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the 101st Edition of the

Le  
de TOUR  
FRANCE



If cycling is your passion join us and experience  
the Tour de France like never before!

**LAST 10 Days**

**Saturday July 19  
to Monday July 28 2014**



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## LAST 10 DAYS

From Saturday July 19 to Monday July 28 2014

This tour is for cyclists and non-cyclists. It's not a race or training camp and each participant can enjoy the Le Tour de France at his or her own pace.

Last 10 Days - Tallard, Hautacam, Time Trail, Champs Elysées and Paris

Start: July 20 Stage 15 (Tallard) Finish: Sunday 27 Stage 21 (Evry, Paris)

Tour de France viewings: 7

2014 celebrates the 101st anniversary of the Le Tour de France. If ever there was a year to watch this fabulous cycling event it's now! Our wish is to provide you with the most unforgettable experience!

What you will experience will be spectacular and rich in emotion as you will not only challenge yourself, but you will also be at the heart of the Tour action. The program of this years Le Tour de France will include 3 high mountain stages and the mythical pass of the Tourmalet. Not only will you see all the crucial Pyrenean stages and watch the pros battle on the climbs, but you will also climb the same famous peaks before the pros arrive and hear the huge crowds cheering you on! You will attend the only Time trail of the 2014 edition, at the heart of the Périgord region, know as the 'cradle of mankind' due to its wealth of prehistoric sites, and the finish on the cobblestones of the Champs Elysées in Paris.

Our non-cyclists will have the pleasure of visiting Carcassonne the famous walled city and the Pic du Midi, a world heritage UNESCO site accessible by a 15 minute cable car ride. Our week will be packed full!

This last week is always a challenge for the Tour riders and it is where we give you the chance to face the same challenges.

This tour package, assembled by Kathy Watt Cycling, will provide you with an unbeatable experience.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### Be part of the crucial Pyrenean stages.

- ~ Climb the mythical Tourmalet and experience the crowd's enthusiastic cheering
- ~ Ride on the picturesque routes of the Pyrénées
- ~ Attend the last Time trail start in Bergerac and watch the riders' warm up
- ~ Climb on the Col de Pla d'Adet and attend the finish of Stage 17
- ~ Be in heart of a feeding station
- ~ Watch the spectacle of the Publicity Caravan

**INCLUDED:** Grandstand tickets on the Champs Elysées, facing the finish line

### The Tour de France Stages you will see:

SUNDAY July 20th

Stage 15: Tallard / Nimes = 222km (137.9 miles)

TUESDAY July 22nd

Stage 16: Carcassonne / Bagneres de Luchon = 237km (147.3 miles)

WEDNESDAY July 23rd

Stage 17: Saint Gaudens / Saint Lary Soulan Pla d'Adet = 125km (77.7 miles)

THURSDAY July 24th

Stage 18: Pau / Hautacam = 145km (90.1 miles)

FRIDAY July 25th

Stage 19: Maubourguet Val d'Adour / Bergerac = 208km (129.2 miles)

SATURDAY July 26th

Stage 20: Time Trail Bergerac / Perigueux = 54km (33.6 miles)

SUNDAY July 27th

Stage 21: Evry / Paris Champs Elysées = 136km (84.5 miles)

## YOUR TRAVEL

Please arrange your flights into the following airport:  
**Marseille Provence** (<http://www.marseille.aeroport.fr>)

The following companies operate regular direct flights into Marseille airport:

- ~ Air France ([www.airfrance.com](http://www.airfrance.com))
- ~ Lufthansa ([www.lufthansa.com](http://www.lufthansa.com))
- ~ British Airways ([www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com))
- ~ Iberia (<http://iberia.com/>)
- ~ Alitalia (<http://www.alitalia.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.

Your guides will meet you at the airport and a coach will take you to your first hotel in Mallemort.

*Marseille Airport / Hotel: 51km (31 miles) - 42 minutes*

## Saturday, July 19th - Day 1:

**Tour de France:** Stage14, Grenoble / Risoul

**Group:** Arrival at Marseille airport and transfer to your hotel.

**Hotel:** 4\* Hotel in Provence for 1 night.

Bienvenue en France!

Your guides will meet you in Marseille Airport at 11:00am and a private coach will then take you to your 4\* hotel, located in a charming Provencal village.



