

Your schedule for the day: ANNECY LAKE AND MOUNTAINS

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9:00 am: Guided tour of Old Annecy...

Set off with your guide for a **2-hour** walking tour of the "Venice of the Alps", the nickname given to Annecy because of the myriad of canals that criss-cross through its historic centre.

Old Annecy and its maze of cobblestoned pedestrian streets, its arcades and medieval doorways, the Palais de l'Île (better known as "Old Prisons"), one of the town's iconic landmarks and one of the most photographed sites in France, and the Castle-Museum are all definite must-sees. But your guide will also be eager to show you some "curiosities" that very few



11:15 am: 1-hour commented cruise on Lake Annecy...

You will set sail from Annecy for a commented cruise. The perfect way to contemplate Europe's purest lake and enjoy its majestic setting. You will discover the villages dotted around the lake, at the foot of the mountains: Veyrier du Lac, Menthon Saint Bernard, Talloires and its well-known bay, Saint-Jorioz, Sevrier. You will also get a chance to catch a glimpse of some of the exquisite dwellings located along the lakeshore.

12:30 pm: Lunch in the old town...

Why not treat yourself to a lunch comprising some of Lake Annecy's 'catch-of-the-day' (seasonal-based) or, if you prefer, delight in some traditional French cuisine.

2:00 pm: Journey to the Aravis Mountains...

Setting out from Annecy, you will travel along the Eastern Bank, before rapidly ascending to overlook the lake and take in some exceptional panoramic views. The journey continues towards the Col de Bluffy, the impressive gateway between the lake and the mountains. As we go through the mountain pass, you'll catch a wonderful glimpse of the Castle of Menthon, with its towers soaring high above the lake!



Afternoon: Le Grand Bornand and La Clusaz...

Your guide will take you to explore the traditional village of Le Grand Bornand and its heritage centre, which was built in 1830, then later restored and furnished, and where you will learn about local life of yesteryear and the wooden architectural design typical of the Bornes-Aravis region. After the visit, you will have some free time for a stroll.

Your route then continues to La Clusaz where your guide will share the traditions and legends of this lively resort with you. You will stop off at the Lac des Confins to visit a cheese dairy. You will get a chance to watch (*) cheese being made, and you can even lend a hand... then on to a delicious cheese tasting session: Reblochon, Tomme, to name but only two (*depending on times)

If the weather and our schedule permit, we will go for a short walk to the Col des Aravis for a breathtaking vista over the Mont-Blanc massif.

7:30 pm: dinner in La Clusaz...

Time for a delicious dinner of Savoyard specialities in a traditional chalet-restaurant: tartiflette (made with locally-produced PDO cheese, Reblochon), crozets (traditional pasta), diots (local sausages), potato fritters, white Tomme cheese...