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## Presentation of



Lyon Area Economic Development Agency

## Its co-founders



# 01

**Where are we located?**



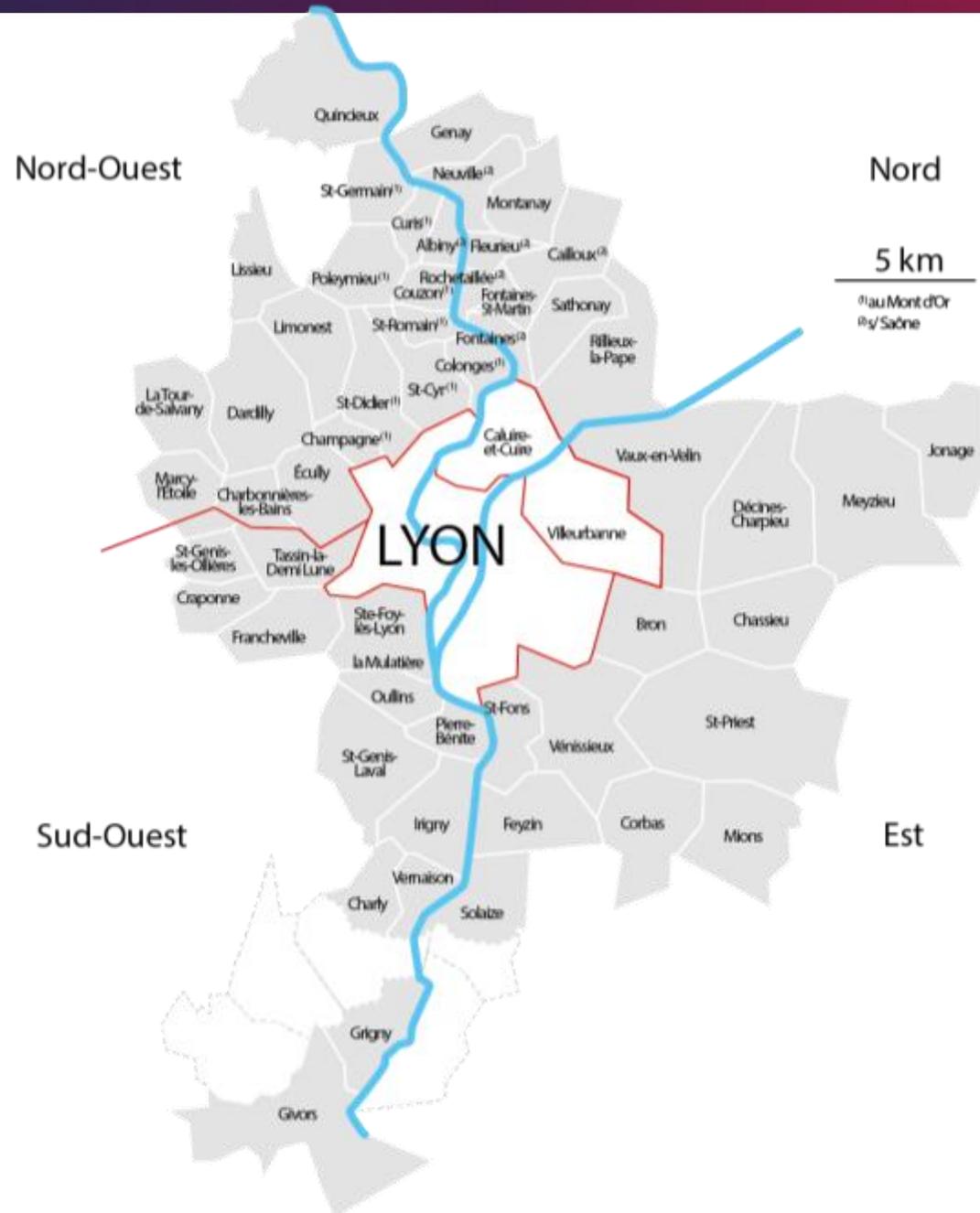
**Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region**

- 8 millions of inhabitants, the equivalent of Finland, Denmark and Ireland
- 12 counties (French départements)
- Lyon is the capital of the region

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**Lyon** is at the heart of the **Lyon metropolis**, made up of **59 municipalities** and has **1.5 million inhabitants**

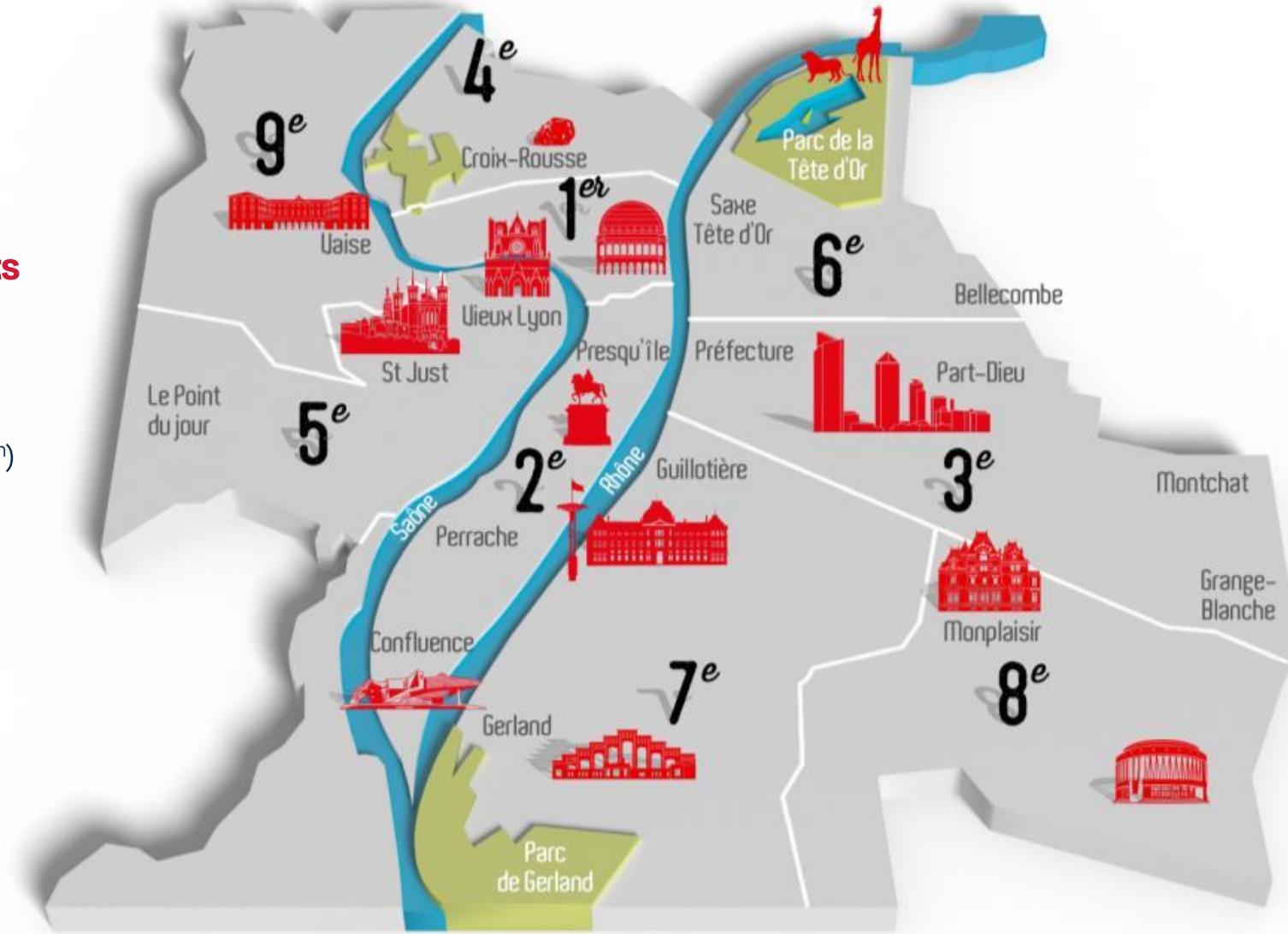


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### Lyon / 500 000 inhabitants

- 9 districts
- 2 rivers
- 2 hills
  - Croix-Rousse hill (1<sup>th</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>)
  - Fourvière hill (5<sup>th</sup>)



# 02

## History of Lyon

The city was created in 43 BC by the Romans and was called Lugdunum.

In 1998, UNESCO listed Lyon as World Heritage of Humanity because of the continuity of its habitat, witness of past periods:

The ancient theaters on the Fourvière hill, on the west side of the city

- The Renaissance district at the foot of the hill, on the banks of the Saône river
- Then the extension to the East with the peninsula with buildings of the 17th, 18th, 19th centuries and finally on the other side of the Rhône river with an architecture of the 19th, 20th and 21st centuries.

**Lyon is more than 2000 years of history**



## 5 historical sectors, 5 sectors of excellence in the 21st century!

By royal decision, Lyon was granted the monopoly of the silk industry in 1540.

This textile industry gives birth to the chemical industry (**dyeing**) and by ricochet develops the pharmaceutical industry.

Today, 3 competitiveness clusters still structure these sectors:

- Techtera (technical **textiles**)
- Axelera (**chemical industry**)
- Lyonbiopôle (**life science**)

Other key sectors are related to silk!

Marius Berliet, son of ribbons manufacturer, imagines and builds vehicles, its factories will be bought by RVI, Renault Trucks.

The CARA cluster represents this sector even today.

