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I am a Polish Girl who felt in love with Lyon from the first sight! So I moved here to discover France...starting from Lyon I want to learn more about France and everything what's French. I love all those culture's differences and I love to explore more. I like to share my observations through my blog and photos which I love to take. So that's why jadorelyon was born. Because I truly love Lyon & France & Everything what is French. jadorelyon is my way of exploring France, the French way of life, food, places to visit, things to do & adding Polish influence to it!

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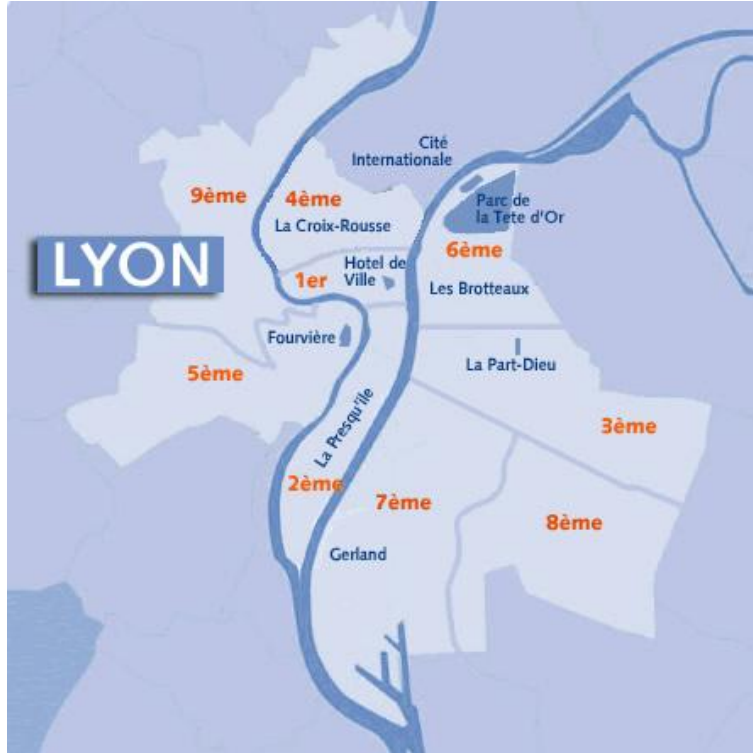
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MAP OF FRANCE & LYON

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# LOCATION - LYON IS:



- **a city located in the east-central France.** It is a half way between sea and mountains and between Paris and Marseille. It is situated about 470 kilometres from Paris and 320 km from Marseille.
- **the capital of the Rhône-Alpes region** and it belongs to the Rhône department which is the second level of administrative divisions on the map of France.
- **divided into 9 municipal arrondissements.** Each of them is identified by a number and it has its own council and town hall.
- **a city of two rivers** which run through it. “La Saône” comes from the North-East of France and “le Rhône” comes from Switzerland to the Mediterranean Sea. They meet in Lyon and merge. They form a peninsula which is called Lyon Presqu’île.

**BONUS: You Can read more about [My Introduction to Lyon](#) [here](#)**





THIS IS LYON

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# BASIC NUMBERS ABOUT LYON:

- Lyon has **1.4 million inhabitants** (+5%)
- Lyon's urban area population is **2.2 million**
- Lyon's area is **47.87 km<sup>2</sup>**
- Lyon is a city with **15,000 new businesses** every year
- Lyon is the **3rd largest city** in France (after Paris and Marseille)
- Lyon has an airport (**115 destinations and 8.4 million passengers**)
- Lyon is a city with **80 new companies** being set up yearly
- Lyon is a city with **144 500 students** (10% international students) yearly
- Lyon is a city with **4 000 restaurants and 15 Michelin-starred** restaurants
- Lyon has **3 million visitors** to the Festival of Lights every year
- Lyon is **in the Top 10 European cities** for its attractiveness
- Lyon is the **3rd destination** of international travelers in France
- Lyon is the **1st city in Europe** for a « city break » – The Telegraph 2014 and the **3rd favorite destination** for international travelers – TripAdvisor 2014

