

Annemasse / Seyssel

P'tites Routes du Soleil Gravel

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Départ
Annemasse

Arrivée
Seyssel

Durée
5 h 15 min

Distance
67,90 Km

Niveau
Very difficult

From Annemasse, Vétraz-Monthoux or Arthaz-Pont-Notre-Dame, reach Mornex to begin the ascent of Mont Salève by road. 19.2 kilometers for 1012 metres of ascent at an average gradient of 6%, with three kilometers crescendoing from 9 to 10.5%... A very serious climb, especially in the first half.

After the cable car, the gradients become more reasonable, sometimes easy. You pass successively the Col de Grande-Gorge (1286 m) and the Col de la Croisette (1176 m) before reaching the Col des Pitons (1335 m), the end of the ascent. From here, you can take a few steps up to the true summit of the Salève (1379 m). From the Tour des Pitons, you'll enjoy a unique panorama of Geneva, the Jura and Lake Geneva...

On the Salève plateau, leave the road on your right to recover the view by taking a path with stony passages. It's a bit mountain-biking, but it goes well.

You'll then glide towards Mont Sion and Saint-Blaise on a network of pleasant undergrowth roads. Finally, you come out into a more open landscape. The descent is then on white gravel tracks: a gravel rider's paradise!

After rejoining the Chemin de Compostelle, you continue towards Frangy via Minzier and Chaumont. Small, undulating country roads then lead to Seyssel, a pretty town on the banks of the Rhône and on the ViaRhôna. Here you'll find a campsite, adapted accommodation and all the shops you need.

1552 m ↘ 1825 m

Don't miss

- **Geneva** : at the south-western end of Lake Geneva, the city of international organizations and NGOs is at the center of a conurbation of over 600,000 inhabitants (not counting the French border towns). Geneva is a pleasant city with a rich heritage.
- **The Tour des Pitons and the summit of the Salève** (1379 m): breathtaking views!
Seyssel: a pleasant little town of less than 5,000 inhabitants, located on both banks of the Rhône, on the Ain and Haute-Savoie sides. An ideal stopover between vineyards and heritage.