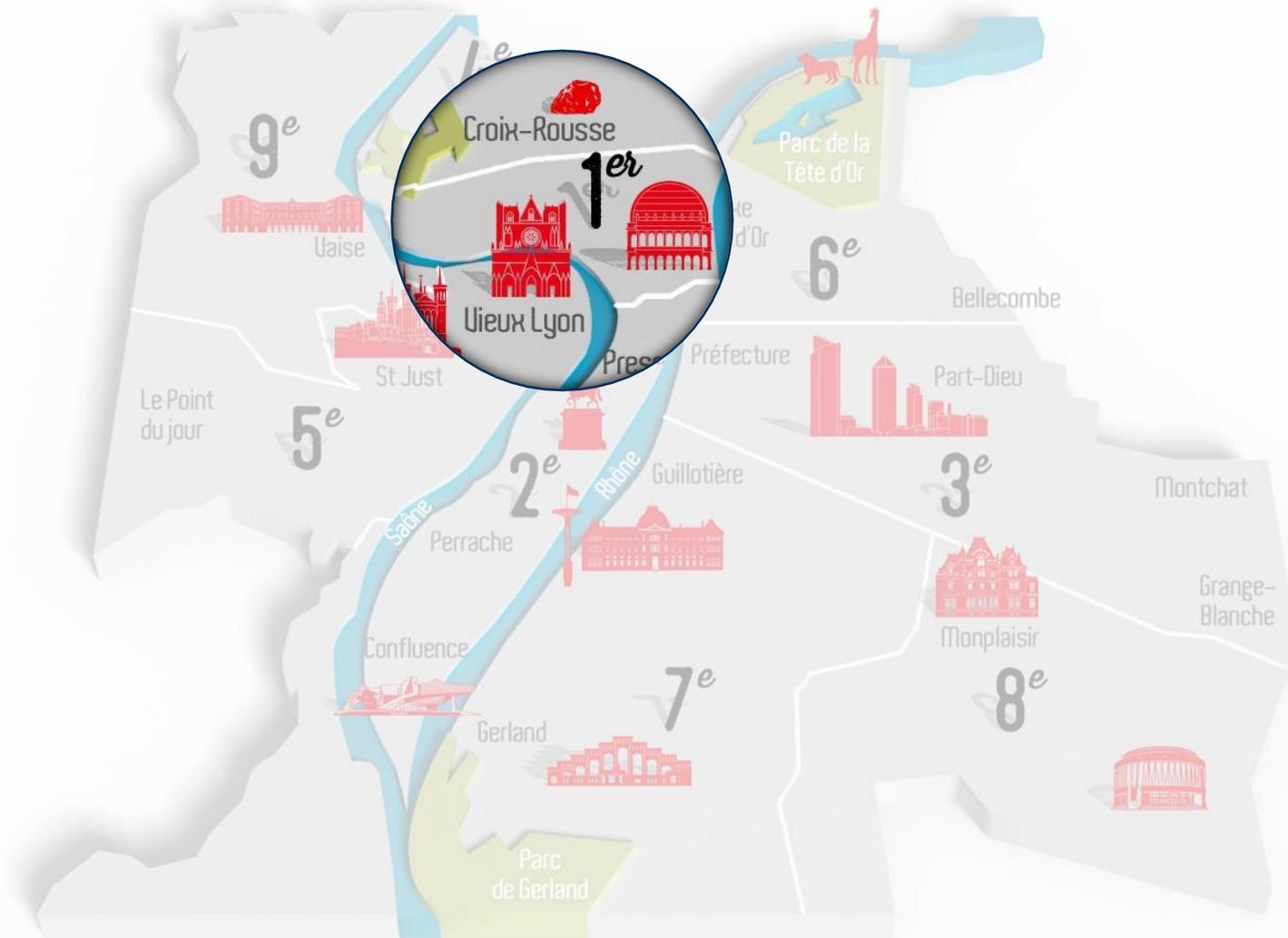
Finally, two brothers, Auguste and Louis Lumière, develop a fabric to cure burns: the "tulle gras". They are best known for inventing **cinema**.

**Lyon is more than 2000 years of history**



# 03

## Neighborhoods overview





## 1<sup>st</sup> borough

30 444 inhabitants.

Constituted by the north of the peninsula and the slopes of the Croix-Rousse hill.

Habitat of the 18th and 19th centuries, marked by the history of silk and canuts.

High ceilings (allowing Jacquard looms) and tall windows (allowing light to penetrate).

The area is served by the metro, lines A and C.

Property prices:

Purchase €5 452 per sqm

Rental: €18,6 per sqm per month

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Example of "canut" apartment on the slopes of Croix-Rousse

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North of the peninsula:

The Opera, renovated by Jean Nouvel, located on Louis Pradel Square, in front of the Lyon City Hall

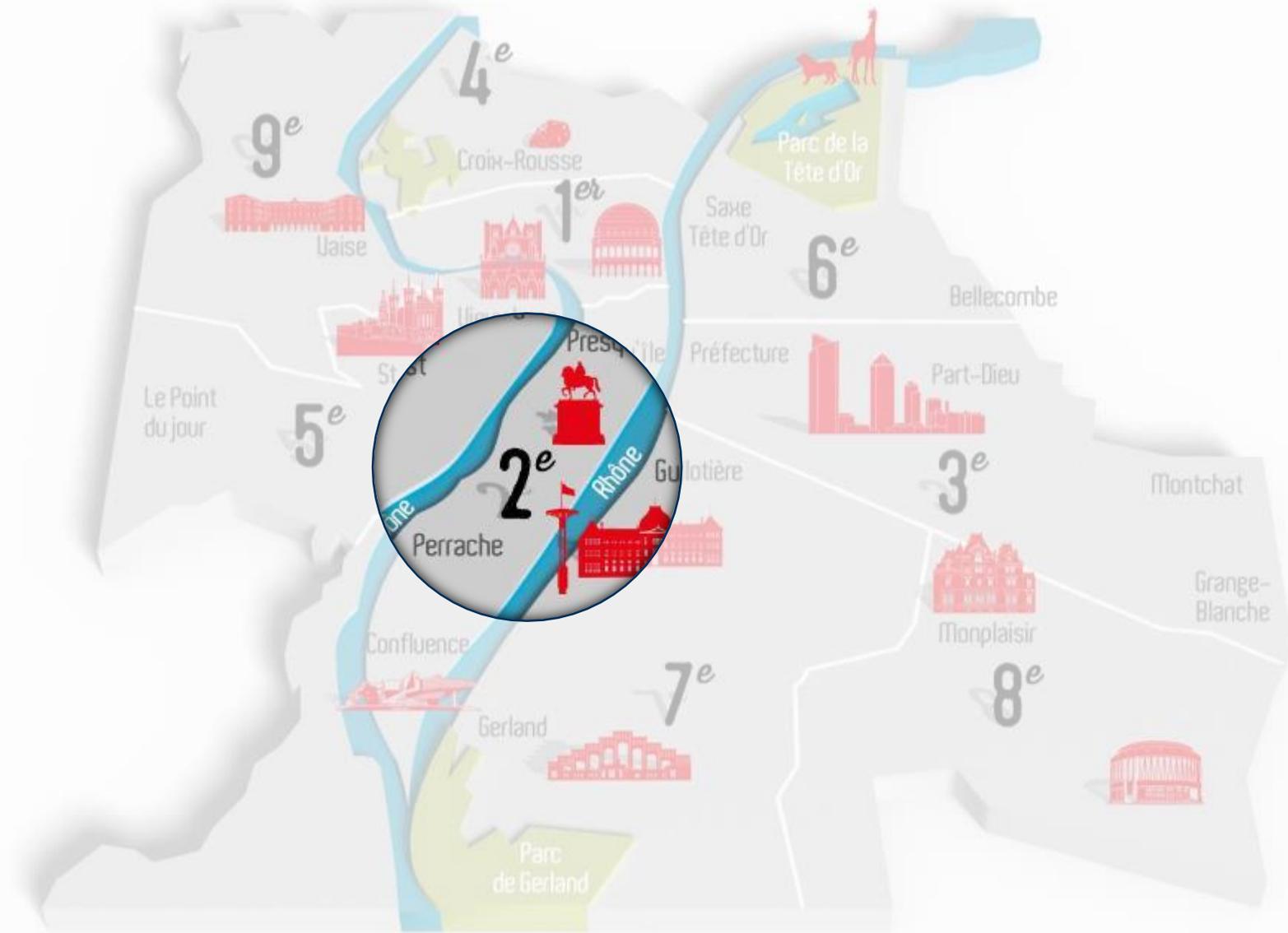
The Lyon City Hall and the Museum of Fine Arts, both located Place des Terreaux

Benedictine abbey until the Revolution, the museum houses the largest collection of works of art in France, after the Louvre in Paris.

In his heart, the garden of the old cloister.

## The 1<sup>st</sup> borough







2<sup>nd</sup> borough

30 408 inhabitants

The peninsula, between Rhône and Saône is the heart of the city. It is a commercial district within its center the pedestrian place Bellecour.

Bourgeois buildings date from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries.

The area is served by the metro, lines A and D.

