

Challenge Route: Day 2 / Geneva to Chexbres

To Follow: Rhone Route 1

Map: Bike Switzerland Maps

GPS points: 1-70

Distance: 85 KM

Watch out for: Left turn to Celigny at GPS 3

Turn in the vineyards after waypoint 64

Points of Interest:

POI Rolle: (GPS 28) Beautiful promenade in Rolle

POI Prex: (GPS 46) Interesting medieval village with lovely port.

POI Morges: (GPS 50) Great pedestrian street.

POI Lausanne: (GPS between 59 & 60) Exciting lakefront, ice cream, terrasses

POI Maison des Vignerons (GPS “wine stop” after Waypoint 68):

Our first 16 or 17 kilometers will take us out on the lake road. This first part of the route is straight with no turns until kilometer 16 or 17. You may find this rather boring, but it will allow you to stretch your legs after a long plane ride. We'll then turn north into the countryside and things will become much more pastoral and interesting.

We'll be having lunch in *Rolle*. Once in Rolle, you should find the fountain on the main street. Across from the fountain, you will see an arched path leading through to the lake. If you follow the lake (away from the chateau) you should find David with the van. You will also find a café with a large terrace...enjoy their bathrooms.

It's a 300 meter climb to Chexbres. The ride is beautiful and a bit of a challenge. If you choose not to do the challenge, you could continue to Vevey and take the train to Chexbres. This won't save you any mileage, but you'll get out of climbing. It would, however, be a shame to miss the vineyards.

At some point shortly after the town of Lutry you will see a Honda garage on your left. We will take a left just before the garage to begin the climb.

During the climb, we will pass through the town of “Epresses” and stop at the “Maison du Vigneron” for a glass of wine. It doesn't open until 4 or 5 pm, so no reason to go to fast. Their cave is quite impressive.

We will have to pass through the town of Chexbres to get to the hotel. Look for small yellow signs pointing the direction to various hotels Your hotel is the XXX and it is on the “Route de Chardonne”. Careful once you get on the Route de Chardonne...you will be going downhill and might miss the hotel. It is on your left.

Bikes go downstairs in the parking garage. Take advantage of the sauna and whirlpool downstairs. We'll meet downstairs for drinks at 7:15 and plan on eating at 8pm.

You should always look at your telephone between the time you arrive at the hotel and the time scheduled for supper. If any changes are made to the schedule, you'll receive an sms.