At the edge of Durance and at the foot of Luberon, come take advantage of the peace and the charm of this classified village "rural holidays resort" and "flowered village". It is a quiet town located on the river Durance, south of the Luberon mountain range. The town itself is 10 km (6.2 mi) off the Autoroute du Soleil (the main motorway to the South and Marseille), within easy reach of Arles, Saint-Rémy, and Salon-de-Provence.

Right in the heart of Provence, this village benefits from an ideal position for holidays and for visiting the most prestigious sites: Aix en Provence and Sainte Victoire, Marseille and its coves, Saint Rémy and the Alpilles, Arles and the Camargue; but also quite close to the charming villages of the Luberon. Its charm lies in its little old streets, the ruins of the castle, the viewpoint indicator and the church which you can discover by strolling to the top of the old village; without forgetting the oratory not far from the tourist office, and of course, the suspension bridge which spans over the Durance at the entrance of the village.

## Your hotel:

The hotel we booked for tonight is a unique and enchanting universe full of history and traditional charm. In the halls of this 350-year-old structure, you can still detect the echoes of the noble feasts held by King René, the Duke of Anjou, who fell in love with the tranquillity and beauty of the estate.



Your hotel



Your hotel

If you wish, 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 20th - Day 2:

**Tour de France:** Stage 15, Tallard / Nîmes

**Group:** Ride the last 60km to the finish in Nîmes

**Hotel:** 4\* Hotel golf in Baillargues

Today will be a classic sprint's stage that will connect the Alps to the Pyrénées. With already 25 stages' victories on the Tour to this date, will Cavendish surpass Bernard Hinault and his 28 wins? The record of Eddie Merckx (34) will probably not be for this year.

**Cyclists:** After breakfast, you will leave the hotel as a group to access the stage route. From there you will ride approximately 60 km to Nîmes, on the same route that will be used by the Tour. 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 technician and supplies (food and drinks) will follow the last group. Once in Nîmes, you will stand on the "route du Tour" to watch the publicity caravan passing by and the riders crossing the finish line.





**Non cyclists:** We will get on the coach and go to Nîmes in order to catch a glimpse of the race atmosphere and to see the riders pass by. Ideally located between the mountains and the sea (with the Cévennes and garrigue), Nîmes was one of the most important colonies of the Roman Empire. The influence remains through the town's arenas and the Maison Carrée, the world's only fully-preserved ancient temple. The town also gave later on its name to the fabric (denim = "de Nîmes") used by Levi Strauss to create the famous blue-jeans.



View from the sky over Nîmes



Jardins de fontaine et temple de Diane in Nîmes



Arena

**Cyclists & non cyclists:** Shortly after the finish, your coach will drive you to your hotel in the vicinity of Montpellier where you will spend your second night. The hotel is located on a golf resort.

**Your hotel:**

Tonight's hotel nestles at the heart of a golf course and is open throughout the year for holidays combining sport, recreation and spa treatments.



Your hotel



Your hotel



Your hotel

**Monday, July 21st - Day 3:**

**Tour de France:** Rest day in Carcassonne

**Group:** Ride on the beautiful roads in the hinterland of Montpellier/Visit of Carcassonne for the non-cyclists

**Hotel:** 4\* Hotel in Toulouse

**Cyclists:** After yesterday's ride, you will enjoy a relaxed day. As soon as breakfast is finished, you will leave the hotel as a group to reach today's route. Today's ride will take you to the small winding and rolling roads of the hinterland of Montpellier. In the late morning you will return to the hotel where you will have some time off before heading for Toulouse. You will be free to have lunch at your convenience.



Hinterland of Montpellier



**Non cyclists:** Today you will visit Carcassonne. It took the Romans, the Visigoths and finally the French more than ten centuries to build the walls around Carcassonne. The magnificent walled city was then restored in the 1800s by Viollet le Duc, who also restored Notre Dame, the Basilique of Vézelay and who is considered to be the man who created the movement to preserve the historic "patrimoine" of France. The fortress was added to the Unesco list of World Heritage Sites in 1997. The newer part (Ville Basse) of the city on the other side of the Aude River (which dates back from the Middle Ages, created after the crusade) manufactures shoes, rubber and textiles. It is also the centre of a major AOC wine-growing region. A major part of the town's income, however, comes from the tourism connected to the fortifications (Cité) and from boat cruising on the Canal du Midi. Carcassonne receives about three million visitors annually and last welcomed the Tour de France in 2006 for the stage Bagnères de Luchon-Carcassonne. Carcassonne also hosted the start of the stage Carcassonne - Nîmes in 2004.



