

THE CYCLE ROUTE ALONGSIDE THE RIVER RHÔNE

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— Valence ⊙ Avignon
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PREPARE YOUR CYCLING TRIP VIA www.viarhona.com

— **View the various stages** (detailed descriptions, shifts in altitude, places requiring care) and download the GPX tracks for free

— **Find tips and practical information on:** accommodation, bike hire companies, luggage transfer, tourist sights and more…

— **Find out about unmissable sights** and tailor-made trips

Get more information on:
— www.ouvergnerhonealpes-tourisme.com
— velo.provence-alpes-cotedazur.com
— www.tourisme-occitanie.com

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ViaRhôna DU LEMAN A LA MEDITERRANEE

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Useful information

ACCESS:
SEYSSEL TER STATION

DISTANCE :
187km

SHIFT IN ALTITUDE:
+157m/-180m

SIGNPOSTING VIARHÔNA

LASTS:
3 days/2 nights

We recommend that you arrive at Seyssel the day before you start cycling.

Suggested stages

— **Seyssel ⊙ Belley:**
Distance: 33km
Shift in altitude: +82m/-103m

— **Belley ⊙ Villebois:**
Distance: 78km
Shift in altitude: +173m/-202m

— **Villebois ⊙ Lyon:**
Distance: 75km



FROM SEYSSEL TO LYON

MY 1ST CYCLING TRIP

3 days crossing the Monts du Bugey

Shifting between mountains and valleys, this cycling trip takes you beside the Rhône from the mountainous Bugey area to France's southern capital of gastronomy.

Between Seyssel and Lyon, the wild Rhône wends its way majestically through the landscapes of the Savoie region. Leaving Seyssel, you enter the splendid French Alps, with their mountains, lakes, gorges, valleys, villages and waterfalls. At the end of your trip, you enter Lyon via a peaceful cycle path following the Rhône's riverbank.

For further information:
www.viarhona.com/reservez-sejour/viarhona-geneve-lyon



Useful information

ACCESS:
Valence Ville station

DISTANCE:
159km

SIGNPOSTED VIARHÔNA

LASTS:
4 days/3 nights

Suggested stages

— **Valence ⊙ Soyons:**
Distance: 9km

— **Soyons ⊙ Le Cheylard:**
Distance: 64km

— **Le Cheylard ⊙ Le Pouzin:**
Distance: 53km

— **Le Pouzin ⊙ Montélimar:**
Distance: 33km



WHERE THE VIARHÔNA MEETS THE DOLCE VIA

I'M CYCLING WITH THE FAMILY

Ride along two cycle routes discovering both Drôme and Ardèche!

After cycling through the county of Drôme on the ViaRhôna, ride into the Ardèche on the Dolce Via, a 90km route along a former railway line now reserved for non-motorized traffic. Orchards, mills and engineering works bear witness to the valley's agricultural and industrial past. Then return to the ViaRhôna, following the Rhône as far as Montélimar, where you can appreciate the shade of the town's broad, tree-lined allées provençales.

From the Viarhona to the Dolce Via Tournon-sur-Rhône > Valence > La Voulte-sur-Rhône > Les Ollières > Le Cheylard > Lamastre > Train taking bikes

For more information: www.dolce-via.com



Useful information

ACCESS:
Arles or Montpellier TER stations

OPTION 1:
22% on greenways
78% on roads shared with motorized traffic
DISTANCE: **177 km** | SHIFT IN ALTITUDE: **+ 66 m**

OPTION 2:
39% on greenways
61% on roads shared with motorized traffic
DISTANCE: **189 km** | SHIFT IN ALTITUDE: **+ 157 m**

SIGNPOSTED VIARHÔNA
Except along the Digue à la mer (sea wall) between Salin-de-Giraud, Les Saintes Marie de la Mer and Gallician

LASTS: **7 days/6 nights**

Suggested stages

— **Arles ⊙ Mas-Thibert ⊙ Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône**
Distance: 51km
Shift in altitude: +6m

— **Port-Saint-Louis-du-Rhône ⊙ Salin-de-Giraud ⊙ Les-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer**
Distance: 40km
Shift in altitude: +9m

— **Les-Saintes-Maries-de-la-Mer ⊙ Gallician**
Distance: 31km
Shift in altitude: +10m

— **Gallician ⊙ Saint-Gilles ⊙ Arles**
Distance: 41km
Shift in altitude: +16m
or **Gallician ⊙ Aigues-Mortes ⊙ Grau-du-Roi ⊙ La Grande-Motte ⊙ Carnon ⊙ Palavas-les-Flots ⊙ Montpellier**
Distance: 62km
Shift in altitude: +55m







THE CAMARGUE BY BIKE THROUGH THE RHÔNE DELTA

I CYCLE REGULARLY

The Camargue à Vélo gives you the chance to cycle through iconic southern French landscapes, enjoying an exceptional, sometimes secretive heritage. Here, with water and wide skies all around, nature provides grand landscapes in all directions: immense green stretches of reeds and marshes; vast white networks of salt marshes; rice paddy fields, colours changing with the seasons, stretching as far as the eye can see; endless golden beaches of finest sand, often practically deserted, opening out to the Mediterranean… so many liberating spaces in which to truly relax.

