



Perrache - Confluence

Disability-friendly wheelchair tour

01 Place Bellecour, statue of Louis XIV

Go out of the Tourist Office, turn left then follow the tactile paving (**designed for visually impaired individuals**) until you reach the equestrian statue.

Take the time to admire the **"Urban Weaving" project**, an ephemeral artwork (5 years) offering a series of contemporary pathways and shaded areas to revitalise this iconic space.

Go to the centre of the square to see **the equestrian statue of Louis XIV** from the front. In the background, you can admire the bell tower of **the former Hôpital de la Charité** and the imposing Grande Poste building, which houses **an art-deco fresco by Louis Bouquet**, an undulating tribute to the history of communications.

Then head towards Rue Victor Hugo on the south side of the square (in line with the horse's tail), between the Bocage stores and CIC bank..

Option Bullukian Foundation (wheelchair access)

The Bullukian Foundation is a contemporary art gallery located at 26 Place Bellecour next to the CIC bank. Free entry. Check opening times on the website.

Continue along Rue Victor Hugo. The street houses a number of ready-to-wear fashion boutiques..

Along with the adjacent streets (especially Rue Auguste Comte), this is the district of antique and numismatic dealers, featuring over 150 shops, galleries and restaurants. **[Not very wheelchair-friendly.]**

Option Musée des Tissus et des Arts décoratifs de Lyon

Turn left onto Rue Sala then take the second right onto Rue de la Charité. **The Lyon Museum of Textiles and Decorative Arts of Lyon** is found at 34 Rue de la Charité.

It is one of the largest textile museums in terms of collections.

Currently closed for renovation - reopening from 2027.

02 Quartier d'Ainay

Continue down Rue Victor Hugo, then when you get to Place Ampère, turn right onto Rue Bourgelat. At number 19, you will see a gate adorning the entrance to the Ancienne Académie d'Équitation, **the erstwhile Lyon Academy of Horsemanship** directed in the 18th century by Claude Bourgelat, equerry to King Louis XV and founder of the Ecoles Vétérinaires, the world's first two veterinary schools.

Go straight on to Place d'Ainay, where you can admire **the basilica of Abbaye Saint Martin d'Ainay**, Lyon's only Romanesque church dating from the late 11th century. Check opening times on the website.

The square is calm and shaded, offering the opportunity for a few minutes' rest. Take the time to soak in the surrounding façades, especially the imposing frontage of **the four-star Hôtel de l'Abbaye**.

From the square, opposite the church, a stone archway leads onto the banks of the River Saône, right next to the legendary Maison Abel 'bouchon' restaurant.

03 Place Carnot

To get to Place Carnot, retrace your steps to Rue Victor Hugo and continue in the same direction as before.

You will then arrive in **Place Carnot**, a lively market square dating from the 19th century and boasting a statue of the Republic. The square also houses **a Holocaust memorial** in memory of the Jewish children deported from Lyon.

From the square, you can access Lyon Perrache, a multimodal transport hub comprising railway, coach and tram stations.

04 Perrache

For a long time, Perrache was the iconic and only station connecting the Paris-Lyon-Marseille line. You need to cross the station to get to **the new eco-district known as the "Confluence"**.

Works planned for the transport hub (2025-2029).

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05 Place des Archives

The square owes its name to the building on its western side housing **the municipal archives of Lyon**. The eastern side is occupied by one of the campuses of the Catholic University of Lyon, on the site of the former Saint-Paul prison.

A few metres away, it is possible to enter the courtyard of **the chapel of the former prison named "La Source"**. Then follow the main road, Cours Charlemagne, heading south.

[To make things easier, the T1/T2 tram will take you to the Musée des Confluences museum].

06 Confluence

On the way to the Confluence, you will see **the neo-Gothic church of Sainte-Blandine on your left**.

[There is a large wheelchair access ramp on the right of the church, with a telephone number on a post to request assistance if you need it: T. 07 45 22 17 10]. The surroundings are accessible and shaded, with a small gravel path leading to a children's park. **[Accessible toilets may be found a little further on].**

Further on, on the right, you can admire the ice rink built in 1968 for the Winter Olympics. It is classified as a 20th century listed building, a monument to the city's post-war sporting and urban heritage.

