

Strolls to the Selcius!

For those who will not be taking the boat to the party at the Selcius, we would like to propose strolls of 2 – 3 km through different parts of the city as an alternative way of getting there! Each walk has its own character!



We will form groups of about 20 with one or two locals per group! Details about how to meet your group at the conference center will be sent by email. Be aware that we might have to limit group sizes, especially for the one going *through the city center*. Each route should take about 1.5 hours, including transportation.

Read the description below and choose your route by filling out the form at:

<https://framaforms.org/stroll-to-the-selcius-1695803544>

Via the *Parc de la Tête d'Or* (green trail - 2 groups)

Located right next to the conference center, this is Lyon's largest park, and also one of the largest urban parks in France. The *tête d'or* refers to a small sculpture of Jesus with a golden head that is supposedly from the Crusades and is hidden somewhere in the park! We will cross different parts of the park to enjoy some of the 7,600 trees, the lake, the turtles, the deers, the cactus garden, as well as the elegant, enormous 150-year-old greenhouses. It will make for a peaceful autumnal walk before letting your hair down at the party! And maybe you will find the golden head!



Through the *city center* (black trail - 1 group)

We will start at 'Les Cordeliers' and pass through a restored '*traboule*' (a hidden passageway connecting parallel streets) to discover the Lyon's oldest theatre, then head to Bellecour, a large piazza that hides the poetic statue of Antoine de Saint-Exupéry (of 'The Little Prince' fame). We will then walk to the Ainay district (and the Basilica of Saint-Martin d'Ainay, the only Romanesque church in Lyon). For those who would like to walk some more, it is possible to continue south along the banks of the Saône, one of the Lyon's two rivers.



Along the *Saone* (blue trail - 2 groups)

The Saône river walk is on a pedestrian path on the calmer side of the city with views of the old harbor and its many barges. We will then walk

through the *Confluence* district - Europe's largest urban regeneration project with its myriad love-it-or-hate-it futuristic buildings.

Through the *Confluence* (red trail - 2 groups)

The Confluence can be so many things! Geographically, it is the point where the Saône flows into the Rhône on its way to the Mediterranean. Architecturally, it is a futurist building that



hosts Lyon's newest museum. Strategically, it forms the southern entrance to Lyon and used to be, along with the *Halle Tony Garnier*, one of the key food markets and storage areas for the city. The walk will start at *La Halle Tony Garnier*, a protected monument that used to be a cattle market, but which launched the biomedical research sector in Lyon. From there, we will use a modern, pretty, tram and pedestrian bridge to go over the Rhône to the *Confluence*. We will then walk north along the Saône to reach the *Sucrière* (a granary that has been restored as an exhibition hall, and the only old building still standing in this part of the city!) and then the *Selcius*. Like the walk along the Saone above, you will be in the middle of the Europe's largest urban regeneration project.

