

Your schedule: INSPIRATIONAL BREAK - 4 DAYS/3 NIGHTS

Non-contractual photos – For logistical reasons and depending on the dates of your stay, the incoming agency may have to change the activity and/or day schedule.

SUMMARY

Day 1

*Discovery trail through the old town
Private cruise with stop-offs to visit sites along the banks
Overnight stay in Annecy*

Day 2

*Fun-filled paddle activity – Visit to the Fonderie Paccard (workshops or bell casting depending on calendar) or Lake Annecy Eco-museum
Panoramic tour in a VW Kombi
Trip to explore a farm and to discover cheesemaking
Overnight stay in Annecy*

Day 3

*Trip to the Château de Ripaille and wine-tasting
Alternative as of October 2017: Visit to the Evian® water-bottling plant
Cruise and visit to the Pré Curieux Water Gardens
Dinner at the casino in Evian
Overnight stay in Evian*

Day 4

*Evian-Lausanne lake crossing
Chocolate workshop
Back to Evian*

DETAILED PROGRAMM

Day 1

9:00 am: Discovery trail through Annecy...



"A mysterious arrow has just been shot from the historic medieval ramparts, in rue Vaugelas. This arrow is going to shake up the course of time. Lost in time, all the various time periods are ever-so mixed up!" "Annecy's Mysteries" offers you an incredible opportunity to explore a town by journeying through time and space! Discover Annecy and its secrets through anecdotes and the history of great figures that left their mark on the

town... and, you may even solve the mystery of the arrow and save the course of 21st century time!

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

Why not treat yourself to some Savoyard specialities: tartiflette (made with locally-produced PDO cheese, Reblochon), crozets (traditional pasta), diots (local sausages), etc. or taste some of Lake Annecy's 'catch-of-the-day' (or from other Alpine lakes, depending on the season). And, it goes without saying... traditional French cuisine is also high on our list!



2:30 pm: Lake Safari...

Jump on-board a fast, comfortable boat for a private 2-hour cruise and discover the lake's exquisite banks, the Roc de Chère caves, the remains of ancient lakeside towns, and much, much more! The trip includes stop-offs and a chance to swim in the lagoon.

Lake Annecy will no longer hold any secrets for you... your boat pilots/guides will be delighted to show you its countless wonders.

Back on dry land and free time to stroll around the town
Dinner and overnight stay in Annecy

Day 2



9:00 am: Stand-up paddle initiation...

We invite you to discover stand-up paddle in a totally unspoilt setting, a little piece of paradise... All you have to do is... stand up on the board and use your paddle to move forward! A risk-free, effort-free activity that can be enjoyed by everyone, that doesn't require any special skills... an opportunity to discover the shores of Europe's purest lake at your own pace, during the most peaceful moment of the day.



11:00 am: Museum and Fonderie Paccard...

Since 1796, they have been breathing life into metal... The Fonderie PACCARD, is considered as the world reference for church bells and carillons. 7 generations of master smelters have held the reins of this company, which blends tradition and modernity to perfection. The foundry has produced some 120,000 bells to date, which chime the passing of the hours in towns and villages

around the world. Depending on the day of the week your visit takes place, you will discover the workshops and bell-making techniques: an incredible journey into the world of bells or, you will get the chance to watch ever-so unusual and highly-impressive bell casting (on Thursdays only)

Alternative: Lake Annecy Eco-museum...

An incredible collection of costumes and traditional objects tell the story of the daily life of the local people from days gone by. This fun-filled, interactive journey back in time (realistic showcases, demonstrations of skills and know-how, activities, short films, etc.), is a must-see to discover the region in an unusual way.

12:30 pm: Lunch in Annecy or along the lakeshore...



2:00 pm: A trip in a VW Kombi...

We invite you to discover Annecy, its lake and its mountains onboard a legendary VW Kombi. A happy-go-lucky, totally-vintage atmosphere guaranteed!

Set off for an adventure filled with incomparably stunning panoramas. After visiting the lakeshore, you will rapidly reach highland pastures, then head into the Aravis Mountains where you will visit villages and hamlets whose charm is enhanced by the authenticity of the local inhabitants, who are passionate about their region and its heritage.

Although these mountain villages have undergone great development, they have, somehow, always managed to keep their traditional architecture intact. They are set in one of the few Alpine areas that has successfully and harmoniously balanced tourism and agriculture, for the greatest delight of visitors.



Right up on the very top of La Clusaz, a village which, when winter comes around, is transformed into a world-famous winter sports resort, in Les Confins, you are invited to discover how a farm is run and you will see how cheese is made... and even help make it! Oh, and it goes without saying... you'll also enjoy some delicious cheese tasting before heading back to Annecy.

Dinner and overnight stay in Annecy

Day 3

9:00 am: departure for Lake Geneva's shores



10:30 am: 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.

At the end of the visit, you will sit down to a cold buffet lunch accompanied by Ripaille AOC wine.

Then it's on to Evian, famous throughout the world for its mineral water.



3:30 pm: Cruise and a visit to the Pré Curieux Water Gardens...

You will embark on a solar-powered boat which will offer you an exquisite view over the banks of this thermal spa town and perhaps some fleeting glimpses of local wildlife. You will stop off at the Pré Curieux, extraordinary water gardens that promote nature's own ecosystems: running water, still water, torrents, ponds, marshes, wet meadows, etc. An

astonishing and unforgettable tour!

Back on dry land, you will have some free time to stroll around the town of Evian and hunt out the sources where this famous mineral water runs freely.

8:00 pm: dinner in the sumptuous casino...

Overnight stay in Evian

Day 4



10:00 am: Evian-Lausanne lake crossing...

What could be more inspirational than crossing over the Swiss border on a boat! The boat that takes you to Lausanne in just 35 minutes offers you a majestic vista over Lake Geneva, that really seems like a small inland sea.



11:00 am: Chocolate workshop...

Although Switzerland has quite a few iconic emblems, without a doubt it's chocolate that reigns supreme!

You will visit a famous chocolate factory, Bio et Equitable, where you will take part in a 1-hour "chocolate" workshop. During a tour of the laboratory, you will discover how chocolate is made, from the bean to the bar (or, in this case to pralines), then you will have the opportunity to taste chocolate of incredibly rare origin. You will then get the chance to make a chocolate figurine of your choice (that you will take home, of course). Like this, you will learn how to mould chocolate and decorate figurines.

After the workshop, you will have some free time to stroll around Lausanne, relax at a café terrace, have a snack, etc.

2:00 pm: Lausanne-Evian lake crossing...

End of your stay. If you wish to stay another night in Evian, please contact us.