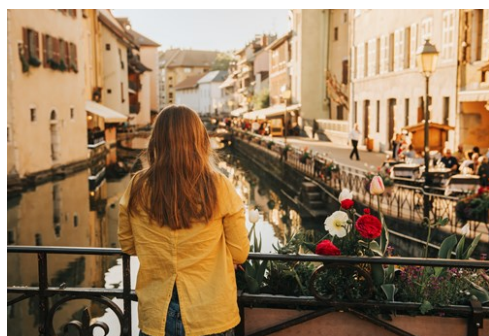




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Coiled between lake and mountains, Annecy deserves its nickname of "The Venice of the Alps". This harmonious city allows you to travel through time, from prehistory to the present day, before following in the tracks of the Princes of Savoy and eating next to the purest lake of Europe, while enjoying the numerous festivals and cultural animations. The city is also turned towards sports: the ski resorts are near the city and accessible by bus, and a biking trail goes all around the lake and lets you explore the shores.



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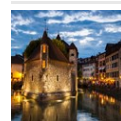
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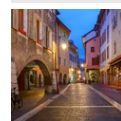
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## THE CITY



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Welcome to Annecy, the jewel of the Haute-Savoie department. Between lake and mountains, between Italy and Switzerland, this city is blessed by a luxurious nature and bathed by a romantic light.

The medieval streets and arcades of the old town will let you feel like walking around in a fairy tale. Even if it was founded in the Prehistoric times and expanded by the Romans, the asset we know today is mostly due to the influence of the Dukes of Savoy, from the 15th century. Annecy was also a centre of the Calvinist counter-Reform which led the Catholic Church to increase its presence in the city: as a result, several churches were built and a monastery was founded.

The Sardinian period, in the 19th century, led Annecy to its industrial revolution: a lot of factories were created, such as paper and clothing industries. Taken by France in 1860, the industrialisation kept on and the city started to become attractive to tourists.

Nowadays, Annecy is an influential city, turned mostly towards tourism and culture: the International Film Festival for Animation and the International Film Festival for Italian Movies are organised each year and attract thousands of visitors.

## DO & SEE



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Discovering Annecy is like wandering in a romantic fairy tale. The castle, the gates, the arches are a perfect setting to stroll around. The lovely canals leading to the purest lake of Europe and all the cultural events draw 2.5 million visitors each year.

### Palais de l'Île



The Palais de l'Isle is probably the most famous building in Annecy and, without any doubts, one of the most photographed sights in France. The palace, built in the 12th century, was once a prison, and today hosts exhibits about local architecture and history.

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Address: 3 Passage de l'Île, Annecy

Internet: [www.musees.agglo-annecy.fr/eng/Palais-de-l-Ile](http://www.musees.agglo-annecy.fr/eng/Palais-de-l-Ile)

### Annecy Castle



Listed as a historic monument by the French Ministry of Culture, Annecy Castle was the residence of the Counts of Geneva and the Dukes of Genevois-Nemours. Today, it houses the

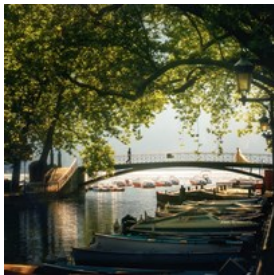
Regional Observatory of the Alpine Lakes and the museum of modern art. From the terrace, you will have a great view over the city and the lake.

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Address: Place du Château, Annecy

Internet: [www.musees.agglo-annecy.fr/eng/Annecy-Castle](http://www.musees.agglo-annecy.fr/eng/Annecy-Castle)

### Lovers' Bridge



Legend says that if two persons kiss on the middle of the bridge, their love will be eternal. Created around 1906 to replace another bridge,

Pont des Amours (the Lovers' Bridge) links the European Gardens to the Pâquier park. It offers a really beautiful view: on one side, you can see the lake and on the other side, the old town can be pictured.

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Address: Pont des Amours, Annecy

### The Old Town



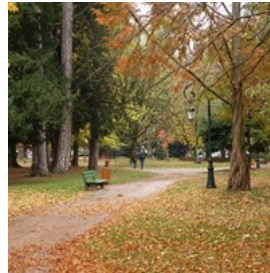
The Vieille Ville (literally "Old Town") of Annecy is not very big but worth a walk. The lovely gates and arches, as well as the backdoors to small and

secret streets, are definitely to be photographed. Every corner hides surprises and walking around when it is summer is absolutely marvellous.

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Address: Vieille Ville, Annecy

### Jardins de l'Europe



Around 250 trees, such as a tulip tree, pines and giant sequoia trees, are found in the lovely Gardens of Europe, where you can enjoy a

walk by the lake in a sunny afternoon. This romantic English garden, designed by Henri Porreaux in 1863, is a heavenly spot in town where children are free to play from a walking distance to the old town, while you sit on one of the benches in front of the lake.

Photo: Guilhem Vellut/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Jardins de l'Europe, Annecy

### Basilica of the Visitation



Dominating the city, this cathedral symbolises the rich religious past of the city and gives an indirect insight of the muted power struggle between

Calvinism and Catholicism. The Visitation Basilica protects the bodies of Saint Joan of Chantal and Saint Francis of Sales, as well as a 38-ton chime, named Marie-Francoise.

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Address: 11 Avenue de la Visitation, Annecy

### Le Pâquier

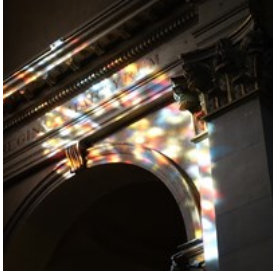


Welcome to the Pâquier, a big, free lawn located next to the lake in the centre of the town. Given to the town probably by the Count of Menton to

hold the military exercises of the young soldiers, it is now a very peaceful area where it is allowed to picnic.

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Address: Le Pâquier, Annecy

### Notre-Dame-de-Liesse



This church was built in the late 14th century and definitely worth a visit. After having seen the lovely garden, take some time to admire its

beautiful architecture: you will love the huge marble columns, as well as the stained-glass window's designs. You will find it in the city centre, very close to the Annecy Cathedral.

