

Your schedule for the day: LAKE ANNECY AND THE SAVOIE FRONTCOUNTRY

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

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

Old Anney and its maze of cobblestoned pedestrian streets, its arcades and medieval doorways, the Palais de l'Ile (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 people ever notice!



11:00 am: 1-hour commented cruise on Lake Annecy...

You will set sail from Anney 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.

Then it's time to head off from the lakeshores to explore the surrounding countryside.



12:45 pm: Visit and lunch with our winemaker-snail farmer...

The winemaker-snail breeder owner welcomes you to his establishment, set in luscious green surroundings. Indulge in a buffet lunch which includes snails (bred and prepared on-site), local produce (cold cuts, cheeses, breads and cakes), and of course the estate's wines, while the owner guides you through his cellars and the farm. It is worth noting that his products can be found on the tables of the world's top

restaurants!

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3:30 pm: The Gorges du Fier (30 min go-as-you-please visit)...

Since 1869, the gorges have been accessible to the public via a 252 metre long footbridge, suspended at 25 m above the Fier River (a tributary of the Rhône). Venture deep into a sensational spectacle, where the Fier River rushes along underfoot, and enjoy the amazement of this incredible landscape of crazily-shaped boulders stacked on top of each other. The magical interplay of natural light and shade centre stages incredible faces along the rock face... see if you can find them! You'll also get the chance to see a multitude of Giants' cauldrons, formed by erosion over thousands of years. Halfway along your trek, a measuring scale on the rock face shows the high water marks reached during floods. No need

to worry though... it's totally risk-free and made to be enjoyed by everyone!



4:30 pm: The Château de Montrottier (1h15 min guided tour)...

The highly-recognizable Château de Montrottier perches 200 m above the gorges.

This medieval castle, dating back to the 13th century, was used as an outlook post to watch over the Chambéry-Geneva route that crossed the Gorges du Fier.

Opened to the general public in 1919, it is a classic example of a feudal castle which, over the

centuries, would become a private dwelling and home to numerous collections of art and objects. Among them, remarkable collections of furniture, earthenware, lace, weapons as well as rare objects from Africa and the Far East, acquired by Léon Marès, one of the last great collectors of the late 19th century, and four bronze bas-reliefs, masterpieces created by Peter and Hans Vischer of Nuremberg, 16th century art casters. A tour guide will walk you through this "cabinet of curiosities".

Back to Annecy after the visit.