**BONUS: You Can read more about [Lyon in Numbers here](#)**



LYON - THE CAPITAL OF FRENCH GASTRONOMY

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# MAIN FACTS ABOUT LYON AND LYONNAIS:

- Lyon has been **created in 43 BC** when the Romans arrived. It became Rome's second most important city.
- The newly created Lyon had been named - **the Lugdunum** which means the 'city of light'.
- Lyon is known for its historical and architectural landmarks - monuments are registered on the **UNESCO World Heritage Site** for example: Vieux Lyon.
- Lyon is known and famous for its **silk production**.
- Lyon is the French capital of gastronomy (it has the Pope of French Cuisine - **Paul Bocuse** and other gastronomes like **Colette Sibilia** and the '**Lyonnais mothers**/'**Les mères lyonnaise**').
- Only **Lyon has "bouchons"** (traditional Lyonnais restos very popular, serving homemade food - a lot and tasty).
- Lyon was a home of **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry** - the French writer who wrote Little Prince. He lived at the Bellecour.
- Lyon is **the birthplace of cinema**. It was **Auguste** and **Louis Lumière**, who invented the cinematographe.
- Economically, **Lyon is a major centre for banking, chemical, pharmaceutical, and biotech industries**. The GDP of Lyon is 62 billion euro. It makes Lyon the second richest French city after Paris.
- Lyon has a good **location for international organisations** therefore the headquarters of **Interpol**, **Euronews** and **International Agency for Research on Cancer** are situated in the city.

**BONUS: You Can Discover 25 Top Facts About Lyon here and read more about Stereotypes of French People and The Top Facts About French**





VELOS - THE BEST WAY TO COMMUTE IN LYON

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# PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN LYON:

- **How to Commute in Lyon**
  - Public transport network (TCL)
  - Bike share (Vélo'v)
  - Car sharing (Bluely)
  - Taxi Lyon
- **Getting to and from Lyon**
  - SNCF train travel
  - Saint Exupéry Airport
  - Airport Rhonexpress shuttle-tram

**BONUS:** You Can read more about it [here](#)





LYON - TOP THINGS TO DO

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# LEISURE ACTIVITIES - TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN LYON:

1. [Parc de la Tête d'Or](#) - the 'green lungs' of Lyon, the impressive & huge park beloved by everyone with it's free to enter Botanic Garden and free to enter ZOO.
2. [Vieux Lyon](#) - the unmissable place you have to visit in Lyon! It is a charming area full of small streets, typical Lyonnais bouchons, boulangeries, many places to get the best ice cream ever!
3. [Croix Rousse](#) - a bit hidden area of Lyon, only recently started to be appreciated by tourists. It has a unique atmosphere and the opportunity to have a proper tour of the silk history of Lyon by visiting more traboules.
4. [Confluence district](#) - very modern part, located where Saône and Rhône with Confluence Museum and Confluence shopping centre
5. [Musée des Confluences](#) - this is the must. It is the latest and newest and the most modern museum – so impressive with its spaceship shape.
6. [Musée des Beaux-Arts](#) - the Fine Arts Museum which is a true feast for art lovers but not only. It is considered the next-best fine arts museum in France after the Louvre





MAIN POINTS OF INTEREST IN LYON

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# LEISURE ACTIVITIES - TOP 10 THINGS TO DO IN LYON:

7. **Fourvière Hill** - with the most beautiful church- [the Basilique Notre Dame de Fourviere](#), **Gallo-Roman amphitheatre**, beautiful park on the Fourviere Hill and the best view of the city! You can get to the Fourviere Hill 2 ways: walking or taking the **funicular Lyon**. It's a great and fun ride up! Walking is also rewarding yet tiring and longer

8. **Rue de la République** - the most famous shopping street in Lyon, ideal for shopping as well as exploring the main points of interest in Lyon: **the Palais de la Bourse et du Commerce** in the renaissance architectural style, **Eglise Saint-Bonaventure** which is the former Franciscan church built in the 14th-15th centuries, **the Place des Jacobins** has impressive fountain in the center created by Gaspard André in 1885 etc

9. [The big square of Place Bellecour](#) - located in so-called **Presqu'île district** between the Rhône and Saône Rivers with the statue of Louis XIV. and [Hôtel-Dieu de Lyon](#) building.