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Address: Passage Notre Dame, Annecy

### Lake Festival



Every year, the first weekend of August, around 200,000 visitors gather in Annecy to enjoy one of the biggest pyrotechnic shows in

Europe, the "Fête du lac", which includes 70 minutes of fireworks in rhythm with music, lights and special effects over the lake. Basically, an unmissable experience.

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Address: Lac d'Annecy, Annecy  
Internet: [www.lac-annecy.com/fete-et-manifestation/1/209349-fete-du-lac.html](http://www.lac-annecy.com/fete-et-manifestation/1/209349-fete-du-lac.html)

### Perrière Bridge



This bridge links two parts of the old town and is right in front of the Palais de l'Île. Pont Perrière is a perfect spot for taking beautiful

pictures, both when there are flowers on it and

when it's decorated with Christmas lights.

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Address: Rue Perrière, Annecy

### Eglise Saint-François de Sales



The Saint-Francis of Sales Church, listed as a historical monument, is located near the Palais de l'Île, across the Thiou river. Even if the facade

seems a bit austere, the interior of the church is luxurious: the baroque style exposes its splendour with an organ, paintings and a magnificent altar. This church used to host religious relics, such as the graves of Saint Francis and Saint Joan of Chantal, which were there before being transported to the Visitation Basilica.

Photo: Leonid Andronov/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 1 Place Saint-François de Sales, Annecy

### Lake Annecy



The Lac d'Annecy is the second largest lake in France. Take a long walk along it, or rent a bike if you're up for a longer tour, and admire the

gorgeous scenery of the Alps. It has been an inspiration for many artists, such as Paul Cézanne, who made beautiful paintings of it. Don't miss the Lake Festival, an amazing fireworks show who takes place every year in August.

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Address: Lac d'Annecy, Annecy

## Annecy Cathedral



The Cathédrale Saint-Pierre is a Roman Catholic cathedral also listed as a national monument by the French government. You cannot miss its organ, built between 1840 and 1842 by Nicolas-Antoine Lété, an organ builder of the French king. A lot of concerts are organised there, especially in summer.

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Address: 8 Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Annecy

## Venetian Carnival



The Venice of the Alps of course deserved its own festival. Every year, between the end of February and the beginning of March, masked persons wander into the city and pose on the streets, parades are organised and fabulous costumes are displayed around the city and along the canals.

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Address: Annecy

Internet: [www.lac-annecy.com/fete-et-manifestation/1/146349-carnaval-venitien.html](http://www.lac-annecy.com/fete-et-manifestation/1/146349-carnaval-venitien.html)

## The Thiou



With its 3,5 km of length, the Thiou is considered one of the shortest rivers in France. Beside its size, it has a lot of canals which give Annecy its nickname "Venice of the Alps". It crosses the Old Town, with its flowered bridges and its picturesque charm.

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Address: Thiou, Annecy

## International Animation Film Festival



Every year, in June, several countries compete to become the best animation film, in several categories. At this festival, which often paves the way to the Oscars and the Palms for animated movies, you can enjoy premieres and benefit from open air showings on the Pâquier lawn.

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Address: Annecy

Internet: [www.annecy.org](http://www.annecy.org)

## Conservatoire for Art and History



This museum presents a wide collection of documents concerning the history of animation: it includes drawings, paintings, sculptures, photographs, videos and several cinematographic artefacts. The entry to the permanent exhibition is free and the the collection is very interactive, in order to attract children too.

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Address: 18, Avenue du Tresum, Annecy

Internet: [www.musees.agglo-annecy.fr/Patrimoines/Decouvre-z-nos-patrimoines/Annecy/Conservatoire-d-Art-et-d-Histoire](http://www.musees.agglo-annecy.fr/Patrimoines/Decouvre-z-nos-patrimoines/Annecy/Conservatoire-d-Art-et-d-Histoire)

## Les Noctibules



Every year, in July, Annecy rules over the night: during 4 evenings, some 60 representations involving magic, poetry, theatre, street shows and

humour which bring laughter and smiles. The Noctibules festival is free of access and children will particularly appreciate some shows which are designed for them.

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Address: Annecy

## DINING



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Annecy is renowned in the region for the excellence and refinement of its cuisine. Whatever your budget is, you will find something to your taste: from the little cafes and brasseries to the Michelin-rated restaurants, flavours are influenced by the mountains and the lakes. Taste exceptional cheeses, great wines and some exquisite fish from the lake.

## L'Heure Tourne



This very relaxed restaurant is devoted to burgers, Savoie tartines, paninis and salads, and is today one of the most popular in the city. A very

warm and welcoming team only uses fresh products and you will for sure come back for the home-made cooking.

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Address: 21 Rue Président Favre, Annecy

Opening hours: 11:45-14:00 (Tuesday to Saturday)

18:45-21:30 (Friday, Saturday)

Phone: +33 4 50 45 23 63

Internet: [www.lheuretourne74.com](http://www.lheuretourne74.com)

Email: [lheuretourne74@gmail.com](mailto:lheuretourne74@gmail.com)

## Semper Fi



Perhaps the most popular eatery in Annecy at the moment, Le Semper Fi is a gem that will let you travel straight to the heart of Italy. The

restaurant is a favourite for its aperitivo with piadine, cold cuts, Sicilian arancini and other delicacies, along with some great Italian wines, Martini and Spritz. Everything in a lovely ambience that includes a crackling fireplace and a Vespa displayed in a corner.

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Address: 13 Rue Royale, Annecy

Phone: +33 9 53 70 30 53

Internet: [www.semperfi-annecy.com](http://www.semperfi-annecy.com)

Email: [semperfi-annecy@hotmail.com](mailto:semperfi-annecy@hotmail.com)

## L'Esquisse



At the restaurant L'Esquisse, you will find a warm and zen atmosphere, a welcoming and smiling team and some dreamy food and

wine that will tickle your taste buds. The chef cultivated a love for harmony and subtlety, and only uses fresh, seasonal ingredients to give you the best experience ever.

