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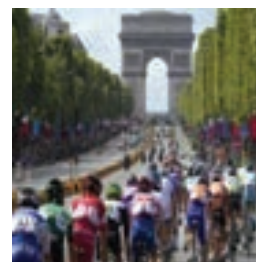
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***LIVE YOUR PASSION FOR CYCLING ON OUR TOURS,
YOU ARE MORE THAN JUST A SPECTATOR***

10 days, 7 nights in 4* hotels and 2 nights in 3* hotels on half-board basis

Start: Lyon, **Finish:** Paris

Tour de France viewings: 7

Staff: 3

It can still surprise! The 2015 Tour de France route was designed with the intention of breaking away from tradition. The plains, mountains and time trial are clearly included in the 102th edition... but in unprecedented proportions and with nuances susceptible of upsetting pre-established plans.

For its 102th edition, the Tour de France offers its riders a challenge that invites daring and will leave its television viewers in a state of uncertainty regarding the scenarios to consider. The premise of suspense and indecision has indeed been favored; the questioning of non-written regulations that can often weigh on the race is gone. Also, the riders will only have 14 kilometres of individual time trial to show their stuff, making it the shortest distance since its systematic inclusion in 1947. "The desire is to not hold up the race", said Christian Prudhomme, getting rid of rules and dogmas of all kinds. When the first portion of the 2015 Tour takes the peloton from Utrecht and The Netherlands to the heart of Brittany, passing by the landmarks of the Spring Classics or along the Normandy coast, the Tour boss sees much more than a long week of flatlands: "Do not imagine that it will be a nagging procession. With arrivals like the 'Mur de Huy', the Paris-Roubaix cobblestones, Mûr de Bretagne or even the atypical team trial at Plumelec, the Tour de France can be played out anywhere".

During the most important stages of the Tour, our 10 day package will enable you to fully enjoy the excitement and the spectacle that is the Tour de France. We take you into the heart of the Tour with the knowledge and experience that can only be provided by a former Tour rider.

The week you will experience will be spectacular and rich in emotion as you will not only challenge yourself, but you will also be in the heat of the Tour action. This tour package, assembled by Kathy Watt Cycling, will provide you with an unbeatable experience.



Highlights:

- Climb the mythical Pra Loup, La Toussuire Alpe d'Huez and experience the crowd's enthusiast cheering
- Attend the start in Saint Jean de Maurienne,
- Attend the finish in Gap, Saint Jean de Maurienne, La Toussuire, Alpe d'Huez and Paris,
- Ride on the picturesque routes of the Alps
- Be in the heart of a feeding station
- Watch the spectacle of the Publicity Caravan



The Tour de France stages you will see:

Sunday, July 19th:

Stage 15: Mende / Valence = 182 km

Monday, July 20th:

Stage 16: Bourg de Péage / Gap = 201, km

Wednesday, July 22nd:

Stage 17: Digne les Bains / Pra Loup = 161 km

Thursday, July 23rd:

Stage 18: Gap / Saint Jean de Maurienne = 185 km

Friday, July 24th:

Stage 19: Saint Jean de Maurienne / La Toussuire: 138 km

Saturday, July 25th:

Stage 20: Modane / Alpe d'Huez: 110 km

Sunday, July 26th:

Stage 21: Sèvres/ Paris Champs Elysées: 107 km



YOUR TRAVEL:

Please arrange your flights into the following airport: **Lyon Saint Exupéry**
(<http://www.lyonaeroports.com/eng>)

The following companies operate regular flights into Lyon airport:

- Air France (www.airfrance.fr)
- Lufthansa (www.lufthansa.com)
- Iberia (www.iberia.com)
- British Airways (www.britishairways.com)

Flights are going to be in very high demand and there will be limited space for bikes on each flight. Please make sure to book your bike onto the flight and to book early in order to secure your seat and get the best fares.

Our guide will meet you at the airport and a coach will take you to your first hotel in Privas.

Lyon airport to Privas: 157 km (97, 6 miles) / 1 h 48 min

Saturday, July 18th - Day 1

Tour de France: Stage 14, Rodez / Mende.

Group: Arrival at Lyon airport and transfer to your hotel.

Hotel: 3* hotel La Chaumette in Privas

Bienvenue en France!

Our guide will meet you in Lyon Airport around 11:00am and a private coach will then take you to your hotel Les Chaumettes in Privas.

