

# Saint-Gingolph / Thonon / Evian

ViaRhôna



**Départ**  
Saint-Gingolph

**Arrivée**  
Thonon

**Durée**  
1 h 57 min

**Distance**  
30,10 Km

**Niveau**  
I cycle often

**Thématique**  
Boating & Swimming  
activity

On the south bank of Lake Geneva, straddling the Franco-Swiss border, the town of Saint-Gingolph stands at the start of the ViaRhôna cycle route through southeast France. West along the lake, backed by mountains, the thermal spa resorts of Evian-les-Bains and Thonon-les-Bains are highlights, great for stays and lake views. Note that the stretch from Saint-Gingolph to Evian is only suitable for experienced cyclists. We strongly recommend that families with children start the route from Evian or Thonon.

## The route

As the first stretch from Saint-Gingolph to Evian runs along a very **busy county road**, the D1005, it is only suitable for experienced cyclists. Just after the village of Meillerie, there is an alternative stretch, with steep slopes, going via Lugrin and Maxilly-sur-Léman to Evian.

Note that there is no signposting as you cycle through the town of Evian at time of writing.

We **strongly recommend that families with children** embarking on this cycle route, or inexperienced cyclists, only start either at Evian-les-Bains or Thonon-les-Bains. There are stations at both Evian and Thonon, as well as boat links with the Swiss town of Lausanne (for those doing the Tour du Léman).

## SNCF train stations

### Gares SNCF

Evian-les-Bains  
Thonon-les-Bains

### Ferry ports on Lake Geneva

Evian-les-Bains and Thonon-les-Bains  
Daily links between Thonon, Evian and Lausanne, with bikes allowed on board : <http://www.cgn.ch/en-gb/accueil.aspx>

## Tourist offices

- [Evian-les-Bains](#) : +33 (0)4 50 75 04 26
- [Thonon-les-Bains](#) : +33 (0)4 50 71 55 55

## Don't miss

**Evian-les-Bains:** the thermal spa town; the marina, gardens and lake-side promenades; the Palais Lumière, a major venue for exhibitions and events

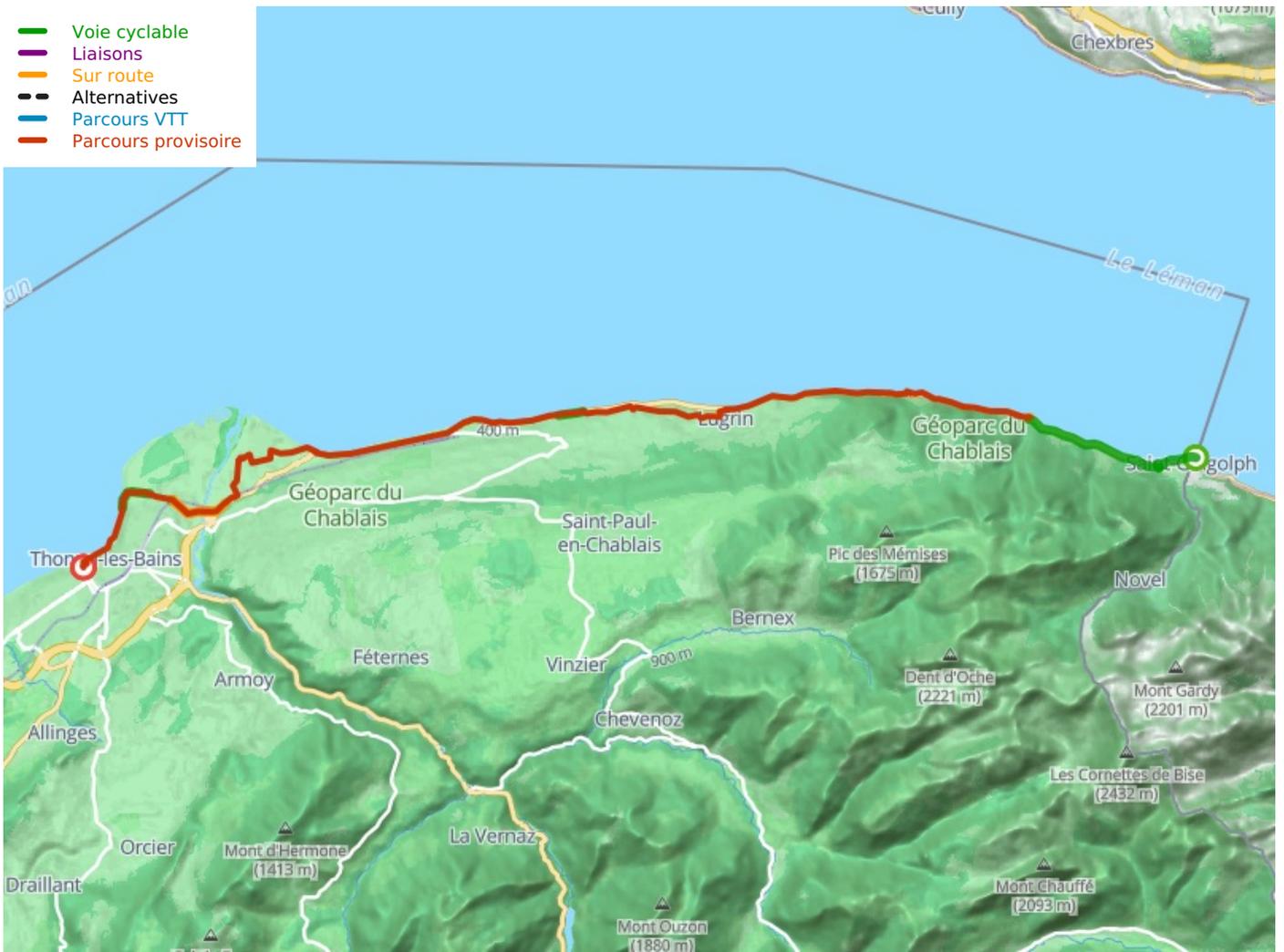
**Thonon-les-Bains:** historic capital of the mountainous Chablais area; the thermal spa town; the clifftop gardens; the marina and great walks and viewing points over Lake Geneva

## Cruises on Lake Geneva (Lac Léman in French)

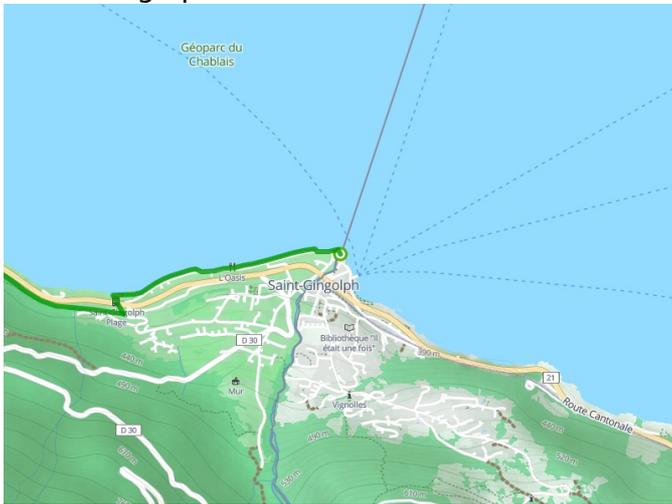
### Réserve naturelle du Delta de la Dranse (Dranse Delta Nature Reserve)

**Château de Ripaille, its grounds and vineyard:** a former residence of the Dukes of Savoy, with tours possible of the castle's interiors, the grounds and the vineyard

- Voie cyclable
- Liaisons
- Sur route
- - - Alternatives
- Parcours VTT
- Parcours provisoire



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