Carcassonne



Carcassonne-the walled city

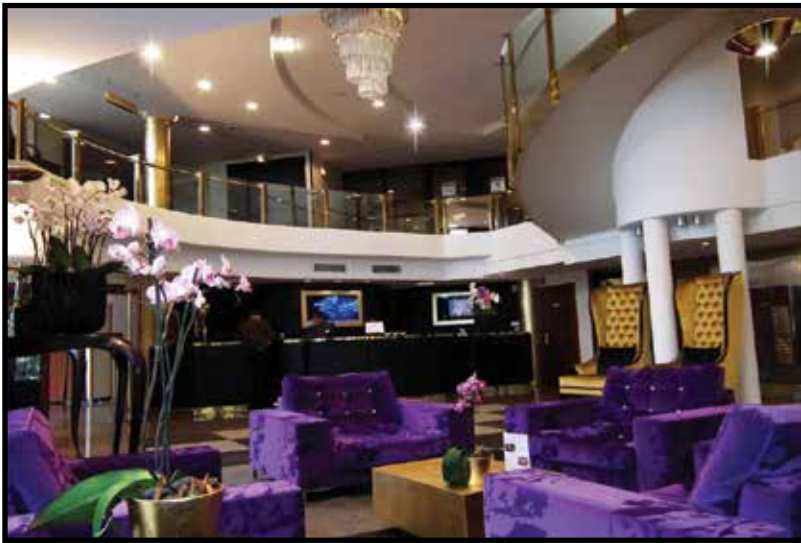
Later on, the non-cycling participants will head for Toulouse where they will meet our cycling participants at the 4\* hotel we have booked for tonight.

The city of Toulouse is renowned for its wealth of cultural heritage, aeronautics and space as well as for its gastronomy. Dinner will be served at the hotel.



## Your hotel:

Your hotel for tonight is a unique 4\* hotel located outside of Toulouse center on the left bank of the Garonne. Located not too far from downtown Toulouse, this luxury hotel is a place that blends brilliant and modern architecture, and a charming contemporary style. You will enjoy its gourmet restaurant and its outdoor heated pool.



## Tuesday, July 22nd - Day 4:

**Tour de France:** Stage 16 Carcassonne / Bagnères de Luchon

**Group:** Climb Col des Ares and Port de Balès

**Hotel:** Charming 3\* hotel at the foot of the Tourmalet for 3 nights

Today will mark the first stage in the Pyrénées. The approach to the Pyrénées, that will be the scene of a final week of intense action, can provide an opportunity for all-rounders to deploy their talents. A very long day is expecting the riders today: 237km and 3 passes to climb: Col de Portet d'Aspet, Col des Ares and Port de Balès. The day's climbs will probably see the best climbers clinging together.



Carcassonne will host the start of a Tour de France stage for the 7th time this year. As for Bagnères de Luchon, the town is no stranger to the Tour, as it welcomed "la Grande Boucle" not less than 50 times already. Luchon was the finish of the very first stage through the Pyrénées in 1910 and welcomed the Tour de France last time in 2012 for the stages Pau-Bagnères de Luchon and Luchon-Peyragudes.

**Cyclists:** This morning's breathtaking ride will take you to the daunting Port de Balès, a difficult climb and one you will feel a great sense of achievement in completing.

In the early morning, your bus will take you to the village of Senouagnet, at the bottom of the Col des Ares from where you will begin today's ride. You will climb this pass before tackling the Port de Balès.

Col des Ares: 6, 1 km (3, 8 miles) 4, 7%, 797 meters

Port de Balès: 19,2 km (11,9 miles), 7,8 %, 1755 meters

The top of the climb is a great spot to see the race go by. After the race passes we will descend back down to the bus for our trip to our hotel.



**Non-cyclists:** We will take the bus to the village of Mauléon Barrousse emblematic of villages of the area. We will explore the village which is one of many with natural thermal baths for which the Pyrenées are known. The village has many artisanal crafts and shops that are worth seeing. There are also the châteaux in the surrounding areas. Of course we should not forget the Tour which is also an option if we wish to see the riders pass Port de Balès.

After watching the riders passing by, you will be driven to your new hotel. This evening you will relax at the hotel's restaurant over a well-deserved meal before sleeping in a cosy bed for the night.