Privas is the capital of the Ardèche department. Built on a rocky spur which overhangs the narrow valleys of Ouvèze and Charalon, the Mecca of the Protestantism, Privas has a historical and religious heritage, formed by the ruins of the former Huguenot city of the XVIth century, which was burned by Louis XIII, then rebuilt.

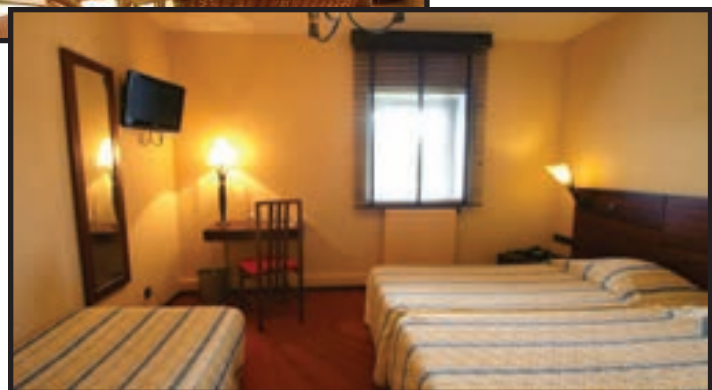
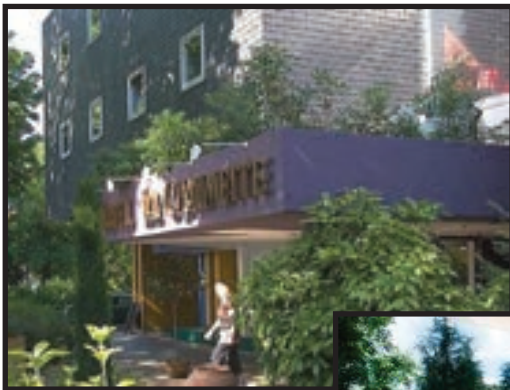
Today Privas is known for the puree made from the local chestnuts, and for its sweetened marrons glacés. It was classified “Site remarquable du gout” (remarkable site of the taste) by the National Council of the culinary arts. Its fame as capital of the “marrons glacés” is connected to that of Clément Faugier, born in 1882, which knew how to adapt in a industrial way the traditional recipe of the glazed chestnut, now appreciated all around the world.



Your hotel:

La Chaumette Porte des Suds is an oasis with a Moroccan riad touch. The decoration of the hotel is a true invitation to dream, travel and well-being.

The hotel manager and staff will warmly welcome you and will strive to make your stay as enjoyable as possible.



Once you have checked in, you will have the time to go for an easy ride that will give you a taste of the delights that are in store for the week. In the evening, you will gather over a welcoming cocktail with your travelling companions, before enjoying your first meal.

Sunday, July 19th - Day 2:

Tour de France: Stage 15, Mende / Valence

Group: Cyclists & Non-cyclists: Access to the feeding station (approx. 60 km ride)

Hotel: 3* hotel La Chaumette in Privas



Cyclists*: After breakfast, it will be time to for your first cycling outing. You will leave the hotel by bike and ride approximately 60 km on today's stage's route. Your destination point will be the feeding station. There you will see the Tour de France staff handing out the “musettes” (bags with the food) to the speeding riders and if you wish, you can take part in the crowd picking up the riders' empty bottles. You will also see the publicity caravan passing by and you will be part of this great carnival, at the best spot to live the magic of the Tour de France.

***:** If necessary, we will split each day into two groups of different ability levels. Each group will be accompanied by a staff rider and a back up vehicle with a mechanic and supplies (food and drinks) will follow the last group.

Non cyclists: You will go to the feeding station by coach and join the group.



Once the riders have gone through the feeding station, we'll all go back to the hotel by coach. If anyone feels like riding back the entire distance to the hotel, he'll be free to do so...

Once at the hotel, you will have time to refresh and relax a little before the group gathers together again for dinner and shares its first impressions of the Tour de France.

Monday, July 20th - Day 3:

Tour de France: Bourg de Péage / Gap (201, 5 km / 125, 2 miles)

Group: Cyclists: Ride the last 60 km to the finish in Gap

Non-cyclists: Attend the finish in Gap

Hotel: 4* residence in Risoul for 3 nights

Cyclists: Today, you will leave the hotel by bus to head for a given point on the Tour's route. From there you will ride approximately the last 60 km to the finish. In Gap, you will blend it with the standing crowd waiting for the caravan and the hostesses throwing the goodies at you and for your favorite riders to pass by.



