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TRAVEL on the Rhine-Rhône canal IN COMPLETE SAFETY

» LOCKS

On the Rhine-Rhône Canal, most of the locks are automatic and easy to operate via a **remote control**.



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THE REMOTE CONTROL:

- from your boat hire company
- from the Besançon office of VNF
- at one end of the canal to be handed back at the other:
lock No.75 at St. Symphorien and lock No.8 at Allenjoie

WHEN PASSING THROUGH A LOCK:

- life jackets are compulsory for all persons on the deck
- children under 16 must remain inside the boat
- in addition to the compulsory lifejacket, anyone handling mooring lines should wear gloves to avoid rope burns
- the boat's engine must be running and in neutral (out of gear)
- never block a mooring line during the lock crossing: lines must be allowed to slide freely

Never park the boat in a lock.

» HOW TO USE THE REMOTE CONTROL

If you are going **upstream** (against the current), press 1 and confirm with the OK button.

If you are going **downstream** (with the current), press 2 and confirm with the OK button.

An **orange light** will blink beneath the lock's traffic lights to confirm you have been detected.

Pressing "**Stop**" interrupts the gate movement and the valves. To restart the cycle, press OK.



» SPECIAL PASSAGES

Thoraize tunnel
Tarragnoz tunnel

Lifejackets are compulsory when passing through tunnels and the boat's navigation lights must be turned on.

Keep an electric hand lamp handy.

Rancenay double locks:
cross these just like a standard lock, following the same rules. Leave the first lock then enter the second.

Saint Paul manually operated
lock at Besançon: the same requirements apply as for a standard lock.



» EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Paramedics
15

Fire brigade
112

Police
17

Monitoring post
03 84 82 28 71

VNF
0 800 863 000

FURTHER INFORMATION

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» MAIN NAVIGATION SIGNS



PROHIBITION



No way through



No overtaking



No crossing or overtaking



No parking



No mooring



Do not create wash



No passage outside the indicated area

INDICATION



Passage in either direction



Passage in indicated direction only. Passage in opposite direction prohibited



Keep within the indicated area

RESTRICTION



Depth limit



Height limit



Stay 40m away from right bank

ORDER



Compulsory direction



Keep left (port)



Keep right (starboard)



Speed limit in km/h



Sound your horn



Stay on your guard

PRIORITY



Waterways encountered are considered secondary to current waterway



Current waterway is considered secondary to waterway encountered

» MAP