10. **Marche de Creation** - this is like an outdoor 'Art Gallery', only on Sunday mornings. But also an impressive, old style covered marketplace with over 50 different shops and restaurants - [Les Halles de Lyon Paul Bocuse](#) and the open food market- **Marche Alimentaire Saint Antoine Celestins**.

**BONUS:** Check out my [List of 25 Things to Do For Free](#); [List of Things to do in a rainy day](#); [Romantic Lyon](#); [Your 3 days in Lyon](#); [15 Top Tips To Visit Lyon On The Budget](#); [Totally Free Entries in Lyon](#)





AROUND LYON - MAYBE GRENOBLE?

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AROUND LYON - MAYBE LA DEMEURE DU CHAOS?

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AROUND LYON - MAYBE OINGT?

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# TOP 5 TRIPS AROUND LYON:

1. **Grenoble** – it is another big city located 90 kilometers south of Lyon. Even if you cannot compare it with our big Lyon, it is worth visiting. Get your free brochure [here](#) and plan your little visit.
2. **Oingt** – it's about 25 kilometers from Lyon and located in the Beaujolais vineyards of the Rhone-Alps region. This is a beautiful village which has been awarded a title of 'the most beautiful village of France' in the 2007.
3. **Parc de Courzieu** – is just about 21 kilometers from Lyon, it's Animal Park with wolves, eagles, owls and...snails. Check my memories from [here](#)
4. **Parc de Oiseaux** – is located about 35 kilometers from Lyon and it is one of the oldest ornithological parks in France. It has a collection of more than 3,000 birds of 300 species from around the world which are accommodated in the area of 380 ha
5. **La Demeure du Chaos** - located 15 mins away from Lyon, this is a real museum of the modern art, created by the businessmen - sculptor Thierry Ehrmann who has transformed his house - 17th century post building into a replica (post-)war zone called Abode of Chaos. It is an open-air art museum with its 3,609 works, reflecting our tragic or magnificent century as seen by the artist.

**BONUS:** You Can read more about it [here](#). And I keep exploring places around Lyon in my section of blog called [From Lyon](#).





AROUND LYON - PARC DE OISEAUX?

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# TOP 5 MUSEUMS AROUND LYON:

1. **Maison des Canuts**; *House of Canuts; 10-12 rue d'Ivry; Open daily from 10 am to 6:30 pm, except on Sundays.* Maison des Canuts in La Croix Rousse is a place where you will find out the real story of Lyon silk-making.
2. **Musée Gadagne**; *Gadagne Museum; 1 place du Petit-Collège; Open: Wednesday to Sunday from 11am to 6.30pm. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays!* Gadagne is a place where you discover the history of Lyon.
3. **Musée d'Art Contemporain**; *Modern Art Museum; 81 quai Charles-de-Gaulle; Open: Wednesday to Sunday: 11am – 6pm. Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays!* It is located in the Cité Internationale. It is a place where on top of the permanent collection of over 1,100 works of modern art it regularly displayed interesting temporary exhibitions. It has been founded in the 1984 and represents one of Europe's largest collections of modern art.
4. **Musée des Beaux-Arts**; *Fine Arts Museum of Lyon; Palais Saint-Pierre, 20 place des Terreaux, 69001 Lyon; Open daily except Tuesdays 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.* It is one of the biggest French museums and the must be visited Lyonnais museum.
5. **Musée des Confluences**, *Confluences Museum, 86 Quai Perrache, 69002 Lyon; Open: Tuesday to Sunday: 11am -7pm and until 10pm on Thursday. Closed on Mondays!* The newest and the most modern.

