

Saint-Gingolph / Thonon / Evian

ViaRhôna

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Départ
Saint-Gingolph**Arrivée**
Thonon**Durée**
1 h 57 min**Distance**
30,10 Km**Niveau**
I cycle a lot

On the south bank of Lake Geneva, straddling the Franco-Swiss border, the town of Saint-Gingolph stands at the start of the ViaRhôna cycle route through southeast France. West along the lake, backed by mountains, the thermal spa resorts of Evian-les-Bains and Thonon-les-Bains are highlights, great for stays and lake views. Note that the stretch from Saint-Gingolph to Evian is only suitable for experienced cyclists. We strongly recommend that families with children start the route from Evian or Thonon.

The route

As the first stretch from Saint-Gingolph to Evian runs along a very **busy county road**, the D1005, it is only suitable for experienced cyclists. Just after the village of Meillerie, there is an alternative stretch, with steep slopes, going via Lugrin and Maxilly-sur-Léman to Evian.

Note that there is no signposting as you cycle through the town of Evian at time of writing.

We **strongly recommend that families with children** embarking on this cycle route, or inexperienced cyclists, only start either at Evian-les-Bains or Thonon-les-Bains. There are stations at both Evian and Thonon, as well as boat links with the Swiss town of Lausanne (for those doing the Tour du Léman).

SNCF train stations

Gares SNCF

Evian-les-Bains
Thonon-les-Bains

Ferry ports on Lake Geneva

Evian-les-Bains and Thonon-les-Bains
Daily links between Thonon, Evian and Lausanne, with bikes allowed on board : <http://www.cgn.ch/en-gb/accueil.aspx>

Tourist offices

- [Evian-les-Bains](#) : +33 (0)4 50 75 04 26
- [Thonon-les-Bains](#) : +33 (0)4 50 71 55 55

Don't miss

Evian-les-Bains: the thermal spa town; the marina, gardens and lake-side promenades; the Palais Lumière, a major venue for exhibitions and events

Thonon-les-Bains: historic capital of the mountainous Chablais area; the thermal spa town; the clifftop gardens; the marina and great walks and viewing points over Lake Geneva

Cruises on Lake Geneva (Lac Léman in French)

Réserve naturelle du Delta de la Dranse (Dranse Delta Nature Reserve)

Château de Ripaille, its grounds and vineyard: a former residence of the Dukes of Savoy, with tours possible of the castle's interiors, the grounds and the vineyard

