

Destination Details – Visiting Lyon



Things to do, places to eat, trips to make when visiting Lyon

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Lyon Destination Guide for River Cruise Travelers

“French Gastronomy, Riverfront Beauty & Old World Charm”

Lyon is one of France’s most rewarding river cruise gateway cities, especially for guests sailing the Rhône and Saône Rivers. Known as the capital of French gastronomy, Lyon blends elegant riverfront scenery, Renaissance lanes, hidden traboules, hilltop views, Roman history, world-class food markets, and atmospheric old neighborhoods. For cruise travelers, it offers a perfect mix of walkable sightseeing, memorable meals, cultural depth, and easy day trips into the Beaujolais wine region, Burgundy, and the French Alps.

Best Areas to Stay for Hotels & Airbnbs

LYON BEST AREAS TO STAY

Hotels & Airbnbs Guide

- 1 PRESQU'ÎLE**
Best for First-Time Visitors
 - central location
 - shopping & dining
 - Place Bellecour nearby
 - easy transit access
- 2 VIEUX LYON**
Best for History & Atmosphere
 - Renaissance old town
 - bouchons & cafés
 - traboules nearby
 - hillier cobblestone streets
- 3 RHÔNE RIVERFRONT / PART-DIEU EDGE**
Best for Convenience & Transit
 - practical hotels
 - close to Part-Dieu
 - easy rail connections
 - modern city feel
- 4 LES HALLES / BROTTAUX**
Best for Food Lovers
 - Les Halles market
 - great restaurants
 - gourmet focus
 - easy metro access
- 5 CROIX-ROUSSE**
Best for Local Feel & Views
 - village atmosphere
 - markets & cafés
 - hilltop views
 - local character
- 6 CONFLUENCE**
Best for Modern Design & River Views
 - modern waterfront
 - Musée des Confluences
 - shopping & dining
 - newer hotels

MAP HIGHLIGHTS

- Fourvière viewpoints
- Historic Old Town lanes
- Famous bouchons
- Easy metro connections
- Ideal for river cruise stays

LEGEND

- Stay Area
- Top Attraction
- River Cruise Terminal
- Train Station
- Metro / Funicular / Tram
- Landmark / Scenic Viewpoint

GETTING AROUND

- Walking**
best in central districts
- Metro / Funicular**
easy city connections
- Tram**
useful for Part-Dieu & Confluence
- Train**
excellent regional connections
- Taxi / Ride Share**
convenient for luggage

TRAVEL TIPS

Best for first-time visitors: 1 2

Best for food lovers: 2 4

Best for local feel: 5

Best for cruise guests: 1 2 6

Best for modern stays: 6

CRUISE GUEST NOTE

Lyon is one of France's premier river cruise gateway cities. Staying in Presqu'île, Vieux Lyon, or Confluence makes pre- and post-cruise sightseeing easy.

Fourvière Views

Old Town Charm

Place Bellecour

Les Halles Market

Cruise Convenience

River views. Great food. French charm. Welcome to Lyon!

★ Presqu'île — Best for First-Time Visitors

Activity level: Easy

The Presqu'île is the central peninsula between the Rhône and Saône Rivers and is one of the best areas for first-time visitors. It places guests close to Place Bellecour, shopping streets, restaurants, cafés, museums, the riverfront, and easy transit connections.

Best for: first-time visitors, shopping, restaurants, walkability, central hotels.

Watch for: busier streets and higher hotel pricing in prime locations.

🏛️ Vieux Lyon — Best for History & Atmosphere

Activity level: Moderate

Vieux Lyon is the city's Renaissance Old Town, filled with cobblestone lanes, historic buildings, bouchons, courtyards, and famous hidden passageways known as traboules. It is one of Lyon's most atmospheric areas but can involve uneven streets and some hills near Fourvière.

Best for: history lovers, charm, food, photography, Old Town atmosphere.

Watch for: cobblestones, crowds, older buildings, and limited vehicle access.

🌊 Rhône Riverfront / Part-Dieu Edge — Best for Convenience & Transit

Activity level: Easy

This area works well for guests who want access to Lyon's main business district, train connections, modern hotels, and transit. It is less romantic than Vieux Lyon or Presqu'île but very practical for short stays and onward travel.

Best for: train access, business hotels, practical stays, transit.

Watch for: less historic charm.

