

HIDDEN TREASURES IN AUVERGNE RHONE ALPS REGION

This tour, setting off from the region's capital city **Lyon**, listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**, invites you to discover unforgettable Rhône-Alpes specialities, craftsmanship and sites.

DAY 1



After lunch on the day you arrive, you will have the chance to become acquainted with this ancient capital of Gaul through a **guided tour** that takes in a trip to the top of the Fourvière Hill and a guided visit of Old Lyon on foot.

Then enjoy some **free time in Old Lyon** or go on a visit to a workshop to discover silk-weaving, one of the particular crafts of this UNESCO World Heritage-listed city.

Dinner in a "Bouchon", a traditional Lyon-style restaurant, and overnight stay in the city.

DAY 2

Early morning start for Clermont-Ferrand.



Discovery **tour of the city** to get a postcard view of the main monuments: the Gothic cathedral, the Romanesque basilica, the Montferrand medieval district and lots of other hidden treasures.

Free afternoon to discover the market stalls or the remarkable Michelin Museum

Optional: Why not spend the afternoon visiting the Volvic natural mineral water bottling plant, belonging to the Eaux de Volvic Company.

Dinner and overnight stay in Clermont-Ferrand

DAY 3

Morning departure for the **Puy de Dôme**



Travel to the top by the rack and pinion railway or, for the more sportive, by foot!

You'll be amazed by the **outstanding panorama**

Lunch as-you-please in the restaurant or packed-lunch picnic

Leisurely return to the bottom, then departure for the Puy en Velay.

A gourmet stop-off along the way for a sweet treat in La Chaise Dieu or Brioude

Hotel check-in at the end of the day

Dinner and overnight stay in the Puy en Velay.

DAY 4



The morning will be devoted to a go-as-you-please visit of the **Puy en Velay** and, in particular, of its cathedral and the Hôtel Dieu, both **UNESCO World Heritage-listed sites**. Optional guided tour possible.

After lunch (free), your journey continues to Tain L'Hermitage.

A visit to **Valrhona's Cité du Chocolat** will definitely delight your taste buds!



This is a unique place of discovery, education and **experiences around chocolate**. An educational and fun tour around chocolate, from the cocoa harvest to the making of chocolate and its transformation. A unique gourmet experience that appeals to the five senses and the opportunity to taste and appreciate the tastes, shapes, colors or textures of 15 to 20 chocolates, to unlock the secrets of their components or to identify Grands Crus .

Dinner and overnight stay in Tain L'Hermitage

DAY 5

The journey heads on to Romans sur Isère where you will discover another Rhône-Alpes' craft at **the International Shoe Museum**.



Departure at the end of the morning for **lunch in Pont en Royans**, famous for its ravioles, then enjoy a stroll around this charming village with its suspended houses.

After this gourmet stop-off, you will set off again and head for Grenoble.

Check-in at the hotel and, depending on the season, a cable car journey up to the Bastille overlooking the city. An out-of-this-world panoramic view!

Dinner (free) and overnight stay in Grenoble.

DAY 6



The morning will be devoted to a guided walking tour of the city: from its origins through to the present times, you will discover the squares, the former Palace of Parliament, churches, traditional alleyways and courtyards as well as Grenoble's historical figures.

Free time to stroll around Grenoble's great selection shops or to discover one of the city's key attractions: the Dauphinois Museum or the Museum of Grenoble.

Dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 7

After breakfast, departure for the **Grande Chartreuse Monastery**.

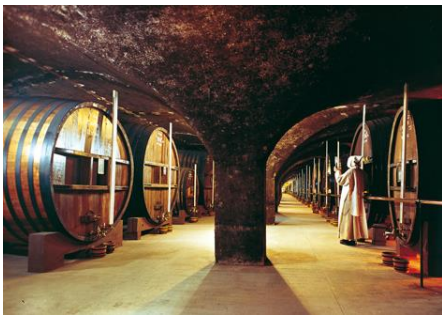


Discover the monastic life of this religious order. Since 1957, the **Museum of the Grande Chartreuse** has had the mission of bearing witness to the life of the Carthusians. Organized in the old brothers' house, a **veritable small monastery** until the 17th century, it is in the center of Corrierie, the "lower house" of the monastery. This former small monastery received the sick fathers, hence its organization around a real cloister and old cells. Spaces are thus distributed to allow you **to understand the life of a Carthusian**

Picnic-basket lunch with **local products** in the monastery's enchanting and peaceful park (or in a picnic room in case of rain).

Optional: *visit to the Arcabas Museum. Wanted, thought out, produced by a single artist, Arcabas, over more than thirty years, this set comprising 111 works is among the most successful achievements of sacred art of the 20th century.*

After this re-energizing break, your journey continues towards Voiron where you will visit the **Chartreuse cellars and distillery**



A visit combining **400 years of history**, the discovery of the stills, the guided tour of the cellars, to finish with a touch of sweetness while **tasting the famous plant liqueurs**.

(closure for works - reopening planned for summer 2021 - a temporary offer will be offered as an alternative)

NOTE :

This tour can be organized with a van with driver from 4 people. Price on request according to dates, number of participants, accommodation...

For logistical reasons and depending on the dates of your stay, the activity and/or day schedule may change.

Indicative programme. Additional options can be proposed on request

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