Property prices:

Purchase: €5 848 per sqm

Rental: €19,5 per sqm per month

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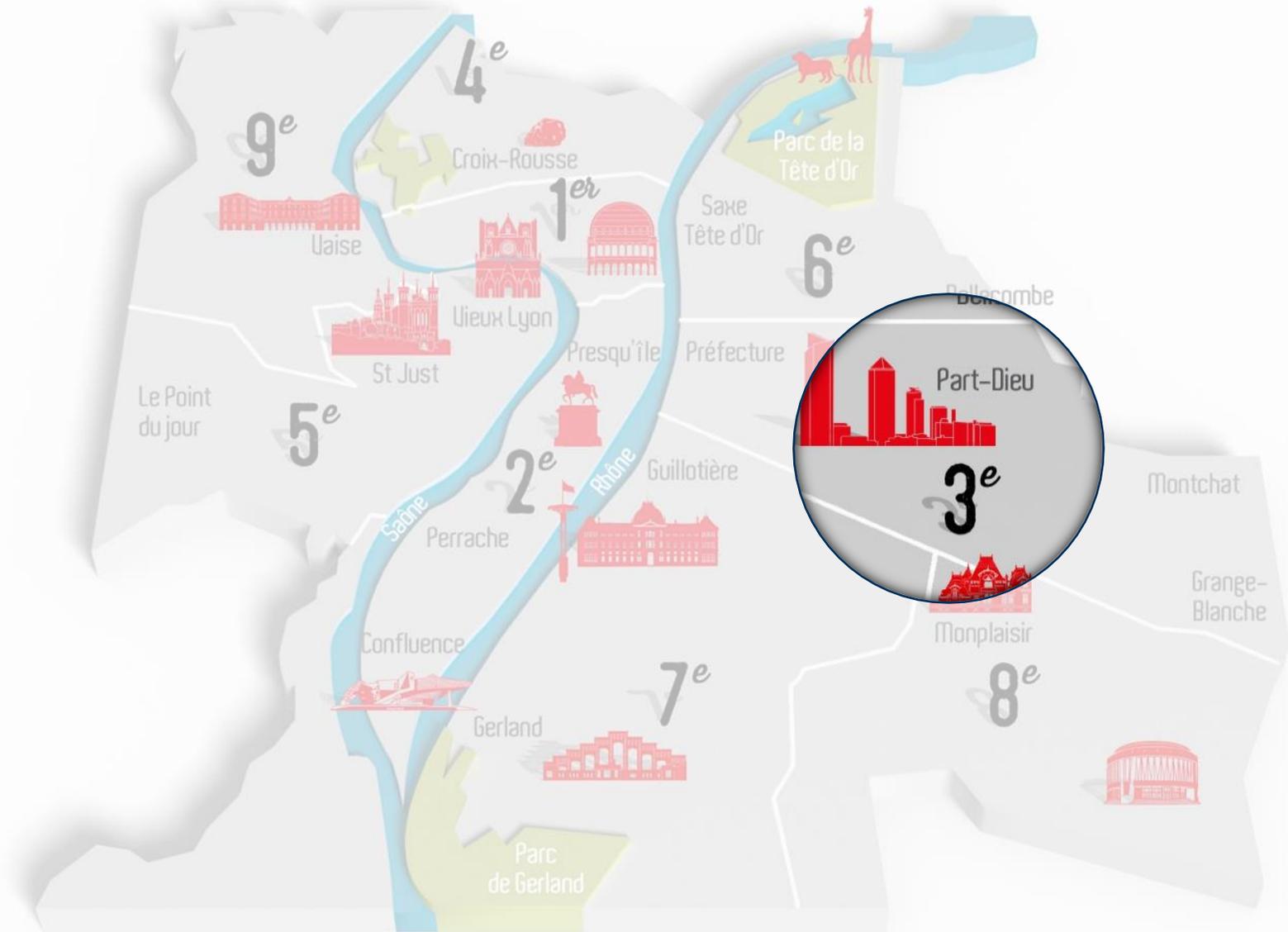
The district of Ainay at the edge of the Saône with its bourgeois buildings

The façade of the Hôtel Dieu on the banks of the Rhône

The new district of Confluence, at the southern tip of the peninsula

**2<sup>nd</sup> borough**







## 3<sup>rd</sup> borough

101 468 inhabitants.  
Lyon's most populous district.

From the banks of the Rhône to the Montchat hill.

Diverse housing, from the 19th to the 21st century.

Part-Dieu business district, 10 minutes from the Presqu'île, the 2nd largest business district in France after La Défense. Lyon

Part-Dieu station, the 1st transfer station in France, Part-Dieu shopping centre (one of the largest in Europe),

Lyon National Orchestra auditorium..

.An area undergoing transformation (renovations, extension of the station, new towers, etc.).

Served by :  
Metro line B  
Tram lines T1, T3, T4  
Numerous buses  
Rhônexpress to Lyon-SaintExupéry airport

### Property prices:

Purchase: €4 695 per sqm

Rental: €16,9 per sqm per month

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Montchat district, with Place Ronde and Montchat Castle.

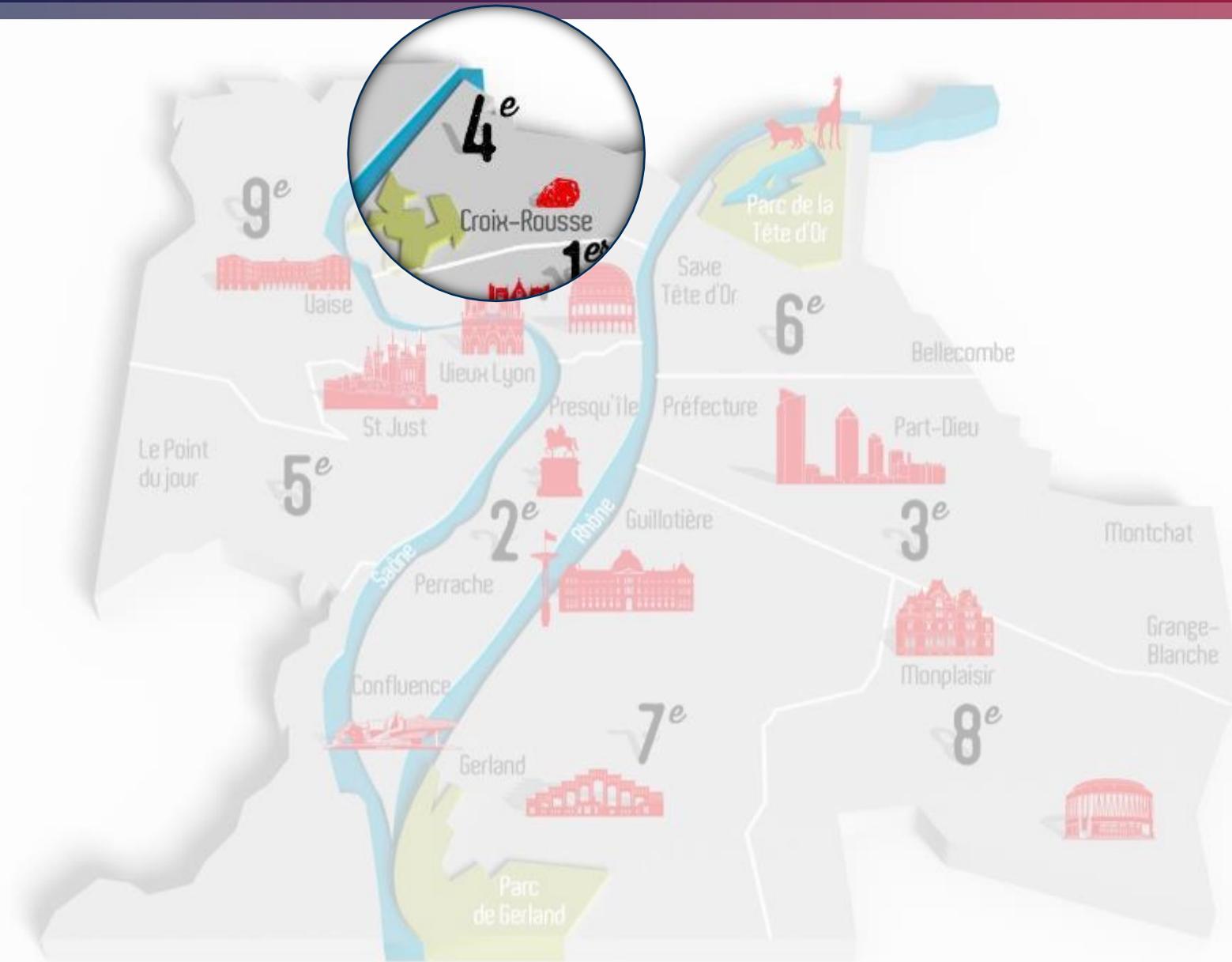
Family neighborhood, shopkeeper, with a strong "village atmosphere".

Served by Line 3 of the Tramway on one side and Metro Line D on the other.

Incity Tower in the Part-Dieu business district.

## The 3<sup>rd</sup> borough







## 4<sup>th</sup> borough

36 587 inhabitants

La Croix-Rousse is a district located north of the peninsula on the Croix-Rousse hill.

The habitat is quite varied with buildings of recent residences and a few houses.

The area is served by metro line C.

Property prices:

Purchase: €5 298 per sqm

Rental: €17,6 per sqm per month



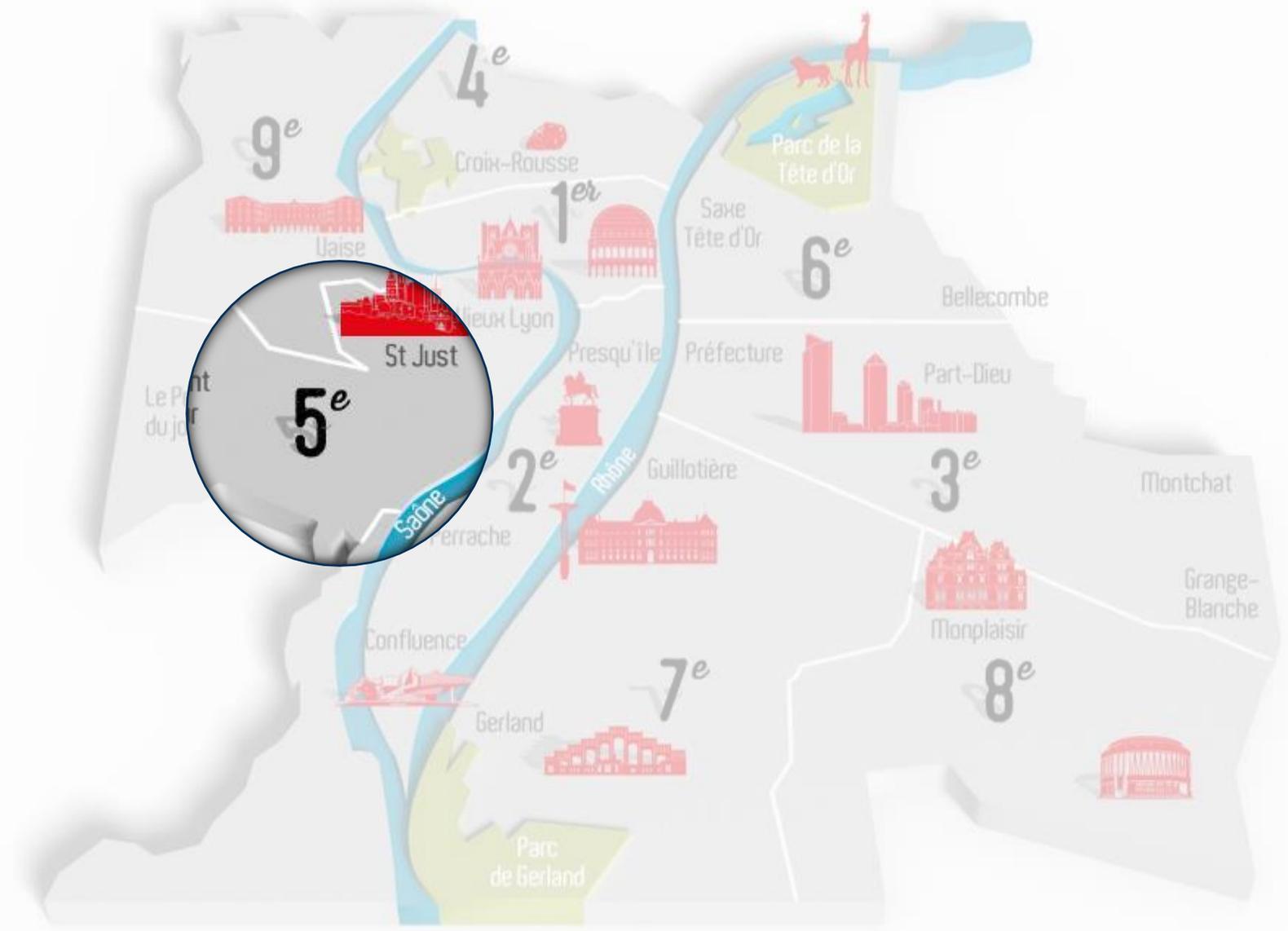


It is a neighborhood with a village atmosphere with its daily market on more than one kilometer on the boulevard, its many cafes and restaurants.

La Croix-Rousse is also rich in local shops and craftsmen



## The 4<sup>th</sup> borough





## 5<sup>th</sup> borough

48 521 inhabitants

It includes Old Lyon and the Fourvière hill where Lugdunum was founded. To the west of the basilica, the residential areas of Point du Jour, Champvert, Ménival, Saint Irénée where the habitat is made of homes of the 60s, houses, new buildings.

At the foot of the hill, the buildings date from the Renaissance.

The area is served by metro line D and two funiculars.

Property prices:

Purchase: €4 394 per sqm

Rental: €17,2 per sqm per month





Old Lyon, at the foot of the hill, on the banks of the Saône. It is three districts:

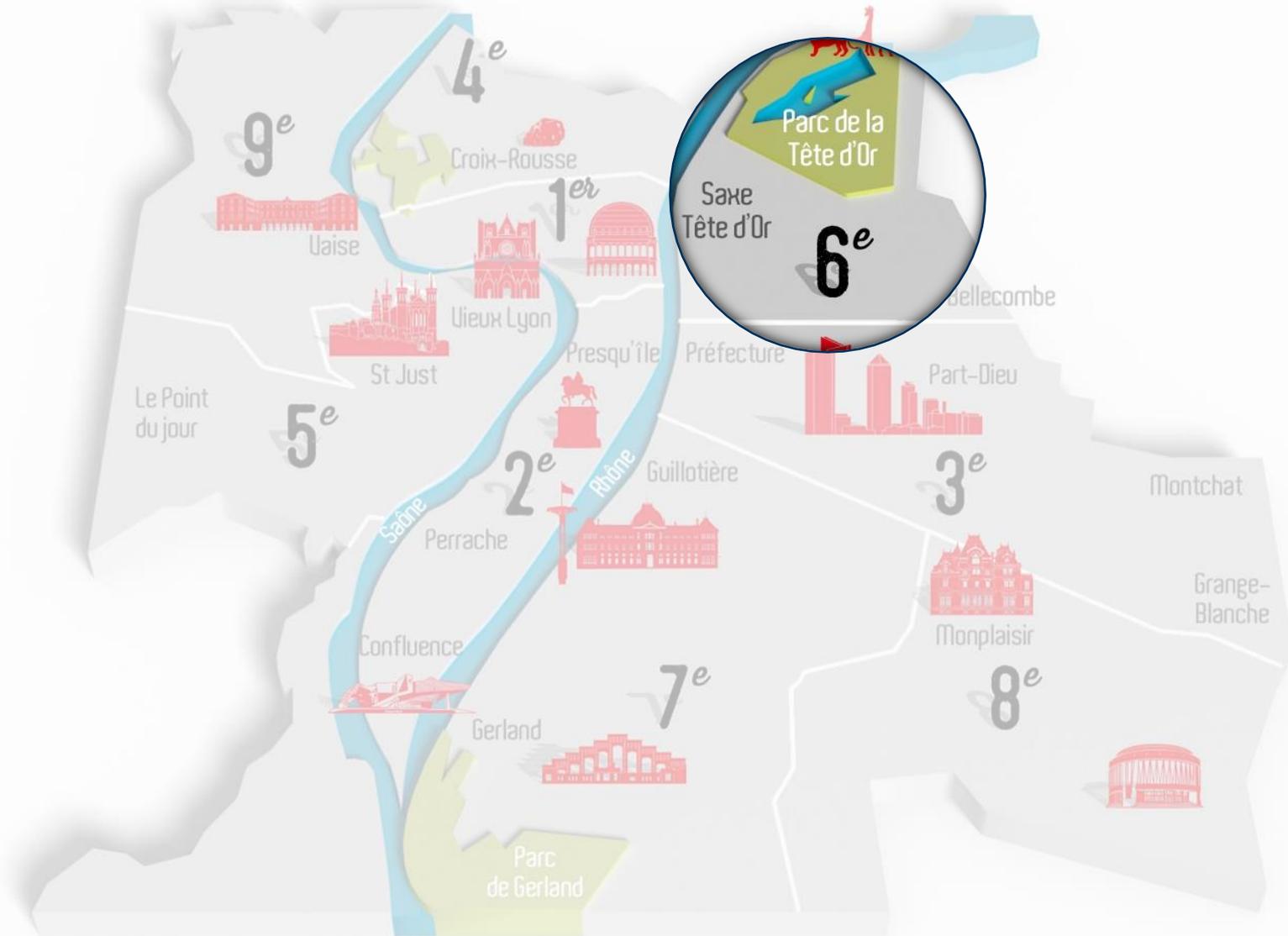
- Saint-Georges in the south
- Saint John in the center
- Saint Paul in the North

Remarkable Renaissance buildings such as the House of Lawyers or the Rose Tower.

Old Lyon is the second Renaissance ensemble in the world after Venice.

### 5<sup>th</sup> borough







## 6<sup>th</sup> borough

51 317 inhabitants

Bourgeois district, located 10 minutes from the peninsula, hosting the Tête d'Or Park, flagship of Lyon (105 ha).

19<sup>th</sup> century home, with Haussmannian and 20<sup>th</sup> century buildings

On the edge of the park and the Rhône, La Cité Internationale, which includes a hotel, a casino, cinemas, the museum of contemporary art, Interpol and apartments. The Palais des Congrès was enlarged with the construction of a 3000-seat theater, the "Amphitheater", and 7900 m<sup>2</sup> of exhibition halls.

Many mansions, dating from the 19<sup>th</sup> century, border the park.

Served by metro line A and B.

Property prices:

Purchase: €5 892 per sqm

Rental: €18,5 per sqm per month

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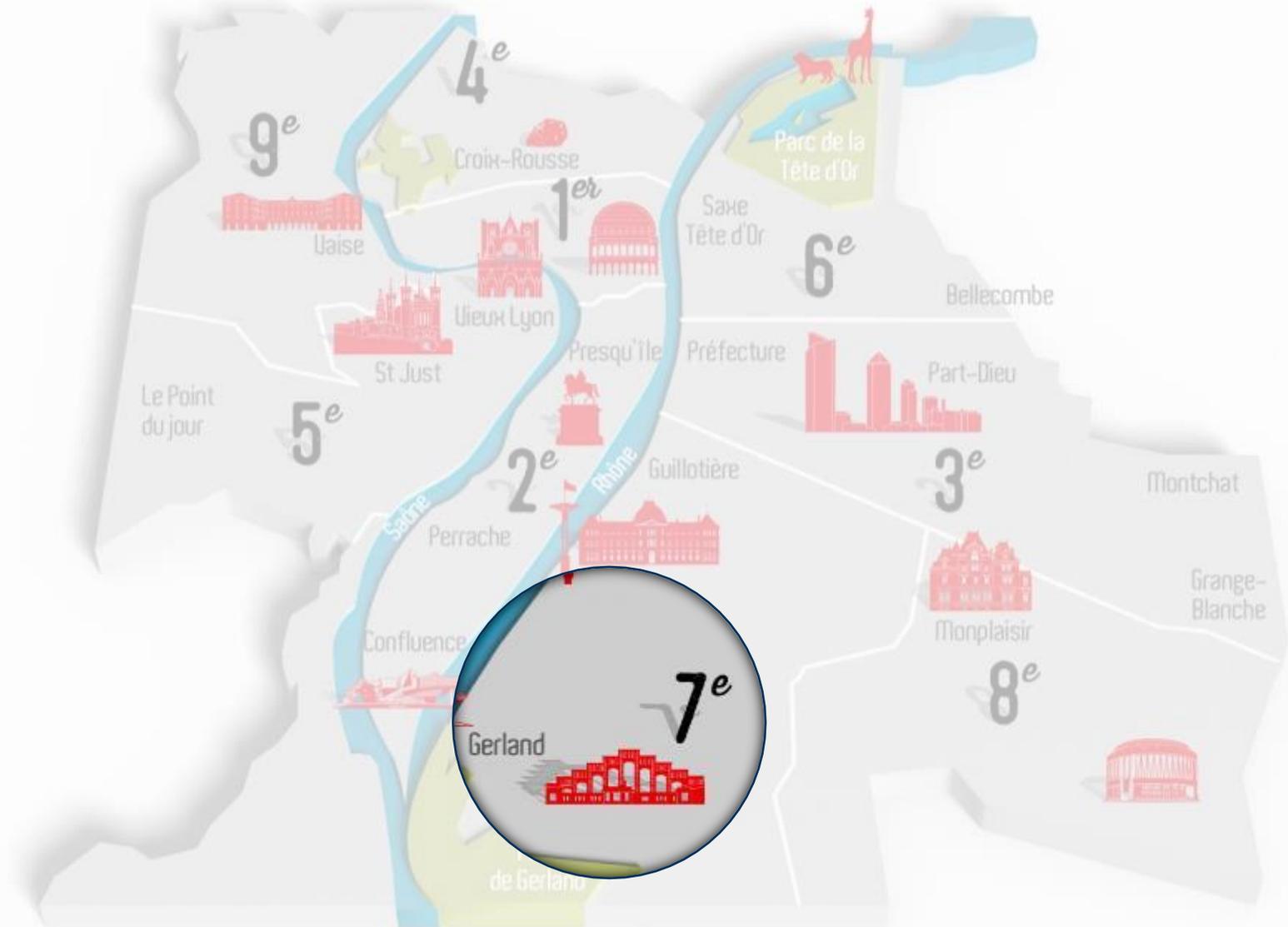
The 6<sup>th</sup> borough includes the neighborhoods of the Tête d'Or Park, Foch, Brotteaux and Bellecombe.

