

10 Iconic Tour de France Mountains
8 Days 7 Nights
Fully Supported Tour - June/August 2024



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This summer, conquer 10 of the most iconic climbs of the Tour De France.

Our 10 icons tour gives you an incredible opportunity to take on the famous French Alpine cols over one fantastic week. Most of us will never serve an ace in Wimbledon, take a penalty kick at Wembley or score a try at the Aviva. But you can cycle in the shadow of the Tour de France legends.

Our tour is fully supported with two team cars, bicycle mechanic, snacks and refreshments on the road and your very own road captain. All luggage transfers and check in are taken care of in advance.

All you have to do is turn up and ride.





For Your Stay Your Chateau Is Waiting For You

We understand how important a good nights sleep is after a long day in the saddle. We have handpicked the perfect cycle friendly hotels for you.

A mix of chateaus, villas and hotels, you will be guaranteed to be looked after like a pro cyclist. Some have health and spa facilities where you can rest tired legs and we will make sure you are well fed in their superb restaurants.

Our accommodations are located so you can cycle from door to door on most days. Your comfort is our priority.

All accommodation, breakfast and dinners are included in the price.





Col de Joux Plane Elevation 1700m



Day One - Morning Col de Joux Plane

**Col de Joux Plane - The classic ascent is from the south,
starting in Samoens.**

**In 1997, Le Tour winner, Marco Pantani managed the climb in 33 mins.
Armstrong called it his 'bête noire'! In 2023, it provided one of the most
exciting stage finishes of Le Tour, eventually finishing in our
home town of Morzine.**

**Steep and unrelenting, the climb is considered one of the hardest in the Alps.
Although the first couple of kilometres are tough, it soon backs off
to more managable levels.**

**The views of Mont Blanc from the summit are stunning and make
the climb so worthwhile.**



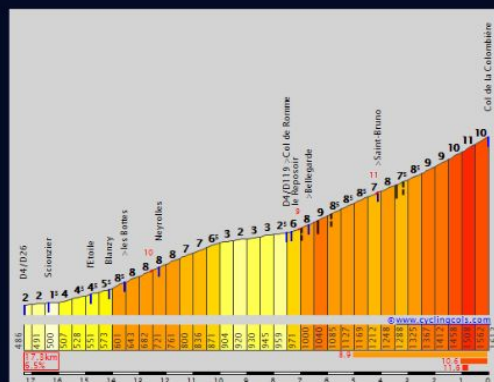


Col de la Colombière Elevation 1613m



Day One - Afternoon Col de la Colombière

Col de la Colombière - The pass was first included in Le Tour in 1960 and has since featured 23 times, most recently in 2021. It starts relatively gently but once past Le Reposoir, things get a little more serious. The summit is visible from around 3km but seems never ending to actually reach.





Col de la Madeleine Elevation 1993m

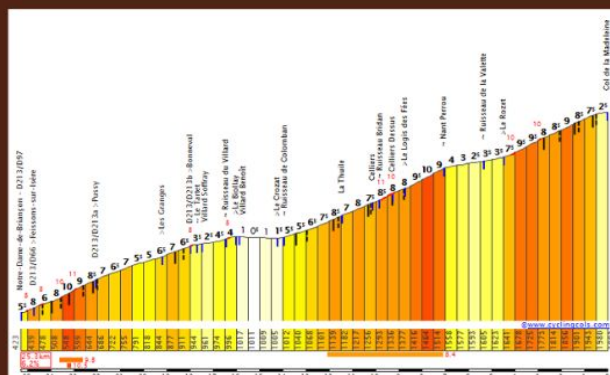


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Day Two - Morning Col de la Madeleine

Col de la Madeleine - Another Tour de France favourite, it has featured 25 times since 1969. The climb from the north is on a quiet, narrow road initially passing through wooded terrain before rising above the tree line into open country.