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Address: 21 Rue Royale, Annecy

Opening hours: 12:15-13:15 19:30-21:00

Phone: +33 4 50 44 80 59

Internet: [www.esquisse-annecy.fr](http://www.esquisse-annecy.fr)

More Info: Closed on Wednesdays and Sundays

## Le Clos des Sens



The two-Michelin-star chef Laurent Petit and his team offer an audacious and original cuisine, made of fresh local products, in a magical

and contemporary dining room. For an even more sensorial experience, have a look at the "cave d'affinage", the refinery cellar, where some of the best French cheeses are conserved.

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Address: 13 Rue Jean Mermoz, Annecy-le-Vieux

Phone: +33 4 50 23 07 90

Internet: [www.closdessens.com](http://www.closdessens.com)

Email: [artisansculinaire@closdessens.com](mailto:artisansculinaire@closdessens.com)

## Chez Mamie Lise



If you want to taste the real Savoyard cuisine in a rural ambience, then Chez Mamie Lise is the right place for you. This traditional, home-made

cuisine exudes typical flavours and offers "tartiflettes", "reblochonades" and "fondues", all hearty dishes made with local cheese.

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Address: 11 Rue Grenette, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 45 41 18

Internet: [www.mamie-lise.com](http://www.mamie-lise.com)

## La Part des Anges



This traditional French restaurant sublimates the basics and pays tributes to the classics. Between the numerous specialities, you can enjoy

foie gras, oysters, duck, mussels and "tartes tatin". Also, a large wine cellar includes a great selection of the best French labels, from Bourgogne, Savoie, Val de la Loire and Vallée du Rhône.

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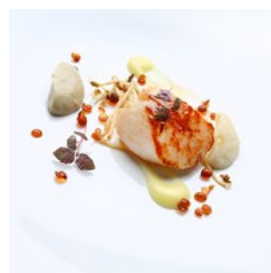
Address: 23 Rue Sommeiller, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 60 07 14

Internet: [www.restaurant-lapartdesanges.com](http://www.restaurant-lapartdesanges.com)

Email: [contact@restaurant-lapartdesanges.com](mailto:contact@restaurant-lapartdesanges.com)

## Restaurant Yoann Conte



Located in Veyrier du Lac, a small village next to Annecy, this restaurant was previously owned by the famous chef Marc Veyrat, who then let his

assistant taking over the restaurant with an

impressive result. This 5-star restaurant uses the products from the mountain, such as flowers, cheese and other flavours of the Alps, to create elegant, delicious and luxury dishes. A warm, elegant atmosphere with a lovely wooden furniture will complete your amazing culinary experience.

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Address: 13, Vieille Route des Pensières, Veyrier

Opening hours: 12:00-13:00 19:00-20:30

Phone: +33 4 50 09 97 49

Internet: [www.yoann-conte.com](http://www.yoann-conte.com)

Email: [contact@yoann-conte.com](mailto:contact@yoann-conte.com)

More Info:

[www.yoann-conte.com/en/dining-and-ambience\\_1\\_56.aspx](http://www.yoann-conte.com/en/dining-and-ambience_1_56.aspx)

### Une Autre Histoire



Une Autre Histoire is situated close by the highly touristic streets in Annecy and is a popular restaurant among both locals and tourist, due to the high quality food at very reasonable prices. The professional staff serves the French food in a warm and cosy environment.

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Address: 26 Rue Royale, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 63 31 16

Internet: [www.une-autre-histoire.com](http://www.une-autre-histoire.com)

More Info: Booking & Opening hours:

[www.une-autre-histoire.com/reservations-restaurant-annecy](http://www.une-autre-histoire.com/reservations-restaurant-annecy)

### Le Fréti



In the heart of the old town, this restaurant welcomes its visitors with a good smell. Le Fréti is specialised in all types of French cheesy dishes: its menu features more than 10 different fondues, "raclette" and some good cold cuts to accompany

the main dishes.

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Address: 12 Rue Sainte-Claire, Annecy

### Le Denti



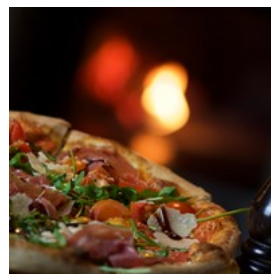
Don't be repelled by the distance to go to this restaurant: even if it is a bit far from the old town, you won't be disappointed by the excellence of its cuisine. Hold by a young couple who loves fish, especially common dentex, a fish from the Mediterranean Sea, this restaurant uses fresh ingredients to create delicious dishes and has become a trendy place in Annecy.

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Address: 25bis Avenue de Loverchy, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 64 21 17

### The Little Italy



As the name suggests, this is an Italian restaurant serving pizza and other specialities, and some even claims that it serves the best pizza in town. The chef prepares only uses fresh products, homemade pizza dough and the best ingredients for the topping. It is advisable to book in advance, as the restaurant tends to get really busy.

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Address: 16 Rue Sainte Claire, Annecy

Opening hours: 12:00-14:00 19:00-22:00

Phone: +33 4 50 52 92 78

More Info: Closed on Tuesdays and Wednesdays



### L'Azimuth 45



This little gem is located out of the main touristy zone of Annecy and offers superb, authentic French food accompanied with good wine. The price is fair for the quality of food serving and, also, there is an outdoor seating where you can enjoy your mouth-watering food.

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Address: 9 Avenue du Rhône, Annecy  
Phone: +33 4 50 05 41 82  
Email: lazimuth45@outlook.fr

### Le Bilboquet



Bilboquet has a quiet and non-touristy atmosphere, and everything here is done with such attention to detail. The superb food, the great wine list, the ambience and the brilliant service make people come back for more. It is definitely worth a visit, although it might be a bit pricey.

