

WEEK-END

FROM THE RHÔNE RIVER TO THE LAKE



22 & 23 september
2 days / 65 km



REQUIRED LEVEL



ROUTE

This tour is a new version of the traditional « Savoie-Bugey tour », offers more comfort to rowers. The particularity of this version is that you will now cross both Bugey and Savoie on the same day. You will first navigate on the Haut-Rhône canal which was dug in the 80's by the « Compagnie Nationale du Rhône » (CNR). Near Lavours dam you will cross Savières' lock and arrive on Savières' canal, which connects Rhône River to the Lake, and has the peculiarity of changing direction whenever the Lake or the river is flooding. You will cross part of the beautiful village of Chanaz before reaching the majestic Lac du Bourget, between Jura and Alpine foothills.

If the weather is fair and the lake does not throw one of its legendary fits, you may admire on the wild coast the Hautecombes Abbey. The whole tour is lined with Jura Mountains on Bugey, with the « Grand Colombier » as its peak. Then on Savoie' side, you will see the « Epine » mountain and its famous « Dent du Chat », as well as the Alpines mountains such as the "Mont Revard », door to the Bauges. On Sunday you will row on most the Haut-Rhône canal with a stop on the « Lit au Roi » lake. You might enjoy a wine tasting while visiting a local, or else continue your trip beyond the confluence with the natural Rhone river, which might require a more physical rowing.

SIGHTSEEING

The particularity of this tour lies with the variety of its landscapes: the Bourget Lake, the largest one in France, will offer you amazing landscapes from Bauges to Bugey. The « Dent du Chat » which became famous because of the legendary monstrous cat which frightened travelers daring to cross the pass. Mount Revard which is the first step towards the high mountains of the Alps, or else the Belledonne Mountains with their sharp crests. The spirited Rhône River and its man-made canal, designed to provide with clean sustainable energy thanks to the dams built along its course, in the heart of a preserved wild nature.



PRATICAL INFORMATION



TOUR DURATION

2 days, 22 & 23 september 2018



TOUR PLACE

Belley-Viriginin : the Haut-Rhône canal, Savières canal and the Lac du Bourget



BOATS

Recreational four-person sculling boats



FEES

56 € : without accommodation, meals included, possible booking for Saturday's diner, reservation of additional meals is possible on the accommodation website.

For further details :

app.yenne.viriginin.free.fr/index.php/hebergement



FOR COMPANIONS

Identical fees



SEAT RENTAL

45 seats available, 20 €/day



SAFETY

Supervision : 12 people

Safety boats : 3



PROVISIONAL PLANNING

Day 1: At 9am you will start on Haut-Rhône canal, you will carry the boats to cross Savières lock, then row along canal de Savières, enjoy lunch on its banks at 12.30am, then row on the west side of the Bourget lake at 2pm, to reach Hautecombes abbey. You will then cross the lake again on the eastern coast and go back on Savières canal, and through the lock to reach the club around 6.30, for a total of 45 km...

The tour can be shortened to 40k if the navigation conditions on the lake do not allow a safe trip.

Day 2: At 9am you will start on Haut-Rhône canal then go around the « king's bed » lake, before visiting an organic wine cellar around 11am, tasting included. You may choose to keep going on towards the confluence with the Vieux-Rhône (12 more km) and then head back to the club around 1pm by the Haut-Rhône canal, for a total route of either 20 km or 32 km....



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avironbugey.fr/accueil/hebergement

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