Bagnères de Luchon / your hotel: 72 km (44, 7 miles) 2 hours



**Your hotel:**



At the foot of the Col du Tourmalet, the hotel is located at a height of 800m in a picturesque Pyrenean valley beside the Adour River. An authentic restored and renovated mountain farm, it has become in a few years a charming hotel complex offering the features of a traditional mountain hamlet in the depths of the countryside.





## Wednesday, July 23rd - Day 5:

**Tour de France:** Stage 17 Saint Gaudens / Saint Lary Soulan

**Group:** Climb Col d'Aspin and then Pla d'Adet

**Hotel:** Charming 3\* hotel at the foot of the Tourmalet

This will be an explosive stage: riders will have to climb 4 passes over a distance of 40 km: Col du Portillon, Col de Peyresourde, Col de Val Louron-Azet and eventually the Col du Pla d'Adet. This last pass has been often used as part of the route in the Tour de France; the last time was in 2005. The winner of that stage (Lézat sur Lèze / Saint Lary Soulan) was Georges Hincapie (USA). However, his victories from May 31st, 2004 until July 31st 2006 were cancelled following his confession of doping.



**Cyclists:** After breakfast, you will leave the hotel by bike. First, you will climb the Col d'Aspin (from Saint Marie de Campan: 12, 4km, 4,8 %), then go down to Arreau before a final climb to Pla d'Adet from where you will watch the professional riders on the way to the finish line. This is a climb to the finish so we should see a heated battle by the Tour contenders as they try to take time from each other and weaken their opponent's legs for the days ahead.

After the last riders go by you will ride back to Arreau where the bus will be waiting for you. It will then take you back to your hotel.

**Col d'Aspin:** 13km (8 miles) 5%, 1489 meters

**Col du Pla D'Adet:** 10, 3km (6, 4 miles) 8, 3%, 1680 meters

**Arreau / hotel:** 37km (22, 9 miles), 1 hour 10



**Non-cyclists:** With an early start today, we will visit the UNESCO heritage site Pic du Midi, a tourist site in the mountains, open all year round.

The peak is renowned for its exceptional and unique panorama as well as for its astronomical observatory. Clean Air and Space! And a breathtaking view! From the terraces at 2,877 meters above sea level, your view encompasses the entire Pyrenees. From La Mongie, the Pic du Midi offers an unforgettable day... And do not forget that to reach this "Grand" Hautes-Pyrenees, it all starts in the cable car. This is one of the Great Sites of Midi-Pyrénées not to be missed!



Pic du Midi

In the evening you will meet the group again over dinner at the hotel's restaurant.

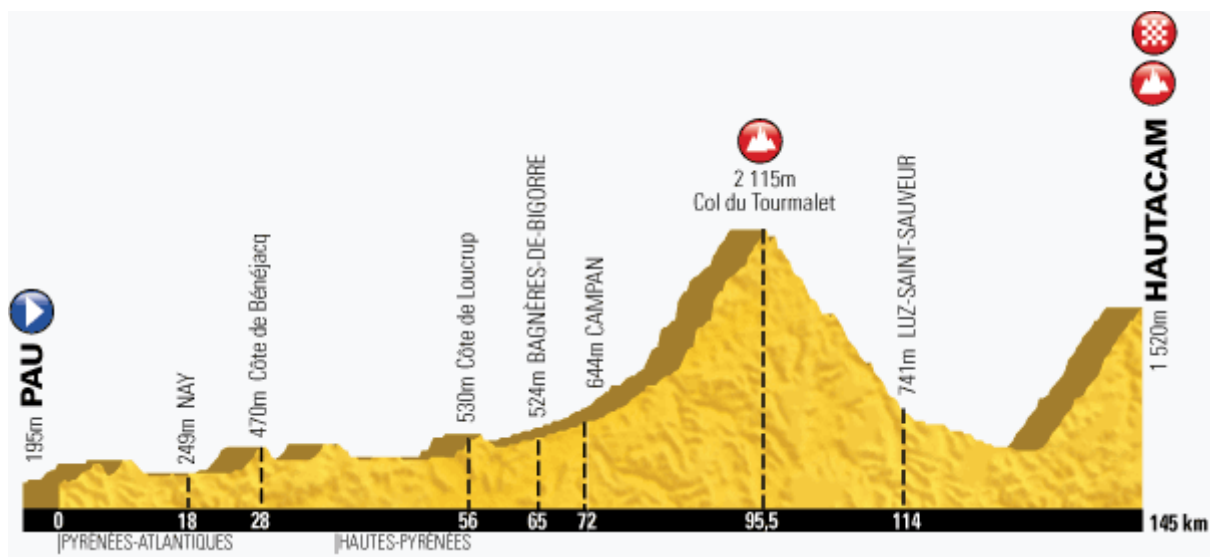
## Thursday, July 24th - Day 6:

