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ViaRhôna



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Arrivée
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Durée
2 h 25 min

Distance
36,36 Km

Niveau
I begin / Family

Thématique
French rivers

This ViaRhôna stage runs between steep vineyards and dense orchards. Heading south from Lyon, this is the first ViaRhôna stage to enter the rugged Ardèche, a beautiful département (or French county) on the mighty Rhône's west flank. Here, the tamed river supports orchards, market gardens and vines producing top-class Saint-Joseph wines. Arriving at the town of Tournon-sur-Rhône, follow the provisional signage to continue along the route.

The route

The itinerary is almost entirely along greenways, going from Sablons, via Saint-Vallier and Sarras, to Saint-Jean-de-Muzols. However, crossing Vion, you need to take a 2.5km stretch along a shared road, but one with only light traffic. At Tournon-sur-Rhône, head south on the right bank to reach Glun.

Alternative route

From St-Vallier to Tain-l'Hermitage (on the eastern, Drôme-side bank of the Rhône), a linking route goes up and down small, steep roads that are signposted 'Vers ViaRhôna'; this stretch is only for experienced cyclists. At Tain, join the greenway beside the Rhône.

Railway stations (SNCF) :

Tain-l'Hermitage railway station:

- Line 5 : Lyon > Vienne > Le Péage-de-Roussillon > Saint-Rambert d'Albon > Saint-Vallier-sur-Rhône > **Tain l'Hermitage** > Valence > Montélimar > Marseille

Sablons railway station :

Local bus services (TER) : line 75 (bikes are not accepted) : Lyon > Vienne > Le Péage-de-Roussillon > Sablons > Serrières > Félines > Peaugres > Davézieux > Annonay

Tourist Information Centres:

- [Plein Cœur Tourisme - Aux Portes de Drôme Ardèche](#) Ph: 04 75 23 45 33
- [Hermitage Tournonais Tourisme](#) Ph: 04 75 08 10 23
- [Accueil Tain l'Hermitage](#) Ph: 04 75 08 06 81

Don't miss :

Sablons: île de la Platière island

Serrières: the [musée des mariniers du Rhône](#), set in the 14th-century listed Chapelle Saint-Sornin. The [museum retraces the history](#) of Rhône navigation, in part using the towpath, from the late-15th century to the early 19th century.

Tournon: an historic town on the Rhône's west bank.

The château on high holds a museum. Also enjoy the historic centre, botanical garden and plane-lined quays. As to the suspension bridge, from 1826, it's the oldest still in use in France, designed by the engineer Seguin. A lovely old tourist train, Le Mastro, leaves from here for trips up to Saint-Jean-de-Muzols in the Ardèche hills.

Tain-l'Hermitage: La Cité du Chocolat : located on the historic site of the Valrhona, the renowned chocolate factory, the Cité offers a behind-the-scenes look at fine chocolate. You will find out about all the secrets of how chocolate is made.

Markets :