For further information:
Road-book Camargue à Vélo available on
www.myprovence.fr | tourismegard.com | herault-tourisme.com
as well as at tourist offices along the cycle route.



CYCLING CIRCUITS FOR A DAY TRIP



HAUTE SAVOIE

	DISTANCE	START
1 Circuit du Bas Chablais	50 km	Thonon-les-Bains
2 Boucle du Rhône	77 km	Annecy *(passing via Seyssel)*

Further information on: www.savoie-mont-blanc.com

SAVOIE

	DISTANCE	START
3 Circuit du vignoble de Savoie	33 km	Yenne

Further information on: www.savoie-mont-blanc.com

AIN

	DISTANCE	START
4 Au pays de Brillat Savarin	52 km	Belley or Murs-et-Gélingneux
5 Le Pays de Lhuis, porte sud du Bugey	44 km	Serrières-de-Briord

Further information on: www.ain-tourisme.com

ISÈRE

	DISTANCE	START
6 Entre Balcons et Vals du Dauphiné	46 km	Morestel
7 Aux abords du Rhône entre vergers et patrimoine	63 km	Vienne

Further information on: www.isere-attractivite.com

DRÔME

	DISTANCE	START
8 Des vignobles de Tain aux roches qui dansent	55 km	Tain
9 Le parc de Lorient	26 km	Valence

Further information on: www.ladrometourisme.com

ARDÈCHE

	DISTANCE	START
10 Rhône et patrimoine : entre Bourg-Saint-Andéol et Viviers	35 km	Bourg-Saint-Andéol

Further information on: www.rhone-gorges-ardeche.com

VAUCLUSE

	DISTANCE	START
11 D'Orange à Caderousse	16.6 km	Orange
12 D'Avignon à l'île de la Barthelasse	18 km	Avignon

Further information on: www.provence-a-velo.fr | velo.provence-alpes-cotedazur.com

BOUCHES-DU-RHÔNE

	DISTANCE	DÉPART
13 Camargue - Le cheval camargue et le riz	29 km	Arles - Le Sambuc
14 Camargue - Découverte de l'Etang de Vaccarès	46 km	Arles

Further information on: www.myprovence.fr | velo.provence-alpes-cotedazur.com

HÉRAULT

	DISTANCE	START
15 Le tour de l'étang de Thau	54 km	Marseillan Plage
16 Les étangs palavasiens	37 km	Palavas-les-Flots

Further information on: www.herault-tourisme.com/fr

GARD

	DISTANCE	START
17 Boucle Cyclo Spiripontaine	18 km	Pont-Saint-Esprit
18 Boucle entre Vignes et Rizières	50 km	Saint-Gilles

Further information on: www.tourismegard.com

ACCESS TO VIARHÔNA

By Train

ViaRhôna has stations dotted along the route. You can take a bike on a TER regional train for free. The main TER lines along the route are:

— Geneva - Chambéry - Grenoble - Valence
— Lyon - Geneva
— Lyon - Avignon - Marseille
— Avignon - Montpellier

If you wish to book in advance, you can use the following websites to do so directly:
— **www.ter.sncf.com/auvergne-rhone-alpes**
— **www.ter.sncf.com/sud-provence-alpes-cote-d-azur**

By bus

View the relevant bus networks on:
— **www.viarhona.com/preparation/venir**

NATURE AND LEISURE ACTIVITIES



CULTURE AND HERITAGE



THE CYCLE ROUTE ALONGSIDE THE RIVER RHÔNE

FROM LAKE GENEVA TO THE MEDITERRANEAN

ViaRhôna
DU LÉMAN À LA MÉDITERRANÉE

The ViaRhôna cycle route runs for 815km. It sticks close to the Rhône for most of its length, but offers cyclists an exceptional variety of landscapes along the way. Riding beside the river, cycling enthusiasts can enjoy an intense summary of southeast France, what with the views of the Alps and the famed vineyards lining the route, not forgetting the perched villages, lavender fields and olive groves encountered heading down into Provence. Beyond the cycling, ViaRhôna provides a wonderful opportunity to discover, at your own pace, the many riches of the different areas you ride through.

GASTRONOMY, OENOLOGY, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND NATURE WILL BE THE MAIN COMPANIONS FOR INQUISITIVE TOURISTS ALONG THE ROUTE

Following ViaRhôna, cyclists ride along on just two types of route:

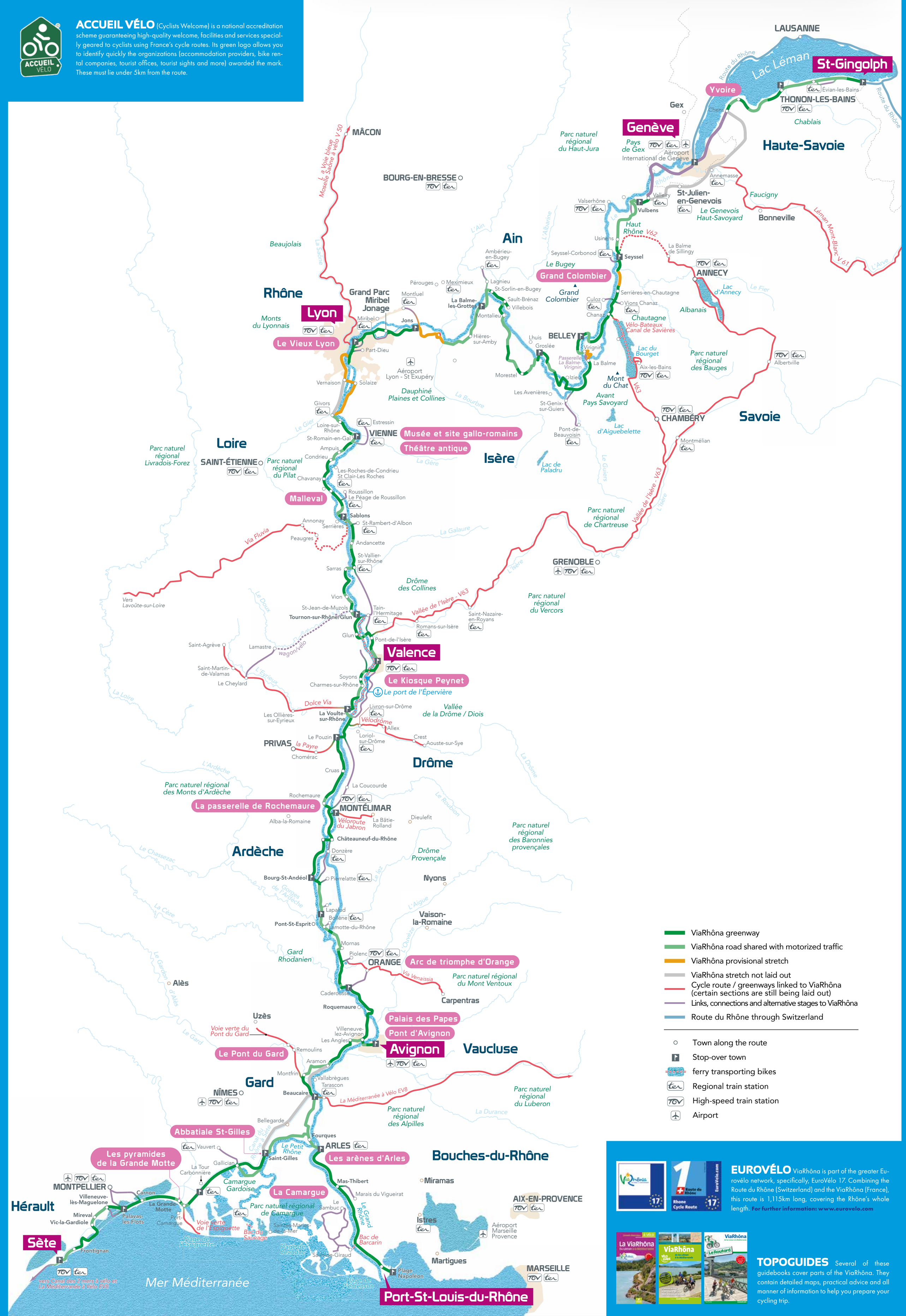
— **on safe greenways**
(covering almost 60% of the whole ViaRhôna route) only open to cyclists and other non-motorized forms of transport

— **on roads shared with motorized traffic**
These are secondary, or minor, roads and while shared with cars, prove quiet, in the main.

ViaRhôna consists of 55% of greenways and 45% of roads shared with motorized traffic. For 65% of the route, cyclists ride close to the Rhône.

Little shift in altitude involved: bar the first 120km going Saint-Gingolph to Seyssel, there are few difficulties to negotiate cycling alongside the river.

ACCUEIL VÉLO (Cyclists Welcome) is a national accreditation scheme guaranteeing high-quality welcome, facilities and services specially geared to cyclists using France's cycle routes. Its green logo allows you to identify quickly the organizations (accommodation providers, bike rental companies, tourist offices, tourist sights and more) awarded the mark. These must lie under 5km from the route.



- ViaRhôna greenway
- ViaRhôna road shared with motorized traffic
- ViaRhôna provisional stretch
- ViaRhôna stretch not laid out
- Cycle route / greenways linked to ViaRhôna (certain sections are still being laid out)
- Links, connections and alternative stages to ViaRhôna
- Route du Rhône through Switzerland

- Town along the route
- Stop-over town
- ferry transporting bikes
- Regional train station
- High-speed train station
- Airport

EUROVÉLO ViaRhôna is part of the greater Eurovélo network, specifically, EuroVélo 17. Combining the Route du Rhône (Switzerland) and the ViaRhôna (France), this route is 1,115km long, covering the Rhône's whole length. **For further information: www.eurovelo.com**

TOPOGUIDES Several of these guidebooks cover parts of the ViaRhôna. They contain detailed maps, practical advice and all manner of information to help you prepare your cycling trip.