**Tour de France:** Stage 18, Pau / Hautacam

**Group:** Ride on the famous Pyrenean route!

**Hotel:** Charming 3\* hotel at the foot of the Tourmalet

Today will mark the last stage of the Pyrenean trilogy: Pau-Hautacam. A short stage but not less difficult with 4 hills to tackle before climbing the giant of the Pyrénées: the Tourmalet and eventually Hautacam. This third Pyrenean stage will present plenty of opportunities for those who want to shake up the order of the pack, in particular during the climbs. This stage promises to deliver a moment laden with suspense.



Our hotel's location is excellent for accessing today's stage which means that we will be able to go the entire day without bus.

**Cyclists:** After breakfast, you will leave the hotel as a group to get to today's stage's route. 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.



You will then head for our private meeting point on the stage's route, where you will meet our non-cycling participants. In order to make the most of this day, we will set up a private viewing point on the stage's route. Once you'll get there, you will be able to relax after today's ride and enjoy, under our Hospitality Tents, food and drinks provided by a local caterer.



**Non cyclists:** After breakfast, our minivan will take you to our meeting point on today's route (to be announced) where we will have set up our private viewing location. You will there meet our cycling participants and together, we will view the publicity caravan go by before the pros arrive.



## Friday, July 25th - Day 7:

**Tour de France:** Stage 19, Maubourguet Val D 'Adour / Bergerac

**Group:** Be in the heart of a feeding station

**Hotel:** Palais Cardinal in Saint Emilion

The Tour will leave the Pyrénées today to head for Bergerac in the Dordogne region. Today's stage will be the last opportunity to shine for those who are neither climber nor rouleur.

**Cyclists:** After breakfast you will leave the hotel by bus to head for the stage's route. From there your destination point will be the feeding station over a distance of approximately 60 km. 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.



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

Once the riders have gone through the feeding station, you will be driven to your new hotel in Saint Emilion, which is known as one of the principal red wine areas of Bordeaux along with the Médoc, Graves and Pomerol.

This evening you will relax at the hotel's restaurant before sleeping in a cosy bed for the night. Take the time to enjoy this day, thousands of cyclists dream about doing these kinds of rides, only the lucky ones are able to.

### **Your hotel:**

The hotel, located in the old part of the medieval village of Saint-Emilion, welcomes you for a stay during which you can explore the tradition of old vines whilst relaxing in the very heart of the history of this village.







Those who prefer can go for a visit of the town. Bergerac is a town in the département of Dordogne and offers some of the finest wines in the Bordeaux region. The town offers a warm welcome, an extraordinary range of natural and historical heritage sites; fabulous, protected countryside; the beauty of the Dordogne River and the renowned gastronomy of the Périgord. The town contains two statues of Cyrano de Bergerac, subject of a famous play of the same name by Edmond Rostand, though the actual Cyrano never lived in Bergerac.



Bergerac



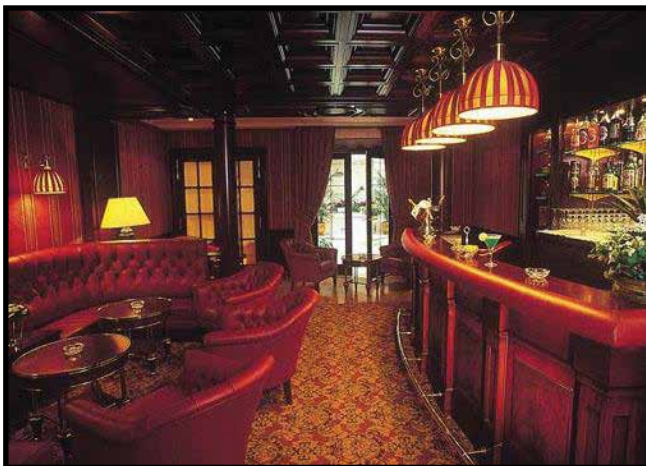
Bergerac

Once the yellow jersey is finished, our bus will bring you to the train station in order to catch the train to Paris.

