV trains from Paris, Gare de Lyon. The duration of the trip is about 3h. Plan your trip on www.oui.sncf.

Parking

You can park your car at the secure parking of your hotel in Montélimar. The parking price is 5€/day. Otherwise, you can park at the secure parking of the train station (21€/4 days).

To get back to starting point:

Trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. Regular regional trains are riding between Avignon and Montélimar. Bikes are accepted for free. The duration of the trip is about 56mn. Full rate 15€/pers. You will find the timetable of the day in your travel documents.

If you have taken the **baggage transfer option**, you can pick up your luggage from 4pm at the drop off point.

Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling. You arrive whenever you want depending on from where you come. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon depending on your accommodation. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

Price description

Category B

Double room fare

€ 339 /pers

3 nights in **/**hotels

3 breakfasts

3-day rental of an equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the delivery of the bike

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

local visitors' taxes

sending charge of the travel documents in France

7/7 hotline

High season (*)

€ 20 /pers

Half-board

€ 27/dinner

Extra for a single room

€ 38 /night

Extra night in Montélimar or Avignon

€ 55 /pers

Options

Luggage transport (4 persons basis)	45 €/pers
Luggage transport (2 persons basis)	85 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	€ -60 /pers
Extra for an electric bike	€ 45 /pers

(*) **High season** :
from 01.07 to 31.08.2019

Children discount (in the same room as 2 full rate participants):

0-4 years: -70%
5-11 years: -50%
12-17 years: -30%

The package doesn't include:

the journey to the tour location
the drinks
the meals which are not included
the entrance fee to sites
insurances (optional)

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