



Annecy Itinerary

Stay

Annecy, Talloires, or anywhere around Lake Annecy, just stay somewhere pretty and near a bus stop or bikes. You only really need **one day** in Old Town, so don't stress about being walking-distance to the canals.

Transportation

Annecy is super easy to reach, you can take a 45-minute bus or car ride from Geneva (buses are ~€5–€10), or hop on the train from Paris (~3.5 hours, ~€50). Both are smooth and scenic.

Day 1 – Explore Old Town & Bike the Lakeside

Stay: Annecy / Talloires / Surrounding lakeside villages

Morning

- [Rent e-bikes](#) (book through your hotel if possible, but book early!)
- Ride along the lake through [Talloires](#) & [Saint-Bernard-de-Menthon](#)
 - *Postcard views, little harbors, mountain peaks everywhere.*

Lunch

- Grab a sandwich at [La Fermette](#) (trust me, order the “rocket” sandwich)
- Picnic by the lake 

Afternoon

- Stroll **Old Town Annecy**
- Canals, pastel houses, cafés, gelato stops
- Relax at the lake or spa

Dinner

- Local French bistro in town

Day 2 – Mountains & Hikes

Morning

Hike options (pick based on energy level):

- [Château de Menthon-Saint-Bernard](#) + church viewpoint
- [Cascade d'Angon](#) (not stroller-friendly but beautiful)
- Any well-marked lake trail, you can't go wrong

Lunch

- Local boulangerie or lakeside café

Afternoon

- Spa / lake swim / relax time
- Shopping back in Old Town Annecy

Dinner

- Try a traditional [Savoyard](#) restaurant or splurge on a Michelin experience ([Esquisse](#) in town looks incredible, book ahead!)

Day 3 – Lake Day & Talloires Dinner

Morning

-  **Get on the water:** rent a boat, kayak, or paddleboard
(My only regret: not doing TWO lake days.)

Lunch

- Light bite, bring sandwiches on the boat, or picnic on the lake

Afternoon

- Explore [Talloires](#), it's tiny, chic, and so romantic

Dinner

- Book dinner in Talloires for sunset, there is another Michelin restaurant ([The Restaurant of Jean Sulpice](#))
 - I ate at Restaurant [La Savoyarde](#), it was delicious and won't break the bank

Tips

- Book **e-bikes** early (hotel bikes go fast)
- Lake route = better views | Mountain route = safer bike lane
- Bring a swimsuit everywhere, the lake will tempt you

Smart Splurges & Saves

- **Splurge:** beautiful hotel, boat day, spa
- **Save:** sandwiches, bakeries, public buses between towns

Annecy has Michelin stars galore, go for it *if you're a foodie*.
If not? Picnic!