It's a long climb at 25km but a steady one. The gradient varies with two plateaus at broadly a third and two thirds distance. Stunning views from the summit where we take a brief lunch before a 20km descent to La Chambre.






Col Du Glandon
Elevation 1924m



Day Two - Afternoon Col du Glandon

Col du Glandon - Similar in character to the Madeleine, the Glandon is a long steady climb but with a sting in the tail so try to keep something in reserve. The last 3km feature multiple steep hairpins as the road winds up to the summit.

This will be a long day with the most climbing of the Tour. We finish by descending from whence we came then along the valley floor to our overnight stop.

A long day but one of our favourites.



Col du Télégraphe Elevation 1566m



Col du télégraphe
Alt. 1566 m



Day Three - Morning Col du Télégraphe

The Télégraphe - Riding from the hotel, we warm up for 14km along the valley floor to the start of the Col du Télégraphe in St Michel de Maurienne. It's a steady climb with an average of 7.3% rising 850m over 11.8km. As ever there are great views from the top back down into the Maurienne valley. We then drop down into the ski resort of Valloire for a mid-morning coffee stop.

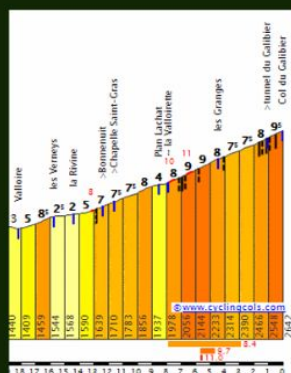


Col du Galibier Elevation 2642m



Day Three - Afternoon Col du Galibier

The Galibier - Probably the most iconic of all Tour De France climbs, the Col du Galibier has seen countless battles over it's 18km. The founder of Le Tour, Henri Desgrange, was branded a bandit when he introduced the Galibier to the race in 1911 and it was seen as an act of pure sadism. In 2022, the riders of Le Tour climbed it twice on consecutive days! The terrain is sometimes bleak, sometimes ethereal but always challenging. No matter what's been said about these two climbs in the past, this is the day you will feel like a true Tour rider.





Alpe d'Huez
Elevation 1860m

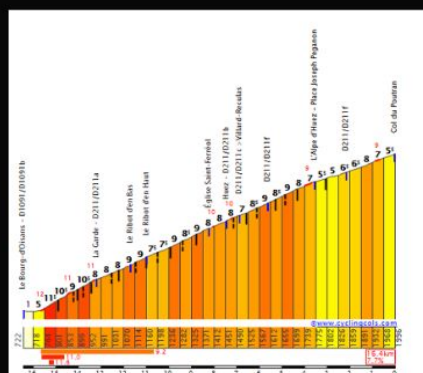


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Day Four - Morning Alpe d'Huez

Alpe d'Huez - It doesn't get more mythical than Alpe d'Huez. Probably the most famous climb in racing history and one that is on every cyclist's bucket list.

The scene of countless battles, each of its 21 hairpins has its own story. 13.9 km's with an average gradient of 8.2% and a maximum of 12%, this climb will certainly test you. But reaching the summit of this iconic climb is a memory you will have forever.



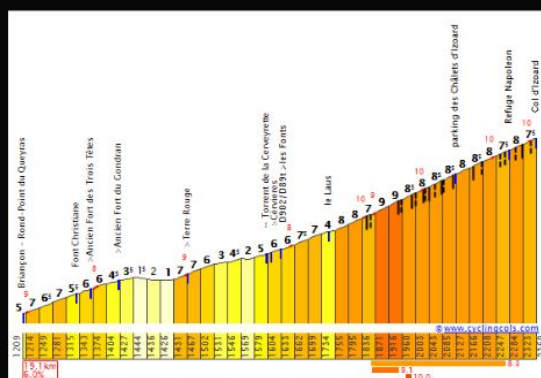
Col d'Izoard Elevation 2,360m



Day Four - Afternoon Col d'Izoard

Col d'Izoard - Featured in Le tour 36 times, this mountain will make you feel like you are cycling on another planet.

