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The  
mini 
guide 

seasonal inspirations



Welcome to Lyon!

The flowers are in bloom, the sun is back: it's time to step outside and enjoy the good weather between the Rhône and the Saône.

Exciting festivals, bustling terraces, colourful addresses, nature trips and refreshing breaks are in store for you this season. Don't miss a thing: browse through this mini-guide and discover the must-see exhibitions and events of the moment.

An invaluable source of inspiration to help you make the most of your stay in Lyon.



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Identify the activities, events and locations for you at a glance with these little symbols.



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→ Here are a few tips and suggestions to get through summer heat spikes



Top 10 to do in Lyon

Weave silk in the Croix-Rousse, home of the Canuts

Once inhabited by Lyon's silk-workers, known as the Canuts, the Croix-Rousse district reveals its industrial past through 'traboules' and inner courtyards. For a taste of life in this period, make your way to one of the workshops where you can buy a square silk scarf at factory price and learn about silk-making trades.

Enjoy a 'quenelle'^{rs} in one of Lyon's 'bouchon' reaurants

There's a wide range of specialities to be had in the city's famous bouchons and for a truly authentic experience, look out for the 'Bouchon Lyonnais' quality label. It guarantees that restaurants prepare their food in keeping with Lyon's traditions, and regularly serve the classic morning meal known as a 'mâchon'.

^{rs} quenelle: a creamed fish-flavoured soufflé.

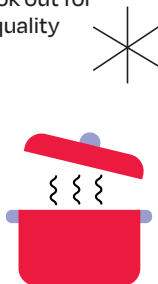


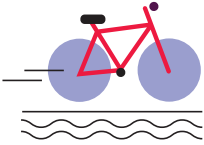
Ascend the hill of Fourvière

Take 'la ficelle' (literally 'the string'), as the funicular going up the hill is known, and see Lyon spread out beneath you. A symbolic landmark, the nineteenth-century basilica of Fourvière watches over Lyon and offers visitors a richly decorated interior. Nearby, the ancient theatres and the Lugdunum site reveal the secrets of the Roman city founded in 43 BC.

Meet the best producers at Les Halles Paul-Bocuse

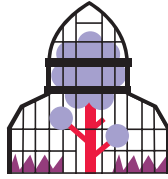
Les Halles de Lyon Paul-Bocuse is a temple dedicated to gastronomy, and will even take you on a voyage through neighbouring areas to discover their famous terroir products. Because Lyon's excellent reputation in matters of culinary delights also depends on the quality of its regional products, such as the famous Poulet de Bresse and Beaujolais and Côtes-du-Rhône wines. Make the most of the early morning hustle and bustle, and get to taste a piece of Saint-Marcellin cheese or Rosette sausage!





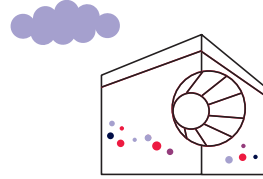
Cycle along the banks of Rhône and Saône

Grab a self-service Velo'v bicycle and head off along the banks of Rhône or Saône to discover their bustling, urban atmosphere. Then set off in search of the city's monuments before enjoying an open-air break on board one of the many barges moored along the river!



Take a break in Tête d'Or park

Nestled in a bend of the Rhône in the north of the city, Tête d'Or park has a free zoo, a lake, a botanical garden, and a rose garden with no less than 450 varieties. A green lung of Lyon and France's largest urban park, it contributes to the wonderfully preserved quality of life of a city on a human scale.



Discover Lyon's new face in the Confluence

Take the Navig'ône, Lyon's river shuttle service, to arrive right in the heart of the Confluence district. After being dominated by industry for centuries, it has been returned to the city's residents as a symbol of green and forward-looking redevelopment. The renovated industrial buildings of the former docks of Rambaud, designed by world-leading architects, offer amazing contrasts of shapes and colours..



Stroll through the Presqu'île

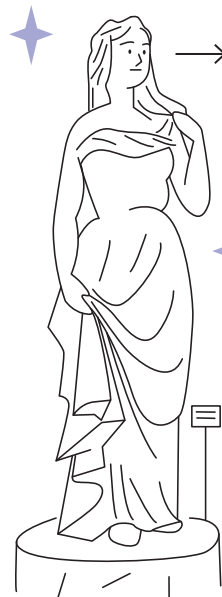
The peninsula between the Rhône and Saône is the city's beating heart. From Place Bellecour to the Grand Hôtel-Dieu complex, the Théâtre des Célestins and Place des Terreaux, the city centre's main streets are filled with history and enticing shops.



