



TRAIL N°
P20



Round
**TAIN L'HERMITAGE
TOURNON-SUR-RHÔNE**

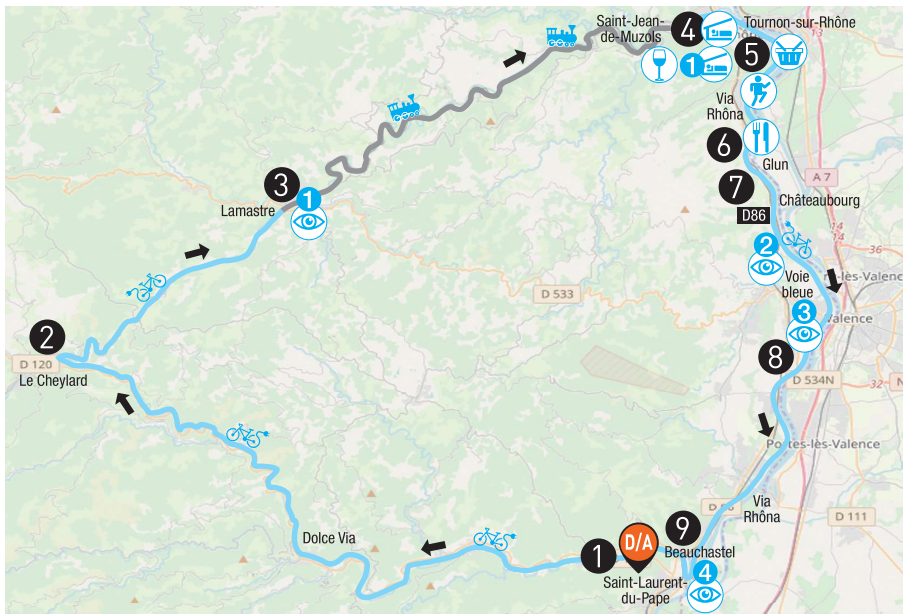
THE DOLCIA VIA [SAINT-LAURENT-DU-PAPE]

2 days to get to know the railway

How about trying 2 days along the most beautiful green trails in Ardèche ? The ViaRhôna and the Dolce Via are 2 green trails with however, 2 totally different atmospheres.

Look out for

Dolce Via,
railway, castle,
picturesque village.



ROADBOOK

DAY 1

- 0 km** Go along the Dolce Via to Le Cheylard.
- 45 km** Fork onto the alternative route taking you to Lamastre.
- 60 km** Get on board the Mastrou stream train taking you down to the Doux Valley.
- 60 km** Go to Saint-Jean-de-Muzols and pick up the ViaRhôna to Tournon-sur-Rhône.

DAY 2

- 0 km** Continue on the ViaRhôna to Glun.
- 12,6 km** Leave the cycling track turning right onto the D86 and continue a few kilometres to Châteaubourg.
- 13,4 km** Go through the village and onto the "blue" trail.
- 28 km** Pick up the ViaRhôna and follow the signs to La Voulte.
- 43 km** Before crossing the river Eyrieux leave the ViaRhôna towards Saint-Laurent-du-Pape going through Beauchastel.

— Bike — Train

Train +
Bike

106 km



500Wh

2 jours

The Dolce Via car park
St-Laurent-du-Pape

HEIGHT GAIN **840m**



Best season :
April to June
and
September
October



1 TRAIN DE L'ARDÈCHE (STEAM TRAIN) : Are you ready to go back in time? From the station in Tournon/St-Jean you can hear the steam train whistling in the heart of the Doux Gorges. Get on board the "Mastrou" (special compartment for bikes) to Tournon (on booking only).

2 THE BLUE TRAIL : A pleasant link on this alternative route to the ViaRhôna, avoiding the centre of Valence and offering a more refreshing and shady track than the embankments of the Rhône river.

3 CASTLE OF CRUSSOL : To the south of Tournon facing Valence, a medieval citadel seems to withstand time. Its exceptional panoramic view adds even more to the visit.

4 BEAUCHASTEL : Abandoned long ago, with its 1001 narrow streets, dedicated to art of all kinds, a lot of work has been undertaken to restore the village.



1 LES AZALÉES (Hotel and restaurant) : The owner is a cycling fan so, no need to say, you'll find everything you need here for a stop during your 2 days on wheels.

The stopover : The two towns Tain/Tournon offer all facilities for sleeping and eating in an exceptional heritage area. How about an icecream on the river wharf to cool down !



**Bike rental available
in Tain/Tournon**

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A LITTLE BONUS

Ardèche is the only French county without public railway transport and stations. However, the former, numerous railway tracks going through the deep valleys, have been turned into the green trails you can see today.