

WHEELCHAIR-ACCESSIBLE ROUTE IN THE VIEUX-LYON AND FOURVIÈRE DISTRICT

Place Bellecour, statue of Louis XIV

From the Tourist Office, go to the centre of the square to see the **statue of a mounted Louis XIV**, then go around the edge of the square, where the ground is flatter, to Rue Colonel Chambonnet. Cross Bonaparte Bridge, on the left or right-hand side.

Cathédrale Saint-Jean

After the bridge, continue along Avenue Adolphe Max and turn right onto Place Saint-Jean. It is best to avoid rolling over this square as it has uneven cobblestones.

Go to the pavement on Rue Jean Carriès, where you can admire the cathedral's facade from a bit further away. You can enter the cathedral through the door on the right, using the two ramps placed on the ground. However, you will need to ask for help to push open the two heavy doors just after the ramps.

Rue Saint-Jean

After visiting the cathedral, continue down Rue Saint-Jean. Be careful, as this road has many cobblestones, which are very bumpy and can cause a lot of jolting. It is the responsibility of individuals to decide if they want or are able to do this part of the tour, according to their physical condition.

We recommend rolling slowly here, with at least two wheels placed on the smooth strip in the middle of the road.

Turning left onto Rue de la Bombarde, you can admire the very pretty courtyard of the Musée Cinéma et Miniature (Miniatures and Film Set Museum), which is located just a little further down Rue Saint-Jean.

Go to Place du Change and then Rue Lainerie until you reach the corner of Rue François Vernay.

Go to the corner of Rue Lainerie and Rue François Vernay to continue the route.

From Quai Romain-Rolland to Place Saint-Jean

Where Rue François Vernay and Quai Romain-Rolland meet stands the **Cour des Loges mural**.

Further along, go by the majestic **Palais de Justice** (law courts) and **the footbridge** of the same name opposite. Turn right onto Rue de la Bombarde and then left onto Rue Mandelot to go around the **Jardin Archéologique** (where the remains of a church stand). Go gently along the cobblestones. Next, turn right onto Rue Saint-Etienne to return to Place Saint-Jean.

From place Saint-Jean to Fourvière

At Vieux-Lyon station, after going through the security gates, take the lift at the back to go up to the first floor. Take the funicular on the right, which goes up to Fourvière.

Note on the funicular:

Two funicular trains run alternately and both are accessible.

However, they do involve a little step to go over, varying in size depending on the train, which can cause a big jolt when using an electric wheelchair: It is the responsibility of individuals to decide if they want or are able to do this part of the tour, according to their physical condition.

When using a manual wheelchair, it is possible to get over the step with help.

Please note that this step is present at both stations.

Inside, the train is very narrow and a small space has been provided to place a wheelchair.

There is capacity for up to two people in an electric wheelchair to get on at the same time.

Basilique de Fourvière

Once you get off the funicular, take the lift on the left. When you exit the lift, turn right and go along the same pavement until you reach the entrance to the esplanade and large car park.

To the right of the esplanade, a lift takes visitors inside the basilica. The lift also goes down to the crypt in the basement. The lift operates from 9 am to 6:30 pm.

Fourvière esplanade offers a beautiful panoramic view over Lyon. The “seat lift” function provided on some electric wheelchairs may be useful here.

On the other side of the esplanade is a shop with toilets. They are open every day from 8 am to 6:30 pm. In a room next to the shop, there are tables for a packed lunch or snack. Unfortunately, none of the tables have been adapted for wheelchair users.

Go back the way you came, along the same pavement, and take the lift to the funicular.

When you come out of the lift, go up the little slope on the left to go around the funicular. Enter the train through the door lowest down, as the height difference between the platform and train is less here.

When you get off the train, take the lift on the right a bit further down and go to the floor below to return to Saint-Jean.

Cross Bonaparte Bridge to get back to Place Bellecour.

Two options are available at Fourvière:

- **Chemin du Viaduc / Parc des Hauteurs**

At the entrance to Fourvière esplanade, cross the pedestrian crossing to get to the pavement on the other side. Turn right onto Montée Nicolas de Lange. Before you stands the metal tower of Fourvière.

Take Chemin du Viaduc on the left and enjoy a very pleasant green path to the belvedere. Go back the way you came to return to Fourvière Basilica.

- **Lugdunum Museum and Roman theatres**

At the entrance to Fourvière esplanade, cross the pedestrian crossing to get to the pavement on the other side. Go down Rue Roger Radisson, staying on the pavement on the right.

Cross the pedestrian crossing opposite Lugdunum Museum. If you don't visit the museum, you can still enjoy the beautiful view of the archaeological site, by taking the gently sloping path leading to the museum entrance.

Caution: the roads are far from ideal for wheelchair users in this area. We recommend that you follow our routes, so as to avoid facing high pavements and being forced to roll on the road.

For the same reason, we do not advise getting off at the stop 'Minimes' on the funicular line (Saint-Just).