Travel back in time in the Renaissance district of Vieux-Lyon

From the cathedral of Saint-Jean to the townhouses once owned by Lyonnais and Italian merchants, a visit to Vieux-Lyon is a journey through the 15th and 16th centuries. Then there are the famous 'traboules'.

These passageways through buildings and inner courtyards, linking up parallel streets, are waiting to be explored, with respect for the local residents.



See you at the museum

From the masterpieces of the Musée des Beaux-Arts, housed in a former convent, to the fascinating story of the invention of cinema by the Lumière brothers at the Musée Lumière, Lyon's museums offer a variety of unique themes and included in the Lyon City Card.

On the bill!



Find out about the season's most eagerly anticipated events and exhibitions!



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Nuits de Fourvière

In 2026, the iconic Nuits de Fourvière festival will be celebrating its 80th anniversary, an occasion not to be missed for the world, as the theme running through this year's edition is the dance ball. 8 balls of all kinds (masked, disco, folk) are on the agenda inviting spectators to join in the party! Held in the Gallo-Roman theatre of ancient Lugdunum, this festival enthral visitors with its spectacular setting and eclectic programme of concerts, theatre, dance, circus, magic and opera.



→ nuitsdefourviere.com

From 28 May to 25 July 2026

Main site: the Roman Theatres,
Rue de l'Antiquaille, Lyon 5th

Lyon Street Food Festival

The Lyon Street Food Festival has become an unmissable event on the strength of its signature recipe of "Culture, Music and Food". For its 10th edition, the festival promises a veritable culinary road trip focusing on three key destinations: Flanders, Latin America and Italy. Another novelty: a focus on pastry. And still the 200 dishes to taste, hundreds of workshops plus, of course, the inimitable concerts.



→ lyonstreetfoodfestival.com

From 11 to 14 June 2026

Les Grandes Locos,
10 rue Gabriel Péri, La Mulatière



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Reading matter for bookworms

Every year, spring is synonymous with literature in Lyon, with three unmissable events! The season kicks off with the international "Quais du Polar" festival, whose 22nd edition will focus on the links between science and crime novels. More than 130 guests from 21 countries are expected to attend this year. Among them will be the renowned authors Peter James and R. J. Ellory. Finally, comic book enthusiasts have a date on June for the 21st edition of the *Lyon BD Festival*.



→ quaisdupolar.com
From 3 to 5 April 2026
→ www.lyonbd.com
13 and 14 June 2026

Regards sensibles

This season, prepare yourself for an amazing encounter with contemporary art. Head to the *maLYON Museum of Contemporary Art* to admire the museum's temporary exhibitions, including "Regards sensibles" [Sensitive Gazes], an exhibition dedicated to video art featuring around 30 films arranged along a sensitive path, in contrast to today's scrolling habits. This beautiful discovery serves as a foretaste of the Lyon Biennale of Contemporary Art scheduled to begin on 19 September.



→ maclyon.com
Until 12 July 2026
Cité Internationale, Lyon 6th

Monet, The immersive Experience

Ever dreamed of diving into a painting? Now's the time to take the plunge, at the "Monet, the immersive experience" exhibition at Pôle Pixel, Studio 24. More than 300 works by the famous impressionist are projected onto the walls and floor - a unique opportunity to get a life-size view of the painter's universe and inspirations.



→ monetexpo.com
Until 30 April 2026
Pôle PIXEL, Villeurbanne

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www.brasseriegeorges.com



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Cuire

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Cité Internationale
Lyon Convention Centre

Parc de la
Tête d'Or

6

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Croix-Rousse

Parc de la
Cerisaie

10

Place des
Terreaux

Hôtel
de Ville

Brotteaux

Opéra

Halles
Paul-Bocuse

Auditorium

Gare de
Vaise

Vaise



Fourvière

Basilique Notre-Dame-de-Fourvière

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Théâtre des
Célestins

Presqu'île

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Vieux Lyon

Saint-Just



Cathédrale
Saint-Jean



Grand Hôtel-Dieu

Guillotière

Saxe-
Gambetta

Lugdunum - Musées
et théâtres romains

Perrache



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the Saône

the Rhône

La Sucrière

Confluence

États-Unis

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Parc de
Gerland

Musée des
Confluences

Halle Tony-Garnier

Les Grandes
Locos

Oullins

Matmut Stadium
Stade Gerland

Saint-Genis-Laval

Map



 Subway


 Tourist Office

 UNESCO Zone

 Navig'one

 Station

 Airport

 Banks of the Saône and Rhône by bike

And also:

- 1 Musée des Beaux-Arts
- 2 Gagne : Musée d'histoire de Lyon, Musée des arts de la marionnette
- 3 Musée Miniatures & Cinéma
- 4 Centre d'histoire de la résistance et de la déportation
- 5 Maison des Canuts
- 6 Soierie vivante
- 7 Soierie Saint-Georges
- 8 Musée Soieries Brochier
- 9 Mur peint des Canuts
- 10 Mur peint des Lyonnais célèbres
- 11 Musée urbain Tony-Garnier
- 12 Musée d'art contemporain

Move!



Make the most of the fine weather to enjoy some experiences to remember!



France Aventures Fort de Bron

Fancy a fun, refreshing day in the great outdoors? Then head to Fort de Bron for a dizzy treetop adventure in the France Aventures park. **With family or friends, push yourself to the limit on the 8 treetop courses and try some of the 70 activities suitable for all levels.**

→ www.france-aventures.com/lyon-fort-bron
For ages 4 and above.
Admission from €13 to €32.
10 chemin Vieux, Bron (T2 Les Alizés tram stop)



Beaujolais wine tour

Hop aboard a minibus in the centre of Lyon and travel along the winding roads of the Beaujolais region on a half- or full-day tour. In this famous wine-growing region, admire the beauty of the villages with their golden stone buildings and visit some its most renowned vineyards. Discover the secrets of the winemakers and enjoy a tasting of local wines.

→ shop.visiterlyon.com
Choose from visits with Tasty Lyon, Rhône Trip or Les Sentiers de l'Oenotourisme.
Booking required. From €99 to €149.



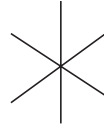
Scenic Cruise

If you have your sea legs, you can also discover Lyon on the water aboard one of the Bateaux Lyonnais boats. Every day, a number of one-hour sightseeing cruises with live commentary follow the river up to Île Barbe or down to the Confluence and back. And if you're feeling peckish, you can also enjoy a cruise with brunch, lunch or dinner.

→ www.lesbateauxlyonnais.com
Boarding opposite 2 quai des Célestins, Lyon 2nd
From €15 for adults.



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One hour to visit Old Lyon

From cobbled streets to “traboules” and “miraboules”, explore Old Lyon, an iconic district listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1998.

In one hour, discover the history of Old Lyon, urbanised since the Middle Ages and shaped by prominent Lyonnais and Italian families in the 15th and 16th centuries, making it one of Europe's largest Renaissance districts.

→ boutique.visiterlyon.com

€13 for adults.

Booking essential.



A stroll along the banks of the Saône

In fine weather, the banks of the Saône are the perfect place for a bucolic stroll. From the Confluence to Rochetaillée-sur-Saône, passing by Île Barbe, the 15 kilometres of landscaped banks allow prams and wheelchairs to amble by the riverside and discover around 20 artworks dotted along the route. Allow 3 hours for a round trip walk from Place Bellecour to Île Barbe.

→ visiterlyon.com

Check out 4 recommended walks online.



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Time to eat!



From tradition to modernity,
find the restaurant that
matches your tastes!



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Trèfle

Included in the Michelin Guide's "Bib Gourmand" list of favourites in 2026, Trèfle is the go-to sustainable plant-based food establishment for vegetarians and vegans - but the restaurant will please all lovers of creative and refined cuisine. Here, chef Emily Dader enhances herbs, flowers, seaweeds, mushrooms and spices, combining indulgence and responsibility to titillate our taste buds!

→ www.trefle-restaurant.fr
Open from Tuesday to Saturday,
7:15pm to 8:45pm,
and at lunchtime from Thursday
to Saturday
25 rue Franklin, Lyon 2nd

Rooftop Maison Nô

What better place than a rooftop to enjoy a drink in the sun? Located in the midst of the Presqu'île district, the Maison Nô terrace offers an unbeatable panoramic view of Lyon, with Fourvière basilica on one side and the Part-Dieu towers on the other. Here you can sip delicious mocktails or try out the house's signature cocktails, accompanied by a platter of mature cheeses, cold meats or a seasonal dish of the day.