Place Maréchal Lyautey, at the beginning of Franklin Roosevelt Avenue, along the left bank of the Rhône, is the epicenter of the Foch district.

It is one of the shopping district the 6<sup>th</sup> with the district of Brotteaux closer to Part-Dieu.

**6<sup>th</sup> borough**







## 7<sup>th</sup> borough

Number of inhabitants: 80 993

It is the largest and most cosmopolitan borough. In addition to hosting an important scientific center, around the Gerland district, it is also a sports and cultural district thanks to the Halle Tony Garnier, the Palais des Sports and the Matmut Stadium Gerland.

Near the metro Guilloière you will find a Chinatown.

The area is served by the metro line B and by 2 tram lines.

Property prices:

Purchase: €4 707 per sqm

Rental: €16,6 per sqm per month





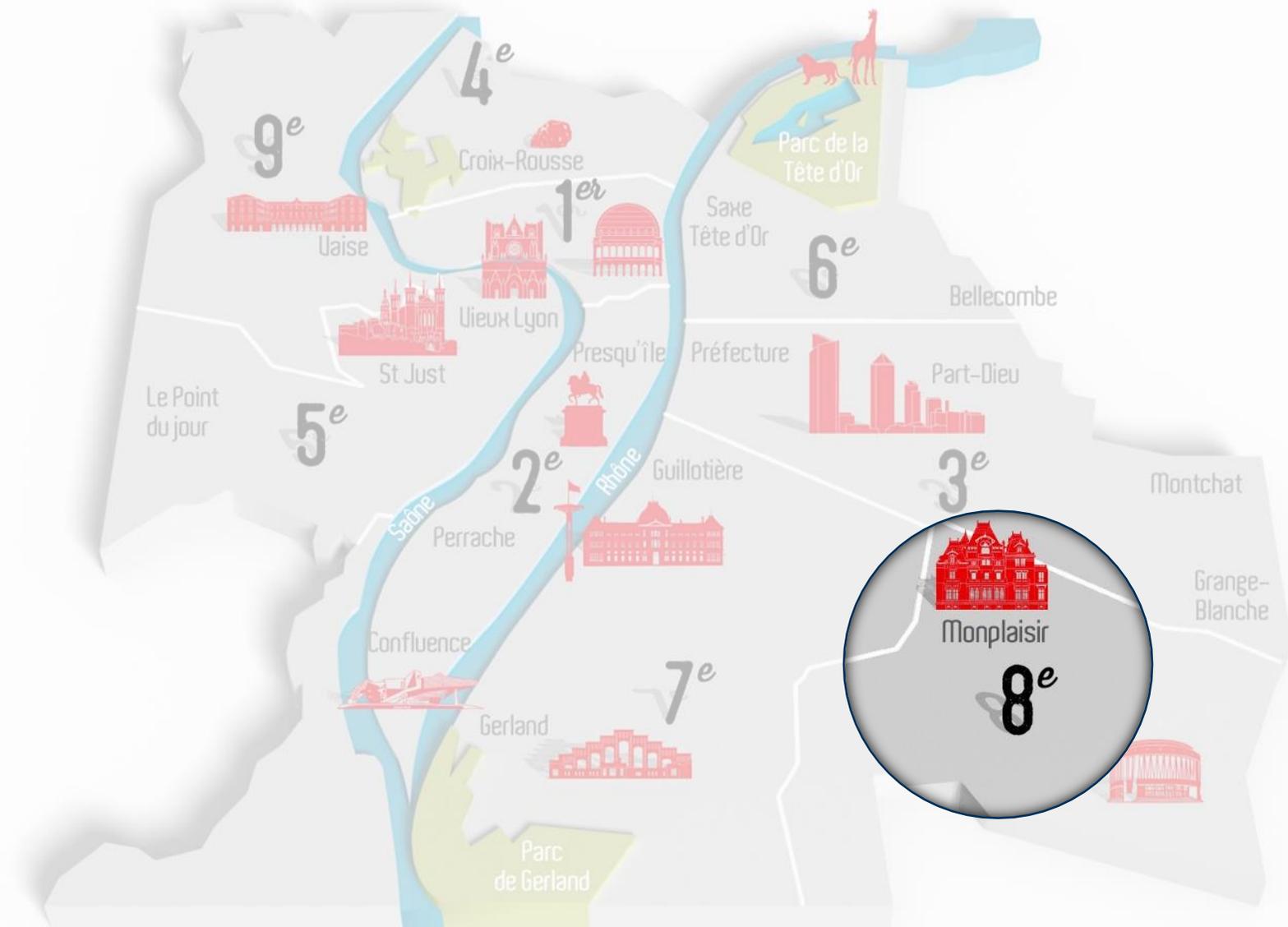
The Rhône's swimming pool, composed of two Olympic pools, one dedicated to athletes, the other to water games, is dominated by the Universities.

**Hall Tony Garnier was the livestock market of Lyon. Today, it is a hall of shows and exhibitions.**

Place Jean Macé, north of the 7<sup>th</sup> borough.

**7<sup>th</sup> borough**







## 8<sup>th</sup> borough

30 444 inhabitants

Former industrial district, converted into a residential area for several years.

The 8<sup>th</sup> borough integrates the village district of Monplaisir, cradle of the cinema. It is more popular in the south, around the neighborhoods of Mermoz and the United States, although the district Mermoz was the subject in 2011 of a major urban renewal.

Cultural district, with the Maison de la Danse, the Institut Lumière, the Tony Garnier urban museum.

The area is served by the metro line D and the T2 and T4 tramways.

Property prices:

Purchase: €3 810 per sqm

Rental: €16,1 per sqm per month

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The House of Dance, located in the district of Bachut (15,000 subscribers, the first House of Dance in France created by Guy Darnet)

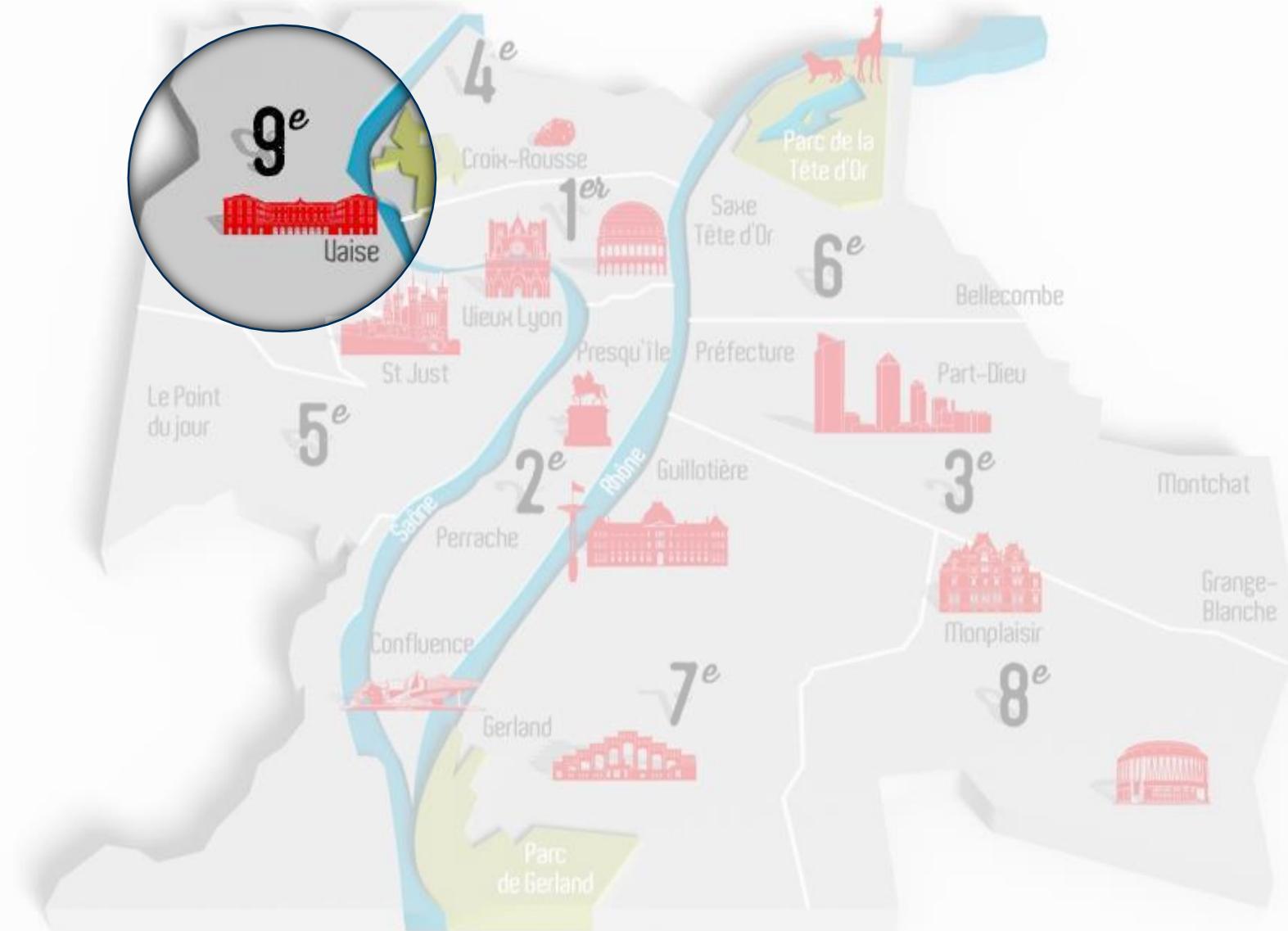
University Lyon 3, former tobacco factory operating until 1987

Birthplace of the Lumière brothers, today the Institut Lumière, which houses a museum on the invention of cinema.

