



# LYON

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### Congress and Event Capacity: Up to 7 400 delegates



Located in the **heart of Europe** and with **102 non-stop flight routes**, Lyon Airport boasts one of the most comprehensive international route networks. It offers **81 international destination** connected to **74 european cities** and 48 Airlines companies including 10 lowcost companies. Lyon is very well connected to Europe and counts **3 high-speed train stations** in the city.

### Lyon, the result of 2000 years of history

Looking for an **exceptional historical trail**? Follow the guide! From the Gallo-Romans ruins to the Vieux-Lyon, a unique Renaissance district in Europe, from the classical buildings to the iconic traboules -Lyon's well-hidden treasures-, it is no wonder **500 ha of the city are inscribed on UNESCO's world heritage list**. And to cap it all, its decent size makes it easy to wander through the city and discover everything it has to offer!

### Lyon: the French art de vivre at its finest

If you're a foodie and love to taste everything when traveling for business, then Lyon is the place to come! With over **4,000 restaurants**, the city clearly is the **French capital of gastronomy**. A title Lyon owes to **Monsieur Paul Bocuse**, a visionary cook elected Chef of the Century in 1989 by the Gault & Millau guide and again in 2011 by the Culinary Institute of America. **From Michelin star restaurants to authentic local bouchons**, organic and veggie cuisine, food courts and halls, you will fall in love with Lyon from starter to dessert.

### Lyon makes a commitment to sustainable tourism

Elected by the European Union as its **1st European Capital of Smart Tourism in 2019**, Lyon is committed toward more sustainable, respectful, innovative and inclusive tourism. The same year, Lyon joined the GDS-Index (Global Destination Sustainability Index), a leading sustainability benchmarking and improvement programme for destinations around the world designed to make the business and events tourism industry more sustainable. Today, with a score of 80%, **Lyon is the leading city in France**.

# Lyon has the second largest capacity in France for hosting events

With **over 200 meeting spaces**, including **4 major venues** (Euroexpo, Halle Tony Garnier, Lyon Convention Centre, Espace Tête d'Or) Lyon and its Metropolis have the second largest capacity in France for the hosting of events. Moreover, from grand luxury hotels in the city centre or small family-run hotels to hotel residences, Lyon offers a very wide range of accommodation to satisfy all your attendees.

## Lyon, the strength of a diversified economy

Lyon, France's 2nd largest economic hub after Paris with a population of 1 402 326 million in Greater Lyon has many advantages that make it a real economic power. The city currently has one of the highest GDPs in Europe and a trade surplus, due to its dynamic and diversified industrial network. Lyon supports innovation and excellence by funding research in the context of "competitiveness clusters". These include: biotechnologies (LYONBIOPOLE), urban public tranport (CARA), energy transition (TENERDDIS), digital technology (MINALOGIC), rubbers, mechanical

engineering (CIMES) plastic and composites (POLYMERIS). Leading international companies: Sanofi Pasteur, Biomérieux, April, GL events, Renault Trucks, Arkema, Cegid, Adecco, Rhodia, Seb...

## Tips to (re)discover Lyon

#### 1. Gastronomic buffet at The Halles Paul Bocuse

The Kingdom of the finest regional produce and some of the finest eateries, restaurants, bistros... It is an iconic venue to host events of all kinds, in particular gala events.

### 2. Musée des Confluences

A unique experience within a monumental structure of metal and glass, following the great story of the human adventure from our origins to the present day.

#### 3. La Sucrière

The center for arts and events in the heart of Lyon. Built in the 1930s, this former warehouse offers a 5,500 sqm area dedicated to culture, contemporary art as well as festive and hospitality events.











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