The landscape is barren with protruding pinnacles of weathered rock. Several of the Tour de France's more memorable moments have occurred on the Col d'Izoard, particularly the exploits of Gino Bartali, Fausto Coppi, Louison Bobet and Bernard Thévenet. A small cycling museum is at the summit, along with a memorial to Coppi and Bobet. It's a must for any cycling fan.



Col de la Bonette Elevation 2,802m

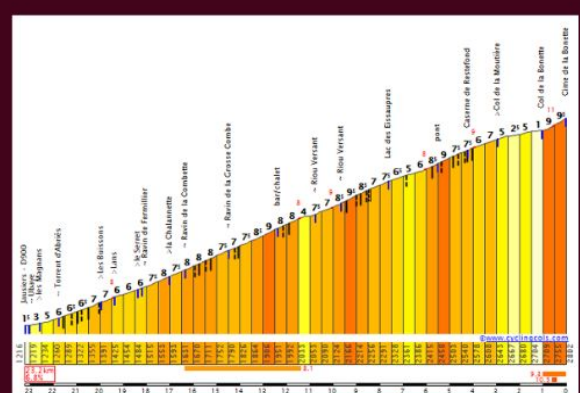


Day Five Col de la Bonette

Day 5 of our Icons Tour may require oxygen masks!! It's the day we take on the Col de la Bonette. The road to the summit of the Bonette climbs to almost 3,000m! The road around the Cime de la Bonette reaches an altitude of 2,802 m (9,193 ft), but this is not a "pass", but merely a scenic loop. It is, however, the highest asphalted road in France and is the highest through road in Europe.

The climb starts relatively modestly through lush meadows and then becomes progressively more desolate as the altitude rises. As we near the top, the terrain is more like a lunar landscape.

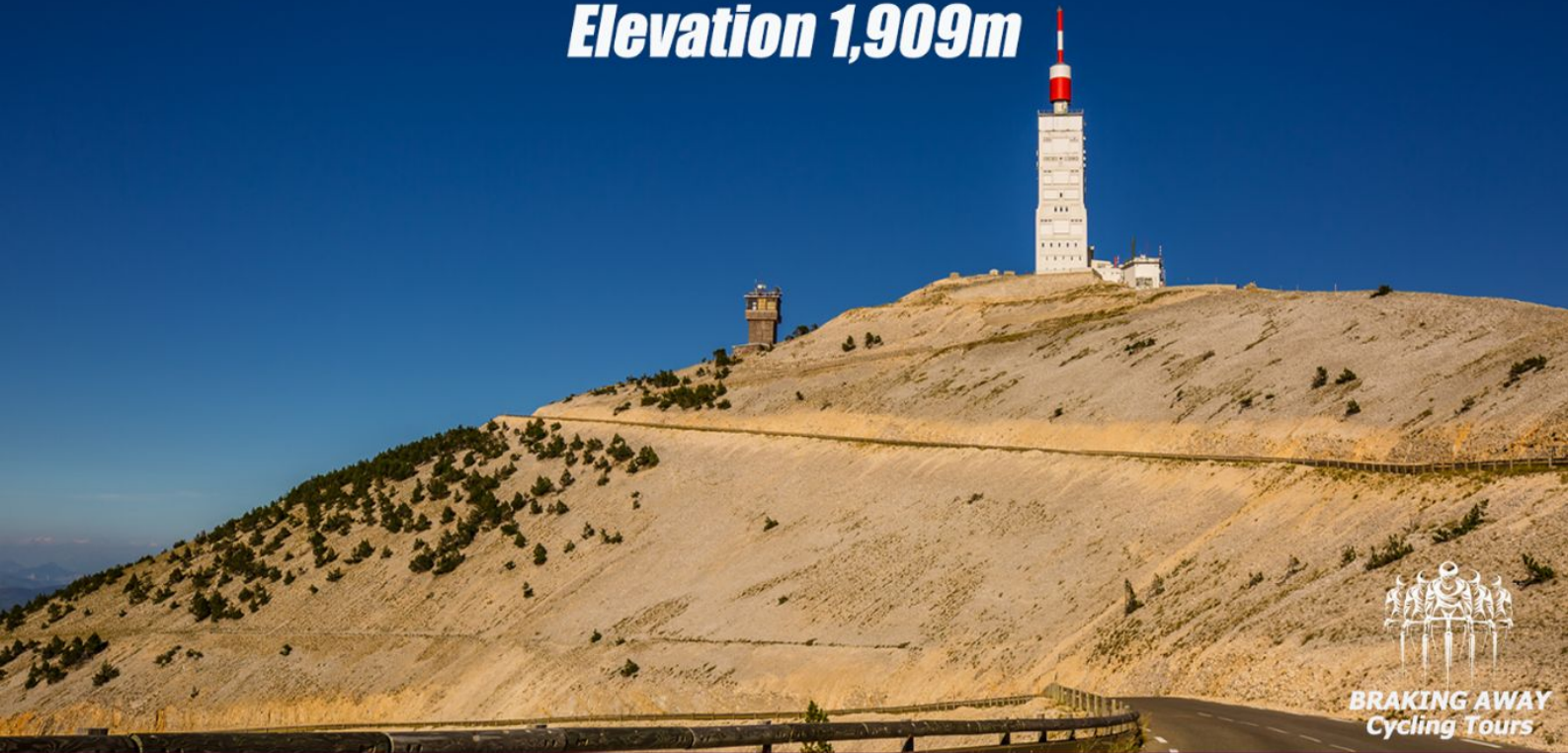
After some refreshments on the summit we descend into Jausiers and take a scenic trip though Provence to our hotel.





