



**France - Rhone Lyon to Arles (2025)**

**8 Days / 7 Nights**

**Individual Self Guided**



Follow the lifeline of the Rhône-Alpes region until Provence. Be accompanied by lush vineyards and fragrant orchards. This is an area both rich in nature and culture. Splendid cathedrals and relicts from Roman times are testimony to an abundant era long gone. During your tour marvel at cultural treasures such as the large Roman theatre in Vienne, or the architecturally outstanding museum of the Confluences in Lyon. Just as contrasting can also be the culinary treasures. Frog legs or soft caramel ice cream? You can already see there will be something for everyone's taste...

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## **Day by Day**

### **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. One overnight in Lyon.

### **Day 2: Lyon – Saint Désirat/surrounding approx. 50-69 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. There is a lot of traffic in the cities as well as Lyon. We recommend to go by train to Givors (not incl.) You follow the course of your ,companion', the river Rhône and soon you reach Vienne where you will stay tonight with its many remains of an ancient Roman colony. You will be impressed by the temple of Augustus and Livia and by the biggest Roman theatre in Gaul. One overnight in Saint Désirat

### **Day 3: Saint Désirat/surrounding – Valence approx. 55 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. One overnight in Valence.

### **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... One overnight in Montélimar.



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#### **Day 5: Montelimar-Orange 68 km**

You 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 can enjoy a magnificent view over the Rhône valley. In the floodplain forests that follow, it becomes quiet, nothing can be heard except the whirring of the wheel spokes. In Bourg St. Andéol, picturesque houses from the 16th to 18th centuries characterise the old town directly on the Rhône. 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. One overnight stay in Orange.



#### **Day 6: Orange-Cahteaneuf-du-Pape- Avignon 35 km**

In Caderousse, whose surrounding dykes protect the Provençal hamlet from possible floods of the Rhone, the route goes along the ViaRhôna through the famous wine-growing region of Châteauneuf-du-Pape. The path leads through the vineyards directly along the slopes and offers beautiful viewpoints over the Rhone valley. In Avignon, we recommend a stroll through the old town with a visit to the Palace of the Popes, which has been declared a World Heritage Site. One overnight stay in Avignon.

#### **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. The 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 wellknown Roman theatre and the city founding arch, both part of the UNESCO-World Cultural Heritage. One overnight in Orange.

#### **Day 8: Departure or extension**

The tour ends after breakfast. Individual return journey

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## Route



## Characteristics of the route

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.

## Tour dates

Arrival dates: every Sunday from 13.04.-05.10.

## Seasons

Season 1: 13.04.-02.05. | 05.10.

Season 2: 03.05.-14.06. | 20.09.-04.10.

Season 3: 15.06.-19.09.










**Prices- per person in Euros – all prices subject to confirmation on booking**

Double occupancy season 1	€1039
Double Occupancy Season 2	€1099
Double Occupancy Season 3	€1159
Single room surcharge	€369
Bike rental – 21 or 7 gear	€99
Bike Rental -30 gear	€169
Bike rental e-bike	€269
Additional nights	On request


**Accommodation**

Category: 2\*\* - 4\*\*\*\* hotels (French classification).

**Included**

-  Accommodation as already mentioned
-  Breakfast buffet or extensive breakfast
-  Personal welcome tour briefing (German, English)
-  Detailed travel documents, route cards, route description, sight-seeing, telephone numbers (German, English, French) 1 per room
-  At best elaborated route
- Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
- GPS-Tracks on request available
- Rental bike insurance
- 7-day-service-hotline

**Not Included**

-  Arrival and departure, costs for parking, city tax, transfers, optional sightseeings, city maps, Travel Insurance and costs of individual private requirements.

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## Bikes

A good bicycle is one of the most important pieces of equipment for a successful cycling trip. 30 years of experience and constant further development have gone into our bikes. The result is a solid, smooth-running and travel-suitable bike that we can recommend to every guest with a clear conscience.

With good V-brakes, aluminium hollow chamber rims as well as top tyres, it is well equipped for every path. The heart of the bike is a modern, high-strength aluminium frame, which we can offer in 4 different sizes to suit everyone. Everyday equipment with lights, luggage rack, mudguards and a comfortable saddle guarantee carefree cycling pleasure.

In order to be able to meet the wishes of our guests even more, we offer our bike with two different gear shifting systems. A very smooth 21/24-speed chain shifting from the brand manufacturer Shimano as well as a tourable 7-speed hub shifting from the same manufacturer, which also offers a reverse brake

## E-bikes

Electric bikes are available in many tour. Please note that the number of the bikes are limited. The cyclist is supported while cycling by an electric motor but still you have to enter into the pedals. You can decide on your own if you would like to have the supporting motor or not. Small and large gradients are so much easier to climb. That means cyclists with different conditions can enjoy bike tours together.

*Assisting people in realizing their touring dreams worldwide is our passion.*

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