Le Patio
4-star holiday apartment · Aix-les-Bains

CYCLING ROUTE

Around the lake by e-bike, back by boat

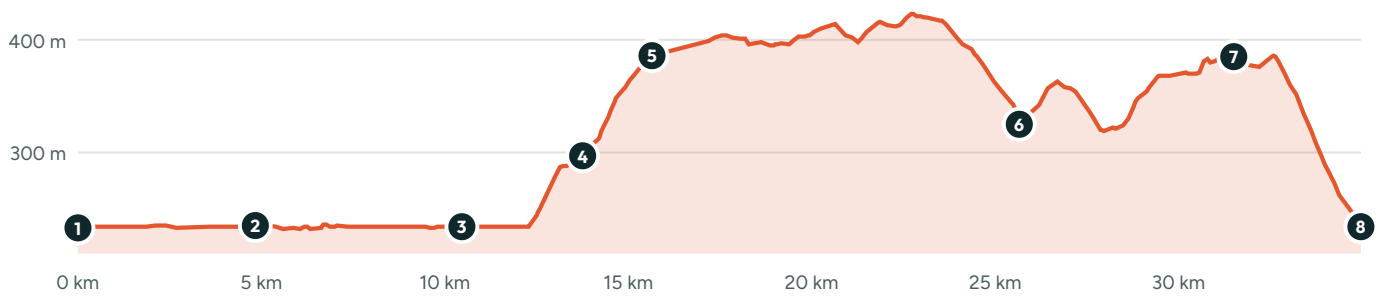
The route the tourist office recommends for going round the lake without wearing yourself out: the greenway to Le Bourget-du-Lac, the bike gallery of the Chat tunnel, the Jongieux vineyards, then the descent to Conjux. In July and August, the boat brings you and your bike back to the Grand Port.

35 km	+490 m	2 hr 30	Difficult difficulty
one way	total climb	riding time, without breaks	



S: start · F: finish · 1, 2, 3: steps · route

Elevation profile



Why we love it

- The bike gallery of the Chat tunnel, about 1.5 km away from cars
- Conjux beach for a swim before boarding
- The Jongieux vineyards, with the Vignobles & Découvertes label
- The trip back across the lake by boat, with your bike on board

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STEP BY STEP

1. **The Grand Port** km 0
From the landing stage, take the cycle path towards the Petit Port, along the Esplanade and the Aix beach, then join the greenway at the Rowing. If you hire from Takamaka, you are already on the route.

2. **The greenway, from the Lido to Les Mottets** km 4.8
The greenway runs along the water: the Lido beach in Tresserve (km 4.9), the hamlet of Terre-Nue in Viviers-du-Lac, crossed on the street, then Les Mottets leisure area. After that, the cycle path is protected between the road and the forest all the way to Le Bourget-du-Lac.

3. **Le Bourget-du-Lac and the Charpignat road** km 10.5
After the footbridge over the Leysse, turn right towards the beach (km 10.5). At the beach, turn left, then right at the junction towards the port of Charpignat, following the "Balcon du Bourget" cycle signs.

4. **Bourdeau and the climb to the tunnel** km 13.8
Carry straight on to Bourdeau (km 13.8). At the junction, turn left following "Abbaye d'Hautecombe" and "Tour du Lac", then at the roundabout take the first exit on the right.

5. **The bike gallery of the Chat tunnel** km 15.7
The entrance to the bike gallery is to the right of the road tunnel (km 15.6). About 1.5 km, almost flat, between 385 and 400 m above sea level, with no cars.

6. **Jongieux and its vineyards** km 25.7
The Jongieux vineyards, with the Vignobles & Découvertes label, are worth a stop at a winemaker's. The road descends through the vines; on the bend just before the church (km 25.7), turn right towards Saint-Pierre-de-Curtille and the restaurant Les Morainières, then go through the hamlet of Crémon.

7. **Saint-Pierre-de-Curtille** km 31.5
In the village (km 31.5), at the junction, turn left towards Conjux. The descent is long, with hairpins above the lake: keep your speed down and brake before the bends.

8. **The port of Conjux** km 35
Ride through the village: the port and its beach are on the right (km 35). La Chatière beach is free and has lifeguards in summer.

Practical information

Start	Grand Port, Aix-les-Bains, Compagnie des Bateaux landing stage (233 m)
From Le Patio	10 min by bike from Le Patio
Without a car	The Grand Port (Mémard beach) is served by the Ondéa bus network according to Grand Lac: lines and timetables on the Ondéa website.
Parking	Car parks around the Grand Port, most of them paying according to the Compagnie des Bateaux.
Season	You can ride the route in dry weather, but the bike boat only runs in July and August (Compagnie des Bateaux).
Waymarking	No waymarking specific to this route: follow the tourist office leaflet.
Water	No sourced drinking water point on the route: bring 1.5 l per person.
With children	Only for teenagers who are comfortable on the road: FF Vélo rates the route difficult, several sections have no cycle path and the descent to Conjux is fast.
Dogs	Allowed on the boat for a €5 supplement (Compagnie des Bateaux), but a dog cannot keep up with an e-bike over 35 km, and Grand Lac beaches are closed to dogs in summer, even on a lead.
In your bag	Helmet, battery 100% charged at the start, front and rear lights, 1.5 l of water per person.

Before you go

- Rated difficult by FF Vélo, even on an e-bike: the climbs to the tunnel and to Saint-Pierre-de-Curtille are steady.
- Between Le Bourget-du-Lac beach and the port of Charpignat there is no cycle path: you ride on the road.
- The bike boat runs in July and August only, booking compulsory on 04 79 63 45 00; trailers and e-bikes are taken on board subject to space.
- The bike gallery of the Chat tunnel closes on some nights from 22:00 to 06:00 for maintenance: check savoie-route.fr if you set off late.
- Hairpin descent to Conjux: keep your speed down.
- Check your battery: 35 km and 490 m of climbing according to the tourist office.

Our tip

Book the boat before hiring the bikes, note the time it calls at Conjux that you are given on the phone, and plan your departure from the Grand Port accordingly.

In an emergency

Call 112, the European emergency number, which works even without your own network.

Interactive map and GPX

Follow your position on the route, on your phone.

Le Patio, in central Aix-les-Bains

Air-conditioned apartment with a terrace, for 4.

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Information checked on 22 October 2026 against official sources. Indicative route (OpenStreetMap contributors, ODbL), IGN RGE ALTI elevations, IGN base map: always follow the waymarks and check the weather before you set off. https://lepatio-aixlesbains.fr/en/cycling-lake-bourget/tour-du-lac-velo-electrique/