



Trip description

A loop tour in the Alps riviera: cycling between the Rhone, the canal and the lakes

Starting from Aix-les-Bains and the lake of Bourget, get onto your bike to pass the charming hamlets of Belley and Chanaz and enjoy the most magnificent landscapes of Savoy!

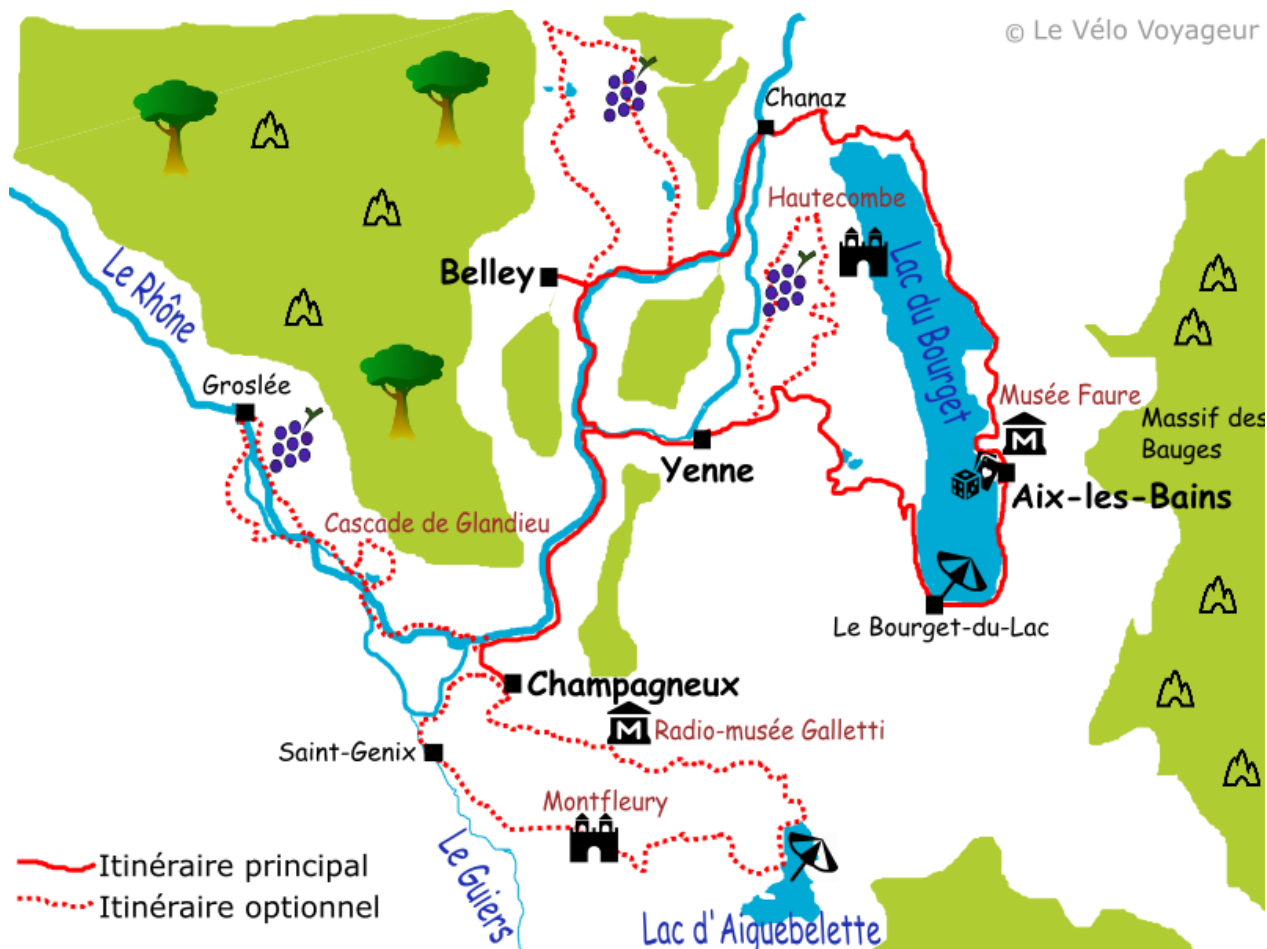


Destination	France
Location	Entre Rhône et montagnes
Duration	7 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	from mid-April to September
Minimum age	14 years
Reference	VR0704

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Water is your element? It goes without saying you will enjoy this adventure!

This loop-bike tour begins from Aix-les-Bains: soon you will discover the magnificent Rhône, the turquoise water of Bourget and Aiguebelette lakes but also the canal of Savière, the artificial lake of Cuchet or the waterfall of Glandieu.

Ride on your own pace: the daily steps are enough to have the time to visit all the treasures of the region but if you want to cycle more you have the opportunity to make a detour and immerse yourself in the heart of the vineyards and beautiful landscapes!

Enjoy nature and its calm atmosphere and be prepared to make some effort to enjoy even more the most beautiful places: that's the recipe of this 7-day bike trip in the heart of the Alps Riviera.

