

Tournon-sur-Rhône / Glun / Valence / La Voulte-sur-Rhône

ViaRhôna

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Départ

Tournon-sur-Rhône

Arrivée

Valence

Durée

1 h 39 min

Distance

24,33 Km

Niveau

I begin / Family

Thématique

Canals & intimate rivers

This easy ViaRhôna stage offers a gentle introduction to the South of France. There's much to enchant: pretty villages in typical southern style; a surprising branch of the Rhône encircling La Roche-de-Glun; and biodiversity. The big town of Valence presages Provence to the south, with its colourful markets, shaded gardens and historic quarters, including pedestrianized area. This stage goes along greenways, except through Valence.

The route

Leaving the Tournon area, known as the Pays du Tournonais, via Tournon-sur-Rhône's southern river embankment, the ViaRhôna route heads south to Glun. Between La Roche-de-Glun and Valence, following the tarmacked greenway, you'll find many amenities (picnic tables, parking spots, panels giving practical local information...). Take care crossing Valence, where you join roads shared with motorized traffic.

Alternative route

An alternative down the Rhône's east bank through the Drôme département (county). From Tain to La Roche-de-Glun's bridge, the linking route is marked 'Vers ViaRhôna' and is on well-surfaced greenways.

Railway stations (SNCF) :

Tain l'Hermitage railway station :

- line 5 : Lyon > Vienne > Tain l'Hermitage > Valence > Marseille

Valence railway station- city center - local services TER :

- Line 5 : Lyon > Valence > Marseille
- Line 2 : Genève / Annecy > Grenoble > Valence
- Line 61 : Grenoble > Valence

Valence high speed railway station (15 km from city center) :

- **Line 70** : Romans > Valence TGV > Valence
- Line Paris > Lyon Valence TGV > Avignon > Aix-en-Provence

Tourist Information Centres :

- [Tournonais Tourist Office](#) Ph. 04 75 08 10 23
- [Pays de Tain-l'Hermitage Tourist Office](#) Ph. 04 75 08 06 81
- [Pays de Crussol Tourist Office \(Saint-Péray\)](#) Ph 04 75 40 46 75
- [Valence Tourist Office](#) Ph. 04 75 44 90 40

Don't miss :

- **Tain-l'Hermitage:** [Valrhona, the renowned Rhône chocolate company](#), opens its tourist Cité du Chocolat in 2013.
- **Tournon-sur-Rhône:** a town surrounded by reputed northern Côtes du Rhône vineyards; wine tastings at the prestigious Maison

Chapoutier, among others; the listed château dominating the Rhône dates from 10th to 16th centuries, offers great views and contains a museum with sections on Rhône navigation and suspension bridges – Tournon boasts the oldest French suspension bridge still in operation, designed by Seguin, built in 1826.

- **La Roche-de-Glun:** for its outdoor sports and recreation centre.
- **Valence:** a Ville d'Art et d'Histoire, due to its dense cultural legacy; [Anne-Sophie Pic's gastronomic restaurant](#), awarded 3 Michelin stars and including a cookery school, Scook; the network of canals, extending over 16km, encouraging fishing and gardening.

Markets:

Tain-l'Hermitage : Saturday morning

Tournon-sur-Rhône : Wednesday morning

La Roche-de-Glun : Wednesday

Bourg-Lès-Valence : Sunday Morning

Valence : Tuesday morning, place Nationale – Tuesday night, 17h to 20h, halle de Saint-Jean.

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This topographic map of the Tain l'Hermitage area in France shows the Rhône river flowing through the center. To the west, the Doux river joins the Rhône. The map includes several towns and villages: Tain l'Hermitage, Saint-Jacques, Chapon, and Les Cordiers. Key roads shown include the N7, D 241, D 533a, D 95P, and D 86. Landmarks such as the 'Aire communale de camping-cars Tournon-sur-rhône', 'Gymnase Jeanne Longo', and 'Lycée professionnel agricole privé La Pelissière Vallée du Rhône' are marked. The map also features contour lines indicating elevation, with peaks like 'Le grand cèdre' and 'Le Pin' labeled. A green dashed line highlights a specific route or boundary, possibly related to the 'Zonage de protection des zones littorales' mentioned in the text.

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