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Address: 14 Faubourg Sainte-Claire, Annecy  
Phone: +33 4 50 45 21 68  
Internet: www.restaurant-lebilboquet.com

### 231 East St.



If you fancy a great burger, then this place might be something for you. Located in Annecy's old town, this restaurant provides an outside seating where you can enjoy some delicious burgers in the unique New York style, between the best in town, served by a friendly staff.

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Address: 9 Faubourg Sainte-Claire, Annecy  
Phone: +33 4 57 09 96 18  
Internet: www.231-east.fr  
More Info: Opening hours: www.231-east.fr/annecy

### Vinistrot



Vinistrot opened its doors in summer 2015 and serves their guest dishes that feature local and seasonal fare. The menu offers tapas dishes which are delicious and originally presented, and also reasonably priced.

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Address: 12 Rue Perrière, Annecy  
Phone: +33 4 50 45 51 76  
Email: vinistrot@gmail.com

### New Delhi



When dining at this family-owned restaurant, you will experience the real taste of Northern India in a warm and friendly atmosphere. At this tiny restaurant, most of the meals are baked in the "tandoor", a typical Indian terracotta oven.

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Address: 5 Rue de Frontenex, Annecy  
Phone: +33 4 50 46 56 04  
Internet: www.newdelhiannecey.com  
More Info: Open daily (Sundays on reservation)

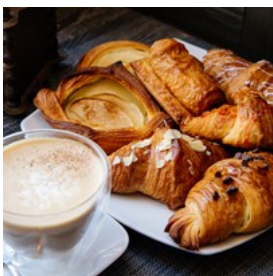
## CAFES



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Take a break from the daily stress and sunbathe while sitting in one of the lovely cafes of the city. Whether you choose a view over the lake, or of the old town, one thing is sure: you will love it.

### Café Bunna



Café Bunna is a tiny spot that you'll fall in love with the moment you walk through the door. Olaf, the owner of this cute cafe, and his wife will please you with an excellent coffee and cappuccino, along with some delicious food, from the French classic croque monsieur to rustic grilled sandwiches, homemade cakes and other kinds of tasty pastries.

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Address: 17 Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Annecy

Opening hours: 8:00-17:00 (Wednesday to Saturday)  
8:00-13:00 (Sunday)

Phone: +33 6 37 85 18 30

Internet: [www.cafebunna.com](http://www.cafebunna.com)

More Info: Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

### Pâtisserie Philippe Rigollot



World Champion of Pastry in 2005 and "Meilleur Ouvrier de France" (Best Worker in France) in 2007, Philippe Rigollot is a passionate pâtissier who welcomes you to his fantastic boutique and tearoom to offer you a mouth-watering experience. Enjoy the lovely atmosphere of this Parisian-style patisserie, a wonderful place for teatime, and lose yourself in a world of Macarons, chocolates and other exquisite homemade pastries.

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Address: 1 Place Georges Volland, Annecy

Opening hours: 8:00-19:00 (Monday to Saturday) 8:00-13:00 (Sunday)

Phone: +33 4 50 45 31 35

Internet: [www.philipperigollot.com](http://www.philipperigollot.com)

More Info: Closed on Wednesdays

### La Buvette du Marché



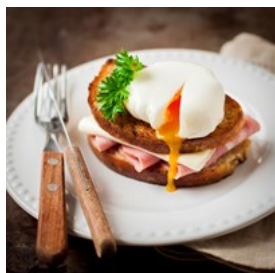
This little cafe is particularly popular among locals, who stop for breakfast or just a quick coffee especially on Sunday, when the market takes place. At the buvette (a French term that means a place, usually small, where beverages are sold) you will find simple but delicious breakfast foods such as cheese, cold cuts, baked products and homemade jam.

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Address: 20 Rue Sainte-Claire, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 45 02 23

### Les Palettes



The perfect address for a cappuccino or a brunch (remarkable is the salmon and mozzarella croque monsieur), this cafe & concept store entices

with delicious food and drinks and, most of all, a great location. After your break, pay a visit to the adjacent exclusive boutique: you'll find some great clothes and accessories to add to your collection.

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Address: 9 Rue Royale, Annecy

Opening hours: 10:00-19:00 (Tuesday to Saturday)

Phone: +33 4 50 27 77 17

Internet: [www.lespalettes.fr](http://www.lespalettes.fr)

Email: [aurore@lespalettes.fr](mailto:aurore@lespalettes.fr)

More Info: Closed on Mondays and Sundays

### Café des Arts



Because of its lovely location, many clients use to call this small cafe a "little paradise" and feel here like at their second home. Friendly staff, good

music (some nights, the cafe even hosts live bands just outside), a relaxed atmosphere and excellent food and drinks (particularly appreciated are the speculoos, typical cinnamon biscuits) will let you have a great time here.

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Address: 4 Passage de l'Île, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 51 56 40

### La Bicyclette Rose



The lovely cafe La Bicyclette Rose ("The Pink Bike") is a favourite for its excellent brunch - even considered the best in town - and regular

lunches. The friendly owners like to pamper visitors serving a good coffee in adorable cups and tea in cute little teapots, but also offer a large menu which includes several healthy options and delicious desserts (you should definitely try their "crème brûlée").

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Address: 29 Rue Sommeiller, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 05 16 51

Email: [brunchalabicyclette@gmail.com](mailto:brunchalabicyclette@gmail.com)

### Au Fidèle Berger



Every city has its emblematic cafe, and "Au Fidèle Berger" is definitely Annecy's.

With an old-fashioned charm, this chic and cosy

tearoom is the place to go if you want to try some delicious pastries, as well as the cafe's chocolate bells and "macarons".

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Address: 2 Rue Royale, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 45 00 32

Internet: [www.aufideleberger.fr](http://www.aufideleberger.fr)

Email: [au-fidèle-berger@orange.fr](mailto:au-fidèle-berger@orange.fr)

### Café Curt



Café Curt is a must-go both for breakfast and the aperitivo time. A friendly staff serves an excellent breakfast, as well as always new good beers

and a selection of cold cuts. Otherwise, if you visit Annecy in winter, you might want to come and try their hot wine to warm you up.

