



Trip description

From Geneva to Lyon – a cycling adventure on the ViaRhôna

A fantastic journey to discover a region between the mountains and the lakes following the ViaRhôna route!



Destination	France
Location	Entre Rhône et montagnes
Duration	8 days
Difficulty Level	Moderate
Validity	from mid-April to October
Minimum age	16 years old
Reference	VR0802

Type of stay
itinerant trip



Itinerary



Starting in Switzerland, from Geneva "the city at the edge of the lake" and finishing in Lyon "the capital of the Gauls", it makes you dream?

Take part in this adventure and follow the well-equipped cycle path of the ViaRhôna. You will discover a wild nature and some authentic hamlets from Savoy and Isère regions. Cycle along the Rhône and relax on the beaches of Léman and Bourget lakes, stroll into the lively streets of Belley or Crémieu, enjoy the brioches of Saint-Genix or take great pleasure in trying the "bouchons", the traditional Lyon restaurants.

Far from being monotonous, riding along the majestic river is a pleasure of every moment and challenging you with some Swiss reliefs or with a tunnel specially adapted to cyclists will give you the goosebumps! Are you ready for this formidable cycle adventure between the Rhône and the mountains?

Day 1

Arrival in Genève

At the crossroads of 3 countries which are Switzerland, France and Italy, Geneva is the perfect place to begin your cycle trip! Enjoy its remarkable localisation to discover the Léman lake or the famous water jets and stroll into its streets making a stop at Saint-Pierre cathedral with its inspirational architecture.

Day 2

Genève - Seyssel

Bike
60km

Altitude
±530m

Ohhhh my beautiful Switzerland! You leave Geneva and its lively streets to cycle on small roads passing through a bucolic countryside. In La Plaine, enjoy a panoramic view over the vineyards. Woods, cows and peaceful villages give rhythm to your route until you arrive at a small customs post which marks the border with France. You reach then Seyssel on the cycle path of the ViaRhôna.

Day 3

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 4

Aix-les-Bains - Belley

Bike
42km

Altitude
±372m

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 arrive in Belley, the capital of Bugey region.

Day 5

Belley - Morestel

Bike
51/62km

Altitude
±100m

Today you will meet two Rhône rivers, the channeled and the wild one. At their junction, raise your head to admire the Chartreuse of Pierre Châtel, a former monastery from the 16th century. Then, you reach Guiers region 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!

You follow then the river and reach the artificial lake of Cuchet for a refreshing moment. Cross the Rhone to reach Glandieu, a small village located at the bottom of the mountain range. Admire the amazing 60m-high waterfall situated in the heart of the hamlet. Morestel is two steps ahead.

Day 6

Morestel - Crémieu

Bike
26/60km

Altitude
±100m

With le Vélo Voyageur, we like to give you the choice! Today, you can choose between 2 routes:

- The short option: You need a little break in your adventure? Or you want to enjoy the surroundings of your accommodation a little longer? The short option is almost only on a dirt path for soft modes of transport. You arrive soon in Crémieu and have plenty of time to discover the medieval city, one of the most beautiful villages of France.

- The long option: You want to cycle more? Get onto your bike following the ViaRhôna. You will pass the outdoor activities center of "Vallée Bleue" before arriving at the caves of La Balme. Cycle on small countryside roads after that lead you to Crémieu.

Day 7

Crémieu - Lyon

Bike
58km

Altitude
±130m

After a last walk on the ramparts, get onto your bike to reach your final destination! Cycle through the countryside before noticing that the landscapes are evolving and becoming more and more urban.

You will then enjoy a fabulous bike ride on the banks of the Rhône. You have plenty of choices to relax and swim into the Miribel park, one of the largest park of Europe. After a few kilometers, you arrive in the capital of the Gauls!

Day 8

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 A

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



* Example of the type of accommodation

Category B

You will enjoy a higher level of service in these superior **/** hotels or B&B. Breakfast is included.



* Example of the type of accommodation

Practical information

To get to departure point:

By plane: flight for Geneva and then shuttle to the city center.

By train: Regional train or TGV to Geneva-Cornavin. The train station is well connected to the neighbouring countries. For instance from Paris: duration 3h15; from Lausanne: duration 45min; from Milan: durée 4h. To plan your trip: <https://www.thetrainline.com/>

Parking:

Parking in Geneva is quite difficult and expensive. We advise you to park in Lyon, the end of your trip and reach Geneva back by train. We will inform you about the car-parks in Lyon as well as the schedule for the trains between Lyon and Geneva in your travel documents.

To reach back the starting point:

There is a train between Lyon and Geneva (1 direct train every 2 hours, duration: around 2h). All practical information will be in your travel documents.

Price description

Category A

Double room fare

Basis 2-3 persons

1189 €/pers

Basis 4-5 persons

1089 €/pers

Basis +6 persons

989 €/pers

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

7 breakfasts

6-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 (*)

40 €/pers

Single occupancy extra

65 €/nuit

Solo traveller extra

220 €/pers

Extra night in Geneva

120 €/pers

Extra night in Lyon	95 €/pers
Category B	
Double room fare	
Basis 2-3 persons	1249 €/pers
Basis 4-5 persons	1149 €/pers
Basis +6 persons	1049 €/pers
7 nights in **/** superior hotels or charming B&B	
7 breakfasts	
6-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 (*)	60 €/pers
Single occupancy extra	75 €/nuit
Solo traveller extra	220 €/pers
Extra night in Geneva	140 €/pers
Extra night in Lyon	120 €/pers

Options

Extra for the rental of an electric bike (6 days)	105 €/pers
Discount if you ride your own bicycle	-130 €/pers
Half board: 2 dinners	62 €/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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