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Lyon - Orange

RHÔNE CYCLE PATH II.

'Bonjour' Lyon, as they say, on this eight-day bike tour along the lifeblood of the Rhône-Alpes region to Provence. Lush vineyards, fragrant orchards and gorgeous purple lavender fields accompany you on your cycle route in the heart of France. In addition to the multi-faceted natural scenery, the tour also reveals cultural treasures: magnificent cathedrals, relics from the Roman era and the outstanding Musée des Confluences in Lyon are on the programme.

Details of the cycle tour on the Rhône cycle route II

Over eight days you cycle from Lyon along the Rhône and admire impressive cultural treasures as you go. For example, the largest Roman theatre in Gaul, Vienne. Or the architecturally outstanding museums and art galleries. The culinary treasures definitely shouldn't be missed in France. Frogs legs, snails or goose liver are on every menu. For those who like more traditional fare, a delicately melting caramel ice cream would be the perfect choice.

The highlights of the bike tour along the Rhône at a glance:

- **Spectacular Musée des Confluences:** It is located on an island at the confluence of the Rhône and Saone. Above all, the futuristic façade and the impressive exhibitions will definitely impress.
- **Pearl of the region:** In the surroundings of Tournon sur Rhône, immerse yourself in the medieval old town! **Tip:** Take a lunch break and order a glass of the famous 'Hermitage'!

Important information about the cycle tour Lyon - Orange

275 kilometres of cycling will take you from Lyon to Orange over eight days. From the starting point in Lyon, you cycle comfortably without significant hills to Vienne, Serrières, Valence, Montélimar and Bourg St. Andéol. Most of the Rhône cycle path is well developed and a prime example of good signage and an attractive route. Even for the entry-level cyclist

Easy



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Lyon

Since 1998 Lyon's old part of town is part of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage. Mighty churches, about 30 museums and an excellent food serving industry guarantee a delightful stay.

DAY
2

Lyon – Serrières/surrounding | approx. 60 - 80 km

Already after just a few kilometres the futuristic museum ‚des Confluences‘ appears with its spectacular location on an island at the confluence of the rivers Rhône and Saône. On either side of the river, vineyards of the Cotes du Rhône rise up steeply. You however stay on flat terrain and soon cycle through a nature reserve with numerous observation points for you to marvel at flora and fauna. Onwards through alluvial forests with lots of shade until Serrières, a charming village located directly on the river Rhône.

DAY
3

Serrières – Valence | approx. 60 km

The beautifully designed cycle path takes you South again, directly along the Rhône riverbank. World renowned grapes are grown in the surroundings of Tournon sur Rhône. We recommend you have your lunch break in one of the charming villages with their medieval village centres and sample at least one glass of the famous ‚Hermitage‘. After that you will soon reach the main town of the Drôme-region called Valence. Also called the ‚Northern Gate to Provence‘, it will amaze you with its vibrant town centre full of cafés and restaurants.

DAY
4

Valence – Montélimar | approx. 65 km

Effortlessly you cycle through the fertile Rhône-valley. The temptation for ‚petty larceny of food‘ is especially high today, since there are peaches, apples and kiwis growing directly along the route. Nevertheless, make sure you also look up and do not miss high up a once proud castle which has sadly crumbled and turned into a ruin, but still keeps a watchful eye over the valley. In today's Day Finish Montélimar it is all about ‚nougat‘, which is produced here in special quality. Temptations from dawn to dusk...

DAY
5*Round trip Montélimar* | approx. 65 km

Discover the Drôme provençal today. Discover dreamy "Villages perchés" (rock villages built on mountain slopes) and ancient romanesque churches that blend in with the landscape in the backdrop of the Drôme mountains. Obviously also the lavender fields.

DAY
6*Montélimar – Bourg St. Andéol* | approx. 30 km

Today's stage is very short and hence leaves you with lots of time to just enjoy! Several times you switch from one side of the river Rhône to the other side via impressive suspension bridges. Then onwards along the cycle path to the former diocesan town of Viviers. Behind the cathedral dating back to the 12th century you have an amazing view across the Rhône valley. Then it becomes very quiet in the alluvial forests except for the buzzing noise of your spokes. Vibrancy is back after that in Bourg St. Andéol. The old part of town is characterised by picturesque houses dating back to the 16th, 17th and 18th century, situated directly on the river Rhône.

