100th Tour de France
13th – 22nd July 2013

If cycling is your Passion, then come and Experience the 100th Anniversary of the Tour de France with Kathy Watt Cycling.

Tour with Kathy Watt Cycling

Last 10 Days Tour de France

4* Hotels Package

Saturday, July 13th to Monday, July 22nd 2013

10 days, 9 nights in 4* hotels on half-board basis

For cyclists & non-cyclists

Start: Marseille Airport, Finish: Paris
Tour de France viewings: 7
Staff: 6
Happy Anniversary Tour de France! 2013 celebrates the 100th anniversary of the Tour de France. If there was ever a year to watch this fantastic cycling event, time has come! Our wish? To provide you with an unforgettable experience!

This 10 day package enables you to fully enjoy the excitement and the spectacle that is the Tour de France. We take you into the heart of the Tour – riding part of the stages and ensuring that you are getting the best experience up close to the racing. Extra care has been taken to ensure that your 4* hotels are as close to the action as possible. With VIP Grandstand seating on the final evening on the Champs Elysees, Paris where you can see the racing & podium presentations.

**Highlights:**

* Climb the mythical Mont Ventoux and experience the crowd’s enthusiast cheering.
* Ride on the picturesque routes of beautiful Provence.
* Attend the last Time Trial Start in Embrun and watch the riders Warm Up routines & preparation
* Ride the famous Alpes d’Huez route.
* Climb on the Col de la Croix Fry and attend the stage 19 Finish in Le Grand Bornand.
* Be in the heart of a feeding station.
* Watch the spectacle of the Publicity Caravan.
* Included: Grand Palais Grandstand tickets on the Champs Elysées, facing the finish line.

**The Tour de France stages you will see:**

*Sunday, July 14th:* Stage 15 - Givors / Mont Ventoux  242km
*Tuesday, July 16th:* Stage 16 - Vaison la Romaine / Gap 168km
*Wednesday, July 17th:* Stage 17 - Time Trial Embrun / Chorges 32km
*Thursday, July 18th:* Stage 18 - Gap / Alpes d’Huez 168km
*Friday, July 19th:* Stage 19 - Bourg d’Oisans / Grand Bornand  204km
*Saturday, July 20th:* Stage 20 - Annecy / Semnoz 125km
*Sunday, July 21st:* Stage 21 - Versailles / Paris Champs-Elysées  118km
Your tour will be spectacular and a richly rewarding experience as you will not only challenge yourself, but you will also be in the heat of the Tour action. During this tour, you will climb the mythical Mont Ventoux and experience the atmosphere of enthusiastic crowds, waving the flags and cheering you on while you climb some of the most prestigious climbs in France. This year, we are honoured to welcome you on mythical French climbs such as Alpes d’Huez, Mont Ventoux, Glandon, or Madeleine! Up there, you will not only see the pros battle on these climbs, but you will climb the same famous peaks before the pros arrive. 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. Before the mountain stages, you will see the second and last Time Trial with the opportunity to cheer on your favourite riders as they leave the start house. This tour package with Kathy Watt Cycling will provide you with an unbeatable experience.

Kathy Watt has raced the Tour de France feminin 6 times. In 1988 the Tour de France feminine was held in conjunction with the Mens Tour-organised by ASO (with the women starting 5mins behind the Men). Kathy finished 7th in the General Classification. Kathy has raced up most of the famous mountain passes you will experience on the Tour de France and will be on hand as a Tour guide.

Carey Hall-Head Trainer & Managing Director at Kathy Watt Cycling & Jean Charles will help to organize the Tour group and act as a cycling Tour guide. The riders will be split into two or more groups when necessary to cater for varying fitness levels (especially on the mountain climbs). We will have a support van for food, drinks & your spare clothing/jackets, etc with a qualified mechanic to help you with the initial set up and any problems you may experience with your bike.

Saturday, July 13th - Day 1:
Tour de France: Stage 14, Saint Pourçain sur Sioule / Lyon.
Group: Arrival at Marseille airport and transfer to your hotel. Hotel: 4* Hotel in L’Isle sur la Sorgue for 3 nights. 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 L’Isle-sur-la-Sorgue. Those participants who wish to arrive earlier please contact Kathy Watt Cycling.