Non cyclists: Our minibus will take you directly to the finish, where you will meet our cycling participants.

Once the riders have crossed the finish line, the whole group will get on the bus to head for tonight's hotel in Risoul.

Your hotel:

For the next 3 nights, the 4* residence Antarès will be your home away from home. Risoul is a winter ski resort, whose ideal location will enable to easily access the next days' stages. There you will be accommodated in fully equipped apartments with kitchen, living area, TV screen, Wi-Fi, etc...



For dinner, we have booked a table at a local restaurant close by.

Tuesday, July 21st - Day 4:

Tour de France: Rest day in Gap/Digne les Bains

Group: Cyclists: bike ride in the surrounding mountains

Non-cyclists: day off (hiking trip, pool, sauna, etc...)

Hotel: 4* residence in Risoul

Today will be a more relaxed day!

Cyclists: As soon as breakfast is finished, you will leave the hotel as a group to start your ride. Our guides will take you to explore the area. During the ride you will have the opportunity to climb the mythical Col de l'Izoard (6, 9%, 15, 9km, 2 360 meters).

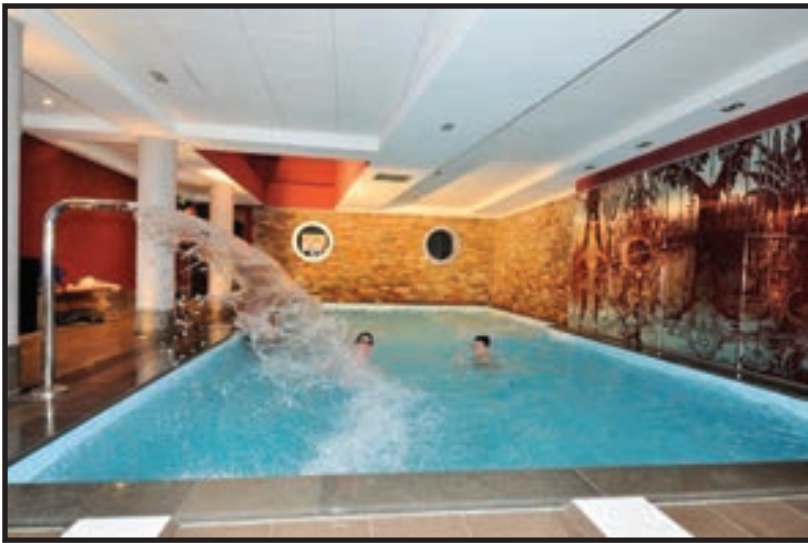


Col d'Izoard



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Non-cyclists: Today will be a relaxed day for the non-cyclists too. You will have a day off and will be free to do one of the many activities that the residence/resort has to offer: For those who like to enjoy mountain activities, there are many activities at the resort like hiking, climbing, canyoning... and for those who like something less sporty, there are places to swim or to visit. The residence itself offers free access to an indoor heated pool as well as a Finnish sauna.



In the evening, we will gather again all together around the dinner table.