🍷 Les Halles / Brotteaux — Best for Food Lovers

Activity level: Easy

This area is excellent for travelers who want to be near Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse, one of the city's most famous food destinations. It also offers restaurants, wine bars, and easy transit access to other neighborhoods.

Best for: food lovers, market visits, restaurants, easy access.

Watch for: more urban and less scenic than Old Town.

Croix-Rousse — Best for Local Feel & Views

Activity level: Moderate to Strenuous

Croix-Rousse sits on a hill above the city and is known for silk-weaving history, murals, cafés, markets, and a more local neighborhood feel. It is charming and authentic, but the hills make it more active.

Best for: local atmosphere, markets, cafés, views, longer stays.

Watch for: hills and more effort getting back to the center.

Confluence — Best for Modern Design & River Views

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

At the meeting point of the Rhône and Saône Rivers, Confluence is Lyon's modern waterfront district with contemporary architecture, shopping, museums, restaurants, and river views. It is best for travelers who enjoy modern design and newer hotels.

Best for: modern hotels, river views, architecture, museums.

Watch for: less classic Lyon atmosphere than Presqu'île or Vieux Lyon.

Top-Rated Hotels

InterContinental Lyon – Hotel Dieu — Presqu'île / Rhône Riverfront

A standout luxury hotel set in the historic Grand Hôtel-Dieu complex along the Rhône. Best for travelers who want a refined, central, high-end pre- or post-cruise stay.

Villa Maïa — Fourvière Hill

A peaceful luxury hotel with elevated views and a quieter setting above the city. Best for guests who want calm, space, and a premium retreat atmosphere.

Hotel Carlton Lyon – MGallery — Presqu'île

A classic, elegant hotel in a prime central location. Good for travelers who want walkability, restaurants, shopping, and easy access to Old Town.

Cour des Loges Lyon — Vieux Lyon

A highly atmospheric historic hotel in the Old Town. Best for guests who want Renaissance architecture, romance, and old-world character.

Pullman Lyon — Part-Dieu

A modern hotel option near the train station, useful for guests arriving or departing by rail before or after a cruise.

Hidden Gem Hotels

MiHotel — Presqu'île

A stylish collection of apartment-style suites in central Lyon. Best for independent travelers who want more space and a boutique feel.

Maison Nô — Presqu'île

A modern boutique-style hotel with a central location and contemporary design, good for guests who want to walk to many key sights.

Collège Hôtel — Vieux Lyon

A playful, characterful hotel in the Old Town with a unique schoolhouse theme. Good for travelers who want charm and easy access to Vieux Lyon.

Hotel de l'Abbaye — Ainay / Presqu'île


A refined boutique hotel in a quieter central district near historic streets and river walks.

Mob Hotel Lyon Confluence — Confluence

A casual, modern option in the Confluence district with a contemporary, creative feel.

Best Restaurants

Lyon is one of Europe's great food cities, famous for bouchons, market halls, charcuterie, quenelles, sausages, cheeses, pastries, pralines, Beaujolais wine, and rich local traditions. Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse is one of the city's signature food destinations, with gourmet vendors offering specialties such as oysters, charcuterie, cheeses, pralines, and quenelles.

 Daniel et Denise — Traditional Lyonnaise


Activity level: Easy

A strong choice for classic Lyonnaise cuisine, including hearty regional dishes and bouchon-style favorites. Best for travelers who want an authentic local meal.

 Café Comptoir Abel — Presqu'île

Activity level: Easy

One of Lyon's classic dining rooms, known for old-world atmosphere and traditional dishes. Ideal for a memorable lunch or dinner.

 Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse — Food Market


Activity level: Easy

A must for food-loving cruise guests. This indoor gourmet market is ideal for tasting local cheese, charcuterie, pastries, seafood, wine, and Lyon specialties.

 Le Bouchon des Cordeliers — Presqu'île

Activity level: Easy

A friendly bouchon-style restaurant in a central location, good for travelers who want regional comfort food without venturing far from the main sights.

 La Mère Brazier — Fine Dining Heritage

Activity level: Easy

A legendary name in Lyon's culinary history, connected to the tradition of the famous mères lyonnaises, the women chefs who helped define the city's cuisine. Best for a special occasion.

Hidden Gem Restaurants & Food Experiences



Les Halles de Lyon Grazing Lunch

Activity level: Easy

Instead of a formal restaurant meal, spend time sampling cheese, charcuterie, oysters, pastries, pralines, and wine inside Les Halles. This is one of the easiest ways to experience Lyon's food culture without committing to a long dinner.

