

A WEEK ON LAKE ANNECY

Discover the charming alpine town
of Annecy & the treasures of Haute-Savoie

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Medieval town of Annecy

Whilst the Alps may conjure images of ski resorts set high amongst majestic snowy peaks, beyond this picture lies lesser-known but equally beautiful places such as the magical lakeside town of Annecy, the base for our popular escorted tour to the region. Occupying the northern corner of the French Alps in Haute-Savoie, this quaint town is surrounded by towering mountains, charming villages and the crystal clear waters of Lake Annecy upon whose shores it lies.

Natural wonders abound and highlights of our stay will include a visit to Chamonix taking a cable car ride to the mountain peak of Aiguille du Midi, with its breathtaking views and mountaineering history, and a cruise on Lake Bourget. We will also spend time exploring Annecy which is infused with old world charm and has numerous 16th and 17th century buildings offering a plethora of restaurants, bakeries and boutiques as well as surrounding Medieval towns and villages. No visit to the region would be complete without a stop at a Savoyard vineyard for a wine tasting and opportunities to sample the wonderful Alpine cuisine including a visit to a cheese farm to taste the local Reblochon cheese.

Our base will be Le Pelican Hotel which sits prettily on the lake just moments from the Old Town by foot and when you can stir yourself from this idyllic setting there is a wealth of wonderful things to see and do and we have devised an itinerary which includes a perfect combination of guided tours and ample time at leisure. If you enjoy gentle walking, there is nothing better than a walk along the tree-fringed lakefront or a stroll through the cobbled streets past flower-lined canals enjoying the wonders of this 'Alpine Venice'.



Chamonix



Lake Bourget



Hautecombe Abbey



Savoyard vineyard





Yvoire

Château de Menthon

The Itinerary

Day 1 London to Annecy, France. Fly by scheduled flight to Geneva. On arrival transfer to Le Pelican Hotel on Lake Annecy. Enjoy a welcome dinner at a local restaurant this evening. **(D)**

Day 2 Annecy. After breakfast we will explore the picturesque Medieval town of Annecy which sits on the banks of the lake. Known as the 'Venice of the Alps' due to its network of canals, we will discover the town on a walking tour taking in its narrow canals, pastel coloured houses and winding cobbled streets. We will conclude our tour with lunch in a local restaurant. The afternoon is at leisure to relax at the hotel, stroll along the lake's shore or continue exploring Annecy. **(B, L)**

Day 3 Chamonix. Today we will head into the mountains to Chamonix and the Aiguille du Midi peak. After driving through the beautiful mountains, we will reach Aiguille du Midi, a 3842 metre peak in the Mont Blanc massif of the French Alps. It is the highest mountain peak served by an aerial lift system. We will take this cable car up to the peak and enjoy 360 degree panoramic views of the Alps from the peak station terraces. After descending we will have lunch at a restaurant in Chamonix. We will then enjoy a guided tour of this characterful alpine town and our guide will bring to life the history and how it became the starting point for many mountaineering expeditions. We will return to Annecy in the late afternoon and this evening will be at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 4 Lake Leman & Yvoire. This morning we will drive through the mountains to Lake Leman, also known as Lake Geneva. We will stay on the French side of the lake and explore the beautiful Medieval town of Yvoire. Built in the early 14th century, this fortified town has an impressive castle, gardens and cobbled streets to explore. After lunch in a local restaurant we will return to Lake Annecy where the afternoon and evening are at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 5 Aravis Massif. After breakfast we will drive towards the Aravis Massif, a combination of plateaus, cliffs, alpine pastures and peaks exceeding 2000 metres. Villages are dotted throughout the mountains and it is home to the famous Reblochon cheese. We will stop at a cheese farm to discover the history of artisan cheesemaking and of course taste some of the delicious cheese. After lunch we will drive back towards Lake Annecy to visit the charming village of Menthon-Saint-Bernard where we will have a tour of Chateau de Menthon, which offers spectacular views of the turquoise Lake Annecy below. The chateau has been inhabited by the same family since the 11th century and contains a rich variety of furniture and decoration. Over the centuries the chateau has gone through many renovations and features elements from a range of great architectural periods. We will return to Annecy in the late afternoon. Your evening is at leisure. **(B, L)**

Day 6 Lake Bourget. Today we will explore Lake Bourget, the largest natural lake in France, surrounded by viewpoints, stunning peaks and the vast Bauges mountain range. We will start at Hautecombe Abbey which was built in the 12th century and is the last resting place for many members of local royalty. Its Gothic architecture and views from the cliffs overlooking the lake make it one of the most visited sites in the region. Following a cruise on the lake and lunch in a local restaurant, we will travel to Chanaz, a Medieval village home to craftsmen and artisans. Chanaz is in Savoy and surrounded by vineyards, we will stop at one of the vineyards for a cellar tour and Savoy wine tasting. Returning to Annecy in the late afternoon we will meet this evening for our farewell dinner. **(B, L, D)**

Day 7 Annecy to London. After breakfast we will check out of our hotel in Annecy and travel to Geneva, where we will enjoy a tour of Switzerland's second largest city. After lunch in a local restaurant we will transfer to the airport for our scheduled flight to London. **(B, L)**



Reblochon cheese making

PRICES PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Category	
Classic Room Double/Twin	£3795
Superior Room Double/Twin	£3995
Classic Room for Sole Use	£4795

PRICE INCLUDES: Economy class scheduled air travel • Six nights accommodation at Le Pelican Hotel • Meals as indicated (B - Breakfast, L - Lunch, D – Dinner) • Wine, beer or soft drinks with each included lunch and dinner • Excursions as described with local guide • Noble Caledonia Tour Manager • Gratuities • Transfers • Airport taxes.
Not Included: Travel insurance.
Group Size: *We are restricting the group size to just 25 participants.*



Le Pelican Hotel, Annecy



Pool



Restaurant

LE PELICAN HOTEL, ANNECY

The four-star Le Pelican Hotel is located on the shores of Lake Annecy just a five minute walk from the historic centre of Annecy. The main building of the hotel was built in 1820 and was a local arms house and it has been wonderfully restored and blended with more modern sections of the hotel. The hotel elegantly combines history, modernity and ecology with local heritage and a special focus on nature is present throughout. The hotel is home to an artisanal bakery on the ground floor, a bistro style restaurant that showcases local produce and an outside terrace during the summer months which offers stunning views over the lake. There is also an outdoor heated pool with views of the mountains.

Your Accommodation

The hotel features 94 rooms that are simply decorated in contemporary styles, with a focus on the materials used and the light. The colour scheme is timelessly elegant with greige, smoke, slate and, of course, splashes of Pelican blue that combine discreetly with the marble elements and dark wood furniture. The rooms are a comfortable 20 square metres and have been built to be entirely open-plan, offering both a living space and a place to rest. They include all the usual amenities such as air-conditioning, minibar, bathrobes, slippers, safe, television, Wi-Fi and tea/coffee making facilities. Beds can be configured as double or twin, please request your preference at the time of booking.

Classic Room: Classic Rooms are located in the brand-new building offering views over the Basilica of the Visitation or Lake Annecy.

Superior Room: Superior Rooms are located in the historic building and offer views of either the Basilica of the Visitation or the garden with its cedar tree.



Classic Room

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