

Lyon / Saint-Romain-en-Gal / Vienne

ViaRhôna



Départ
Lyon

Arrivée
Saint-Romain-en-Gal

Durée
2 h 21 min

Distance
36,06 Km

Niveau
I cycle often

Thématique
Canals & intimate rivers

After buzzing Lyon, this ViaRhôna stage leads through the towns of Grigny and Givors, on to St-Romain-en-Gal. The historic importance of navigation is clearer here than anywhere else along the Rhône. Museums at St-Romain-en-Gal and Vienne give a good picture of the river's rich history, from classical to contemporary times. A provisional link goes along the Rhône's west bank, on very busy roads. Best take a train from Lyon to Givors.

The route

A provisional route, not signposted along the D 15 road, on the Rhône's west bank via Pierre-Bénite > Vernaison > Grigny. Take great care, it's very busy. There are stretches of marked-out cycle tracks. The way from Vernaison to Givors is steep. At Givors, rejoin the quayside, then take the footbridge over the Gier. Next, 300m after the suspension bridge, take the Chemin des Abricotiers parallel to the D 388 road. At Loire-sur-Rhône join the greenway signposted ViaRhôna. Consider the train for this stage.

SNCF :

Lyon Perrache railway station :

many trains to the Part Dieu railway station – high speed trains (TGV) departures for Paris, Nantes, Strasbourg, Lille

Part Dieu railway station:

local services and high speed trains departures for many destinations :

- TGV (high speed trains) : connections with : Paris, Marseille, Montpellier, Nice, Toulouse, Nantes, Lille, Bruxelles, Strasbourg, Rennes, Rouen, Geneva (Lyria)
- TER (local services) : connection with : Grenoble, Clermont Ferrand, Bordeaux.

Givors railway station:

- TER (local services) line 10 (Le Puy) - Firminy - St-Etienne - Givors - Lyon

Vienne railway station :

the closest is in front of Saint-Romain-en-Gal on the other side of the river:

- Line 5 : Marseille > Avignon > Valence > Vienne > Lyon
- Line 75 : Annonay > Le Péage > Vienne > Lyon

Be careful, there is no line between Givors in Vienna, You have to pass through Lyon.

Tourist Information Centres :

- [Vienne and Pays Viennois Tourist Office](#) Ph. 04 74 53 80 30
- **Pays Viennois office** (in Saint-Romain-en-Gal museum) / Ph. 04 74 57 33 71

Don't miss :

Lyon: its UNESCO World Heritage Site districts, listed in 1998, are the Presqu'île (the peninsula between Rhône and Saône), plus the Croix-Rousse hill above, and, west of the Saône, Fourvière Hill and the historic Vieux Lyon quarter below. Lyon is a gastronomic capital. Paul Bocuse may be the city's most famous chef, but restaurants abound, including bouchons, traditional workers' cafés.

Irigny: visit the former chain ferry and the 13th-century castle.

Vienne: a Ville d'Art et d'Histoire, in recognition of its cultural riches. The town boasts one of the richest Roman legacies in France, with an ancient theatre, the Cybèle archaeological garden, the temple to Augustus and Livia, plus an enigmatic pyramid. Vienne is also known for its International Jazz Festival, held each July.

Saint-Romain-en-Gal: [for its archaeological site and its Gallo-Roman museum.](#)

L'île Barlet: located on a secondary branch of the Rhône at St-Romain-en-Gal, with outdoor café, or guinguette, cycle hire and a fitness trail.

Markets :

