



Trip description

A 7-day bike trip on the ViaRhôna - from Seyssel to Lyon

Follow the Rhône river on old towpaths and small countryside roads. You will enjoy magnificent views and discover hamlets as well as charming and modern cities. The ViaRhôna is a dream of cycle touring holidays, accessible to all.



Destination	France
Location	Entre Rhône et montagnes
Duration	7 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	From April to October
Minimum age	12 years
Reference	VR0701

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Explore the Rhône river and its surroundings! For these cycling holidays, you ride mostly onto the ViaRhona and discover all its secrets. You follow the meanders of the river and enjoy the view over the mountains. If nature will never cease to amaze you, culture and heritage will also be part of the journey!

Discover the traditional hamlets and the fishing ports such as Chanaz or Groslée but also the lively spa town of Aix-les-Bains and its lake of Bourget.

This bike trip along the Rhône river offers you to taste the different local specialities. Whether you are in Saint-Genix-sur-Guiers, the "Cité du Gâteau" or in the medieval streets of Pérouges and its sugar pie or in Lyon with the famous "bouchons", you will love your culinary journey!

Foodies, wine enthusiasts, history buffs, nature lovers: ViaRhona is for you! Bon voyage!

Day 1

Arrival in Seyssel

In Seyssel, discover the Rhône as a border between Ain and Haute-Savoie regions. The history of the town is intimately linked to the Rhône river especially through the inland waterways.

Do not miss the visit of Maison du Haut-Rhône: you will learn more about the history of the town and the river, your travel companion along this itinerary.

Day 2

Seyssel – Aix-les-Bains

Bike
46km

Altitude
±270m

Ride on small countryside roads that lead you to the picturesque town of Chanaz. There, discover the stalls of the crafts-men and women of this old harbor along the Canal de Savière.

Then, you have the choice to reach the spa town of Aix-les-Bains by boat (practical information in your travel documents) or to continue by bike having in sights the lake of Bourget, the largest natural lake of France.

Day 3

Aix-les-Bains - Champagneux

Bike
48/72km

Altitude
±374m

Ride on the cycling path along the lake of Bourget: you will not resist to swim into it! After Le Bourget-du-Lac, you have to ride uphill in the Savoy region to reach the famous "Tunnel du chat" which is specially adapted to cyclists. You will not regret it by enjoying the view!

Then, ride through countryside roads and have a taste of the regional wine around Yenne. You can even discover Belley, the city of the gastronome Brillat-Savarin. You reach Champagneux and have the opportunity to continue your way to Saint-Genix-sur-Guiers, nicknamed the "city of the cake". For gourmets, this town is famous for its brioche topped with pralines, yummy!

Day 4

Champagneux - Villebois

Bike
49/68km

Leave Guiers region to arrive to the lake of Cuchet for a relaxing moment. Then, cross the river to reach Glandieu, a village nestled at the foot of the Massif du Bugey: an impressive 60-meter high waterfall awaits you! The bike path goes then to Groslée where you can enjoy a wine degustation of Bugey AOC. From there, you will have the choice between two bike itineraries to reach Villebois:

- The short option (49km, A+ 230m) leads you to the ponds of Mépieu and the charming hamlet of Montagnieu.

- The long option (68km, A+ 168m) leads you to the medieval city of Morestel and the leisure park of Blue Valley, in Montaliieu.

Day 5

Villebois - Pérouges

Ride on the cycling path along the Rhône before crossing the river if you want to reach

Bike
33-42km

Altitude
±172m

the caves of La Balme, where you may have the chance to see bats in their natural environment!

You cycle then through countryside roads and stop in charming hamlets such as Chazey-sur-Ain before reaching Meximieux and its lively streets. The medieval city of Pérouges awaits you, do not hesitate to taste its culinary specialty: the famous sugar pie.

Day 6

Pérouges - Lyon

Bike
46km

Altitude
±100m

You reach back the ViaRhôna itinerary by crossing the countryside and the maize fields. On your way, you will see the military camp of Valbonne, a site of ecological interest. Then the route will cleverly link the parks and lakes of Greater Lyon, including at Le Grand Large and Miribel-Jonage. Enjoy the magnificent cycle route through central Lyon, along the banks of the Rhône river. Welcome in the "capital of the Gauls"!

Day 7

Departure from Lyon

Stroll into the medieval quarter of Vieux Lyon with its courtyard passageways, known as "traboules". Experience the "bouchon lyonnais" to taste the reputed gastronomy of the region.

After the breakfast you leave the city, unless you want to extend your stay?

Accommodation

Category B

You stay in hotels with **/** standards or bed & breakfast. These family hotels welcome you warmly. Breakfast is included.



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Lyon or Geneva, then train to Seyssel.

By train:

- From Geneva : direct inter-regional train from Geneva Cornavin station (city center of Geneva) to Seyssel (about 40 minutes). From Geneva airport station, connection at Genève Cornavin then direct train to Seyssel (about 1h).
- From Lyon : direct inter-regional train from Lyon Part-Dieu station to Seyssel (about 1h).

To plan your trip: <https://en.oui.sncf/en/>

Parking:

If you drive to Seyssel, you can park your car directly in a safe and free parking close to your accommodation for the duration of your stay. .

To get back to starting point:

Regional trains take you back to your starting point if you wish. They are accessible without booking in advance and bicycles are free. You have to buy your ticket on spot (full rate € 21.40/adult). There are several trains per day. You will find the timetable in your travel documents.

Meeting time:

The first day is an arrival day without cycling so you arrive whenever you want. Please note that rooms are usually available in the middle of the afternoon. We thank you to advise us if you plan to arrive late.

Price description

Category B

Double room fare

2-3 adults	969 €/pers
4-5 adults	889 €/pers
+ 6 adults	799 €/pers

6 nights in **/** hotels and Bed&Breakfast
6 breakfasts
5-day rental of a fully-equipped touring bike (packs, helmets, locks...)
the luggage transport from one accommodation to another
the delivery and return of the bikes
the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information
24h/24 hotline

Half-board: 3 dinners	82 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	52 €/night
High season*	30 €/pax
Solo traveller extra	220€
Extra night in Seyssel	78 €/pers
Extra night in Lyon	95 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (5 days)	90 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-100 €/pers

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)

*High season: from 01.05 to 17.09.

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

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

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