

Les Ollières-sur-Eyrieux / Le Cheylard

Dolce Via



Départ
Les Ollières-sur-Eyrieux

Arrivée
Le Cheylard

Durée
1 h 48 min

Distance
27,83 Km

Niveau
I begin / Family

Thématique
Old railway, Canals &
intimate rivers

Leading you through narrow gorges and tunnels and across viaducts, your bike trip along the Dolce Via here takes you on a journey through the past. Along the way, former mills and silk-weavers' workshops reflect the former industrial wealth of this valley, once home to so many workers. Viewing points down on the Eyrieux are numerous and allow you some beautiful, contemplative stops. Below the greenway, the river's generally tranquil waters invite you to halt. Pont-de-Chervil is an ideal spot at which to enjoy a refreshing pause mid-way along this stage. You gradually plunge into the Eyrieux Gorges, into nature shimmering orange and yellow in autumn, as chestnut trees dominate the scene in these parts.

Dolce Via from Les Ollières-sur-Eyrieux to Le Cheylard

The cycle route, signposted 'Dolce Via', alternates between stretches of greenway on compacted sand and on tarmacked surfaces, making for easy riding, plus there are stretches on roads with little traffic. The gradient is insignificant (1%). Guard rails prevent any risk of falling off the track all along the stage.

Don't miss

- **Les Ollières-sur-Eyrieux:** bathing at Théoule Beach
- **Saint-Michel-de-Chabrilanoux:** Aquarock Adventure assault course and the belvédère (viewing point) over the Eyrieux Valley
- **Saint-Sauveur-de-Montagut:** ice creams produced by Terre à Délice
- **Pont de Chervil:** the Quai des Haltes, a former station turned stop for cyclists; the Gothic bridge
- **Chalencon:** a character-filled village
- **Le Cheylard:** Eyrium Base Aquatique (for outdoor water sports) plus bathing at Chambaud. Cultural discoveries: L'Arche des Métiers (on local crafts); La Maison du Bijou (on local jewellery); the Château de la Chèze