In addition, there is still the hangar of the first film where was shot the first movie in the history of cinema by Louis and Auguste Lumière.

## 8<sup>th</sup> borough







## 9<sup>th</sup> borough

49 502 inhabitants

Between Saone and Monts d'Or, the 9<sup>th</sup> borough has 4 districts: Vaise, Gorge de Loup, Saint Rambert, l'Île Barbe, la Duchère.

Formerly industrial district, the 9<sup>th</sup>, after 20 years of transformations, is a residential and tertiary area that attracts families.

The 19<sup>th</sup> buildings are gradually disappearing for recent residences.

The area is served by the metro line D and very well connected to the A6 and A7 motorways as well as the North ring road.

Property prices:

Purchase: €3 838 per sqm

Rental: €15,8 per sqm per month

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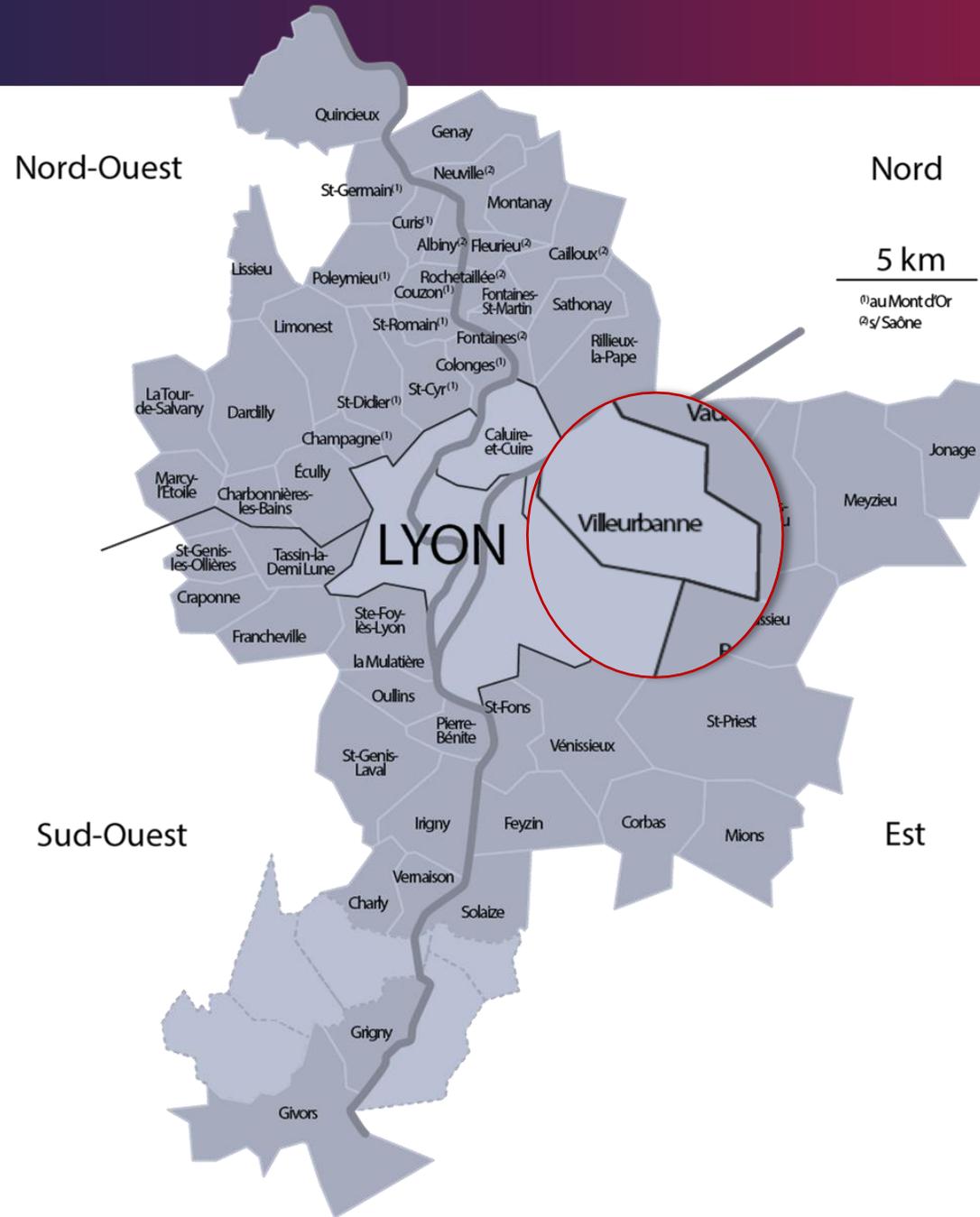




L'Île Barbe in the Saint Rambert district is home to a Michelin-starred restaurant, the Barges is home to offices and to a university, the buildings in the heart of Vaise are at the foot of the subway and local shops.

**9<sup>th</sup> borough**





148 000 inhabitants

To the east of the city of Lyon, served by metro line A, tramways T1, T3 and T4 as well as numerous bus lines, the city is divided into several districts including Gratte-Ciel, La Doua, Charpennes and Grand-Clément.

The Gratte-Ciel district, created in the 1930s, is the work of a disciple of Tony Garnier. A shopping and cultural district with the TNP (theatre).

The Doua university campus, bordered by the Parc de la Tête d'Or, is one of the main research centers of the Lyon metropolis.

Villeurbanne also has a 55-hectare park, the Parc de la Feyssine, and a flea market.

Property prices:  
Purchase : €3 712 per sqm  
Rent : €15,8 per sqm

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# 04

## How to move to Lyon and from Lyon ?



# 70% OF URBAN TRANSPORT IS ELECTRIC

- 4 metro lines, 7 tram lines, 2 funicular lines
- 130 bus lines
- Rhônexpress: airport shuttle in 30 minutes
- 22 carparks relay – 7200 parking spaces (at metro stations at the entrance of the city).



- Citiz: a hundred of self-service cars in 40 stations in Lyon, Villeurbanne, Bron and Villefranche-sur-Saône
- A hybrid Vaporetto connects Vaise to Confluence via Saint-Paul and Bellecour in just 30 minutes
- Vélo'v 5,000 self-service bikes in 425 stations (in Lyon and in 21 cities of the Metropolis)
- 21,000 spaces in 27 car parks

**A dense and diverse public transport system**

**3 TGV stations**

- | Lyon Part-Dieu (up to 150 Tgv per day)
- | Lyon Perrache and Lyon-Saint Exupéry
- | Up to 150 000 passengers per day at the Lyon-Part Dieu station



