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Medieval and Natural Surroundings of Lyon

Morning visit to the medieval village of Pérouges followed by an afternoon visit to the Parc des Oiseaux

In the morning, you will visit one of the most beautiful medieval villages in France, and in the afternoon, you will explore the flora and fauna in the ornithological park at Villars les Dombes.

Make it Gallo-Roman!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue: Guided visit to Lyon's Gallo-Roman museum with its theatre and Odeon.

Please see the last page for more information.

Make it Decorative Arts!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue: Guided visit to the Decorative Arts & Textile Museum.

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Péruges & the Parc des Oiseaux

9.00 am: Meet your driver-guide in the lobby of your hotel in Lyon

Drive from Lyon **towards the town of Péruges**, a medieval, walled town northeast of Lyon. It is perched on a small hill overlooking the Ain River.

Until the end of the 18th century, **the textile industry in Péruges boomed**. In the 19th century, however, roads and railroads were re-routed and the population of 1,500 plummeted to eight! In 1911, the town was restored and its houses were saved.

During the **guided walking tour**, you will encounter the characteristics of a medieval city including bumpy cobblestone lanes and streets.

Do not miss the **fortified church**, located in the entrance to the village. This remarkably preserved 15th-century building is a listed monument. During the revolution, vandals broke the statue of "Sainte Madeleine" which was situated in the Church.

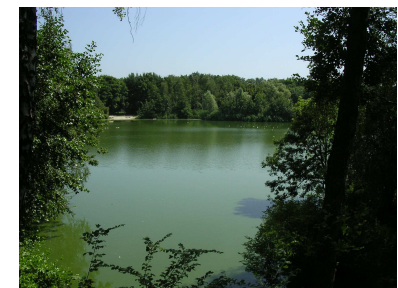
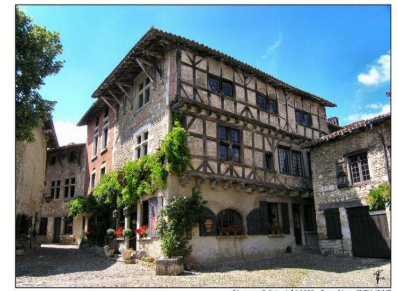
An interesting point is the town's multiple changes in nationality. Péruges belonged to the Dauphiné in 1300, to Savoy in 1345 and to the French in 1601. During the siege of 1468, all of the fortified towns in the region were taken over by Louis XI's allies: with the exception of Péruges. This exploit is mentioned on the town's "Porte d'En Bas" (lower door).

What about **lunch at the Ostellerie du Vieux Péruges**? The restaurant's decor ranges from medieval to modern. Try the famous galette, the town's specialty.

Continue on to the **Parc des Oiseaux in Villars les Dombes**: For the past 35 years, the park has been one of the most important bird parks in Europe. **Species from all over the world** are spread throughout the park, either in aviaries or in natural surroundings.

The **vegetation is protected** in order to allow the birds to procreate. Species native to the Dombes can be found side-by-side with hummingbirds and ostriches, penguins and flamingos.

5.00 pm: Return to your hotel in Lyon at the end of the day.





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NB: Please note that some sites mentioned in the itinerary might not be available every day or throughout the year. We suggest that you check with our Production Managers

This package includes

- Deluxe minivan with an English-speaking driver that can carry up to 6 passengers
- Professional English-speaking guide who will chauffeur you on your sightseeing tour and is licensed to guide and accompany you on walking tours, as well as into museums and monuments
- Découvertes' fees
- 24-hour assistance available during your stay
- All taxes

This package does not include

- Entrance fees
- Tips
- Lunch or dinner

Découvertes can also provide:

- Pre-payment of all entrance fees to museums and other sites
- Lunch reservations



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Make it Optional

Make it Gallo-Roman!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an exclusive optional venue

Guided visit to the Museum of Gallo-Roman Civilization, associated with the remains of the theater and odeon of the Roman city, Lugdunum. You will be offered a clear picture of daily life, economic conditions, institutions, beliefs, monuments and artistic achievements of the first four centuries in the Christian era. The "Claudius Tablet" in the Museum transcribes a speech made by Emperor Claudius to the Senate in 48, whereby he requested that Gallic-nation heads of state be allowed to participate in Roman magistracy. As the request was accepted, the Gauls decided to engrave the speech in bronze!



Please contact us for more information as to prices and availability.

Make it Decorative Arts!

DÉCOUVERTES' ADVICE for an optional venue

Visit the decorative arts and textile museum with an expert. The textile collection is a source of inspiration for contemporary creators. The Decorative Arts Museum is complementary to the Textile Museum, as it displays ancient textiles, as decorations, in an 18th-century private residence. The silks shown were woven by well-known silk merchants Tassinari and Chatel, Prella and Quenin-Lelièvre. It is one of the few French museums to exhibit such a rich collection of decorative objects in an 18th-century setting. You will become acquainted with the names of Paris' most famous cabinetmakers (Oeben, Riesener, and Roussel) as well as master joiners from the provinces (Hache, Canot, Nogaret).



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