The town of L’Isle-sur-la-Sorgue was originally a city of fishermen! Called “Insula” in the Middle Ages, the city was a true island amidst marshlands which were slowly drained by the construction of the canals. Many canals were dug, both through and around the town, giving rise to the affectionate name of « Venice of the Comtat ». The Canals, waterwheels and antique shops turn your visit into a delightful moment.

Your hotel is located on the lower slopes of the Vaucluse with views across the plains to the Luberon and Alpilles mountains. Once there, you will enjoy a magnificent 18 hole golf course, spacious, comfortable apartments and many sporting facilities (swimming pool, tennis courts, gym). The beautiful terraced restaurant and bar have panoramic views over the whole golf course.

If you wish, you will have the time to go for an easy ride. In the evening, you will gather over a welcoming cocktail with your travelling companions, before enjoying your first meal.

Sunday, July 14th - Day 2:
Tour de France: Stage 15, Givors / Mont Ventoux
Group: Climb the mythical Mont Ventoux
Hotel: 4* Hotel in L’Isle sur la Sorgue

This will be a day of contrasts. The initial stretch of this stage will be contested on the flat, where riders will need to pace themselves. This will be a determining factor in the final to be fought out on the formidable slopes of Mont Ventoux. The 14th July is an auspicious date on which the climb up Mont Chauve could provoke yet another revolution, this time, in the general classification of the Tour. Cyclists: One big challenge for your cycling week: the climb of the famous “Giant of Provence”, the Mont Ventoux. You’ll leave the hotel as a group after breakfast. The start of the climb is 19.26 miles from the hotel. This will be your warm-up before facing the famous climb. The route will take you up from Bedoin: 13.6 miles and 1912 meters high! This is the most famous and difficult ascent. The road to the summit has an average grade of 7.6%. Mont Ventoux is a mountain in the Provence region of southern France, located some 20 km north-east of Carpentras, Vaucluse. On the north-side, the mountain borders the Drôme département. It is the largest mountain in the region and has been nicknamed the "Giant of Provence", or "The Bald Mountain".

As the name might suggest (ventoux means windy in French), it can get windy at the summit, especially with the mistral; windspeeds as high as 320 km/h (193 mph) have been recorded. The road over the mountain is often closed due to high winds. Mont Ventoux, although geologically part of the Alps, is often considered to be...
separate from them, due to the lack of mountains of a similar height nearby. Its isolated position overlooking the valley of the Rhône ensures that it dominates the entire region and can be seen from many miles away on a clear day. The view from the top is breathtaking. If necessary we will split off into two groups of different ability levels for each day. Each group will be accompanied by a staff rider and a back-up vehicle with a technician and supplies (food and drink) (No back up vehicle during the Climb to the Mont Ventoux though as no vehicles will be allowed on that day).

Once at the top of Mont Ventoux, you’ll be free to stand wherever you like in order to enjoy the arrival of the race. Shortly after the finish, you will ride back to Bédoin.

**Non cyclists:** We will get on the coach and go to Bédoin, in order to catch a glimpse of the race atmosphere and to see the riders pass by on Mont Ventoux. Watching the tour riders is always interesting as the complexity of the race changes. There are races within the race, and strategies develop between groups of riders with their personal goals always balanced by the needs of the team, as the race develops.

**Cyclists & non cyclists:** Shortly after the finish, your coach will drive you back to your hotel in L’Isle sur Sorgue, where you will spend your second night. Those who wish will go back to the hotel on their bike, and everyone will gather for a well deserved dinner at the restaurant.

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**Monday, July 15th - Day 3:**

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

**Group:** Ride on the picturesque roads of beautiful Provence.

**Hotel:** 4* Hotel in L’Isle sur la Sorgue

**Cyclists:** After yesterday’s strenuous ride, you will enjoy a relaxed day as the stage is totally flat and free of any major difficulty. As soon as breakfast is finished, you will leave the hotel as a group to reach the day’s route. Today’s ride will be a picturesque one as you will have the leisure to ride across some of the most beautiful landscapes of Provence. The Abbey of Senanque will be one of your numerous stop-overs.

