

RHONE ROUTE



Lavaux, Genfersee

HIGH LIGHTS



★ **FURKA PASS**

REAL POWER CLASS!

★ **THE GOMS REGION**

RICH IN LEGEND AND DELIGHTFULLY PRETTY VILLAGES

★ **THE VALAIS**

SUNSHINE, WINE AND SWEET FRUITS

★ **«THE SWISS RIVIERA» – LAKE GENEVA**

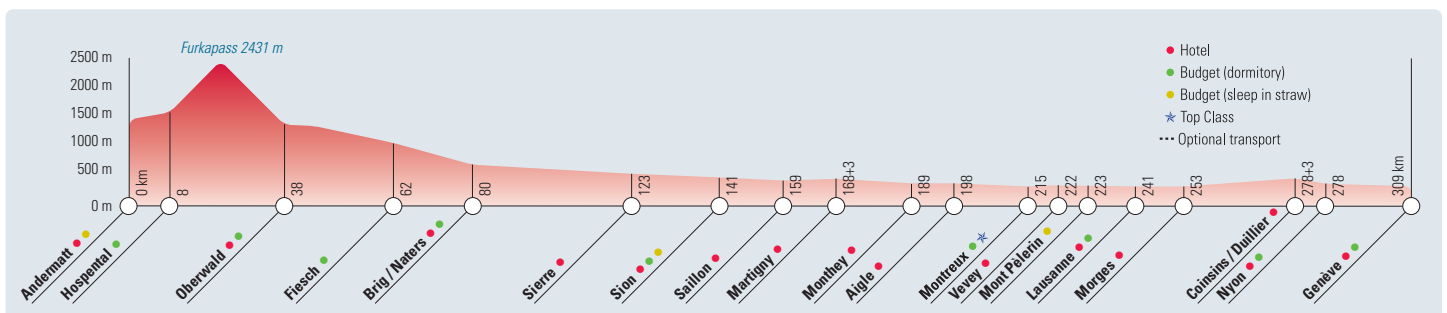
★ **LAVAUX**

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★ **GENEVA**

INTERNATIONAL METROPOLIS AT ROUTE'S END

ELEVATION PROFILE AND ROUTE STAGES



CHARACTER

Also called the «Wine Route», the trail is almost always flat but with headwinds at times – rated easy, ideal for everybody including families with children. Combining the alpine scenery of the Rhone Glacier near Oberwald with the lush valley of the Rhone in the Valais and the famous «Swiss Côte d'Azur» along the Lake of Geneva, the route ends up in the international metropolis of Geneva.

The Furkapass – one of the highest Alpine passes in Switzerland – falls into the «Power Class» category. Leisure cyclists should therefore start the tour in Oberwald im Goms. Here, the landscape is alpine in nature and the route mostly runs downhill with a few slopes. From Brig to Geneva, the route is almost entirely flat and is particularly suitable for leisure cyclists. The only thing likely to bother cyclists are the thermal headwinds on warm Summer afternoons.

ROUTE

ANDERMATT - OBERWALD 38 km (only option C / Power)

The Rhone route in fact starts in Andermatt – and climbs up to the top of the Furka pass at an altitude of 2431 m – before dropping down to the traditional beginning of the route at Oberwald. A first day only for our new «power» category...

OBERWALD - BRIG 42 km

The initial trail is dramatic and varied; the curving sweep of the youthful Rhone, the chocolate brown chalets burnished by the Valais sun, a magnificent panoramic view over the mountains, and the road that descends in great style, giving you a captivating starting point.

BRIG - SION 67 km

The route is flat and at times runs along the banks of the Rhone River, at others crisscrosses fertile fields and pastures. In Susten you may board a train (not included) for a few minutes since there is still no adequate bicycle path through the Pfywald until Sierre. The trail is lined up with fruit plantations and vineyards planted on steep terraces.

SION - AIGLE (MONTHEY) 57 km

Pay a visit to Sion, the pleasant capital of the canton. Embark on this stretch in the morning because a stiff head wind blows quite frequently in the afternoon in the Rhone lowlands as you approach Martigny.

AIGLE - LAUSANNE (MORGES) 43 km (Morges 55 km)

From Villeneuve on you will be accompanied by the shimmering surface of Lake Geneva, the panorama of the Savoy Alps, the wine-producing villages of the Lavaux and the «Cote d'Or of Switzerland». How

about a visit to famous Château de Chillon on route?

LAUSANNE - NYON (COINSINS, DUILLIER) (Duillier) near Nyon 37 km

Today you deserve a day of rest and leisure. Enjoy the beauty of the Valais along Lake Geneva. Find a table on a shady restaurant terrace and order fish with white wine, a superb choice. Or else visit the Olympic Museum in Lausanne.

NYON - GENÈVE 31 km

The pretty town of Rolle with its trapezoidal castle compound, a promenade on the old ramparts, the Vieilles Murailles, and a visit to the Musee du Leman in Nyon. A route that meanders through fields, villages and past vineyards.

SEASON 2009

01.04.-31.10.2009 (daily service)
Option C: Furka Pass opens approx. 01.06.



Saillon



Take a break

Why not spend a rest day and stay for 2 nights at the same place?

We recommend:

Oberwald
Hotel Ahorni (***)

Saillon-les-Bains
Hotel Saillon-les-Bains (****)

Montreux
Eurotel Riviera (****Top Class)

Genève
Hotel des Horlogers (***)

SwissTrails

À la Carte

Plan your own individual bike tour: the entire route from Andermatt to Geneva as well as all the stage destinations listed in the «elevation profile» are available to you with SwissTrails à la carte. You can choose the duration of the trip as well as the start and end destinations and accommodation (hotel and budget).

Pricelist see pages 48/49.

RATES 2009 (in CHF / Euro, per Person, incl. VAT.)

OPTIONS	START AND FINISH	DAYS / NIGHTS	OVERNIGHTS	DISTANCE	BASIC RATES HOTEL	BASIC RATES BUDGET	RENT A BIKE	FLYER
A Relax	Oberwald - Genève	6 / 5	Brig - Sion - Aigle - Lausanne - Nyon	271	CHF 785 / € 503	CHF 550 / € 352	CHF 130 / € 84	CHF 224 / € 144
B Relax	Aigle - Genève	3 / 2	Lausanne - Nyon	111	CHF 356 / € 228	CHF 262 / € 168	CHF 89 / € 57	CHF 128 / € 82
C Power	Andermatt - Genève	4 / 3	Brig - Saillon - Lausanne	309	CHF 509 / € 326	CHF 367 / € 236	CHF 98 / € 63	CHF 160 / € 103
D Bike & Camp	Brig - Genève	5 / 4	Sion - Martigny - Morges - Genève	229		CHF 282 / € 181	CHF 116 / € 75	CHF 192 / € 123

* Included in the price: supplements / reductions see page 5. All other options see SwissTrails à la Carte.

Additional night possible at start and end destination and all stage destinations / Top Class: top class hotel (usually *****) at selected stage destinations (see Elevation Profile)