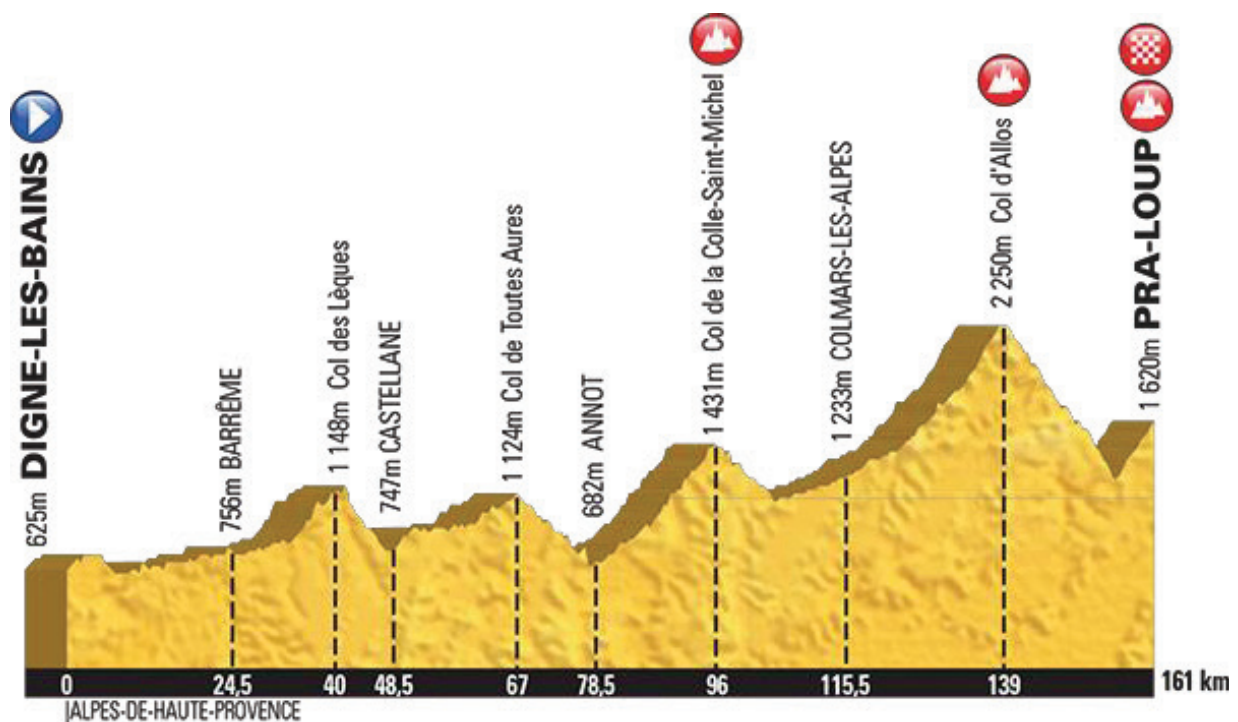
Wednesday, July 22nd - Day 5:

Tour de France: Stage 17 Digne les Bains / Pra Loup

Group: Cyclists: Ride on the route of Le Tour

Non-cyclists: watch the publicity caravan and the pro from the village at the foot of Pra Loup

Hotel: 4* residence in Risoul



Cyclists: After breakfast, our coach will take you to a given point on today's stage's route. This will be your starting point for today's ride. You will first climb the Col de Vars (5, 7%, 19,4km, 2 111 meters), then head for Jausiers and Pra Loup to watch the finish of the stage. Just like the pros, you will experience the encouragement for the good-natured crowd, some of whom have been parked there for days in advance, and enjoy the fanfare.

Non cyclists: After breakfast, you will take our minivan to get to the village at the foot of Pra Loup where we will take a stroll in the village while waiting for the publicity caravan and the riders to pass by.



After watching the riders pass by, the cyclists will head back Jausiers where our bus will be waiting for them to bring them back to Risoul. The non cyclists will be travelling from Pra Loup by minivan to Risoul.

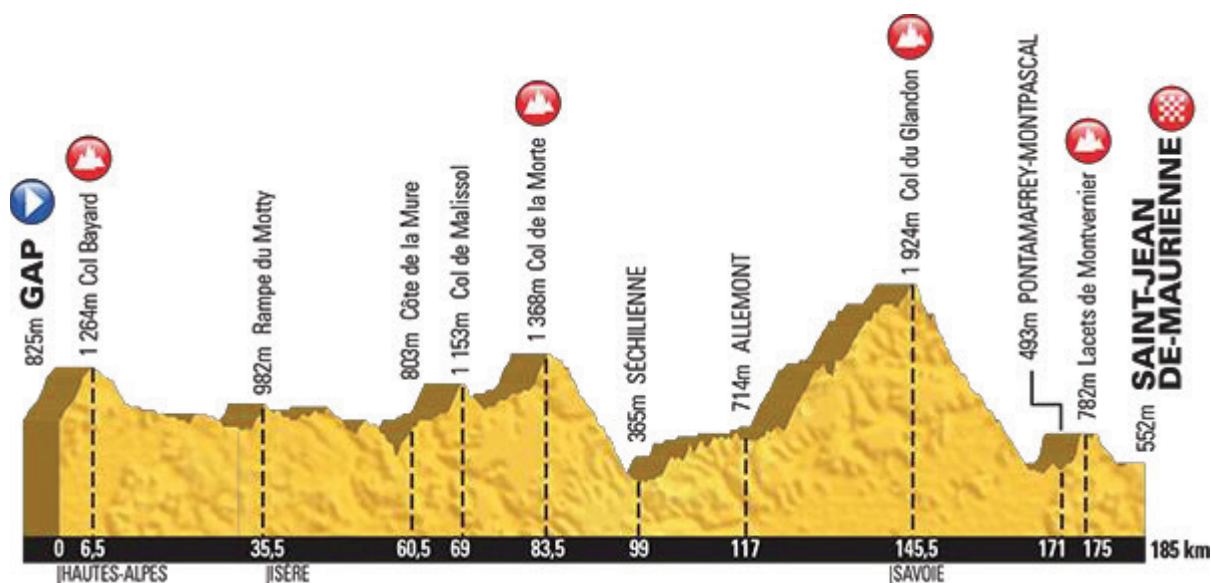
Thursday, July 23rd - Day 6:

Tour de France: Stage 18, Gap / Saint Jean de Maurienne

Group: Cyclists: Climb the mythical Col du Galibier towards the finish of the stage in St Jean

Non-cyclists: stop off at the top of Galibier, then head for the finish to watch the pro riders

Hotel: 4* BW Alexander Park in Chambéry



Cyclists: After breakfast, you will leave the hotel as a group to get to today's stage's route. Today will give you the chance to climb 2 of the mythical Tour de France mountain passes: le Col du Lautaret (3,1%, 27, 75 km, 2 057 meters) before the Col du Galibier (6,9%, 8,52 km, 2 642 meters), where a finish at the top took place for the first time in 2011. From the Col du Galibier, you will swoop down towards Saint Jean de Maurienne in time to watch the finish of today's stage.



Non cyclists: After breakfast, our minivan will take you to the top of the mythical Col du Galibier before heading for the finish in Saint Jean de Maurienne.

After the last riders go, we will take the direction of our next hotel in Chambéry: the 4* BW Park Alexander.

Your hotel:

The 4* Best Western Park Alexander is located in the heart of a landscaped garden with the Savoyard mountains in the background. This design hotel offers spacious accommodation, high-end service, and an outside swimming pool among other amenities.

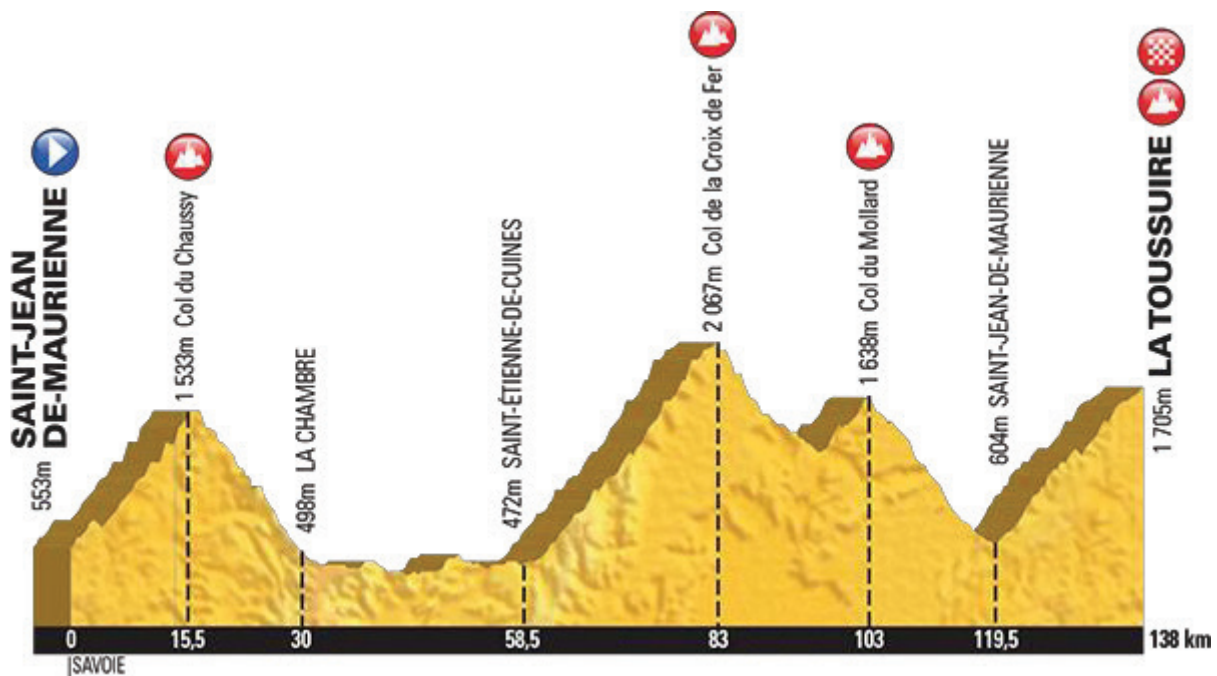


Friday, July 24th - Day 7:

Tour de France: Stage 19, Saint Jean de Maurienne / La Toussuire

Group: Cyclists and non-cyclists: Watch the start of the stage in Saint Jean de Maurienne and the finish in La Toussuire

Hotel: 4* Novotel in Grenoble for 2 nights



Cyclists and non-cyclists: After breakfast, you will leave the hotel by bus to head for the stage's start in Saint Jean de Maurienne. Here you will be able to see the team buses, the equipment and of course the riders warm up... You will approach your favorite riders, and who knows maybe they will agree to take a picture with you or sign an autograph for you...



Once the start has been given, the cyclists will hop on the bike to tackle the climb to La Toussuire (6%, 19, 1 km, 1 705 meters) where we will attend the finish of today's stage: another occasion to experience the standing crowd cheering up on you. Once in La Toussuire, you will have the opportunity again to watch the publicity caravan passing by and collect the goodies.

In the meantime, the non-cyclists will have been driven by the minibus to La Toussuire.

After the finish, we will head by bus to the next hotel.

Your hotel:

The hotel Novotel Grenoble Center is just a few miles from the Chartreuse & Vercors Mountains, and close to several points of interest such as the Bastille fortress, museums & other interesting locations. This evening you will relax at the hotel's restaurant before sleeping in a cozy bed for the night. Spacious, contemporary in design, and adaptable, the Novotel rooms are truly a place for living.



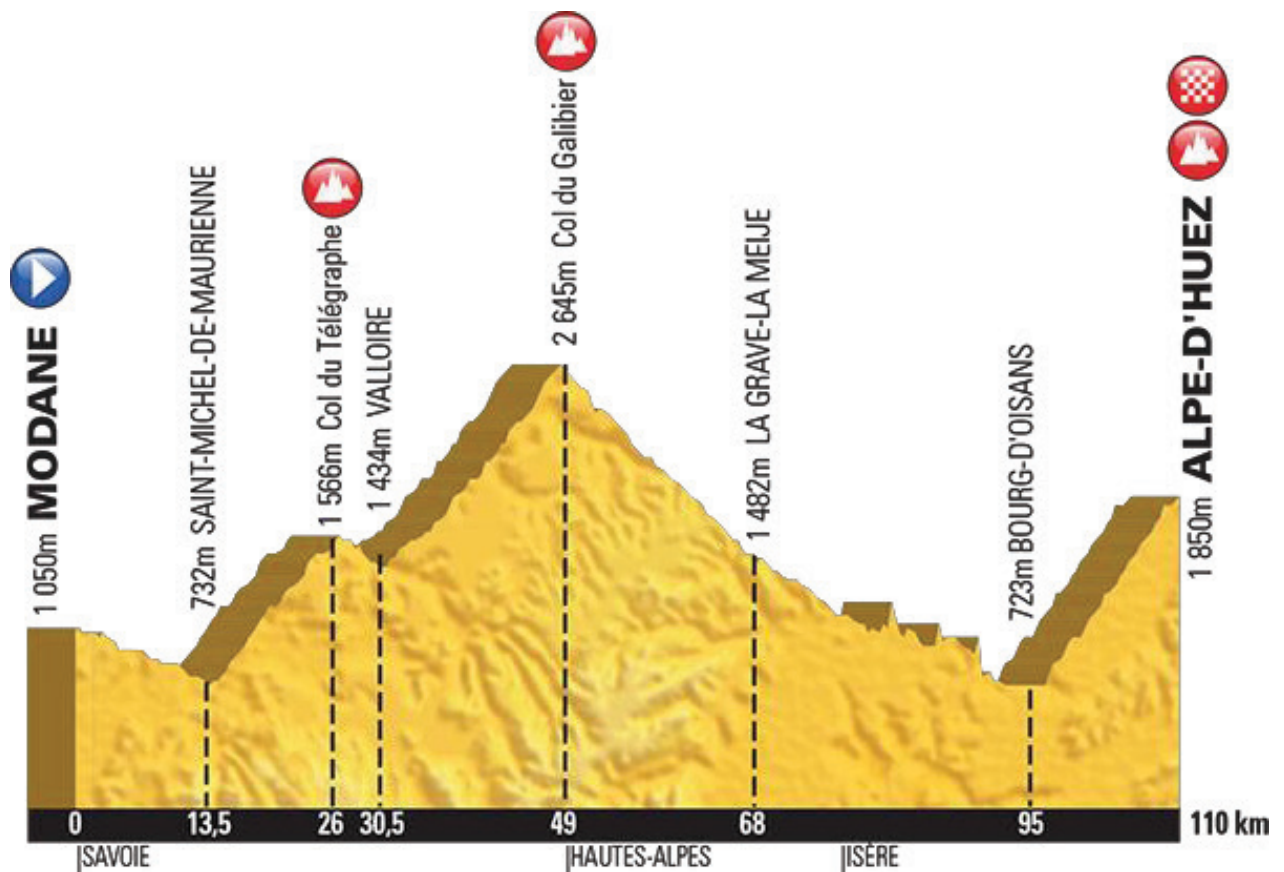
Saturday, July 25th - Day 8:

Tour de France: Stage 20, Modane / Alpe d'Huez

Group: Cyclists: climb Alpe d'Huez

Non-cyclists: Watch the finish from our private viewing station

Hotel: 4* Novotel in Grenoble



Cyclists: After breakfast, you will leave the hotel by bus to head for Bourg d'Oisans, at the foot of Alpe d'Huez. This is where today's ride will start. This is the stage you do not want to miss in any case, the stage about which you will later say: "I was there". Riding this mountain stage ahead of time will give you another opportunity to experience the same "Tour de France" atmosphere as the pros do. You will enjoy the fanfare and good-natured encouragement of the crowd, some of whom have been parked there for days in advance.



In Alpe d'Huez, cyclists and non-cyclists will meet at our VIP private viewing station. In order to make the most of this day, we have secured a place at a strategic point to gain a birds eye view of the Tour de France riders passing by. There, you will be able to relax after today's ride and enjoy some food and drinks provided by a local caterer while waiting for the pros to pass by.



Non-cyclists: After breakfast, our minivan will take you to our private viewing location where you will meet our cycling participants.

Sunday, July 26th - Day 9:

Tour de France: Stage 21, Sèvres/ Paris Champs-Elysées

Group: Attend the finish from the grandstand on the Champs Elysées

Hotel: 4* Hotel Château Frontenac near the Champs Elysées

After a good night rest, we will take the direction of the train station to board the TGV (High Speed Train) 1st class and reach Paris within a few hours. Your guides will then accompany you from the train station to your next hotel. In the morning, our van will have picked up your luggage and will have already reached Paris.

In Paris, you will stay at the 4* Château Frontenac on a B&B basis. The hotel is located in what is known as the “Golden Triangle” and is an ideal point from which to make the most of your stay in Paris. You will be in the perfect location to watch the final stage and from there you will have easy access to all major interests in Paris. Although the hotel is located in a quiet neighborhood, you will be in the heart of the action.

The Château Frontenac regained its just luxury and elegance in 2009. This rich Haussmannian residence, which was made into a hotel in the 1920s, has had its Art Deco chic appropriately restored, in remembrance of Les Années Folles.

Somewhere between a luxury hotel and a charming residence, Château Frontenac revisits the Art of Living in Paris - a blend of modernism and tradition, classicism and creativity.





In the afternoon, we will then, as a group, take the direction of the Champs Elysées where we will have access to the tribune.

Women will have the place of honor today, as the elite of the feminine cycling will gather in Paris for the first edition of La Course by Le Tour de France, the route of which was drawn on the final circuit of the last stage of the Tour, in the historic heart of the capital. The Arc de Triomphe, the quays of the Seine, the street of Rivoli and especially the straight line of the Champs Elysées are all featured in today's program of an explanation which promises to be splendid to launch the legend of the La Course, only a few hours before the tenors of the Tour de France. This meeting makes the champions of the discipline vibrate...

After the female cyclists, you will watch the publicity caravan ahead of the riders as they complete their 8 laps in front of the thousands of ecstatic spectators.

This last stage will exceptionally start in the middle of the afternoon and is expected to finish around 7:30pm. You will see the riders arrive with pride on what some call the world's most beautiful Avenue. They will have completed what is arguably the world's toughest professional bike race. The overall ranking is usually settled before the final stage so the racing is more for glory and to settle the Sprinter's competition if it is close. Yet even with the celebrations, the race is for real, and in the heart of Paris, surrounded by historic monuments and buildings, this is a wonderful show and a spectacle worth seeing.