Beaujolais Wine Bar Evening

Activity level: Easy

Lyon is close to the Beaujolais wine region, making local wine bars a wonderful evening option. Try Beaujolais, Côtes du Rhône, and regional small plates.

Pink Praline Pastry Stop

Activity level: Easy

Lyon is known for bright pink praline sweets, often found in tarts, brioche, and pastries. A praline tart is a simple, memorable local treat.

Bouchon Lunch Experience

Activity level: Easy

A traditional bouchon meal is a must for many visitors. Expect hearty dishes, communal energy, local wine, and classic Lyonnaise flavors.

Old Town Café Break

Activity level: Easy

Vieux Lyon is perfect for a relaxed café stop between sightseeing, especially after visiting the cathedral, traboules, or Fourvière.

🍷 Food Tours in Lyon — Best 3–4 Hour Experiences

LYON

CLASSIC LYON FOOD, WINE & OLD TOWN WALK

A 3–4 Hour Cruise Guest Favorite
Vieux Lyon, Presqu'île & Les Halles

TOUR AT A GLANCE

Duration: ~3–4 hours
Distance: ~1.5–2.5 miles (2.5–4 km)
Difficulty: Easy to Moderate
Best Time: Late Morning to Early Evening

AT A GLANCE

- 1 Vieux Lyon / Saint-Jean Start
- 2 Pink Praline Pastry Café Stop
- 3 Traditional Bouchon Tasting
- 4 Traboules Walk & Cheese Bite
- 5 Saône Riverside Wine Stop
- 6 Place Bellecour Sweet Stop
- 7 Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse
- 8 Charcuterie & Cheese Tasting
- 9 Rhône River Café Interlude
- 10 Fourvière View Finish

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Perfect for first-time Lyon visitors
- ★ Great for river cruise guests staying overnight
- ★ Classic Lyon food, wine & pastry flavors
- ★ Easy to pair with Old Town sightseeing
- ★ Historic lanes, river views & local charm

TIPS FOR YOUR TOUR

- Come hungry — tastings add up
- Wear comfortable walking shoes
- Expect some cobblestones in Old Town
- Reserve bouchon or market stops when possible
- Bring a light jacket for river breezes

LEGEND

- Walking Route (Recommended)
- 🍷 Food Stop
- 📷 Photo Spot
- 🚇 Metro / Funicular / Tram Connection
- 🚻 Restroom

NEARBY ADD-ONS

- 🏰 Fourvière Basilica — iconic hilltop landmark
- 🏠 Traboules of Vieux Lyon — easy cultural add-on
- 🛍️ Les Halles market browsing — gourmet extension
- 🌉 Rhône river walk — scenic extension
- 🍽️ Bouchon dinner — classic Lyon evening

CRUISE GUEST NOTE

This route works perfectly for a pre- or post-cruise stay. Lyon's compact central districts and beautiful rivers make it easy to enjoy food, culture, and sightseeing all in one visit.

FOURVIÈRE VIEWS

OLD TOWN CHARM

PLACE BELLECOUR

LES HALLES MARKET

CRUISE GUEST FAVORITE

Taste richly. Wander happily. Savor Lyon. Welcome to Lyon!

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

A Lyon food tour is one of the best ways for river cruise travelers to experience the city's culinary identity in a relaxed, memorable format. In 3 to 4 hours, guests can combine tastings, historic streets, market halls, local wine, cheese, charcuterie, pastries, and bouchon culture. Lyon Food Tour describes its guided experiences as combining local tastings with unusual visits, artisan encounters, and stories connected to Lyon's gastronomic heritage.

🏠 Classic Lyon Food, Wine & Old Town Walk

Best for: first-time visitors

Typical length: 3–4 hours

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

This is the best all-around food tour style for cruise guests. It usually combines Vieux Lyon or Presqu'île sightseeing with tastings of regional specialties, cheese, charcuterie, wine, sweets, and classic Lyonnaise bites.

What you may taste: saucisson, cheese, praline tart, quenelles, local wine, pastries, bread, chocolate, and small bouchon-style dishes.

Best neighborhoods: Vieux Lyon, Presqu'île, Les Halles, Croix-Rousse.

Cruise traveler tip: this works well on arrival day because it combines orientation, lunch or light dinner, and local culture.

