



## Trip description

### 4-day cycling tour on ViaRhôna from Vienne to Valence

This cycling tour starts in the Gallo-Roman city of Vienne and keeps on along the Rhona cycle route, the ViaRhôna, through the world-famous wine region of Côtes-du-Rhône till Valence. A great family cycling holiday or gourmet cycling holiday!



Destination	France
Location	Vallée du Rhône
Duration	4 days
Difficulty Level	Very easy
Validity	From april to november
Minimum age	1 year old
Reference	VR0402

Type of stay  
itinerant trip



### Itinerary



The ViaRhôna is a 815 km long cycling path connecting Geneva Lake, from the North, to the Mediterranean Sea, to the South. In between, you will cycle alongside the Rhône River from the amazing Alpine mountains to the marvelous Mediterranean Sea beaches. A dream for everyone! From Vienne, the old roman capital, this trip offers a great variety of landscapes. You will cross a lot of typical French villages and have a magnificent view of the steeply terraced vineyards, the first major orchards along the Rhône Valley. You will follow the greenways for most of the path, riding your bike at an ideal speed, which will give you a chance to enjoy history, nature and gastronomy all at the same time!

### Arrival in Vienne

Vienne boasts many Gallo-Roman vestiges. The best way to visit it is to walk from one site to the other, as the majority of the built heritage is located in the town center. Among them, the most famous are the antique theater, remarkable for its size, and the temple d'Auguste et de Livie, which nicely stands out in the middle of a town square.

### Day 2

#### Vienne - Serrières

Bike  
34km

You cycle quietly along the Rhône River on the bike path before crossing the river to get to the "Ile au Beurre". Have a break on this peaceful island known for the diversity of its fauna! Take the time to have a look around since you are in the heart of the major vineyards of the Rhône Valley including the famous Condrieu, Saint-Joseph, Côte-Rôtie. From this point on, you will get your first glimpse of the typical Provence villages and houses.

### Day 3

#### Serrières - Tain l'Hermitage

Bike  
37km

Just before crossing the river once again, have a break in the Village of Saint-Vallier. As strange as it may seem, the railway connecting Paris to Marseille split the Saint-Vallier historical center in two. Enter the Saint-Vallery Church, and the Poitiers family's burial chapel (parents of Diane de Poitiers). As you arrive in Tournon-sur-Rhône you cross the Rhône River on the oldest French hanging bridge that is still in use today. This "Passerelle Seguin" bridge allows you to reach the village of Tain-l'Hermitage, home of the famous wine and ValRhôna chocolate. Be sure to taste both of these delicious regional specialties.

### Day 4

#### Tain l'Hermitage - Valence

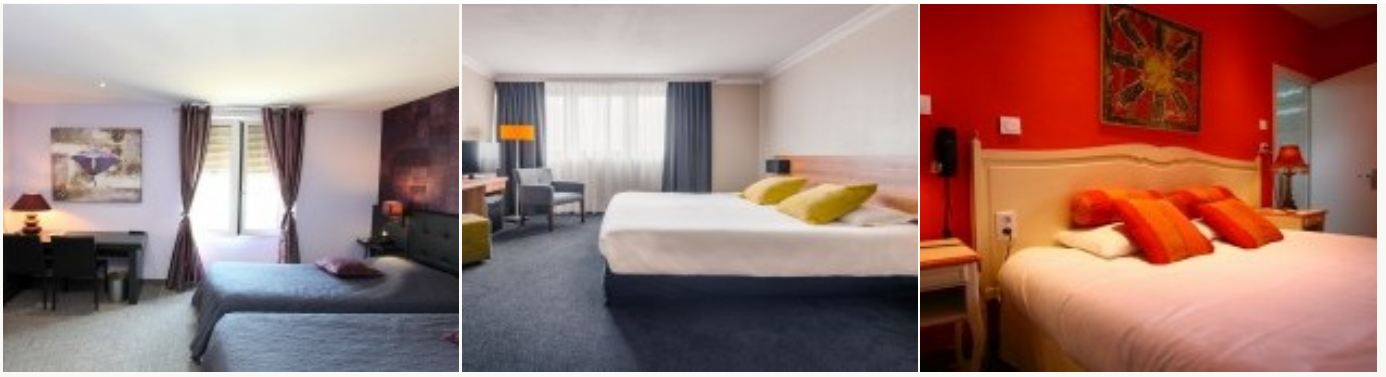
Bike  
22km

The cycle path now offers a gentle introduction to the South of France, with its pretty villages in typical southern style. Vineyards and fruits orchards are now the main part of the landscape. Discover the surprising blind channel around "La-Roche-de-Glun" village. Make sure you have a close look at the Diane de Poitiers Tower. Your trip ends in Valence, a classified Town of Art and History. With its colorful markets, shaded gardens and historic quarters, this living city makes you feel like being in Provence already.

## 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:** the nearest airport is Lyon Saint-Exupery. At the airport, there is a shuttle tramway Rhone Express taking you to the city center at Lyon Part-Dieu train station in 30 mn.

**By train:** many regional trains go to Vienne from Lyon, from either Lyon Part-Dieu or Lyon Perrache train stations (duration of the trip about 20min). High-speed trains don't stop in Vienne. To plan your trip, [www.oui.sncf](http://www.oui.sncf)

### Parking

If you drive to Vienne, you can park your car in the secured car park of your accommodation. The rate is € 8/day.

### To get back to starting point:

Trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. Regular regional trains are riding between Valence and Vienne. Bikes are accepted for free. The duration of the trip is about 50mn. Full rate € 13.80/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 advise you to plan half a day for visiting Vienne, which is worth it. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

## Price description

### Category B

Double room fare

€ 445 /pers

3 nights in \*\*\*hotels

3 breakfasts

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

the delivery of the bike

the entry to the Cité du Chocolat Valrhona

a road book with maps and descriptions of the routes

local visitors' taxes

7/7 hotline

High season (\*)

€ 10 /pers

Half-board

€ 30 /dinner

Extra for a single room

€ 45 /night

Extra night in Vienne	€ 65 /pers
Extra night in Valence	€ 65 /pers

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## Options

Luggage transport (4 persons basis)	56 €/pers
Luggage transport (2 persons basis)	112 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	€ -120 /pers
Extra for an electric bike	€ 35 /pers

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(\*) **High season** :  
from 01.07 to 31.08.2020

**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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