

New roads to adventure

By houseboat, bike, horse, ski or on foot, there are many ways to visit Lyon and the surrounding area. Here's a quick look at the different ways to discover the region's many possibilities.

Canyoneering, kite surf and hikes: for adventure-lovers, sports fans or spectators. With non-stop action and a real oxygen boost! Each one can choose his or her pace and activity for an exciting time. In the Rhône-Alpes region, we love the outdoors. We set aside time to enjoy nature and take in a good, deep breath of the outdoors. Long weekends in the country and nature outings give you all the benefits of green surroundings and the enjoyment of beaches, lakes and rivers.

<http://www.rhonealpes-tourisme.fr/>

Visit the Rhône by bus, boat or bike

Discover the Rhône by bus, boat or bike! You can choose to visit Lyon in a double-decker bus or on an electrically assisted bike, see the Beaujolais region by bus or take a river cruise on the Saône or Rhône.

Horseback riding:

Just twenty minutes from Lyon, in the heart of the Monts d'Or area: from €42 to €450, depending on the type of trip (with or without a guide and from one to five days).

3 route de Saint-Hilaire, 69650 Saint Germain au Mont d'Or
09 53 28 02 03

www.sports-et-loisir.fr

Outdoor outings (mountain bike, pedestrian, inline skates, orienteering), basketball, football, body-building, etc.

Organized ski outings

Since the Alps are not far away, you can ski for a day or more without having to worry about organizing transportation or lodgings.

Skimania

17 quai Jean Moulin - 69002 Lyon
Information at: 04 72 72 59 59
Reservations at: 0 821 801 802

Magic Évasion

22 quai Fulchiron - 69005 Lyon – Tel. 04 72 40 92 48
Rates are around 34 euros for a day and 100 euros for a weekend. You can even stay for a week.

A great idea: Satobus Alpes

Throughout the year, shuttle buses connect the Lyon - Saint-Exupéry airport to the main alpine ski resorts. Students benefit from a 25% reduction in Satobus rates. Ask for information at the airport or visit

www.altibus.com. On this site, you can reserve your ticket from an SNCF train station to 60 alpine ski resorts.
Tel. 04 37 25 52 55

Accrobranche sites (rope trails through the trees)

Touroparc: zoo and fun park

Maison Blanche, 71570 Romanèche-Thorins

Take RN6 to 40 km north of Lyon

18 euros (from June 1 to August 31) and 14.50 euros (from January 14 to May 31 and September 1 to November 11)

information@touroparc.com 03 85 35 51 53



Weekend outings and festivals

The region features numerous festivals (Jazz à Vienne, Printemps de Pérouges, Woodstower, etc.) and a variety of other events. There are also many trips and excursions from Lyon. It won't be hard to come up with an idea for an enjoyable weekend!

Regional festivals

Cities near Lyon (and even a bit further away) propose well-known and much-appreciated cultural events. Here are some of the many possibilities!

Jazz à Vienne

June-July: 30 years of jazz and jazz-inspired music at an internationally famous festival (30 minute drive from Lyon)

Le Printemps de Pérouges

June: French and international singing stars in an unusual setting (45-minute drive)

Woodstower

September: thirty hours of concerts and shows at Miribel Jonage Park (20-minute drive)

Musilac :

July: each year, the festival of Aix-les-Bains features both well-known entertainers and new talents on the banks of the Lac du Bourget (one and a quarter-hour drive)

Paroles et musiques

 (lyrics and music)

May: festival of songs from France and French-speaking countries at Saint-Etienne (50 minutes from Lyon)

Annecy International Animated Film Festival

June: 50 years of animated films make this a not-to-be-missed event on a worldwide level (one and a half hours from Lyon)

Les tribuzical

The 2011 edition of this festival will be held in September at L'Arbresle and will feature two days of concerts with well-known names and up-and-coming performers at an affordable price. (30 minute drive from Lyon)

Foreztival

End of August: all types of musical styles are featured at these open-air concerts at an attractive price (one hour and twenty minutes from Lyon)

More festivals:

<http://www.festivals-ra.com/>

<http://www.rhone-alpes.leguידedesfestivals.com/>

A list of day or weekend outings

Office du Tourisme et des Congrès du Grand Lyon

Place Bellecour - 69002 Lyon

Open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tel. 04 72 77 69 69

Comité Régional du Tourisme Rhône-Alpes : Tél. 04 72 59 21 59

Le Guide du Routard (travel guide) for Lyon and the surrounding area is available at bookstores.

Tourisme Rhône

Tourisme Loire

Tourisme Ain

Tourisme Ardèche

Tourisme Drome

Tourisme Savoie

Tourisme Isère

Many students on campus are not from Lyon but from cities in the region. Some of them return home every weekend. Visiting them and their families is a good way to get to know the area around Lyon, in particular the countryside!

A few ideas for outings in the region:

Les Dombes Located on the Route des Etangs to the northeast of Lyon, this area is home to a bird sanctuary, the Villars-les-Dombes Ornithological Park, with around 250 different species. (a 45-minute drive from Lyon)

Pérouges is a medieval city to be visited (30min).

The **Parc Naturel du Pilat** (Pilat nature park) has 1,500 km of marked trails (one hour from Lyon)

The **gorges de l'Ardèche** (3h)

Stone houses, small squares, narrow streets and waterways for canoes and swimming.

The Lubéron region and the Mediterranean, with Marseille and its many **calanques**, or coves (two and a half to three hours from Lyon).

Ski resorts in the Alps:

On average, it takes two to two and a half hours to get to the ski slopes from Lyon.

www.skifrance.fr

www.skimania.fr

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