

WEEK-END

FROM THE RHÔNE RIVER TO THE LAKE (EX SAVOIE-BUGEY)



23 & 24 september
2 days / 65 km



REQUIRED LEVEL



ROUTE

This tour is a new version of the traditional « Savoie-Bugey tour », offers more comfort to rowers. The particularity of this version is that you will now cross both Bugey and Savoie on the same day. You will first navigate on the Haut-Rhône canal which was dug in the 80's by the « Compagnie Nationale du Rhône » (CNR). Near Lavours dam you will cross Savières' lock and arrive on Savières' canal, which connects Rhône River to the Lake, and has the peculiarity of changing direction whenever the Lake or the river is flooding. You will cross part of the beautiful village of Chanaz before reaching the majestic Lac du Bourget, between Jura and Alpine foothills.

If the weather is fair and the lake does not throw one of its legendary fits, you may admire on the wild coast the Hautecombes Abbey. The whole tour is lined with Jura Mountains on Bugey, with the « Grand Colombier » as its peak. Then on Savoie' side, you will see the « Epine » mountain and its famous « Dent du Chat », as well as the Alpines moutnains such as the "Mont Revard », door to the Bauges. On sunday you will row on most the Haut-Rhône canal with a stop on the « Lit au Roi » lake. You might enjoy a wine tasting while visiting a local, or else continue your trip beyond the confluence with the natural Rhone river, which might require a more physical rowing.

SIGHTSEEING

The particularity of this tour lies with the variety of its landscapes: the Bourget Lake, the largest one in France, will offer you amazing landscapes from Bauges to Bugey. The « Dent du Chat » which became famous because of the legendary monstrous cat which frightened travelers daring to cross the pass. Mount Revard which is the first step towards the high mountains of the Alps, or else the Belledonne Mountains with their sharp crests. The spirited Rhône River and its man-made canal, designed to provide with clean sustainable energy thanks to the dams built along its course, in the heart of a preserved wild nature.



PRATICAL INFORMATION



TOUR DURATION

2 days, 23 & 24 september 2017



TOUR PLACE

Belley-Virignin : the Haut-Rhône canal, Savières canal and the Lac du Bourget



BOATS

Recreational four-person sculling boats



FEES

55 € : without accommodation, 2 meals included, reservation of additional meals is possible on the accommodation website.

For further details :

app.yenne.virignin.free.fr/index.php/hebergement



FOR COMPANIONS

Identical fees



SEAT RENTAL

60 seats available, 20 €/day



SAFETY

Supervision : 20 people

Safety boats : 4



PROVISIONAL PLANNING

Day 1 : 9am : start from the club AVIRON BUGEY HAUT-RHÔNE - going up the Haut-Rhône canal - boat carrying across Savières' lock - Savières' canal - stroll on the Lac du Bourget - return to the club on the canals of Savières' and Haut-Rhône - a total length of 45 km which can be reduced to 40 km according to the weather conditions on the lake. - lunch between 12am and 2pm at Savières' canal - start from Savières' canal and Lac du Bourget - return to the club around 6pm.

Day 2 : 9am : start from the club AVIRON BUGEY HAUT-RHÔNE - going up the Haut-Rhône canal - going around the « Lit au Roi » lake or up on the confluence then back to the club - caterer meal from 12am to 1pm - total length is around 20 to 25 km according to the route taken. Depending on what you chose, some may leave around 2.30/3pm after lunch and tidying up of the boats.



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