**Non cyclists:** you’ll visit the Abbey of Sénanque and the village of Gordes. Notre-Dame de Senanque is a Cistercian abbey near the village of Gordes in the department of the Vaucluse. The Senanque Abbey was founded in 1148 under the patronage of Alfant, bishop of Cavaillon, and Raymond Berenger II, Count of Provence, by Cistercian monks who came from Mazan Abbey in the Ardeche.

Gordes is also without a doubt worth seeing. The village has a world wide reputation due to its famous inhabitants, and Peter Mayle's book *A Year in Provence* certainly helped.

Standing on the edge of the plateau of Vaucluse, it is one of the “in” villages of Luberon where many movie stars and artists have made their home. Its houses of white and gray stone rise up in a spiral around the rock where the village is set. At the very top is the church and the castle which face out onto the hills of the Luberon. Due to its privileged position, its exceptional charm and its typical architecture, Gordes has been listed as “one of the most beautiful villages of France”.

Ménerbes is another beautiful stone village that you will have the opportunity to discover.
It is perched along the top of a long ridge overlooking vineyards to the north and the location, if not the actual village, has been occupied since neolithic times. Approaching the village from across the farmlands, you'll see ancient walls, towers, churches and chapels perched on the stoney cliffs, in the center of an area of bories. Inside the village, narrow streets wind up and down between lovely old buildings, and the square at the top of the village, with the Mairie, seems apart from the shops and activity of the lower village. Through an arch at the top square beside the ancient Mairie, you have a magnificent view out across the plains, with several distant villages visible, including Gordes to the north, and sights such as a small Notre-Dame-des-Grâces chapel and farmhouse just below where you stand.

Vénasque is another beautiful spot that you will come across.

Between Carpentras and Gordes, close to the Mont-Ventoux and at the gateway to the Luberon, Vénasque is a delightful small village perched atop a sheer rock face. During the Middle Ages it was protected by impressive fortifications, and nowadays you can still see three of its towers and a fortified door. Vénasque, officially ranked amongst France's most beautiful villages, looks out over the valley of La Nesque and the plain of Carpentras.

Tuesday, July 16th - Day 4:

Tour de France: Stage 16 Vaison la Romaine / Gap

Group: Be at the heart of a feeding station

Hotel: 4* residence in Risoul for 2 nights.

The approach to the Alps, that will be the scene of a final week of intense action, can provide an opportunity for all-rounders to deploy their talents. The day's climbs will probably see the best climbers clinging together. However, one will need a fast pace to triumph in Gap after a long final straight. Cyclists: After breakfast, you will leave the hotel as a group to get to the day’s route and your destination point will be the feeding station. 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 will 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. After watching the riders going through the feeding station, 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 cozy 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 residence:

It is perfectly located on a slope, at the top of the Risoul from where it offers a marvellous view. You will enjoy top-of-the-range services (1 sauna, 1 indoor swimming pool, 1 jacuzzi, as well as a lounge with a cozy bar). Besides, your residence is perfectly located for tomorrow’s time trial.
Wednesday, July 17th - Day 5:

Tour de France: Stage 17 Time Trial Embrun / Chorges

Group: Cyclists: After breakfast, you will leave the hotel to ride to the time trial start.
After this morning ride, you'll be given the opportunity to change clothes in the coach, in order to feel fresh to watch the Time Trial!
Non cyclists will be driven to the time trial start.

With the blue waters of Serre-Ponçon Lake in the background, this second individual Time Trial will once again take place in picture postcard surroundings. The distance to be covered will be almost the same as in the previous exercise, but things could open up for other challengers, as the terrain will be much more mountainous. This will be the moment of truth as this 19miles long time-trial is the last opportunity for Tour riders to improve their position over their rivals. This is the last battle, and you can bet, even with tired legs after 16 hard stages, the riders will give it their all.

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.

The coach will take you back to the hotel once the Time Trial is over. We will gather over a much deserved dinner, and you will sleep well tonight.