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Address: 35 Rue Sainte-Claire, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 56 71 36 41

Email: [cafecurt74@gmail.com](mailto:cafecurt74@gmail.com)

## BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Annecy's night life offers you lots of trendy and popular bars. Good music, tasty drinks, all is gathered to make you enjoy your night out. From high-tech dance clubs to rock bars, there is always something that fits your mood.

### La Queue du Coq



La Queue du Coq is, without any doubt, the best cocktail bar in town. The friendly staff serve an impressive selection of exquisite cocktails and

are also happy to share some recipes with guests. Have a great time in a relaxed atmosphere and admire the bartenders preparing their original creations.

Photo: cdrin/Shutterstock.com

Address: 10 Rue Vaugelas, Annecy

Phone: +33 9 81 26 95 00

Email: [hello@laqueueducoq.com](mailto:hello@laqueueducoq.com)

### Beer O'Clock



Beer O'Clock is an easy-going, tech-savvy bar where, in order to benefit from the numerous brews on offer, you have to buy credit on a magnetic card through a computer device at the counter, then choose a glass and help yourself at the different beer taps. This cool, modern concept let you taste different flavours, and you can always ask for some cold cuts if you get hungry after tasting some craft beers.

Photo: michelangelo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 18 Faubourg Sainte-Claire, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 65 83 78

### Les Caves du Château



On your way to the castle, you can stop at this lovely bar hidden in a cobbled street. This little establishment, specialised in wine, is a gem with a wooden decor that offers a nice selection of French wines, cold cuts and a view of the castle, from its outside.

Photo: Ramon L. Farinos/Shutterstock.com

Address: 6 Rampe du Château, Annecy

Phone: +33 9 51 17 29 98

### Fitzgerald Club



Join a party in Gatsby's style at the Fitzgerald Club, a cosy, intimate cabaret bar with a lovey decor and a friendly staff. Magicians, dancers and musicians will keep you entertained in the crazy atmosphere of the Roaring Twenties and, if you

feel hungry, you can also order small dishes to accompany your drinks.

Photo: Wallenrock/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 21 Rue Vaugelas, Annecy  
Phone: +33 6 59 67 28 24  
Email: club.fitzgerald@gmail.com

### Captain Pub



A friendly staff awaits you in this gloomy-looking, yet welcoming Irish pub, with its relaxing atmosphere, good rock music, excellent beers and local cheese and cold cuts. Its menu also features great food such as burgers, fish and chips, mussels and stews, as well as several Savoyard specialities.

Photo: Joshua Resnick/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 11 Rue Pont Morens, Annecy  
Opening hours: 11:00-2:30  
Phone: +33 4 50 45 79 80  
Internet: www.captain-pub.fr  
Email: captainpub74@gmail.com  
More Info: Closed on Tuesdays

### La Cave



If you want to discover and taste some fine French wines, then you should head to La Cave, a small wine bar close to the city centre. The good selection made by the owners can be combined very well with the assortment of cheese and French cold cuts.

Photo: Krilerg saragorn/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 8 Rue du Pâquier, Annecy  
Phone: +33 4 50 66 41 90  
Internet: www.barlacave.fr  
Email: contact@barlacave.fr

### Pop Plage



The Pop Plage is one of the most popular clubs in Annecy and boasts a cool location with a beautiful view over the lake. It is a favourite among youngsters, as it regularly organise student parties, but it also hosts several hip-hop nights which appeal to a wider audience.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 30 Avenue d'Albigny, Annecy  
Phone: +33 4 50 19 19 73  
Internet: www.popplage.com

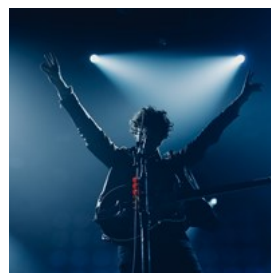
### Finn Kelly's



In the heart of the old town, Le Finn Kelly's is an authentic Irish pub that offers a good selection of beers and eventually organises funny events. It is a great place to start a night out: there you can borrow a table game or play table football, perhaps watching a football or rugby match on screen, and also meet new people, as this is a popular hangout among youngsters.

Photo: Nestor Rizhniak/Shutterstock.com  
Address: 10 Faubourg des Annonciades, Annecy  
Phone: +33 4 50 51 29 40  
Internet: www.finnkellys.com

### Le Brise Glace



Annecy can break its bourgeois and quiet image and reveal its wildness at Le Brise Glace, a concert hall mixing well-known bands

and open scenes, where small bands and amateurs can have their show. Fresh and young, Le Brise Glace gives you the guarantee to spend a great evening.

Photo: kondrukhov/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 54bis Rue des Marquisats, Annecy  
 Phone: +33 4 50 33 65 10  
 Internet: [www.le-brise-glace.com](http://www.le-brise-glace.com)  
 More Info: Upcoming shows information:  
[www.le-brise-glace.com/programmation/a-venir](http://www.le-brise-glace.com/programmation/a-venir)

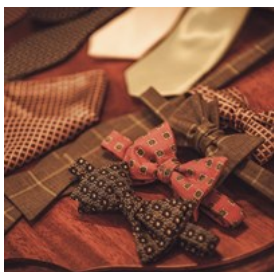
## SHOPPING



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Shopping in Annecy involves luxury stores but also local artists' works of art. From fashion stores to cheese and wine boutiques, small souvenirs shops and artisan workshops, all the finest goods in Haute Savoie can be found there.

### Galleries Lafayette



This iconic, luxury shopping brand, founded in Paris in the early 1920s, has now many locations worldwide and is also in Annecy. Here, you can find all the finest fashion brands, such as Ralph Lauren, Armani, Burberry, Hermès, Dolce & Gabbana and Valentino. It also houses decoration and jewellery stores.