→ maisonno.com
Open From Tuesday to Saturday, 4pm to 1am, and on
Sunday et Monday from 5pm to midnight.
11 Rue du Bât d'Argent, Lyon 1st



© E. Spassoff

Le Sully

Warm atmosphere and tasty cuisine – an unsullied reputation closely guarded by Le Sully since 2014. As an officially labelled “Bouchon Lyonnais”, the restaurant serves the quintessential local classics (quenelles dumplings, Lyonnaise salad, pâté crôte meat pie...) as well as a meticulously prepared market cuisine. One of the signature dishes deserves special mention: the crispy vol-au-vent with sweetbreads, quenelles and prawns, coated in supreme sauce! A gourmet dish to savour on the shaded terrace on a fine sunny day.

→ www.lesullylyon.fr
Open from Monday to Friday
20 rue Sully Lyon 6^e



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“Happiness lies
in the kitchen”
Paul Bocuse



Quai Augagneur market

Put yourself in the shoes of a true Lyonnais and take a stroll through the food market on Quai Augagneur. Overlooking the Rhône, with the Grand Hôtel-Dieu and Fourvière basilica looming in the background, this is one of Lyon's most beautiful markets. At the weekend, up to 50 traders set up shop here, selling fruit, vegetables, cheese, meat, poultry, fish, flowers and honey.

From 2pm to 8pm on Thursdays (30 traders);
from 6am to 1:30pm on Fridays, Saturdays and
Sundays (50 traders).

Lyonnaise Salad

A must-try starter in Lyon's “bouchon” restaurants, Lyonnaise salad is the shining star on the summer menu. The dish consists of frisée lettuce, thick crispy lardons, croutons and a deliciously creamy poached egg on top just begging you to dig your fork into it and watch the yolk spread out over the plate!

You can make it yourself, or enjoy the real McCoy in a genuine certified bouchon restaurant like Le Vivarais, La Meunière or Le Poëlon d'Or.



Shop!



Great addresses to treat yourself or bring back a gift from Lyon.



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Brasserie Georges beer*

For 190 years, Brasserie Georges has been slaking the thirst of the Lyonnais with its refreshing beers. From classic blonde through seasonal beers to the historical brown ale (known as the Lyon "black" in the 18th century), the Brasserie Georges beers, certified "Made in Lyon", cater to all tastes.

→ www.bieresgeorges.com

Permanent range available in supermarkets and medium-sized stores and on tap in many bars and restaurants.

**Excessive alcohol consumption is harmful to your health; please drink in moderation.*

Club Mirette

Open your eyes: at Club Mirette, colour is king! Local creators enjoy the limelight in this dazzling pop-art workshop-boutique. Ceramics, illustrations, jewellery, decor, fashion items and more... enough choice to walk out with a lovely souvenir of Lyon!

13 rue Aimé Collomb, Lyon 7th

Artimbale

Combining café, eco-responsible bazaar and herbalist, Artimbale is a miniature Aladdin's cave that stocks a host of items including original gift ideas and herbal medicine products sold in bulk. The shop carries the "Engagé à Lyon" label and supports zero waste, sustainable practices and the local economy in order to promote a healthier lifestyle.

→ artimbale.fr

59 avenue Félix Faure, Lyon 3rd

Philéone

Nestling in the midst of the Croix-Rousse district, Philéone continues to preserve the traditions of Lyon's silk industry. Located just a stone's throw from the Maison des Canuts, the shop sells silk scarves, stoles, wraps, ties and even scrunchies. Silky souvenirs to bring back in your suitcase..

→ phileone.fr

12 rue d'Ivry, 69004 Lyon 4th

Like a Lyonnais

on the
street corner

Rue du Bœuf,
Lyon 5th

With its cobblestones and beautiful Renaissance houses dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, Rue du Bœuf is a lovely pedestrian alley typical of Old Lyon. To understand the name, just look up and search for the ox (actually a bull) that adorns a niche on a house at the corner of Place Neuve Saint-Jean. The house once belonged to Louis Thorel, a doctor ennobled in 1897 for his dedication during the great plague. His coat of arms bore the image of a bull in reference to the etymology of his name (Thorel-Taurel-Taureau = "bull" in French).

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Bambaner

A delightful word well suited to the season, as it denotes the action of wandering aimlessly. Meaning a pleasurable, relaxing, nonchalant stroll, the word "bambane" is also used pejoratively to describe a slow and lazy person.



AmesSoeurs

L'Art sur soi(e)!

AmesSoeurs

Art Gallery - Artshop

The aim of the textile house AmesSoeurs is to weave a link between art and beautiful materials and highlight the quality and the expertise of Lyon's silk.

29 rue Saint-Georges - Lyon - 69005

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Saturday 2.30 - 6.30 pm

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