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Duration: 4h · Type: Classic

Departure with your guide by coach. First, you will enjoy the magnificent view of Lyon from the heights of the Basilica before visiting its interior. In 1168, a chapel was built at Fourvière by Olivier de Chavannes, Canon of Saint John, on the ruins of the Roman forum. The small chapel, originally dedicated to St. Thomas and later to the Virgin, underwent destructions and reconstructions. The current form dates back to 1740, with the latest renovation in 2008. You will also have the opportunity to visit the crypt of the Basilica, a place of serenity and spirituality, often overlooked but of great historical and architectural significance. This exclusive visit will allow you to learn more about the history and legends surrounding this iconic monument. Return to the coach and continue to Old Lyon. You will take a walk, accompanied by your guide, through Old Lyon to discover the traboules. It is believed that the first traboules were built in the 4th century, when the inhabitants of Lugdunum (the Gallo-Roman name of present-day Lyon) lacking water, moved down to settle in the "lower town," along the Saône River, at the foot of the Fourvière hill. The traboules were used to quickly reach the Saône. Return to the coach for lunch.

PLEASE NOTE

- The order of the visits can change.
- Times are approximate.