## 101st Le Tour de France - Last 10 Days 2014

Within a few hours, you will be in Paris where your guides will take you to your 4\* hotel near the Champs Elysées. In the morning, our van will have picked up your luggage and your bikes and will have reached Paris.

You will stay in a 4\* hotel on a B&B basis, it is located in what is known as the "Golden Triangle". We have chosen this hotel near the finish line near the Champs Elysées as 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 neighbourhood, you will be in the heart of the action.



Tonight you will have the opportunity to explore the town and find a restaurant of your choice, before enjoying a well deserved night's rest. What an experience you will have had, and the icing on the cake is tomorrow!



## Saturday, July 26th - Day 8:

**Tour de France:** Stage 20, TT Bergerac / Périgueux

**Group:** Watch the start of the final TT in Bergerac and transfer to Paris

**Hotel:** 4\* Hotel near the Champs Elysées for 2 nights

For the first time in more than 50 years, there will be only one Time Trial: 54 km with a long slight uphill stretch and a nice hill over the last 10km. This will be the moment of truth as this time-trial is the last opportunity for Tour riders to improve their position over their rivals.

**Cyclists and Non-Cyclists:** Today's program will take you to the start of the final Time Trial in Bergerac. Here you will be able to see the team buses, the riders warming up, and will of course be able to see the riders leave the start house, one after the other.

We could easily see a sorting of the top riders as those who are good time trialers will be able to make up time that they may have lost in the mountains. Seconds will count. This is the last battle, and you can bet, even with tired legs after 19 hard stages, the riders will give it their all.



## Sunday, July 27th - Day 9:

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

**Group:** Grandstand on the finish line.

**Hotel:** 4\* Hotel near the Champs Elysées.

Since 1975, the final circuit of the Tour de France is set in the historical heart of the world's capital of tourism. With his four stage wins, the Champs-Elysées seemed to have found in Mark Cavendish its master but Marcel Kittel stopped the series of mister invincible on the famous avenue. Who will be the first to cross the finish line in 2014?

Riders arrive with pride on what some call the world's most beautiful Avenue. They 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.



Today you will be able to enjoy a day in Paris on your own, before you head to the Champs-Elysées to see the final stage.

Our status as a Cycling Operator enables us to offer you grandstand seats on the Champs-Elysees right in front of the finish line, from where you will be able to watch the race, and the podium where the awards ceremony will take place. From there you will watch the riders pass by 8 times before crossing the finish line of the 101st Tour de France for the last time.



### **Monday, July 28th - Day 10:**

**Group:** Departure

This last morning, you will enjoy breakfast with a multitude of images in your mind. 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.

## **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 \$7085 (all taxes and fees included)

- Deposit to secure this tour: \$2000.
- Outstanding balance between May 15-30th 2014.
- For payment by instalments, contact us at

[info@kathywatt.com](mailto:info@kathywatt.com)

## **The price includes:**

- Accommodation for 5 nights in 3\* hotels and 4 nights in 4\* hotels: double/twin rooms with private bathroom including toilets, and a tub and/or a shower
- 10 breakfasts and 7 dinners (drinks wine and water included for each dinner)
- Catering at our private viewing location on Day 6
- 3 English-speaking and certified support riders who will accompany the group during the whole trip
- 2 Support vehicles with 1 KWC professionally trained mechanic, and 1 coach driver
- Grandstand on the Champs Elysées facing the finish line
- Transfer to Paris in 1st class train
- Accident and repatriation insurance
- Daily travel in a luxury private coach
- Daily luggage transportation
- Special bikes' trailer for the safe transport of your bikes
- Tour de France Travel Road Books with detailed maps and daily stage routes
- Tour de France backpack with KWC cycling jersey & travel t-shirt
- Local taxes

## **The price does not include:**

- Airfare
- Cancellation, theft of material and luggage insurances
- Lunches
- Dinner day 8 and day 9
- Personal expenses, aperitifs



## **Options:**

Bike rentals

Tour extension

## **Bike rental**

If you prefer not take your own bike, we offer the rental of bikes.

- Trek carbon Domane 4, 3 with Shimano 105 10 gears Triple (50 39 30 in the front and 12 x 26 in the back): AU \$600.

Bikes will be delivered and picked up at the hotel.

## **Tour extension:**

If you like to extend your trip, we will be pleased to organize a longer stay for you.  
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