**More than 50 daily connections with Paris**

**From CDG-PARIS airport:**

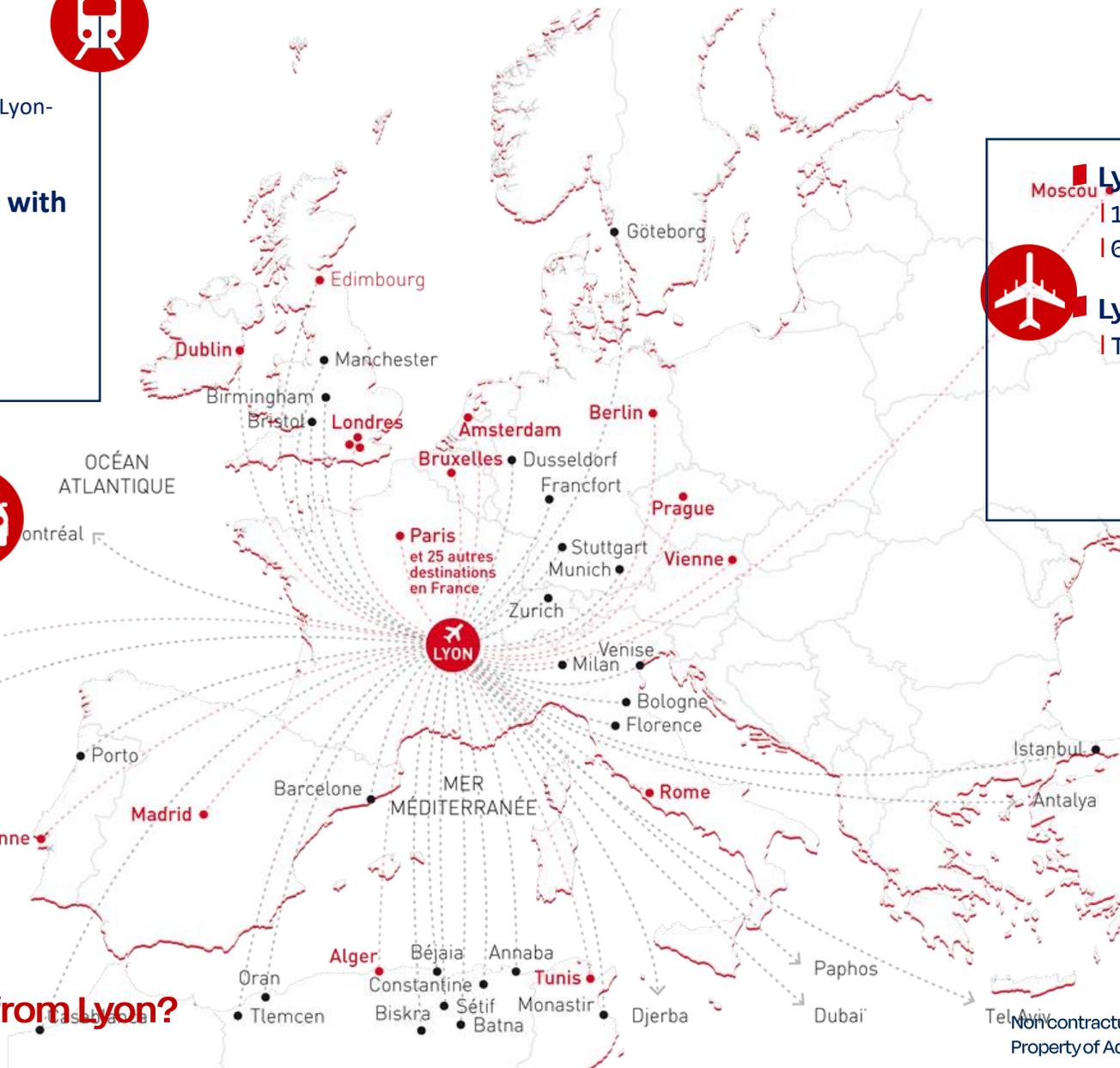
- | To Lyon: 2H

**6 Highways**

- | A7, A6, A46, A43, A42, A89



- Lyon-Saint Exupéry airport**
  - | 115 direct destinations
  - | 65 % of the traffic is international
- Lyon-Bron airport**
  - | The 3<sup>rd</sup> business airport in France



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**PARC DE LACROIX  
LAVAL**



**GRAND LARGE**

**20 mn  
FROM LYON**



**MIRIBEL JONAGE**



LYON

30 mn

La Dombes





30 mn





COURCHEVEL

MEGÈVE

2h  
FROM LYON

L'ALPE D'HUEZ

LES CONTAMINES

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LYON

3 h

Marseille



LYON

1h50

Le Jura



LYON

1h50

La Drôme Provençale



LYON

2h15

Les Gorges de l'Ardèche



LYON

1h50

L'Auvergne



LYON

3h40

Turin

LYON

6h15

Barcelone



05

**Lyon, higher education**

Today, Lyon has **144 500 students** in the **4 universities** and the **54 high schools** of the city. It offers a range of unlimited choices for higher education

- l'Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1 - Villeurbanne
- l'Université Lumière Lyon 2 – Lyon 7e
- l'Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3 – Lyon 8e
- l'Université Jean Monnet – Saint-Etienne
- l'École normale supérieure – Lyon 7e
- l'INSA de Lyon - Villeurbanne
- l'École Centrale de Lyon - Ecully
- Sciences Po Lyon – Lyon 7e
- VetAgro Sup – Marcy l'Etoile
- l'École nationale d'ingénieur de Saint-Étienne (ENISE) – Saint-Etienne
- l'École nationale des travaux publics d'État (ENTPE) – Vaulx-en-Velin
- le Centre national de la recherche scientifique (CNRS) - Villeurbanne



The creation of the University of Lyon (COMUE, Community of Universities and Institutions) gave the city of Lyon the **2<sup>nd</sup> French scientific pole**.

This community of universities and institutions, a unique combination of universities, schools, and research organizations, brings together 12 member institutions, 20 associates in the Lyon Saint-Étienne metropolis and represents more than 140,000 students, 168 public laboratories.

**International renown establishments**

Lyon attracts students from all sectors, thanks to the presence of first-rate institutions:

- L'INSA Lyon - Villeurbanne
- L'École Centrale Lyon - Ecully
- L'emlyon business school - Ecully
- L'École normale supérieure de Lyon – Lyon 7e
- L'IAE Lyon – Lyon 8e
- L'IEP Lyon – Lyon 7e



Training in artistic disciplines is also in the spotlight with the National Conservatory of Music and Dance and the National School of Theater Arts and Techniques (ENSATT).



As the **International Capital of Gastronomy**, Lyon hosts a major school dedicated to this culinary art, **the Paul Bocuse Institute**. Every year 650 students from 37 different nationalities attend this establishment.



06

**Lyon, The international**

# Lyon attracts foreigners

## A large international community

- | 50 000 expatriates
- | More than 70 consulates and 12 foreign chambers of commerce
- | 7,000 children enrolled in international schools

## Tourism

- | 6 million visitors welcomed in Lyon in 2024
- | Lyon, the 1st French conurbation (after Paris) for the number of tourism jobs
- | 548,016 visitors welcomed in the information centers of the tourist office
- | 48% of foreign visitors

## Renowned international institutions



International Agency for Research on Cancer IARC/CIRC)



INTERPOL

International Criminal Police Organization

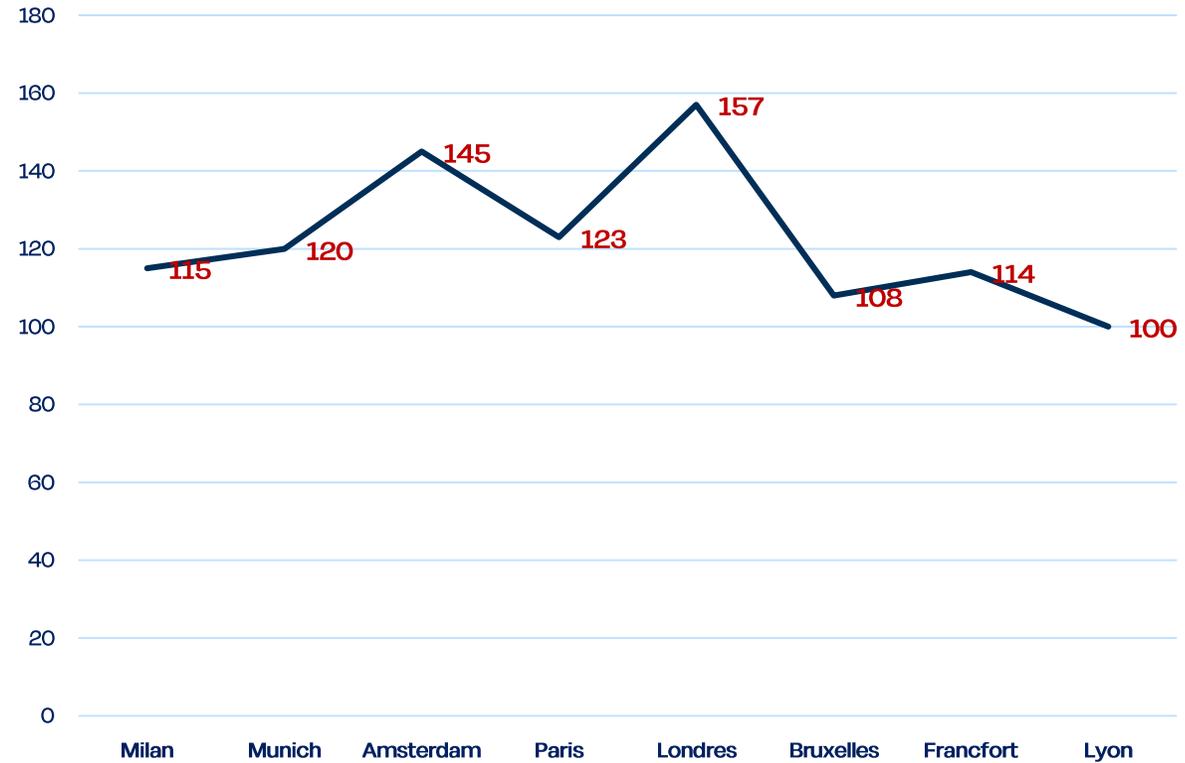


P4 Mérieux-INSERM laboratory

### Comparative Index: Lyon, base 100

7 criteria:

- Housing
- Food
- Transportation
- Energy, telephony
- Restaurants
- Leisure activities
- Clothing



Source: Numbeo oct 2025

# International schooling



A guide to international schooling is available on our website: <https://www.aderly.fr/>



- 51** high schools with a European section
- 8** private bilingual kindergartens
- 13** bilingual nursery schools
  - 1 bilingual
  - 1 quadrilingual
  - 1 with 6 languages
- 14** primary schools
- 6** international high schools
- 5** International junior schools
- 10** languages taught

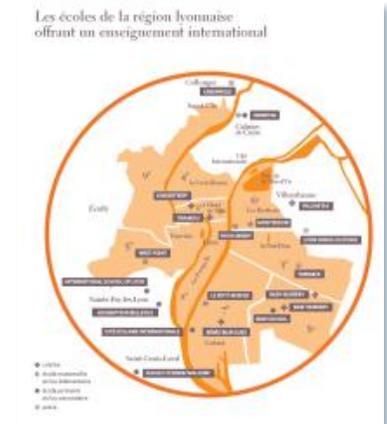
Child care capacity: around **9 500 places** (public)

More than :

- 250 primary schools
- 50 secondary schools
- 4 universities

**7 000 students of all ages are registered in international study programmes**

Lyon offers the opportunity to take the **International Baccalaureate**, the **German Abitur**, the **Spanish or French baccalaureate** majoring in international or European studies



07

**The major cultural events**

Historical and emblematic Light Festival : Every year, December 8, the Lyonnais put on their windows some candles in tribute to Marie. For nearly 30 years, this religious festival has become a popular festival that takes place over 4 days during which you can admire more than 80 sounds and lights. This festival attracts more than 3 million visitors.

<https://www.fetedeslumieres.lyon.fr/fr>





Every year, in Autumn for nearly 10 days, the Lumière Festival pays tribute to classical cinema and awards the Lumière prize to a great name of cinema.



From September to January, on odd years, Lyon hosts the Biennial of Contemporary Art which allows to discover objects, paintings, furniture ... exposed by a dozen of invited artists.