Hotel: 4* residence in Risoul for 2 nights
Thursday, July 18th - Day 6:
Tour de France: Stage 18, Gap / Alpes d’Huez

Group: Ride on the famous Alpes d’Huez route!
Hotel: 4* hotel in Annecy for 2 nights

This will, without doubt, be a long awaited and memorable day in the 100th edition of the Tour. For the first time, there will be a double helping of nerves for the riders who will be dreading the double climb of the Alpe d’Huez, and rightly so. With its notorious twenty-one hairpin bends, it is also one of the most telegenic climbs in France.

You will enjoy the mythical Alpes d’Huez climb even more as this year, riders will climb the Alpes d’Huez twice! Cyclists: After an early breakfast, today's stage will take you to the Alpes d’Huez route. Your coach will first drive you to the village of Bourg d’Oisans, which is a village located at the foot of Alpes d’Huez. From Bourg d’Oisans, you will take your bike and climb up most of the ascent. (Non cyclists will stay in Bourg d’Oisans or wander about if they wish) Riding this mountain stage ahead of time will give you the 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 who have been parked there for days in advance. You will see flags from nations in Europe, and of course from Australia, the US, South Africa and more. Once at the top, you’ll have the chance to see the professional riders arrive one after the other. After the Finish, it will be time you cycled back to Bourg d’Oisans. You’ll all get back on the coach that will take you to your new hotel in Annecy. Dinner will be served at the hotel’s restaurant.

Welcome to Annecy! Your hotel is located in the heart of the beautiful city of Annecy and a few minutes from the shores of the lake. Once there, you will discover a wide range of services: comfortable rooms, tasty cuisine, a friendly bar & a design and relaxing spa. (Jacuzzi, Turkish bath, 2 treatment cubicles and a large fitness room)

Friday, July 19th - Day 7:
Tour de France: Stage 19, Bourg d’Oisans / Grand Bornand

Group: Ride to the col de la Croix Fry and watch the race Finish in Grand Bornand. Hotel: 4* hotel in Annecy

This second alpine stage will present plenty of opportunities for those who want to shake up the order of the pack, in particular during the climbs on the Glandon and Madeleine passes. The descent into Le Grand-Bornand (around a dozen kilometres in length) on the other side of the Croix Fry pass, promises to deliver a moment laden with suspense.

Cyclists: After breakfast, you will cycle to Grand Bornand, where you will watch the Stage Finish. You will first meet another personal challenge, and climb quite a difficult col named Col de la Croix Fry, one of the hardest climbs of today’s stage. 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 who have been parked there for days in advance. From there, you will head to Grand Bornand where you’ll have the chance to see the professional riders arrive one after the other.
Tonight, for those who have rented a bike, time will have come to return them.

Non cyclists and cyclists who wish to have a rest today: you will have the nice opportunity to visit historical Annecy

Annecy is one of the most beautiful small cities in France. The picturesque old town is located on the banks of the Thiou River and Lake Annecy, one of the largest and arguably most spectacular natural lakes in France. The castle Château d’Annecy guards over the old town. Although Annecy has several museums and interesting churches, the lovely old town with its endless flower-filled balconies is the main sight making it possible to enjoy sightseeing in Annecy without cultural overload. Annecy’s old town is beautifully restored and a joy to stroll through. Colorful buildings house endless restaurants, bistros, and cafés with outdoor seating and pleasant views. Many are on the banks of the Thiou River and Vassé Canal that drain Lake Annecy. Flowers bloom on balconies and many buildings have arcades that provide welcome shade on sunny days and shelter during rain or snow. Much of the old town of Annecy has only very narrow streets and alleys that are open to pedestrians only. Annecy’s old town is particularly attractive and interesting (and very busy) on market days. A standard fresh produce market is held on Fridays. A major attraction of Annecy is its beautiful location on the banks of Lac d’Annecy. Boat excursions are popular on Lake Annecy and range from lunch cruises to short roundtrips. It is also possible to rent boats from the park behind the Hotel de Ville – powerboats and pedal boats (pedalos) can be rented by the half-hour. Swimming is allowed in the very clean lake. The lake is fairly shallow close to Annecy allowing for surprisingly warm water temperatures in summer.

Dinner will be served at the hotel's restaurant.

