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Gastronomic heritage, verdant parks and a wealth of local markets, Lyon has everything you need and more for a vibrant weekend.

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▲ Restaurant Paul Bocuse

40 Quai de la Plage, 69660 Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or – www.bocuse.fr Hailed as the temple of French gastronomy, Restaurant Paul Bocuse continues to uphold the famous *Nouvelle Cuisine* associated with the late chef. Bocuse's love of Lyon (his hometown) and time-honored recipes combined with the best of ingredients and immaculate service, continue his legacy as one of the world's most famous chefs. The famous black truffle soup — created for a presidential dinner in 1975 — is a must-try!



▲ Les Apothicaires

23 rue de Sèze, 69006 – www.lesapothicairesrestaurant.com Headed by a husband and wife team that are as dynamic as they are talented, Tabata (see "Her Little Black Book," p84) and Ludovic Mey are bright stars on the Lyon food scene. Les Apothicaires — which was awarded a prestigious Michelin star in 2020 — prides itself on creative but unfussy food in an atmosphere that feels like home. The pair have recently started a new project—Food Traboule at La Tour Rose (see "Quoi de Neuf," p118).

Chez Paul

11 Rue Major Martin, 69001 – www.bouchonchezpaul.fr Set in the center of Vieux Lyon, known for its signature neon facade signage, Chez Paul is one of the city's best-loved *bouchons*. Try one of its formula menus to experience a range of classic dishes — pork cheeks, *quenelles*, *crème caramel* each is an adventure into the heart of traditional Lyonnaise cuisine. Rest assured that you won't leave hungry!



▼La Bijouterie

16 Rue Hippolyte Flandrin, 69001 – www.labijouterierestaurant.fr

Led by a team of young, talented chefs, La Bijouterie (which translates to "jewelry shop") is indeed a gem of a restaurant. Inspired by travel, authenticity and a thirst for sharing new experiences, the inventive menu is supported by a backbone of local producers offering the best of their seasonal produce. The restaurant only offers tasting menus; it's a great way to be guided through a revolutionary dining experience.





▲ MiHotel Tour Rose

22 Rue du Bœuf, 69005 – www.mihotel.fr MiHotel, an up-and-coming chain of chic suites in Lyon designed to give maximum freedom and comfort to guests, has added La Tour Rose in Vieux Lyon to its name. With 12 luxury suites to choose from, it is an ideal place to be based right in the heart of the old city quarter. Each has been designed with a unique and stylish ambience

by some of the best interior architects in France.

Villa Maïa 🕨

8 Rue Pierre Marion, 69005 www.villa-maia.com On the Fourvière hill, not far from the Roman theater ruins, lies Villa Maïa, a 5-star hotel conceived by a group of the world's most renowned interior, architecture and landscape designers. Yves Saint-Laurent, Princess Caroline of Monaco, Château de Versailles — to name a few — certainly aren't shabby associations! Each of the 37 rooms and suites are the epitome of chic relaxation, as is the Roman-style spa decorated in sublime white marble.



▼InterContinental[®] Lyon – Hotel Dieu

20 Quai Jules Courmont, 69002 www.lyon.intercontinental.com

One of the grandest hotels in Lyon, you can't miss this sprawling building situated next to the river Rhône. Built and used as a hospital during the Middle Ages, more than 800 years of history have passed through its walls. Today, it's 5-star excellence all the way with 35 suites and 144 rooms envisaged by the luxury hotel designer, Jean-Philippe Nuel.



▼ Hotel Abbaye

20 Rue de l'Abbaye d'Ainay, 69002 www.hotelabbayelyon.com

In the heart of Lyon's *presqu'île*, a few minutes from the Place de Bellecour, lies the authentic and charming Hotel Abbaye. Its historic facade leaves little clue to what's inside — 20 comfortable and spacious rooms divided into three different themes: "70s," "raw-style" and "cocooning." For dining, try out the hotel's celebrated restaurant, l'Artichaut.

