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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 Saône. 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 this cycle tour is perfect, you spend between 35 to 65 kilometres per day on your bike.

- Get all information and many more tour tips for our cycle tours on the Rhône.

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 - Saint Désirat | approx. 50 - 70 km

After just a few kilometres, the futuristic museum "des Confluences" appears, spectacularly located on an island at the confluence of the Rhône and Saône rivers. We therefore recommend a short train ride to Givors (not included). You follow the meanders of your "companion", the Rhône, and soon reach Vienne with many traces of the old Roman colony. You will be impressed by the temples of Augustus and Livia and the largest Roman theatre in Gaul. The route continues directly along the banks of the Rhône. To the left and right, the vineyards of the Côtes du Rhône rise steeply. However, you stay on the plain and soon cycle through a nature reserve with many observation posts to marvel at the flora and fauna. The route continues through shady alluvial forests.

DAY
3

Saint Désirat – 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*Loop Tour Montélimar* | approx. 65 km

Discover the Drôme provençal today. Marvel at dreamy "Villages perchés" (rock villages built on mountain slopes) and old Romanesque churches that blend picturesquely into the landscape against the backdrop of the Drôme mountains. You can't miss the lavender fields.

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

There is plenty of time to enjoy today's short cycling stage. You will change banks of the Rhône several times over impressive suspension bridges. The cycle path then leads to the former episcopal town of Viviers. Behind the 12th-century cathedral, you enjoy a magnificent view over the Rhône valley. In the riparian forests that follow, it becomes quiet, nothing can be heard except the whirring of the wheel spokes. Bourg St. Andéol is full of life again. Here, picturesque houses from the 16th to 18th centuries characterise the old town directly on the Rhône.

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

On the last stage, you cycle leisurely through fields of yellow sunflowers, apple and peach orchards, over fields of tomatoes and basil. Along the way is the small town of Pont St. Esprit, where a 600-year-old bridge with 25 arches stretches impressively over the Rhône. The destination, however, is the town of Orange with its famous Roman theatre and the town foundation arch, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites.

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 09.04.2023 - 06.05.2023 05.10.2023 - 11.10.2023 Arrival sunday	Season 2 07.05.2023 - 17.06.2023 14.09.2023 - 04.10.2023 Arrival sunday	Season 3 18.06.2023 - 13.09.2023 Arrival sunday
Lyon - Orange, 8 days, FR-RORLO-07X			
Base price	999.00	1,049.00	1,129.00
Surcharge single room	349.00	349.00	349.00

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

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Lyon

	Season 1 Apr 9, 2023 - May 6, 2023 Oct 5, 2023 - Oct 11, 2023 Arrival sunday	Season 2 May 7, 2023 - Jun 17, 2023 Sep 14, 2023 - Oct 4, 2023 Arrival sunday	Season 3 Jun 18, 2023 - Sep 13, 2023 Arrival sunday
Lyon			
Double room p. P.	75.00	75.00	75.00
Surcharge single room	50.00	50.00	50.00
Orange			
Double room p. P.	70.00	70.00	70.00
Surcharge single room	45.00	45.00	45.00

Our rental bikes

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21-gear unisex	129.00
21-gear gents	129.00
7-gear unisex	129.00
7-gear gents	129.00
Rental bike PLUS	159.00
Electric bike	259.00
Prices per person in EUR	

Services and infos

Leistungen

Included:

- Accommodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- Welcome briefing (German, English)
- Luggage transfer
- Well developed route
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English)
- GPS-tracks available
- Service-hotline

Optional extras:

- Bike rental, including rental bike insurance

Infos

Arrival / Parking / Departure:

- Lyon train station
- Lyon or Marseille airport
- Multi-storey car park close to the hotel approx. EUR 25 / day, no reservation possible
- 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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