Les Halles Paul Bocuse Market Tour

Best for: food lovers and rainy-day touring

Typical length: 2.5–3 hours; extend to 4 hours with lunch or wine nearby

Activity level: Easy

A guided market tour through Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse is ideal for guests who want maximum food impact with minimal walking. Some current tour listings feature a 2.5-hour lunch-style food tour with five tasting stops at Lyonnaise food institutions.

What you may taste: cheese, charcuterie, oysters, praline sweets, wine, quenelles, bread, and pastries.

Best time: late morning or lunchtime.

Cruise traveler tip: excellent for guests who prefer less walking than an Old Town food tour.

Bouchon & Beaujolais Evening Walk

Best for: classic Lyon dining culture

Suggested length: 3–4 hours

Activity level: Easy

This style focuses on traditional Lyon restaurants, local wine, and the story of bouchon dining. It is a wonderful evening option for travelers staying overnight before or after a river cruise.

Suggested route: Presqu'île → bouchon dinner or tasting stop → wine bar → praline dessert or café.

What to try: Lyonnaise salad, sausage, quenelles, pork dishes, cheese, Beaujolais wine, and praline dessert.

Croix-Rousse Market & Local Flavors Walk

Best for: local neighborhood feel

Suggested length: 3 hours

Activity level: Moderate

Croix-Rousse offers a more local food experience, with markets, bakeries, cafés, wine bars, and silk-weaving history. This route is best for guests who enjoy neighborhoods beyond the main tourist core.

What to try: market produce, cheese, bread, pastries, charcuterie, coffee, wine, and seasonal specialties.

Watch for: hills and more walking effort.

Food Tour Booking Tips

Choose a small-group or private tour when possible, especially for cruise guests who prefer a slower pace. Confirm the walking distance, stairs, dietary options, number of tastings, whether wine is included, and whether the tour ends near Vieux Lyon, Presqu'île, your hotel, or a taxi-friendly location.

Top Sights to See

Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière

Activity level: Moderate

This hilltop basilica is one of Lyon's most recognizable landmarks and offers sweeping views over the city. Many visitors reach it by funicular from Vieux Lyon. Lyon's TCL network includes metro, tramway, bus, and funicular options for getting around the city.

Vieux Lyon

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Lyon's Old Town is known for Renaissance streets, colorful façades, courtyards, restaurants, and hidden traboules. Vieux Lyon's paved streets and secret passageways helped define the historic character of the city.

Traboules

Activity level: Moderate

These hidden passageways connect streets through courtyards and buildings, especially in Vieux Lyon and Croix-Rousse. They are one of Lyon's most distinctive historic features.

Saône & Rhône Riverfronts

Activity level: Easy

The rivers are central to Lyon's beauty and identity. Walks along the Saône are especially scenic near Vieux Lyon, while the Rhône riverbanks are ideal for a relaxed promenade.

Place Bellecour

Activity level: Easy

One of Europe's large central squares and a useful orientation point for exploring the Presqu'île, shopping streets, and nearby restaurants.

Musée des Beaux-Arts de Lyon

Activity level: Easy

One of France's most important fine arts museums, located near Place des Terreaux. A strong choice for art lovers or rainy days.

Musée Lumière

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Lyon is deeply connected to the birth of cinema through the Lumière brothers. The museum is a rewarding stop for film and history lovers.

Musée des Confluences


Activity level: Easy to Moderate

A striking modern museum at the meeting of the Rhône and Saône Rivers. It is best for travelers interested in science, anthropology, architecture, and riverfront views.

Ancient Theatre of Fourvière

Activity level: Moderate

A Roman-era site near Fourvière, offering a powerful reminder of Lyon's ancient history as Lugdunum.

 Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse

Activity level: Easy

A must-see for food lovers, even if you do not take a formal food tour.

Hidden Gem Sights Most Visitors Miss

 Croix-Rousse Murals

Activity level: Moderate

Croix-Rousse is known for large-scale murals, silk-weaving history, and neighborhood character. The area rewards slow wandering.

 Parc de la Tête d'Or

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

A large urban park with gardens, lake paths, green space, and a peaceful break from city sightseeing.

 Île Barbe


Activity level: Easy to Moderate

A quiet island on the Saône north of the center, ideal for guests who want a calmer, more local riverside experience.

 Mur des Canuts

Activity level: Moderate

A famous mural celebrating Croix-Rousse and Lyon's silk-weaving heritage. Best paired with a Croix-Rousse neighborhood walk.

 Saint-Just & Roman Lyon

Activity level: Moderate

This area above Vieux Lyon offers Roman history, hilltop streets, and a quieter alternative to the busiest sightseeing paths.

