

Lyon Light Festival



2 day/1 night break

Day 1

In the morning, we, Sandrine or Geneviève, will meet you on Place Bellecour square in the centre of Lyon, and begin with a very unusual guided tour of the district of Croix Rousse – the working hill, or so it may be, but not only... It does have many silk workshops, but also a sculpture of Fanny's buttocks! Incredible, right? The young lady was a local in the 19th century, and can't have been too shy... We will also see the mural dedicated to silk weaving, a Big Rock, a tiny vineyard maintained by the République des Canuts (silk weavers), a one-of-a-kind garden: a gem of naïve art, some creative entrepreneurs, etc, and of course the secret passageways known as *traboules*, and finally a good meal in a restaurant located on the slopes of the hill.

In the afternoon, let us all go to the left bank of Lyon, and enjoy either free time for shopping or a tasting with commentary at the Paul Bocuse Gastronomic Market Hall.

The evening is of course dedicated to a guided stroll amidst the dozens of sound and light shows of the famous Lyon Festival of Light.

Accommodation in a stylish hotel on the peninsula of Lyon.

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Day 2

In the morning, a tasty discovery of the 16th-century Old Lyon district followed by a visit to the iconic Basilica of Fourvière.

Lunch in a traditional *bouchon Lyonnais* restaurant.

In the afternoon, theme tour on Art, Crime and Botanic in the Monplaisir district, with a little incursion into the beautiful art-nouveau conservatory of the house of the inventors of cinema: the Lumière brothers. The district of Monplaisir is quite astonishing, for having held quite so many precursors, and being the area of action of some infamous criminals... In the late afternoon, it will be time for a last convivial hot cup of cocoa.