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## The road of the fishermen

The road of the fishermen is the heart of our village ...

This paved alleyway, bordered by tall houses made from cut stone is the oldest road in the village of Meillerie. It is here that we meet children, adults – young and old, and where the fishermen bustle about with the manufacture, maintenance and drying of their fish nets.

The Imperial Route ..

In order to open a passage for his artillery, Napoleon had created a route linking Paris to the Col du Simplon.

This passed by the Col de la Faucille and naturally through Meillerie. Work started in 1801 and ended in 1810; it cost 8 million Francs.

On each side of Meillerie, in former times, the mountainside, which came practically vertically to the lake, blocked the way and there was hardly any space for a narrow path. Thanks to the prodigious work of the engineers, a route 26 feet wide was established along the flanks of the mountainside.

... This became Route Nationale 5, then Route Departmental 1005.

One souvenir of the work from this time is the imperial crown, which can be found on a door lintel of one of the houses in the road of the fishermen. At the time of Napoleon this house was an auberge.





Beside the lake, the houses were right on the beach.

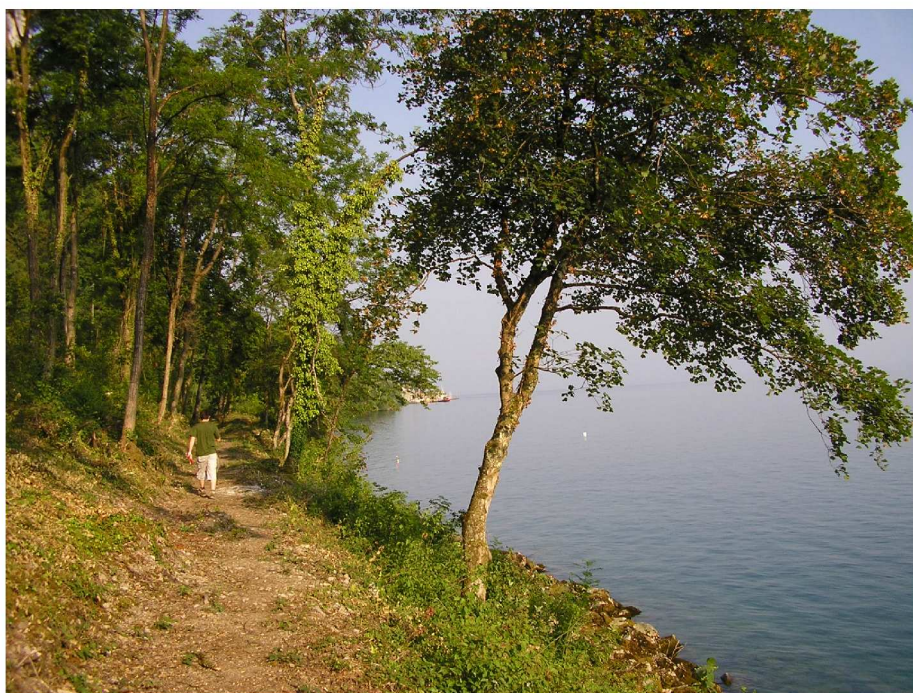
It was not until 1880 that the first part of the quay was created. It would need to wait until 1935 for the quay Marin Jacquier, named after the Mayor of the time, to be extended up to the landing stage; this also protected the facades of the buildings from the waves of Lac Leman.

The pleasure port and the lakeside houses were made a "Site Inscrit" (similar to a Site of Special Interest) on 6 June 1946.



The route of the watermen (Bacounis)

When following the way towards the hamlet of Locum you will find the ancient Imperial Route. You will discover the wall of cut stone beside the lake, as well as a kilometer stone. The RD 1005 was much modified for use by cars, but it was the creation of the railway (opened in 1886) which necessitated a change in the line of the road and left forgotten his small portion of the original route.



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