Maison des Canuts

Activity level: Moderate

A small museum and workshop experience focused on Lyon's silk-weaving history.

Passerelle Saint-Georges

Activity level: Easy

A scenic pedestrian bridge with lovely views toward Vieux Lyon and the Saône.

Best Ways to Get Tickets

For popular museums, food tours, guided Old Town walks, and special dining experiences, book ahead when visiting during busy cruise or festival periods. The Lyon City Card can be useful for travelers planning multiple museums and transit rides, while individual tickets may be better for guests with only one day.

Best ticket priorities:

Fourvière funicular: best for avoiding the uphill climb

Old Town / traboules walking tour: best first-day orientation

Les Halles food tour: best for food lovers

Musée des Confluences or Musée des Beaux-Arts: best for museum-focused travelers

Beaujolais wine tour: best for a scenic day trip

Dinner reservations: essential for popular bouchons and fine dining

Best Ways to Get Around Lyon

Walking

Best for: Presqu'île, Vieux Lyon, riverfronts, Old Town lanes

Lyon is very walkable in the central districts, though Vieux Lyon and Croix-Rousse include cobblestones and hills.

Metro

Best for: fast cross-city travel

The metro is efficient and useful for moving between major neighborhoods.

Tram

Best for: Part-Dieu, Confluence, museums, outer areas

Trams are helpful for longer trips and modern districts.

Funicular

Best for: Fourvière and Saint-Just

The funicular is especially useful for reaching Fourvière without a strenuous uphill walk.

TCL identifies funicular service as part of Lyon's public transport network.

Taxi / Ride Service

Best for: luggage, cruise transfers, mobility needs

Taxis are useful for guests transferring between hotels, river cruise docking areas, train stations, and the airport.

Train

Best for: day trips and regional travel

Lyon Part-Dieu and Lyon Perrache connect travelers to Paris, Avignon, Geneva, Dijon, Annecy, and other regional destinations.

Bike / E-bike

Best for: Rhône riverbanks and active travelers

Lyon has pleasant cycling areas, especially along river paths, but hills can make e-bikes helpful.

Best Day Trips from Lyon

Beaujolais Wine Country

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Best by: guided tour, private driver, or rental car

One of the best day trips for cruise guests. Expect vineyards, golden-stone villages, wine tastings, and countryside scenery.

Péruges

Activity level: Moderate

Best by: guided tour, train plus taxi, or rental car

A beautifully preserved medieval village with cobbled lanes and historic charm. Best for travelers who love small towns and photography.

Burgundy / Mâcon

Activity level: Moderate

Best by: train, guided wine tour, or private transfer

A strong choice for wine lovers who want to explore beyond Lyon.

Annecy

Activity level: Moderate

Best by: train or guided tour

A scenic Alpine lake town with canals, mountain views, and a postcard-like old center.

Vienne

Activity level: Easy to Moderate

Best by: train

A nearby Rhône Valley town with Roman ruins, a cathedral, and riverfront charm. Good for history lovers.

Chambéry

Activity level: Moderate

Best by: train

A charming historic city in the Savoy region, good for architecture, cafés, and mountain-region flavor.

Northern Rhône Wine Region

Activity level: Moderate

Best by: guided wine tour or private driver

Ideal for wine enthusiasts interested in Côte-Rôtie, Condrieu, and Rhône Valley scenery.

Suggested 3-Day Lyon Itinerary for River Cruise Guests

Day 1 — Classic Lyon Old Town

Start in Vieux Lyon, visit Saint-Jean Cathedral, explore the traboules, then take the funicular to Fourvière Basilica for views. End with dinner in a traditional bouchon.

Day 2 — Food, Rivers & Presqu'île

Visit Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse in the morning, explore the Presqu'île, Place Bellecour, and the riverfronts, then enjoy a 3–4 hour food tour or wine-focused evening.

Day 3 — Museums or Wine Country

Choose Musée des Confluences, Musée des Beaux-Arts, Croix-Rousse, or a day trip to Beaujolais, Pérouges, Vienne, or Annecy.

Recommended Lyon Experiences by Length of Stay

If You Have 1 Day in Lyon

Best for: river cruise guests arriving or departing the same day

Pace: Moderate**

Focus on the essential sights: Vieux Lyon, traboules, Fourvière Basilica, Place Bellecour, and a traditional Lyonnaise meal.