Photo: Nejron Photo/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 25 Avenue du Parmelan, Annecy  
 Opening hours: 10:00-19:30 (Monday to Friday) 10:00-20:00 (Saturday)  
 Phone: +33 4 50 33 82 12  
 Internet: [www.gallerieslafayette.com/magasin-annecy](http://www.gallerieslafayette.com/magasin-annecy)  
 More Info: Closed on Sundays

### The Old Town



Stroll around the Old Town's streets and you will discover a lot of small shops under the arcades and the gates, for any style and any budget.

Mid-range and expensive designers gather there, as well as numerous artisan boutiques and workshops.

Photo: LittleMiss/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: The Old Town, Annecy

### Chapellerie Pochat



During their honeymoon, right after the end of WWII, Jean-Pierre and Renée Pochat learnt the art of hat manufacturing and took over a hat

workshop in Annecy, their hometown, which the Burdin family had run for more than 40 years. Today, in this century-old shop, you can find the most exquisite hat you have ever dreamt. Its large choice and excellent quality make this traditional and authentic boutique a must-go.

Photo: Chekunov Aleksandr/Shutterstock.com  
 Address: 23 Place Notre Dame, Annecy

### Fromagerie Pierre Gay



Founded in 1935, the Fromagerie Gay has become an institution in Annecy and is the heaven of cheese-lovers. Pierre Gay, the cheese maker

who has run his grandparents' store since 1982, was voted "Meilleur Ouvrier de France" (Best Worker in France) in 2011, and now selects and offers only the very best Savoyard cheeses, even the ones that are not the most popular: if you want to taste the exquisite flavours of Reblochon, Chevrotin, Beaufort, Bleu and all the different goat "tommes" (an Alpine cheese), you should definitely pay him a visit.

Photo: Julia Kuznetsova/Shutterstock.com

Address: 47 Rue Carnot, Annecy

Opening hours: 10:00-12:00 14:00-18:00 (Monday)

8:00-19:00 (Tuesday to Saturday)

Phone: +33 4 50 45 07 29

Internet: pierre-gay.business.site

More Info: Closed on Sundays

### Le Tétrás



This lovely shop abounding of treasures is found in the heart of the city, in an old street full of fascinating artisan boutiques selling

handicrafts. Here, traditional pottery is beautifully presented to form a colourful ambience, from mugs to pitchers, vases, pots and oven dishes.

Photo: StudioPortoSabbia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2 Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Annecy

### Courier Shopping Centre



This shopping mall includes around 50 shops, from fashion to food, through books and decoration. You will find both French brands and multinational stores, such as H&M or Sephora. Its innovative design and its open glass canopy are also the scene for art exhibitions.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: 65 Rue Carnot, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 46 46 76

Internet: courier.klepierre.fr

More Info: Opening hours:

courier.klepierre.fr/Horaires-Acces

### Atelier du Fleuriste



Atelier du Floriste, an astonishing flower boutique in activity since 1996, talented designers will create the most creative and beautiful

bouquets to satisfy every desire of yours.

Whether you need a bouquet or another kind of creation, at the Atelier du Fleuriste you will get the highest quality work, always in the respect of the environment.

Photo: melnikof/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11 Rue de la République, Annecy

Phone: +33 4 50 45 00 10

Internet: www.atelier-du-fleuriste.com

Email: info@atelier-du-fleuriste.com

### Bruno Meyer Chocolatier



Founded in 1985 by Louis and Huguette Meyer, this "chocolaterie" is a heaven for all the chocolate-lovers. The homemade sweets you

will find here are based on chocolate coming from all corners of the world and carefully selected by Bruno Meyer and his team.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 4 Place Saint-François de Sales, Annecy

Opening hours: 9:00-19:00 (Tuesday to Saturday)

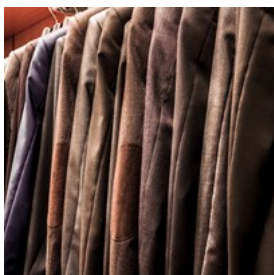
Phone: +33 4 50 45 12 08

Internet: [www.chocolatier-annecy.com](http://www.chocolatier-annecy.com)

Email: [chocolatier.annecy@wanadoo.fr](mailto:chocolatier.annecy@wanadoo.fr)

More Info: Closed on Mondays and Sundays

### La Montagne de Bas



A very old and old-fashioned store which sells socks, underwears, pyjamas and work clothes. It is also the place to find typical

vintage clothes, such as beret, flannel shirts or hunter jackets. Even the decoration is dated, with its wooden shelves and storage holders.

Photo: Vitylia/Shutterstock.com

Address: 22 Rue Filaterie, Annecy

### Pas de Samedi sans Bigoudi



Born as a handmade jewellery atelier, this unusual store features the beautiful creations of some talented young jewels and other

accessories designers. These colourful collections, made in Annecy, include accessories such as handbags, jewels and "foulards".

Photo: Oleg Mitkevych/Shutterstock.com

Address: 1 Passage Nemours, Annecy

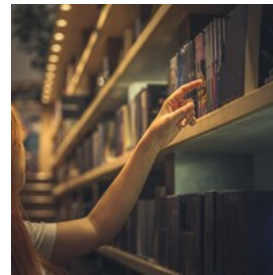
Opening hours: 10:30-13:00 14:30-19:30 (Wednesday to Sunday)

Phone: +33 9 81 42 41 29

Internet: [www.pasdesamedisansbigoudi.fr](http://www.pasdesamedisansbigoudi.fr)

More Info: Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays

### La Procure



This lovely old bookshop offers the best of French literature, as well as Savoyard humanities and religious books. The wise advice of the staff makes

this bookshop a key boutique in Annecy. Moreover, the location of La Procure is interesting if you want to take charming photographs.