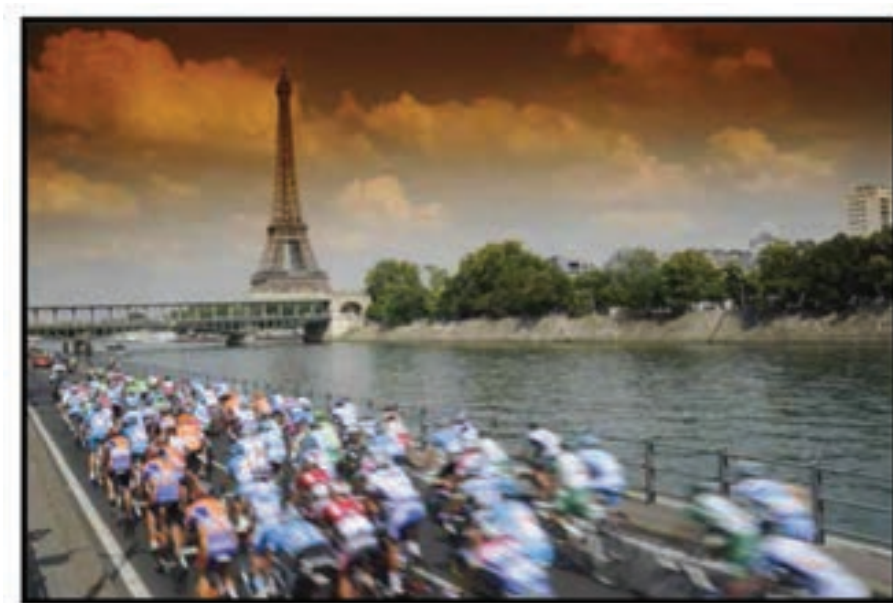
In the evening, you will be free to dine out at your convenience to celebrate the great cycling race that is Le Tour de France.

Monday, July 27th - Day 10:

Group: Departure

This last morning, you will enjoy breakfast with a multitude of memories. Not only will you have your own accomplishments to be proud of, but you will have the memories of remarkable athletes, the spectacle of the Tour, and a taste of France.

Afterwards, it will be time to say goodbye to this year's Tour de France. Your guides will be available to help you, should you have any question or request, and to wish you a nice trip back home. Alternatively, if you'd like to enjoy Paris just a little longer, we will be happy to make arrangements for you.



Thank you for choosing Kathy Watt Cycling!
We wish you a pleasant and safe journey home.

PRICES:

Last 10 Days package (Room sharing in twin or double): AU \$5985 (all taxes and fees included)

Last 10 Days package (Single room): AU \$7100 (all taxes and fees included)

- o Deposit to secure this tour: **\$2000**
- o Outstanding balance between **1st - 15th March 2015**
- o For payment by installment, contact us at: info@kathywatt.com

*** Make an early payment of the full amount before 31st December 2014 and receive a free Garmin 510 unit.**

The price includes:

- o Accommodation for 9 nights in a 3 and 4 star hotels: double/twin rooms with private bathroom including toilets, and a tub and/or a shower
- o 9 breakfasts and 8 dinners (drinks: wine and water included for each dinner)
- o 2 English-speaking and certified support riders who will accompany the group during the whole trip
- o 1 Support vehicle with 1 KWC professionally trained mechanic, and 1 coach driver
- o Accident and repatriation insurance
- o Daily travel in a luxury private coach
- o Daily luggage transportation
- o 1st class TGV train ticket to Paris
- o Special bikes' trailer for the safe transport of your bikes
- o Road Travel Information Book with detailed maps and daily stage routes
- o Tour de France backpack with Kathy Watt Cycling jersey & travel T-shirt
- o Local taxes

The price does not include:

- o Airfare.
- o Cancellation, theft of material and luggage insurances
- o Lunches
- o Personal expenses, aperitifs

NOTE: Kathy Watt Cycling reserves the right to withdraw or modify tours, itineraries, programs, sports activities or facilities at anytime without notice and without liability. In the event of a major catastrophe, including but not limited to strikes, lockouts, riots, weather conditions, technical difficulties or for any other reason whatsoever, Kathy Watt Cycling and the operators may at anytime and without prior notice, cancel, advance, postpone or deviate from any vacation package and shall not be obliged for any loss whatsoever to any member by reason of such cancellation, advancement, postponement, deviation or substitution.





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