[The wheelchair entrance is located on the right-hand side of the building. The ice rink is equipped for wheelchair skating. There is an accessible spectator area (opposite the seating area) and accessible toilets].



Option Jardin d'Erevan

The garden is located above street level: [requiring access via a fairly steep ramp](#).

Turn right onto Rue Casimir Perrier to access the garden. [The PRM-accessible entrance via a fixed ramp at the bend is located between Rue Casimir Perrier and Allée Paul Scherer.](#)

Inside, a peaceful garden awaits you offering breathtaking views of the Confluence's striking modern architecture and the banks of the Saône.



07 Quais Antoine Riboud marina

The port basin situated along the Quais Antoine Riboud is being transformed into an urban marina housing pleasure boats and the harbour master's office. It is also the starting point for the **"Navigone", a new TCL water-bound transport line** linking the Vaise district to the Confluence via the city centre in 40 mn.

Take a stroll along the redesigned docks lined with numerous cafés and restaurants. These port docks transformed into an urban walkway embody the concept of breathing new life into former industrial areas.



08 Parc de la Saône – Parc de la Confluence

You can access these parks directly from the Jardin d'Erevan.

Take a stroll along the 13 hectares of **water basins** lined with over 3,000 trees, all local species.

Many animal species find shelter and cover here, including ducks, swans, herons and coypus).



09 Confluence Shopping Centre

A former river port converted into a shopping and leisure centre symbolising the port's transformation into a new eco-district.

[\[accessible for persons with reduced mobility via lifts and ramps\].](#)

For the dining options, go directly to the 2nd floor.



10 The Docks

Follow the banks of the Saône heading south.

[\[Recommendation : follow the path between the two rails on the ground designed to facilitate wheelchair movement\].](#)

The promenade is a fine example of Lyon Confluence's ability to rehabilitate its building heritage. You will pass in front of the headquarters of Le Progrès newspaper; the Orange and Green Cubes (nicknamed La Mimolette and the pencil sharpener in reference to the "Pencil" Tower at La Part-Dieu) and La Sucrière, a former port warehouse converted into an exhibition centre hosting cultural and festive events.

[\[It is possible to fit two wheelchairs into the La Sucrière lift. Accessible toilets on the ground floor Toilettes accessibles au RDC\].](#)



11 Pointe de la Confluence

This is the iconic arrowhead where the Rhône and Saône meet. Spectacular view of both rivers.

To get there, take the side street between the Mob Hotel and the Green Cube, then follow the small tunnel just after the Mob Hotel (shortcut to the museum). Then, cross over the junction to the museum.

[\[Option for accompanied persons – steep ramp\].](#)

Continue along the quays until you reach the tip of the Confluence, passing underneath the railway bridge. You will arrive directly at the Confluence museum garden.

The listed Mulatière bridge was built in the early 19th century. It connects Lyon to the Gier valley, a living symbol of railway history and industrialisation.



12 Musée des Confluences

The **Confluence Museum** was inaugurated in 2014, a bold building nicknamed the "crystal cloud" housing natural science, anthropology and civilisation collections. .

[\[Full access for persons with reduced mobility \(accessible lifts and toilets\)\].](#)

You have free access to the Jardin du Musée des Confluences garden. The path to the confluence point is rather gravelly. [\[Be careful: bumpy but passable downhill slope\].](#)

The famous **ONLYLYON statue**, now a tourist attraction and sought-after photo spot, is installed in the garden.



13 Station Mue

Cross back over the junction heading towards the shopping centre. The path is shaded and lined with plane trees. 600 m further along on the right you'll see **the Station Mue, an experimental urban project** located on a former SNCF logistics site.

It mainly houses a play area for children known as **"the Caterpillou"**.

[Toilet block and drinking water available.](#)



14 Hôtel de Région

Go down Cours Charlemagne until you get to **the Hôtel de Région**. With its generous volumes and open forecourt, the building exemplifies the desire to locate public institutions in the midst of a district undergoing profound transformation.



End of visit

We advise you to take the tram to go back.

