

INDEPENDENT CHALLENGE TOUR



📍 Stop for a drink in Eppesses



Day 2:

Geneva → Chexbres



Distance:

86 Kilometers



Climbing:

770 Meters

Points of Interest:

- ★ **Rolle:** Beautiful promenade in Rolle
- ★ **St. Prex:** Interesting medieval village with lovely port
- ★ **Morges:** Great pedestrian street
- ★ **Lausanne:** Exciting lakefront, ice cream, terrasses
- ★ **Maison des Vignerons**



Vineyards of Epesses

RideWithGPS will get you out of town and onto the lake road. You'll be going straight and following the lake for a long while (17.5 km) before finally taking a left towards Celigny. From here you'll discover more interesting countryside. Celigny is a good place for a bathroom break. Look for Route 1 signs in town to help you orient yourself.

Take a break in Rolle. There are supermarkets and bakeries on the main street. Behind the main street is the lake and promenade. There's also a café with a large terrace...enjoy their bathrooms located just inside the door. Again, all of locations are easy to identify on the RWGPS application. You can simply touch the icon and an image and more information may display.

It's a 300 meter climb to Chexbres. The ride is beautiful, but a bit of a challenge. You could continue to Vevey and take the train to Chexbres. This won't save you any time or kilometers, but you'll get out of climbing.

On the climb to Chexbres you will be going through beautiful vineyards and have the lake below. The whole area is a UNESCO world heritage site. You will begin the ascent into the vineyards after the town of Lutry. Keep an eye on the GPS.



Smooth but steep!

During the climb, you'll pass through the town of Epesses. I suggest stopping in the Maison des Vignerons for a glass of wine. Their cave is quite impressive. It's open from 5pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday and open every day from 5pm in July, August and September.

You will have to pass through the town of Chexbres to get to the hotel. Look for small yellow signs pointing the direction to various hotels Your hotel is on the Route de Chardonne. Once you get on the Route de Chardonne, be careful...you will be going downhill and might miss the hotel. It is on your left. You will leave your bikes in the hotel's underground parking.

The restaurant at the hotel is moderately priced and has great views. However, there are 3 or 4 other restaurants in town. Ask the reception about the short-cut (a path behind the hotel; ...you don't need to walk on the street you rode in on.)

And if you haven't already tasted the wine, make sure you get yourself a bottle of the local stuff this evening.