

Your schedule for the day: THE FRENCH BANK OF LAKE GENEVA



10:00 am: guided tour of Yvoire & the Garden of Five Senses...

Yvoire, a medieval village located on the shores of Lake Geneva, was already a seigneurie when Amédée V, Count of Savoie, decided to turn it into an invincible stronghold at the turn of the 14th century. Quite a few important traces of this period can still be seen: the castle, the fortified gates, the ramparts... This charming village, member of the "Plus Beaux Villages de France" Association (Most Beautiful Villages

of France), celebrated its 710th anniversary in 2016. Your guide will take you on a journey to discover the history of this one-time fishing village.

You will be captivated by the Garden of Five Senses, filled with enchantment and wonder, created right in the heart of the village.

This medieval-inspired garden includes a plant maze and several different areas of greenery, each focuses on the five senses. You are invited to feel, touch, contemplate, listen and even taste what you see! As you wander along the paths, you may even meet one of the gardeners, who tend to the plants in this green oasis passionately, with the greatest respect for nature.

12:30 pm: Lunch...

In this one-time fishing village, you will get the chance to taste the Yvoire speciality: Lake Geneva perch fillets!



3:00 pm: Trip to the Château de Ripaille and wine-tasting...

This jewel, sitting on the shores of Lake Geneva, weaves its incredible web of history and nature.

Once a residence of the Dukes of Savoie, and a former Carthusian monastery, the site, which had fallen in ruin, was acquired in 1892 by an industrial aesthete, Frédéric Engel-Gros, who turned it into a "total work of art" encompassing the historic buildings, the gardens and

the vast park. Professional guides will take you on a tour to discover Ripaille's historic buildings and gardens and will share its amazing history that spans several centuries with you.

Then indulge in some AOC white wine tasting at the end of your visit, in the castle's historic cellar.



5:30 pm: Guided tour of Evian...

During your trip to Evian, famous throughout the world for its mineral water, you will discover its history, from the Middle Ages to the current day, and get a chance to drink the famous water from the fountains dotted about along your route.

7:30 pm: Dinner in Evian...

Then back to Annecy