FRENCH BIKE TOURS

FRENCH BIKE TOURS - EMAIL: INFO@FRENCH-BIKETOURS.COM - TELEPHONE +33 (0)553242210 - WWW.FRENCH-BIKETOURS.COM



RIVERSIDE , NATURE , GASTRONOMY

type :	Self-guided Linear cycle routes Classic Cycle Routes of France Electric bike option
hybrid :	●●●○○
e-bike :	●●○○○
duration :	7 days
comfort :	●●◐○○
period:	Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct
code:	FRSB850

ViaRhôna - from Geneva to Lyon

7 days, *€ 1075*

Introduction



Take your bike and discover the **Via Rhôna**! From Lake **Geneva** in Switzerland to the Mediterranean Sea, follow a route that has been used by successive civilizations for over 2,000 years. Wonderful landscapes, towns, authentic villages, impressive nature, vineyards and delicious gastronomy await you along the way!

Start this great cycling trip from the cosmopolitan city of **Geneva**. Follow the ViaRhôna that meanders through the mountains and valleys of the Upper Rhône. Bike through the breathtaking landscapes of the Savoie and the Bugey: mountains, lakes, gorges... and pass typical old villages before you finish in the elegant historic city of **Lyon**.

This trip forms part of our wider offering along the **ViaRhôna** and the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region — from Alpine lakeside villages to the vineyards and heritage towns of the Rhône Valley.
Explore all our Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes cycling holidays to see how you can combine stages or choose the section that suits you best: **Rhone trips.**

Day to Day

Day 1 **Arrival in Geneva**

Arrive in Geneva and settle in at your hotel. Take the time to discover this beautiful Swiss city, known as the "capital of peace" with its humanitarian traditions, it will seduce you with its international charm and its old town offering a wide choice of delicious restaurants. Enjoy a pleasant stroll along banks of Lake Geneva.

Day 2 **Geneva - Seyssel (or train option)**

Your first bike ride takes you from Switzerland to France along the Rhone, you will discover the "Défilé de l'Écluse" and then the first vineyards between mountains and valleys, while keeping in view the sumptuous mountains of the Alps. This part of the trip will be on busier roads, but the rest of the week it will be much quieter. You will spend the night in the charming little town of Seyssel, on the banks of the river.

You also have the possibility to take the train to Seyssel and start your bike trip the day after if you want to avoid this first stage with busy roads!

Challenge: 60.8km, 656m ascent, 786m descent

Day 3 **Seyssel - Champagneux**

Leave Seyssel and cycle between ridges and plateau on both banks of the Rhone. Arrival in Chanaz, also called "La Petite Venise Savoyarde", enjoy a pleasant break in one of the charming restaurants along the canal of Savières. Continue on towards Culoz and Belley, peaceful small towns with a rich heritage that punctuate the Bugey mountain range. Continue your journey, through beautiful natural surroundings to arrive in the region of Champagneux.

Challenge: 55.9km, 260m ascent, 248m descent

Day 4 **Champagneux - Villebois**

Today you pass through Saint-Genix-sur-Guiers, for the 'gourmets', we advise you to stop to taste the famous brioche pralines! Further on, a little detour to the village of Glandieu will allow you to refresh yourself by its majestic waterfall, a wonder of nature. Next you will arrive in Morestel, stroll through the narrow streets of the old town, the city of artists, and maybe visit one of the art galleries. A lovely greenway links "La Vallée Bleue" to Villebois, which is where you'll stay overnight.

Challenge: 65.6km, 338m ascent, 346m descent

Day 5 **Villebois - Pérouges**

This ViaRhôna stage takes you through the unspoilt countryside of Burgey above the Rhône. You pass lovely villages this morning : Saint-Sorlin-en-Bugey and Sault-Brénaz, and the more secretive La Balme-les-Grottes, with its great caves and picturesque centre. Your destination will soon be in sight as you approach the hilltop medieval village of Pérouges, labeled one of the most beautiful villages in France.

Challenge: 55.4km, 199m ascent, 174m descent

Day 6 **Pérouges - Lyon**

This last cycle day cleverly links the parks and lakes of Greater Lyon, including Le Grand Large and Miribel-Jonage. Enjoy the magnificent cycle route through central Lyon, along the Rhône's banks. At the Rhône's confluence with the Saône, you come to a brand-new quarter marked by contemporary architecture, the most striking building being the Musée des Confluences. Your options for the rest of the day are endless but you can also reward yourselves with a delicious meal in a "petit bouchon", typical restaurant in the city.

Challenge: 43.4km, 109m ascent, 213m descent

Day 7 **Departure from Lyon**
End of your trip after breakfast. We advise you to extend your stay in order to take the time to visit the beautiful city of Lyon.

Prices, Data, Booking

Starting dates:
Friday, Saturday & Sunday from April 01 till October 31
Of course you can also book extra night(s) during the trip. We can give you these prices on request. Please mention where you would like to add extra night(s).

Practical Info


6 Nights included


2/3 Star Hotels or 3/4 Star Hotels (supplement applied)


All Breakfasts and 1 Dinner-tray on day 4 in Villebois (as no alternatives in the surroundings) included during the trip


Maps and tourist information on all the places of interest


24/7 Bilingual Emergency hotline


Luggage transport to your next accommodations. Luggage accepted per person: 1 suitcase or travel bag (20 kg maximum)


For time tables and further information check the **website of SNCF** or **rome2rio** for all French National trains (SNCF).
We strongly advise you to **download the sncf mobile** app prior to departure.
If you want to travel on a train with your bike, you can find more information **via this link**.

Parking informations on request

We will supply the directions of this trip with a personalized code which gives you access to our travel App.