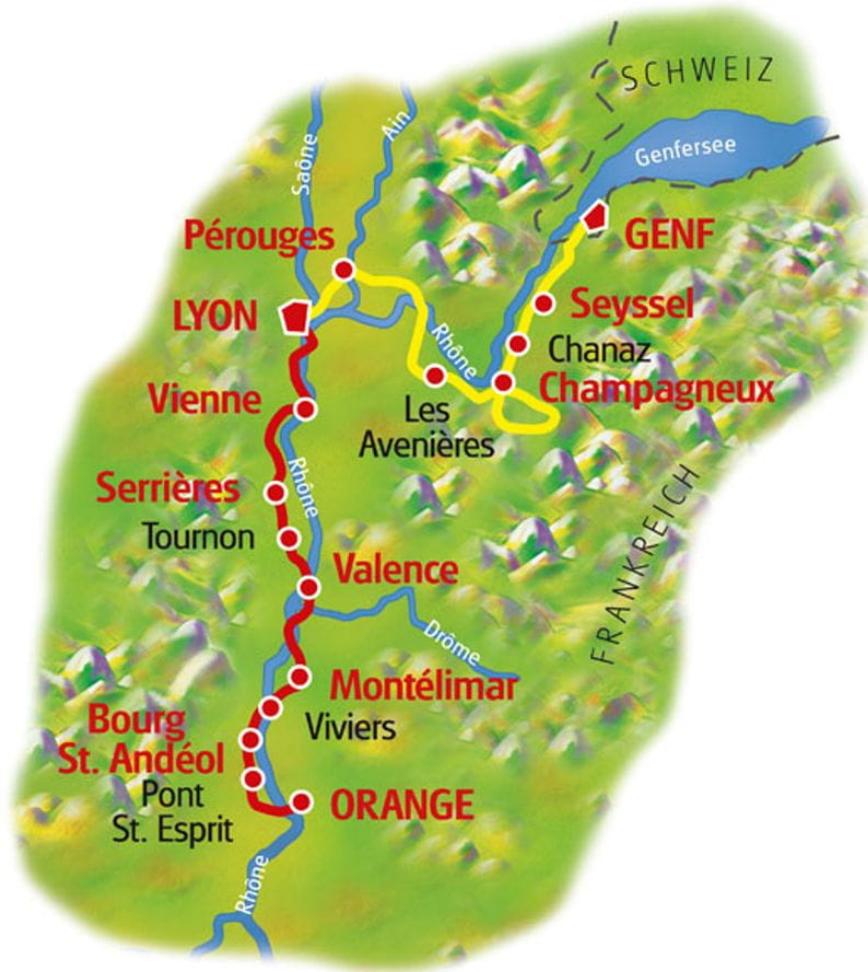
DAY
7*Bourg St. Andéol – Orange* | approx. 50 km

On your final stage you casually cycle through glowing yellow sunflower fields, apple orchards and peach plantations, past tomato- and basil fields. En route, you come across the little town of Pont St. Esprit, known for its 600-year old bridge, whose 25 arches stretch impressively across the river Rhône. You will be staying in the town of Orange with its well-known Roman theatre and the city founding arch, both part of the UNESCO-World Cultural Heritage.

DAY
8*Departure or extension*

Tour character

The terrain is mostly flat and easy to cycle on. The Rhône cycle path is overall well-constructed and a perfect example for signposting and routing.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Lyon

	Season 1 17.04.2021 - 07.05.2021 01.10.2021 - 16.10.2021 Arrival Thursday, Saturday	Season 2 08.05.2021 - 18.06.2021 12.09.2021 - 30.09.2021 Arrival Thursday, Saturday	Season 3 19.06.2021 - 11.09.2021 Arrival Thursday, Saturday
Lyon - Orange, 8 days, FR-RORLO-08X			
Base price	81500	87900	93500
Surcharge single room	30500	30500	30500

Category: 2**-, 3***- and 4**** hotels (french classification)

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Lyon

	Season 1 Apr 17, 2021 - May 7, 2021 Oct 1, 2021 - Oct 16, 2021 Arrival Thursday, Saturday	Season 2 May 8, 2021 - Jun 18, 2021 Sep 12, 2021 - Sep 30, 2021 Arrival Thursday, Saturday	Season 3 Jun 19, 2021 - Sep 11, 2021 Arrival Thursday, Saturday
Lyon			
Double room p. P.	6500	6500	6500
Surcharge single room	4300	4300	4300
Orange			
Double room p. P.	6500	6500	6500
Surcharge single room	4000	4000	4000

Our rental bikes

Filter

21-gear unisex	7900
21-gear gents	7900
7-gear unisex	7900
7-gear gents	7900
Rental bike PLUS	12900
Electric bike	18900

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Leistungen

Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast buffet or extensive breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer between the hotels
- Well developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English, French – with route maps, route description, local attractions, important telephone numbers)
- GPS-tracks available
- Service-hotline

Optional extras:

- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance
- Return transfer by minibus to Lyon every Saturday, costs EUR 95 per person incl. your bike, reservation is necessary

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Lyon train station
- Lyon or Marseille airport
- Multy-storey car park close to the hotel approx. EUR 20 per week, to be paid for at the time, no reservation possible/necessary
- Good train connections from Orange to Lyon

Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price!
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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