Saturday, July 20th - Day 8:

Tour de France: Stage 20, Annecy / Semnoz

Group: Watch the Stage 20 Departure in Annecy

Hotel: 4* Hotel near the Champs Elysées for 2 nights Anything could still happen during this penultimate stage, where only the first part of the race, around Lake Annecy, will be on the flat. After this, a group of climbs, to include Mont Revard, should see a number of attacks. The unprecedented finish in Semnoz involves climbs which are sharp enough to cause a last minute upset... Cyclists & non cyclists: Your hotel is right on the tour route and is a perfect place to experience the race. Walk out of your hotel and you’ll be in the heart of this stage departure! Go and join the enthusiastic crowd. This is an experience that you will always remember. You will take part in the frenzy that takes place on the “route du Tour”, with the crowd cheering, the publicity caravan featuring some of the most bizarre motor vehicles you have ever seen and the riders positioning themselves for the win on this stage.
Once the riders are gone, you’ll be back to your hotel. It will be time to get on the coach that will head for Genève in order to get on the TGV high speed train, to Paris. In 3 ½ hours you will be in the “City of Lights” where your guides will be with you to take you into your 4* Hotel near the Champs Elysees. For your best comfort, our van will drive from Annecy to Paris with your luggage and bikes and will meet you after the stage at the hotel in Paris. Your hotel, where you will be staying on a B&B basis, is located in what is known as the “Golden Triangle” (avenue Montaigne, avenue des Champs Elysees, avenue Georges V). We have chosen this hotel near the finish line near the Champs Elysees 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 you will have easy to access all of the best that is Paris from here. While the hotel is in a quiet neighborhood, you will be in the heart of the action (approx 400m from Champs Elysees).

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

**Sunday, July 21st - Day 9: Tour de France: Stage 21, Versailles / Paris Champs-Elysées**

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

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

The final stage of this 100th edition of the Tour represents a rare privilege for the peloton. The first few yards of the race will be inside the grounds of the château de Versailles before the pack heads towards Paris, where the riders will fight it out on the final circuit. This is where the candidates for a last exploit will launch their last-ditch attack on the sprinters.

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-Elysees to see the final stage, that will take place, for the first time ever, in the evening. Paris by night will be magic with fireworks, airforce displays and great cycling action!

You’ll be there to watch this special 100th Anniversary night Finish, enjoy! 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 100th Tour de France for the last time.

Monday, July 22nd - 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.

PRICE:

LAST 10 DAYS, Classic Package (Room sharing in twin or double): 4850 AUD
(all taxes and fees included)

LAST 10 DAYS, Classic Package (Single room): Price on application (all taxes and fees included)

Deposit to secure this tour: 1500AUD; balance due 1st March, 2013

The price includes:
• Accommodation for 9 nights in 4-star hotels (rooms with private bathroom including toilets, and a tub and/or a shower).
• 10 breakfasts and 7 dinners (drinks wine and water included at each dinner).
• Grandstand VIP on the Champs Elysées.
• Transfer from Geneva to Paris in 1st Class High Speed TGV train.
• 2 certified support riders who will accompany the group for the whole trip.
• 2 Support vehicles with KWPT professionally trained mechanic and your bus driver.
• Travel in luxury private coach.
• Daily luggage transportation.
• Special bikes’ trailer for the safe transport of your bikes.
• Accident and Repatriation insurance in case of injury.
• The TDF Travel Road Book with detailed maps and daily stage routes.
• Musette Gift bag.
• Discounts at the Tour de France Official store.
• Local taxes.
• Tour Cycling Jersey.
• Tour T-Shirt.

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 rental: 550 AUD
If you prefer not bring your own bike, we offer the rent of new Carbon Trek Madone Series 4, 5; Triple crank (50, 39, 30 in front and 12x26 in the back), Shimano 105.
Bikes will be delivered and picked up at the hotel.
Contact us at: info@kathywatt.com for more information.

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Flights / 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)
* Lufthansa (www.lufthansa.com)
* British Airways (wwwbritishairways.com)
* Iberia (http://www.iberia.com)
* Alitalia (http://www.alitalia.com)

Flights are going to be on 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 L’Isle sur la Sorgue.

Marseille Airport / L’Isle sur la Sorgue: 83 km (52 miles) – 1 hour