Photo: godshutter/Shutterstock.com

Address: 3 Rue Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Annecy

Opening hours: 14:00-19:00 (Monday) 9:30-12:30

13:30-19:00 (Tuesday to Friday) 9:30-19:00 (Saturday)

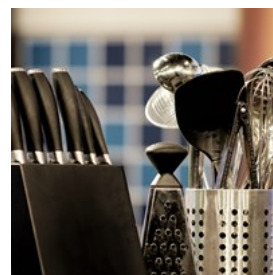
Phone: +33 4 50 45 25 95

Internet: [www.laprocure.com](http://www.laprocure.com)

Email: [librairie.annecy@laprocure.com](mailto:librairie.annecy@laprocure.com)

More Info: Annecy location: [www.laprocure.com/les-librairies-la-procure/procure-etincelles-35.html](http://www.laprocure.com/les-librairies-la-procure/procure-etincelles-35.html)

### Trouble Obsessionnel Culinaire



France is the country of love, wine and also food. TOC - or "Obsessive Culinary Disorder" - is the boutique where you can give free rein to your

passion and find the best accessories to help you. From molecular cuisine to the very basics, the team will know to answer all of your questions.

Photo: finchfocus/Shutterstock.com

Address: 11 Rue Vaugelas, Annecy

Opening hours: 10:00-19:00 (Monday to Saturday)

Phone: +33 4 50 45 99 84



Internet: [www.toc.fr](http://www.toc.fr)  
More Info: Closed on Sundays

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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### Passport/Visa



France can be visited visa-free for up to 90 days by citizens of Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Malaysia, Israel, UAE and

most countries in America. If you are unsure whether or not you need to apply for a visa, we recommend contacting the embassy or consulate in your country.

International (non-Schengen) travelers need a passport that is valid for at least 3 months after the end of their intended trip in order to enter the Schengen zone. Citizens of Schengen countries, instead, can travel without a passport, but must have a valid ID with them during their stay.

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### Best Time to Visit



No matter what time of the year you decide to visit this city, the "Venice of the Alps" will let you capture the beauty of its history and nature in

each season. Many towns close to Annecy house winter sports resorts and open their doors in winter, so if you're interested in coming to the region for skiing on the French side of the Alps, you should definitely choose the cold season. Otherwise, if cold and skiing are not your thing, consider planning your trip in spring: even if summer means the best days in terms of weather (also, the lake is at its warmest), it is also when tourism is at its peak, so you'd do better coming in spring to enjoy the city on foot and admire the beautiful flowers blooming all along the canals.

Annecy also has a bustling cultural scene, whose offer covers the whole year. The two main summer events are the Lake Festival ([www.lac-annecy.com/fete-et-manifestation/1/209349-fete-du-lac.html](http://www.lac-annecy.com/fete-et-manifestation/1/209349-fete-du-lac.html)), a spectacular pyrotechnic show over the lake, and the International Animation Film Festival ([www.annecy.org](http://www.annecy.org)), held respectively in August and June. If you come in the fall season, don't miss the chance to see the "Déscente des Alpes": every year in October, farmers take their livestock down from the mountains to the streets of the centre, where a number of artisans and farmers display and sell their products, and folk bands play all day. Another popular occurrence is the Venetian Carnival, which is very similar to the one in Venice and takes place between February and March. Finally, also in winter, the iconic Annecy Christmas Market ([www.marchedenoelannecy.com](http://www.marchedenoelannecy.com)) in the old town, held between the end of November and the beginning of January, is a must-see for visitors,

who love to stroll along the canals in a magical atmosphere, and enjoy delicious local food or handicrafts.

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## Genève Aéroport



Annecy is served by Geneva Airport, situated less than 50 kilometres from the city centre. You can reach the airport, or travel from there to

Annecy in several ways.

The first option is renting a car. There are several car rental companies in the airport where you can rent one, but if you decide to return it to the French sector you may be asked to pay an additional fee (same thing happens if you rent a car in the French sector and you return it to the Swiss one). Some of the companies at the airport are Avis ([www.avis.ch](http://www.avis.ch)), Budget ([www.budget.ch](http://www.budget.ch)), Europcar ([www.europcar.ch](http://www.europcar.ch)) and Hertz ([www.hertz.ch](http://www.hertz.ch)). Here you find more information about car rental companies:  
[www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-72](http://www.gva.ch/en/desktopdefault.aspx/tabid-72).

Buses also operate regularly to connect Geneva Airport to Annecy (as well as other French cities and winter sports resorts). If you search for a bus ([www.gva.ch/en/Portaldata/1/Resources/fichiers/voyageurs/Cars\\_lignes\\_r\\_guli\\_res\\_GeneveAeroport.pdf](http://www.gva.ch/en/Portaldata/1/Resources/fichiers/voyageurs/Cars_lignes_r_guli_res_GeneveAeroport.pdf)), you will need to take a Transalis one (line T72), with many departures each day from the airport.

Otherwise, you can also take one of the regular trains departing from Geneva-Cornavin Station (in the city centre), which you can reach in 6

minutes with one of the trains departing (5 times per hour) from the airport. SNCF ([www.voyages-sncf.com](http://www.voyages-sncf.com)) is the company that manages the railway service.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Route de l'Aéroport 21, Grand-Saconnex

Phone: +41 2 27 17 71 11

Internet: [www.gva.ch](http://www.gva.ch)

## Public Transport



SIBRA ([www.sibra.fr](http://www.sibra.fr)) runs the local transport system and links, with an efficient bus service, the communes of the Grand Annecy. Tickets

([www.sibra.fr/voyages-occasionnels](http://www.sibra.fr/voyages-occasionnels)) can be purchased from the stations, the tourist information office and in kiosks ([www.sibra.fr/points-de-vente](http://www.sibra.fr/points-de-vente)), and travel cards are also available in these shops. The Espace SIBRA (21 Rue de la Gare) is the main transport information office, it opens 6 days a week and is close to the SNCF station.

The same company also offer a bike rental service, called Vélonecy ([www.sibra.fr/velonecy](http://www.sibra.fr/velonecy)): more than 200 bikes can be rented and used to move around the city in the respect of the environment. You can choose between classic bikes, electric bikes and folding bikes (very quick to set up), and even if renting one daily, weekly or monthly, depending on how much you want to stay in Annecy (more information: [www.velonecy.com](http://www.velonecy.com) / [infos@velonecy.com](mailto:infos@velonecy.com)).