**BONUS: You Can read more about it [All Main Museums in Lyon here](#)**



TOP LYONNAIS MUSEUMS (MUSÉE DES CONFLUENCES)

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# TOP 5 EVENTS IN LYON:

1. [Nuits de Fourvières](#) – the most popular and famous music festival which takes place on the open air, at my favourite place in Lyon in the roman theatre on the Fourvière Hill.
2. [La Fête des Lumières](#) - truly unmissable & truly the best! Happening every year in December to pay respects to the Virgin Mary!
3. Top **FAIRS** which are happening in Lyon every year. For example: **[Independent Wine-Growers Fair](#)**; **The Salon du Chocolat** ; **Salon Gourmets & Vins** etc.
4. **CINEMATIC** which is the annual film festival created in the respects to the Lumiere Brothers and the origins of the cinematography! It takes place in October and gathers many famous celebrities.
5. Lastly also a group of other very good but **SMALLER EVENTS** which I highly recommend!
  - [Nuits Sonores](#) (Indie and electronic music performances),
  - **Biennials** (dance and contemporary art exhibitions )
  - [Quais du Polar](#) (Crime Fiction Book Fair gathering the best writer)
  - [La Nuit des Musées](#) (Lyonnais museums open for free during the night)
  - **Top things to do in Lyon each month** on [here](#)

**BONUS: You Can read more about it [All Main Events and Festivals of Lyon here](#)**





THE BEST FESTIVAL IN FRANCE - ONLY IN LYON - LA FÊTE DES LUMIÈRES

# MY FAVORITE EXPATS WEBSITES AND COMMUNITIES:

- ANGLOInfo Lyon
- Expat Blog
- Expat Exchange
- Expatica
- Expatwoman
- Internations
- Just landed...in France
- Travelfranceonline

**BONUS:** You Can read more about it [here](#)

# TOP 5 BLOGS ABOUT LYON:

1. **monweekendalyon** – great for weekly events in Lyon, well organized and simple.
2. **blog in lyon** – wow e-magazine about Lyon in French. Check this out, it is pretty & super amazing – the Virtual visit of Lyon in panorama 360
3. **thisislyon** (in English)– wow the 1st e- magazine about Lyon in English
4. **spot-web for Lyon** – not very standard, a bit unusual magazine about Lyon presenting Lyon not a usual way, so you are sure to find all those little gems hidden in Lyon and not displayed in general guides of France and Lyon
5. **GirlsTakeLyon** – the first website where the lyonnais girls being passionate about Lyon share the honest opinions, making recommendations and exploring Lyon every day. Alternative one for both sex: **CityLyonCrunch** – all things Lyon. I love them for their humor, and all the things to do in Lyon on a budget. They are really great to help you out to have fun in Lyon and savvy way.

**BONUS:** You can read more about it [here](#)

# TOP 5 ONLINE MAGAZINES ABOUT LYON AND FRANCE:

1. **France Today** – is the leading international journal of French travel & culture. Sign up to receive weekly emails with info about France, places to visit, culture, cuisine, French lifestyle.
2. **FrenchEntrée** – is a sister site to the **France Today**. It is done in a similar tone but I tend to read both to learn more about France and French lifestyle, culture and places to visit.
3. **cafébabel** – is another online magazine but a bit different. It is more interactive, dynamic, funny & serious and it covers different topics such as the society, political, cultural and lifestyle.
4. **France 24** – consists of three separate TV channels which broadcast in French, English and Arabic 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. So it is a very professional news online resource.
5. **The Connexion**. This is a monthly newspaper featuring French national news, articles on culture and lifestyle, practical updates and information about life in France.

**BONUS: You Can read more about [The Best Online Magazines in English here](#)**



# DO SOME SPORT IN LYON:

- **Volleyball and gym: Lyon is a City of Sport.** Find your gym here (Yelp.com) depending on the area you are interested in. L'Appart has good membership options and many fitness clubs in Lyon
- **For staying active and fit:**
  - Run along the Saône
  - Ride around the city on a Velo'v
  - Go for a swim

# THANK YOU

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