[www.labiennaledelyon.com](http://www.labiennaledelyon.com)

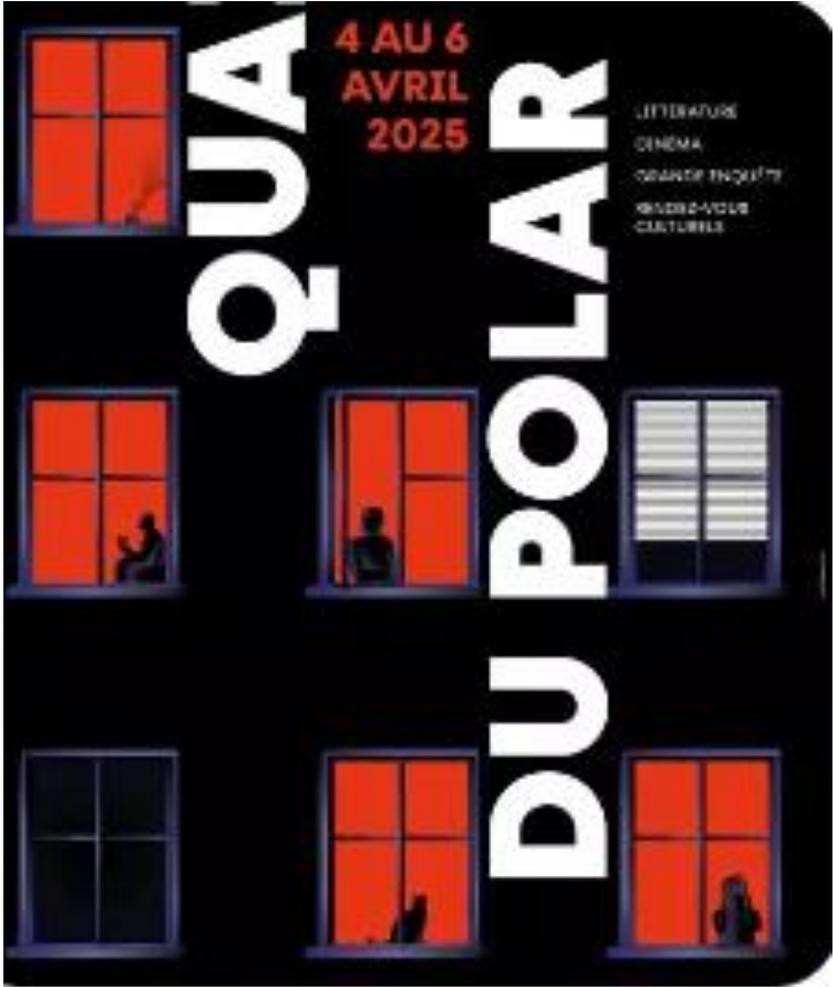


Every September on even years, Lyon organizes the dance biennial with about 30 shows and the parade which brings together more than 4500 amateur dancers and free dance classes (hip-hop, rumba, classical dance ...) on the various places of the city.

[www.labiennaledelyon.com](http://www.labiennaledelyon.com)



For three days, the festival offers a program around literature, cinema and all forms of art and culture that are interested in the polar genre: the presence of a hundred of renowned guests from all over the world, a book fair, conferences and debates, films projections, games and surveys, theater, concerts, thematic visits, exhibitions...



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Festival of electronic and independent music, the Nuits Sonores are held each year at Ascension. More than 150 000 goers come to listen the 200 artists (house, hip-hop, techno, rock, no wave, pop, folk, electronica,...

[www.nuits-sonores.com](http://www.nuits-sonores.com)



The "Nuits de Fourvière", in June and July at the Antique Theater of Fourvière.

« Fêtons l'Été », for adults and children.

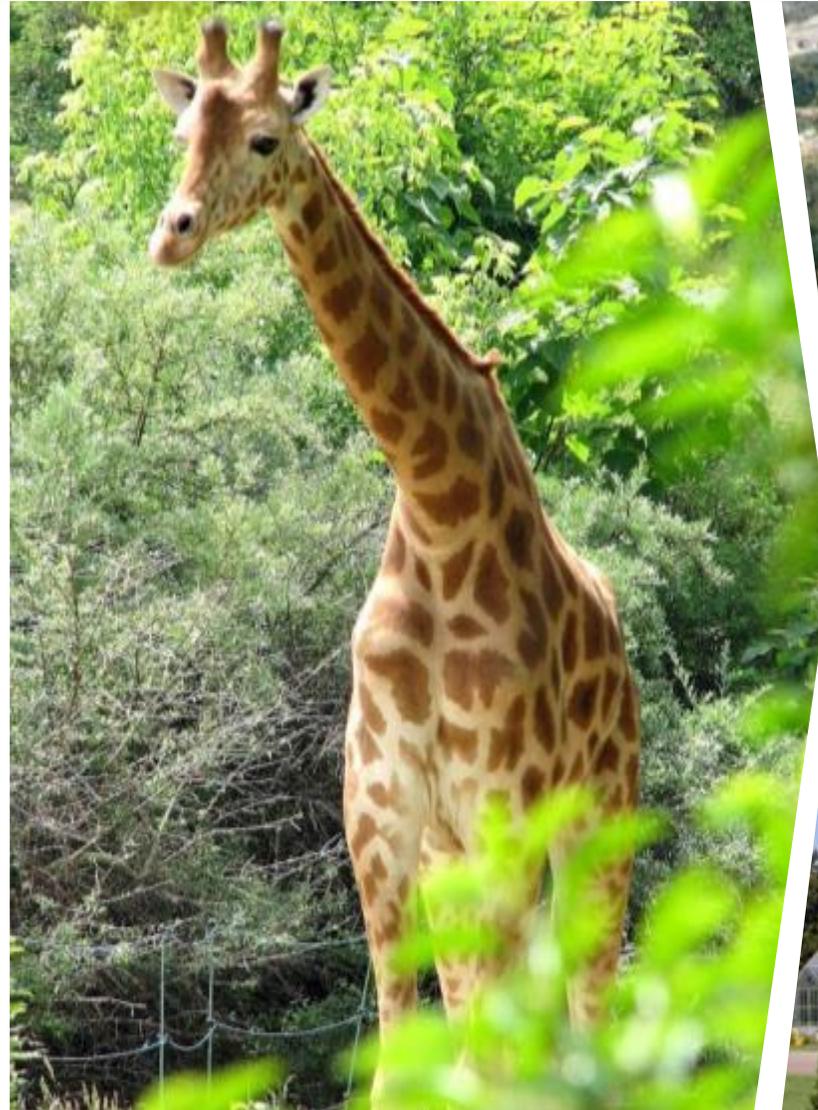
The theaters, the Auditorium, the Opera, the museums, without counting sporting events ... there is always something going on!





# Urban walks

The "Parc de la Tête d'Or", one of the largest urban parks in France with its 105 hectares, 16 hectares of lake, its free zoo, its rose garden and its botanical collection sheltered in the tropical greenhouses.



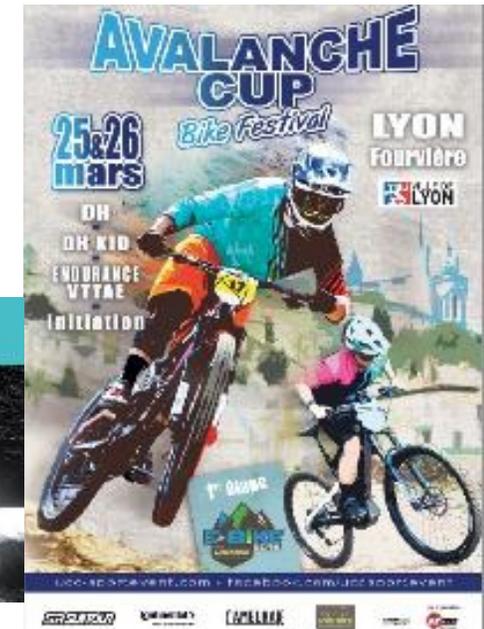
Enjoy the banks of the Rhône and the Saône rivers, of the urban parks, such as the « Parc de Gerland », the « Parc Sergent Blandan », the park of « la Cerisaie » in the Croix-Rousse district or the « Parc des Hauteurs » on the Fourvière hill.

Lyon has about fifteen parks and gardens representing more than 300 hectares.



In addition to sports halls, clubs, water sports centers, federations ... Lyon offers many sports activities for adults and children alike:

- **Re Lyon Nous** : a day dedicated to the practice of sport to do with your family or your friends, combining sports, puzzles and cultural discoveries.
- **The Lugdunum Roller Contest** is an event that combines speed events and races open to everyone from 7 to 77 years old!
- **Lyon Free Bike** and the **Avalanche Cup** for mountain bikers
- For joggers, **Run in Lyon**, **Lyon Urban Trail** and the **Sainté Lyon** (night race between Saint-Étienne and Lyon) take place every year, such as the **Ultra Boucle de la Sarra**, a 6 or 24 hours hourly race of 2 km and 90 m difference of heights.



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Lyon embodies the values of sport through the fame of its clubs, athletes and equipment to host major sporting events:

- The Groupama Stadium in Décines that hosted the matches of Euro 2016, has a capacity of nearly 60 000 seats
- The Matmut Stadium in the Gerland district
- ASVEL in Villeurbanne



### A maintained reputation with

16 starred restaurants

| **Grands Chefs:** Paul Bocuse, Georges Blanc, Christian Têtedoie, Pierre Orsi, Guy Lassausaie, Mathieu Viannay...

| **World famous vineyard lands:** Beaujolais, Vallée du Rhône (Saint-Joseph, Côte Rôtie, Condrieu...)

### SIRHA, World Trade Fair for Catering and Hospitality trade (every 2 years)

| In 2021 : 2000 exhibitors, more than 150 000 visitors, many chefs welcomed  
| the Bocuse d'Or won by the French team

### 4 300 restaurants

| The « bouchons » tradition: warm environment

| **Local specialties:** tablier de sapeur, quenelles, tarte aux pralines...





# Welcome to Lyon