An alternative to SIBRA to stroll around Annecy city centre is the rental company Roul'ma Poule ([www.annecy-location-velo.com](http://www.annecy-location-velo.com)), with two shops (in Annecy and Annecy-le-Vieux). There you can rent not only bikes (classic, electric or tandem

bikes), but also rollers ([www.annecy-location-velo.com/en/roller-rental-annecy](http://www.annecy-location-velo.com/en/roller-rental-annecy)), kayaks ([www.annecy-location-velo.com/en/kayak-paddle-rental-annecy-le-vieux](http://www.annecy-location-velo.com/en/kayak-paddle-rental-annecy-le-vieux)) and paddle boards ([www.annecy-location-velo.com/en/paddle-boards-rental-annecy-le-vieux](http://www.annecy-location-velo.com/en/paddle-boards-rental-annecy-le-vieux)), for an amazing tour of the lake.

Roul'ma Poule (Annecy)  
4 Rue des Marquisats, Annecy  
+33 4 50 27 86 83 / [info@roulmapoule.com](mailto:info@roulmapoule.com)  
[www.facebook.com/RoulMaPouleAnnecy](http://www.facebook.com/RoulMaPouleAnnecy)

Roul'ma Poule (Annecy-le-Vieux)  
47 Avenue du Petit Port, Annecy-le-Vieux  
+33 4 50 23 31 15 / [info2@roulmapoule.com](mailto:info2@roulmapoule.com)

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair  
Address: 21 Rue de la Gare, Annecy  
Opening hours: 7:30-19:00 (Monday to Friday) 9:00-12:00  
14:00-17:00 (Saturday)  
Phone: +33 4 50 10 04 04  
Internet: [www.sibra.fr](http://www.sibra.fr)  
Email: [sibra@sibra.fr](mailto:sibra@sibra.fr)

## Taxi



Taxis can be hailed at stands or along the street, but they can be hard to find, especially on Friday and Saturday evenings. Always make

sure that the driver has a regular licence, before hailing one.

GIE Taxis d'Annecy  
+33 4 50 45 05 67  
[www.taxi-annecy.net](http://www.taxi-annecy.net)  
[annecytaxi@orange.fr](mailto:annecytaxi@orange.fr)

Bardet Taxi  
+33 6 75 13 79 28  
[www.bardet-taxi.com](http://www.bardet-taxi.com)

Annecienne de Taxis & Transports  
+33 6 32 48 32 43  
[www.annecienne-taxis-transports.fr](http://www.annecienne-taxis-transports.fr)  
[att.taxi@orange.fr](mailto:att.taxi@orange.fr)

Actuel Taxi 74  
+33 6 98 83 75 75 / +33 4 50 08 08 90  
[www.actueltaxi74.com](http://www.actueltaxi74.com)  
[accueil@aerotaxiannecy.com](mailto:accueil@aerotaxiannecy.com)

## Post Office



Stamps are available from kiosks and news agents. For mail overseas, it is advisable to visit a post office. Here you will find more

information about the main post office, "La Poste - Annecy Cité du Lac", based at 1 Rue de la Poste: [www.laposte.fr/particulier/outils/trouver-un-bureau-de-poste/bureau-detail/annecy-cite-du-lac/13991A](http://www.laposte.fr/particulier/outils/trouver-un-bureau-de-poste/bureau-detail/annecy-cite-du-lac/13991A).

Photo: Andy Fuchs  
Address: 1 Rue de la Poste, Annecy  
Internet: [www.laposte.fr](http://www.laposte.fr)  
More Info: [www.laposte.fr/particulier/outils/trouver-un-bureau-de-poste/bureau-detail/annecy-cite-du-lac/13991A](http://www.laposte.fr/particulier/outils/trouver-un-bureau-de-poste/bureau-detail/annecy-cite-du-lac/13991A)

## Pharmacy



The pharmacies open until late and are recognisable by a green cross on the front facade. Here you find 3 big pharmacies in

Annecy:

Pharmacie du Lac  
+33 4 50 45 26 41  
15 Rue de la Préfecture, Annecy

[www.pharmacie-du-lac-annecy.com](http://www.pharmacie-du-lac-annecy.com)

#### Pharmacie Centrale

+33 4 50 45 02 19

30 Rue Sommeiller, Annecy

[www.pharmacie-centrale-annecy.fr](http://www.pharmacie-centrale-annecy.fr)

#### Pharmacie du Buisson

+33 4 50 23 13 36

18 Clos du Buisson, Annecy-le-Vieux

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

Photo: Gemma Garner

### Telephone



Country code: 33 Area  
code: 4

Photo: Jardson Almeida

### Electricity



220/240 V AC, 50Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

### Population

City centre: around 55,000 / Urban area: 234,085 (2015)

### Currency

Euro (EUR) € 1 = 100 cents

### Opening hours

Shops in Annecy generally open from 9:00 to 19:00 (Monday to Saturday), but the smaller ones may close between 12:00 and 14:00 and remain closed on Mondays. On Sundays and public holidays, every shop is closed. Supermarkets opening times may differ depending on the neighbourhood.

### Newspapers

Le Dauphiné Libéré  
L'Essor Savoyard  
Le Messager

### Emergency numbers

112 or 115: Emergency

117: Police

118: Fire brigade

### Tourist information

Office du Tourisme

Lac d'Annecy - Tourisme & Congrès

+33 4 50 45 00 33

1 Rue Jean Jaurès, Annecy

[www.lac-annecy.com](http://www.lac-annecy.com)

[www.facebook.com/lacannecy.tourisme](https://www.facebook.com/lacannecy.tourisme)

Opening hours: [www.lac-annecy.com/commerce-et-service/1/476259-office-de-tourisme-du-lac-d-annecy.html](http://www.lac-annecy.com/commerce-et-service/1/476259-office-de-tourisme-du-lac-d-annecy.html)