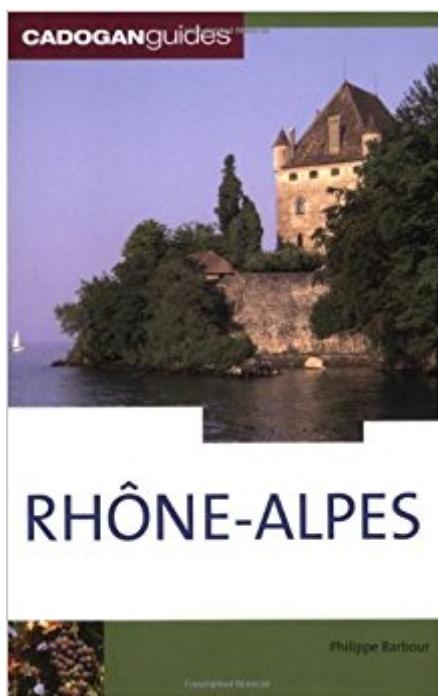


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This is an excellent guide to the Rhône Alpes region. It was one of my only purchases before embarking on a year living and working in a small town in the area, and it was well worth the investment. The book helped me to take advantage of living in such a rich region of the world, including attending the December light festival and museum visits in Lyon, hiking in Mont Pilat, skiing in the Alps, and finding just the perfect bargain hotel for my family when they visited. It greatly enriched my unforgettable year there, and I hope someday I can return to explore more.

We recently visited Annecy, and Lac Leman. Annecy is a delight with beautiful old quarter. Stayed at Les Tresoms, which has a panoramic view. The book is informative but not the best guide. Have not seen a better one for this part of the country. Not too many English speakers there, but very friendly.

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