Mont Ventoux

Elevation 1,909m



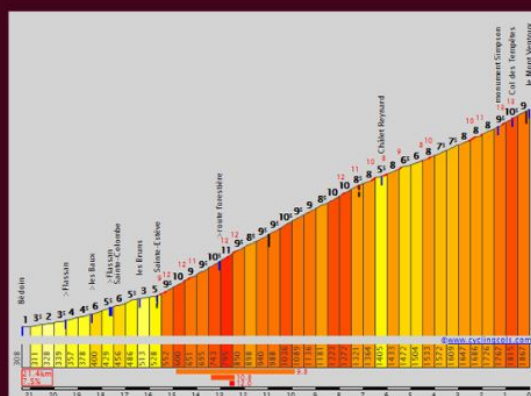
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Day Six

Mont Ventoux

Day 6 of our 10 Icons Tour belongs to The Giant of Provence.

An icon amongst icons. The Ventoux. It stands alone, dominating everything for miles around. From afar it looks snow capped but that's just an illusion created by the bare limestone which covers the surface above the tree line. From Bedoin, the climb measures 21.3km with 1603m of ascent to give an average of 7.5%. The first 6km however are only 3.9% which means the remaining 16km average out at 8.9% with no let up at all. The Ventoux is one of the most gruelling climbs in Le Tours history and just to climb it once, is a justifiable achievement and a fitting end to our tour.





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Cost - €2,350

What's included

- **Transfers from Geneva Airport - Luggage transfers each day**
- **7 nights accommodation* - Breakfast and dinner**
- **Snacks and refreshments on the road**
- **2 x support vehicles - Cycling guide for all 6 days**
- **Bike mechanic - Finishers medal**

What's not included

- **Flights - Return transfer to airport**
- **Lunches - Bike hire**

Travel insurance, to include personal travel, bike and personal liability.

***Based on shared accommodation.**



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ALT. 2675m
 8%
Cime de La Bonette 0,5
Jausiers 22
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