Recommended 1-Day Plan:

Morning: Vieux Lyon, Saint-Jean Cathedral, traboules

Midday: Lunch in a bouchon or Les Halles Paul Bocuse

Afternoon: Fourvière Basilica and Presqu'île stroll

Evening: Dinner in Presqu'île or Vieux Lyon if staying overnight

Best add-on: Fourvière funicular and viewpoint.

Best food option: Classic bouchon lunch or Les Halles tasting.

If You Have 2 Days in Lyon

Best for: guests who want food, history, and riverfront atmosphere

Pace: Moderate**

Day 1 — Old Town & Fourvière

Explore Vieux Lyon, the traboules, Saint-Jean Cathedral, and Fourvière Basilica. End with a traditional dinner.

Day 2 — Food Market, Presqu'île & River Walks

Visit Les Halles Paul Bocuse, explore Place Bellecour and the Presqu'île, then take a 3–4 hour Lyon food tour or enjoy a wine bar evening.

Best add-on: Musée des Beaux-Arts or Rhône riverfront walk.

Best food option: Les Halles Paul Bocuse Market Tour.

If You Have 3 Days in Lyon

Best for: a relaxed Rhône/Saône cruise extension with one day trip

Pace: Moderate, with optional active elements**

Day 1 — Classic Lyon

Vieux Lyon, traboules, Fourvière Basilica, riverfront views.

Day 2 — Gastronomy & Neighborhoods

Les Halles Paul Bocuse, Presqu'île, Croix-Rousse, food tour, or bouchon dinner.

Day 3 — Day Trip or Museum Day

Choose Beaujolais wine country, Pérouges, Vienne, Annecy, or a museum-focused day with Musée des Confluences and Musée des Beaux-Arts.

Best day trip: Beaujolais for wine, Pérouges for medieval charm, or Annecy for scenery.

Best cultural experience: Musée des Beaux-Arts or Musée des Confluences.

Best relaxed option: Saône river walk, cafés, and Old Town wandering.

River Cruise Traveler Tips

Lyon is one of the best cities in France for river cruise guests because it combines easy sightseeing with exceptional food and a beautiful two-river setting. Staying in Presqu'île, Vieux Lyon, or near the Rhône riverfront makes it easy to enjoy the city without long transfers.

Allow one full day for Lyon's core sights, two days if you want food markets and museums, and three days if you want to add Beaujolais, Pérouges, Annecy, Vienne, or a deeper culinary experience. For guests with mobility concerns, use taxis, metro, and the funicular to reduce hills, especially around Fourvière and Croix-Rousse.

Best Overall Recommendations

Best area for first-timers: Presqu'île

Best area for history: Vieux Lyon

Best area for food lovers: Les Halles / Brotteaux

Best area for local feel: Croix-Rousse

Best modern riverfront area: Confluence

Best must-see sight: Fourvière Basilica and Vieux Lyon

Best food experience: Classic Lyon Food, Wine & Old Town Walk

Best market experience: Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse

Best hidden gem: Croix-Rousse murals or Île Barbe

Best museum: Musée des Beaux-Arts or Musée des Confluences

Best day trip: Beaujolais Wine Country or Pérouges

Best stay length: 2 nights for a relaxed Rhône/Saône river cruise extension

Map of Area Attractions

LYON

ATTRACTIONS MAP

— TOP SIGHTS & HIDDEN GEMS —

MUST-SEE ATTRACTIONS

- 1 Basilica of Notre-Dame de Fourvière
- 2 Vieux Lyon & Saint-Jean Cathedral
- 3 Traboules of Vieux Lyon
- 4 Place Bellecour
- 5 Presqu'île / Place des Terreaux
- 6 Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse
- 7 Musée des Confluences
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HELPFUL TIPS & DISTANCES

- Vieux Lyon is best explored on foot
- Funicular saves the climb to Fourvière
- Presqu'île links many top sights easily
- Les Halles is ideal for lunch or tasting stops

LEGEND

- Metro / Station
- River Cruise Terminal
- Landmark
- Scenic Viewpoint
- Walking District

FOR CRUISE GUESTS

Lyon is an excellent pre- or post-river-cruise city. Staying near Presqu'île or Vieux Lyon makes sightseeing easy and enjoyable before or after your river cruise.

Fourvière Views

Old Town Charm

Place Bellecour

Les Halles Market

Cruise Convenience

River views. Great food. French charm. Welcome to Lyon!