Sablons : Tuesday morning

Serrières : Friday morning

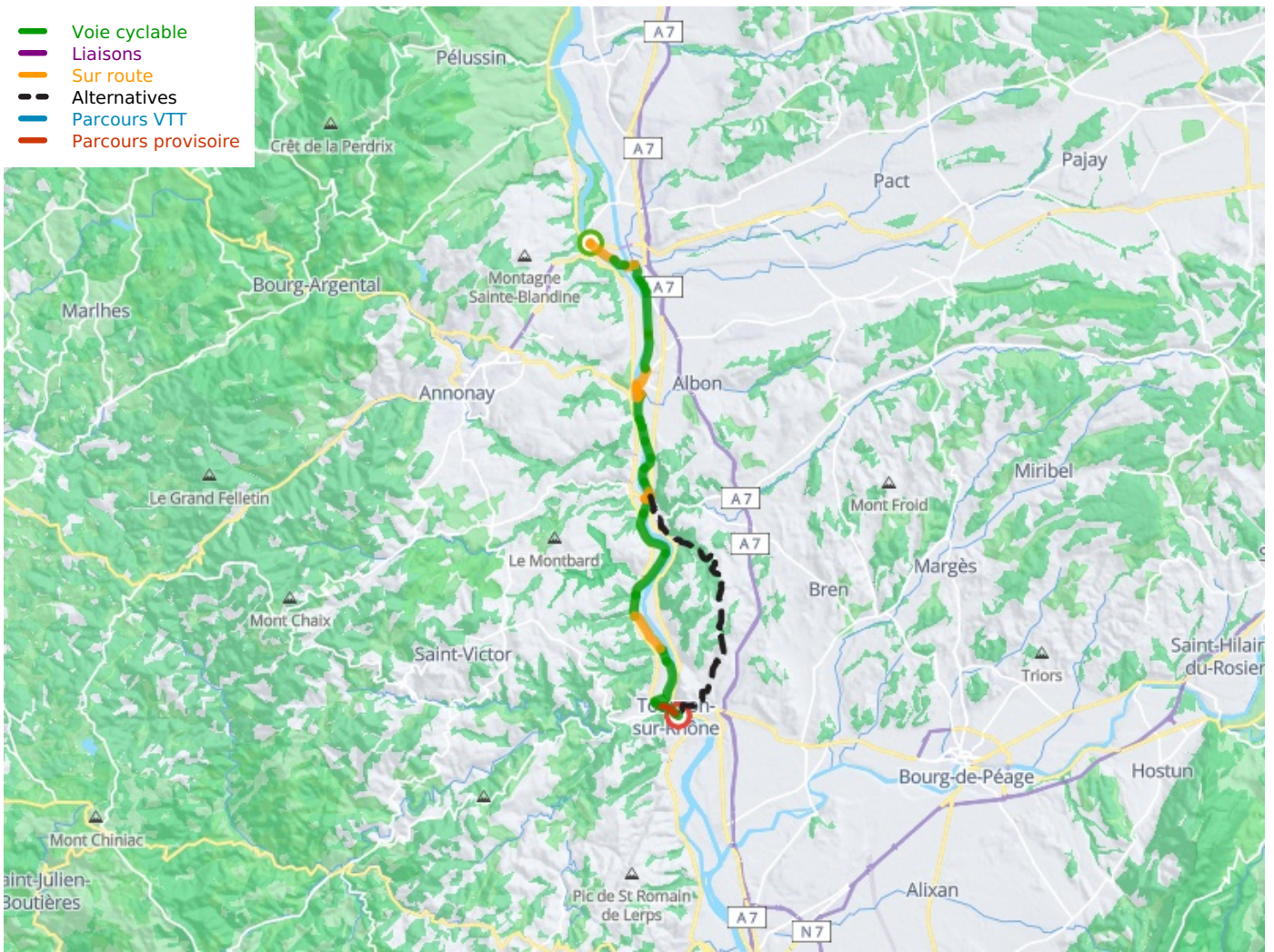
Saint-Rambert-d'Albon : Friday

Saint-Vallier : Thursday

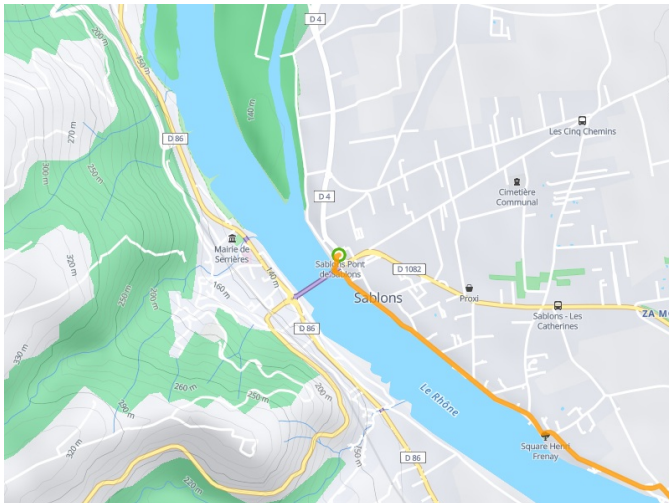
Tain-l'Hermitage : Saturday morning

Tournon-sur-Rhône : Wednesday morning in Place Jean Jaurès - Saturday morning in Quai Farconnet

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