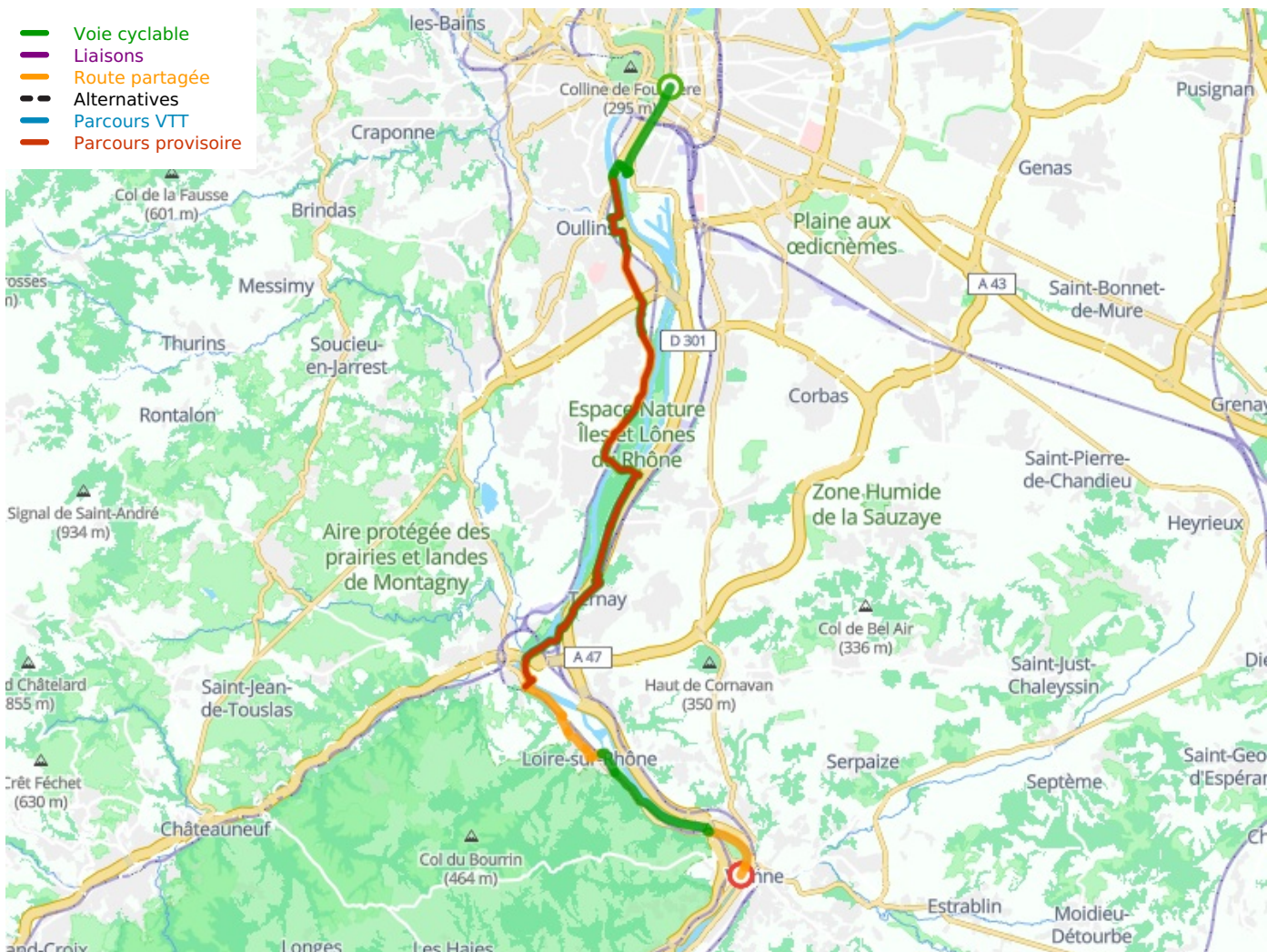
La Mulatière : Tuesday and Thursday morning

Pierre Bénite : Wednesday morning

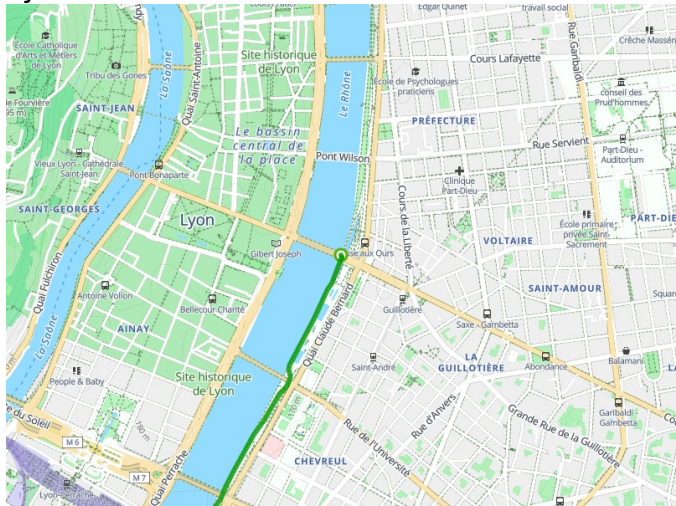
Irigny : Wednesday and Saturday morning

Grigny : Tuesday and Thursday morning

Givors : Wednesday, Friday and Sunday morning



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