

# FROM THE RHÔNE RIVER TO THE LAKE



SEPTEMBER 21 & 22  
2 DAYS / 65 KM



ROWING LEVEL

## ROUTE

The particularity of this tour 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 – September 21 & 22, 2019



### TOUR PLACE

The Haut-Rhône and Savière, canals - Bourget Lake



### BOATS

Recreational four-person sculling boats



### FEES

56 € : without accommodation, 2 meals included



### FOR COMPANIONS

Identical fees



### SEAT RENTAL

45 seats available, 20 €



### SAFETY

Supervision : 12 people  
Safety boats : 3



### PROVISIONAL PLANNING

**Day 1 :** Departure from the Virignin rowing club at 9am (meeting at 8am) Haut-Rhone canal (12km), Savières lock (boat portage), Savières canal (4 km), lunch at a waterfront restaurant around 12.30am, around 2pm West coast of the Bourget lake to the Hautecombe abbey (5km), crossing of the lake and return trip by the East coast (8km), and the Savières canal, and the Haut-Rhone canal (16km)... a 40km alternative trip may be preferable if the weather does not allow safe rowing on the Bourget lake.

**Day 2 :** Departure from the Virignin rowing club at 9am (meeting at 8am) Haut-Rhone canal, Lit du Roi Lake. Two options: Visit of an organic winery (16km), or a longer trip towards the Rhone confluence (25km) return to the club around 1pm for lunch... Free afternoon.

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