Day 1

Arrival in Aix-les-Bains

Arrival in the spa town of Aix-les-Bains. You feel like enjoying a bathing? The lake of Bourget, the largest natural lake of France, is just two steps ahead. Unless you prefer to stroll in the lively streets or visit the Faure museum?

Day 2

Aix-les-Bains - Yenne

Bike
28/48km

Altitude
±300m

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!

It is time to enjoy a visit... and a wine tasting (with sobriety obviously) with the local wine-growers. You reach then Yenne, a typical village with old-time charm.

Still need more? Lucky you, we have thought of an optional loop bike tour from Yenne! Cycle in the vineyards of Jongieux and enjoy a swimming in the lakes of Chevelu, a nice programme doesn't it ?

Day 3

Yenne - Champagnieux

Bike
20/32km

Altitude
±164m

Ride almost all-day on the cycle path and enjoy the bucolic countryside!

When you arrive at your accommodation, you may cycle a small detour to Saint-Genix where you can enjoy a succulent cake with pralines and visit the Mandrin museum.

Day 4

Free day in Champagnieux

Bike
48km

After two days of cycling, you can choose to relax and enjoy the bucolic atmosphere of the region or to get on your bike for more adventures!

- Loop bike tour of the waterfall of Glandieu (48km, A+ 126m)

You will follow the well-equipped cycle path of the ViaRhôna. At the waterfall of Glandieu, you can admire the water gush from 60m of height! Stop at the bridge of Groslée, a nice atmosphere for a wine tasting before heading towards your accommodation. On the way, for the history buffs, do not miss the house of Izieu, a memorial for Jewish children.

- Loop bike tour of the lake of Aiguebelette (48km, A+ 760m)

Watch out, this is a challenging stage! Ride on small winding countryside roads that lead you to the crystalline waters of the lake of Aiguebelette. You will be amazed by the magnificent panoramas! On the way back, do not miss the visit of the castle of Montfleury before reaching Saint-Genix where you will be happy to taste the cake with pralines to reward you for your daily efforts.

Day 5

Champagneux - Belley

Bike
25/58km

Altitude
±106m

After you crossed the cornfields, you reach the cycle path of the ViaRhôna and ride peacefully next to the majestic river.

It is time to change the atmosphere: cycle from Savoy to Ain region by crossing the bridge of Virignin which is specially fitted out for bikers! Enjoy the activity of its port before reaching Belley, the capital of Bugey region.

You want to cycle more? No problem, we have prepared a loop bike tour to discover deeply the Bugey region for the bravest. On small countryside roads, enjoy the bucolic atmosphere and pass the marshes of Lavours and the lake of Barterand, a confidential and relaxing area!

Day 6

Belley - Aix-les-Bains

Bike
40km

Altitude
±228m

Get on your bike and cycle one last time with your trip comrade: the Rhône. In Chanaz it will be time to say goodbye to the 812-km long river.

Melancholy will not invade you: Chanaz, « the small Savoy Venice » is an invitation to travel! Located next to the canal of Savière, take the time to visit the stalls of the craftsmen and women: coffee roasters, brewers or ceramicists.

Ride then with the lake of Bourget and Aix-les-Bains in your sights. You have the possibility to reach the spa town of Aix-les-Bains by boarding with your bikes (details and schedule in your travel documents).

Day 7

Departure of Aix-les-Bains

A last bath in the lake of Bourget or a last small coin in the slot machines of the casino? Be prepared to leave this beautiful region... unless you decide to have an extra night or enjoy a boat ride?

Accommodation

Category B

You'll get a good night's sleep staying in these 2 or 3-star hotels or Bed&Breakfasts. All properties have been selected for their cleanliness, style and the friendliness of the staff. A hearty breakfast is included!



** Example of the type of accommodation*

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight to Lyon or Chambéry

By train: The train station of Aix-les-Bains is well connected to the railway network and you can easily access the station from many cities in France and Europe. For instance from Paris: duration 3h15; from Lyon: duration 1h10; from Geneva: duration 1h05. To plan your trip: <https://www.thetrainline.com/?redirected=true>

Parking

If you drive to Aix-les-Bains, you can park your car in the car park of your accommodation (subject to availability) or next to your hotel. The location and contact details of the car parks will be given in your travel documents.

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

899 €/pers

Double room fare

6 nights in **/** hotels or B&B

6 breakfasts

5-day rental of a fully-equipped bike (saddle bags, locks, toolkit)

the luggage transport

the delivery and the return of the bikes

the access to our mobile app including the roadbook and the practical and tourist information

7/7 hotline

High season (*)

30 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

72 €/nuit

Solo traveller extra

150 €/pers

Extra night in Aix-les-Bains

84 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (5 days)

90 €/pers

Discount if you ride your own bicycle

-110 €/pers

Half-board: 2 dinners

60 €/pers

Extra for the rental of a gravel bike (5 days)

70 €/pers

(*) **High season** :

from 01.05 to 17.09.

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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