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#### DAY 1

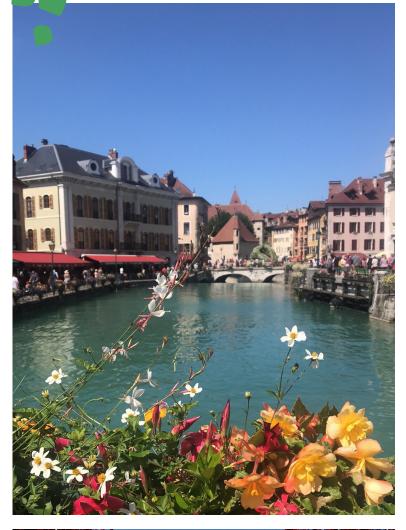
Your tour starts in the Savoie region. Check in to our luxurious farmhouse that was recommended by Gabriel Gate on 'Taste the Tour 2017, 18 & 19.

Settle into your room and then enjoy a welcome drink while getting to know your fellow travellers before dinner.

#### DAY 2

A morning walk through breathtaking and picturesque surroundings, visiting the local farming villages and a Baroque church.... Back for lunch and then a cooking class using local produce, followed by an aperitif with nibbles in the bar and a 5 course dinner that you have prepared.

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#### DAY 3

Visit Annecy, the 'Venice of the French Alps'. https://en.lac-annecy.com/ Market day in the old town with its paved pedestrian streets and tantalising stalls full of fresh fruit, vegetables, cheeses, cured meats, designer shops, home-made crafts and more. This is your day to freely discover this beautiful lake town - Take a boat tour around the lake, shop till you drop, buy a sandwich and then picnic with your feet in the water, take a dip, visit the castle or just wander around the canal and enjoy the beautiful old town of Annecy.

## DAY 4

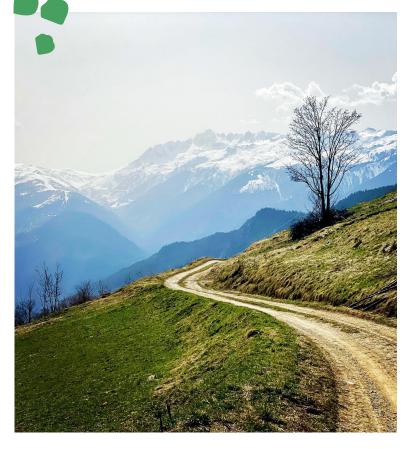
Morning cooking with Nikki 10.00 – 12.00, followed by lunch in the forest.

In the afternoon, we'll take a trip down to visit the medieval city of Conflans situated above the town of Albertville, home to the winter Olympics in 1992. Visit a local farmer who will share his expertise on producing the famous regional 'Tomme de Savoie' cheese.

## DAY 5

A day out to Chamonix (weather permitting) where we ride the Aiguille du Midi cable car from the centre of Chamonix to the high mountain at an altitude of 3,842m. Take in the uninterrupted panoramic views of the Mont Blanc and the French, Swiss and Italian Alps (look on Chamonix website for more). A picnic will be prepared to share in a stunning setting and then you have a few hours to explore the town yourself before setting off back to dinner.







#### DAY 6

Morning free to relax and eat breakfast at your own pace. At 11.00 a.m. we'll set out to explore the neighbouring villages and learn more about the history and the culture of the area thanks to a local guide. We'll visit a Baroque church and then picnic in front of a small chapel overlooking the Col de la Madeleine. Once back at the chalet, enjoy a relaxing cooking class, including some favourite local dishes of Savoie and followed by a wine pairing at dinner.

#### DAY 7

Train trip to Lyon https://en.lyon-france.com/ to spend the day visiting this beautiful city, cathedrals, markets and the old town. We'll suggest traditional Bouchon restaurants for lunch - up to you to chose the one that tickles your tastebuds. An evening meal will be awaiting you after your busy day.

#### DAY 8

Day out in the local mountains, a hike through the woods discovering all the spring flowers, visit a local farm and Helen who makers her own natural herbal infusions from the flowers. Lunch treats and evening meal.

#### DAY 9

Trip into Italy through La Rosiere, visit of the Petit St Bernard Hospice, then into La Thuile to explore this beautiful village. Dinner in a local restaurant on the way home. Own lunch and dinner to buy.

#### DAY 10

Ouiet day to relax, go for a walk, picnic in the mountains – possibility of yoga at an extra cost of 20 Euros pp.

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#### DAY 11

Trip to the local Moutiers market, free time to walk around the shops, cafes and visit the church. Meet up after an hour to visit the Beaufort cheese museum where they produce the "King of cheeses". A picnic at the picturesque Lake Bozel and then an afternoon cooking class with the produce purchased from the market with Nikki.

#### DAY 12

A chilled morning followed by lunch in a traditional restaurant, then enjoy an afternoon at the thermal spa.

## DAY 13

Day out at Beaufort in Les Aravis and see how this famous French cheese is made, with tasting included of course. OR a full day visiting the local wine region of Savoie near Chambery, Apremont – a beautiful lunch (not included in price but menus start at 22 Euros plus wine) and lots of wine tasting, included in price.

## DAY 14

Last day, filled with surprises, drinks with Hugh at the bar before the final dinner...

## DAY 15

Goodbyes and the start of another journey.



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Included in the price will be:

14 nights' accommodation 14 breakfasts 4 cooking classes 9 lunches 13 dinners at Chalet Savoie Faire – Naves La Fontaine – Savoie https://chaletsavoiefaire.com/

Prices will be based on twin share accommodation. For those who prefer not to share, there will be a single supplement.

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NOT INCLUDED – Domestic and International flights, travel insurance, personal spending, optional activities and excursions at own expense.

