



TOUR DE FRANCE

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TOUR de FRANCE (The Alps) 2011 Stages 16 to 20: 17 - 24 July 2011

Experience the excitement of the cycling spectacle that is the Tour de France. Stages 16 to 20 takes the through the French Alps, crossing into Italy and includes a mountain top finish at the world famous Alps D'Huez and an individual time-trial at Grenoble. Have the opportunity to not only see, but also ride sections of the route that the race take every day.

9 days / 8 nights

This year the Tour de France runs from Saturday the 2nd of July to Sunday the 24th of July 2011. It is the 98th Tour de France and will be made up of 21 stages covering a total distance of 3,471 kilometers.

These stages have the following profiles:

- 10 flat stages,
- 6 mountain stages and 4 summit finishes,
- 3 medium mountain stages,
- 1 individual time-trial stage (41 km).
- 1 team time-trial stage (23 km).

Distinctive aspects of the race

- le Galibier climbed twice,
- 23 level 2, 1 or highest level mountain passes or summit finishes,

The Tour de France's cyclists first climbed the Col du Galibier in 1911.

To mark this hundredth anniversary of the inclusion of Col du Galibier, in 2011, the Galibier will be climbed twice within a period of 24 hours. The finish of the 18th stage will be judged at the summit, which will be the highest finish in the Tour's history, at an altitude of 2,645 meters.



THE STAGES WE VISIT

Stage no	Date	Type of Route	Start, Finish & Distance
16	Tuesday 19 th July	Medium Mountains	Saint-Paul-Trois-Châteaux to Gap - 163 km
17	Wednesday 20 th July	High Mountains	Gap to Pinerolo - 179 km
18	Thursday 21 st July	High Mountains	Pinerolo to Galibier Serre-Chevalier - 189 km
19	Friday 22 nd July	High Mountains	Modane to Alpe-d'Huez - 109 km
20	Saturday 23 rd July	Individual time-trial	Grenoble to Grenoble - 41 km

OUR ITNERARY

Day	Activity
Saturday 16 th July	We meet you on your arrival at Geneva International airport and transfer to Annecy where we overnight for the first 2 nights of the tour. On arrival at our accommodation in Annecy and after checking into the hotel we unpack the bikes and check that everything is in good working order and maybe even go for an easy spin to loosen the legs.
Sunday 17 th July	After breakfast we head for the mountains and finish our ride along Lake Annecy back at the hotel.
Monday 18 th July	Rest day for the tour so we pack up early and head off to Gap from where we will ride and watch the next 2 stages before the main Alpine attack.
Tuesday 19 th July	Stage 16 finishes in Gap today. Our riding is planned such that we see the end of the stage.
Wednesday 20 th July	With stage 17 starting in Gap today we leave our hotel after breakfast and ride out to meet up with the peleton as it speeds past. Again we do a loop that will take us back to the hotel.
Thursday 21 st July	Today's stage 18 finishes on the top of Col du Galibier (2645m). The bus takes us to Briancon from where we ride to Col du Lautaret (intersection to Col du Galibier) to see the peleton turn right to the finish at the top. From there we ride down the valley towards Bourg d'Oisans where the bus will pick us up again and take us to our accommodation in Grenoble.
Friday 22 nd July	The mountain top finish on L'Alpe-D'Heuz is one of those things that you have to see. Today we will ride there from the hotel and do just that! Experience the crowds and amazing energy on this world famous climb.
Saturday 23 rd July	The individual time-trail is in and around Grenoble which means that we will once again be riding from our hotel.
Sunday 24 th July	After breakfast we take a leisurely drive back to the airport in Geneva to be in time for your evening flights back home.



PACKAGE OPTIONS AND COSTS

R 21, 750.00 per person sharing

R 6, 000.00 single supplement

Included in the above price

- Sharing accommodation on a B&B basis based on the above rates (3 & 4 Star)
- All transfers and transport from Geneva Airport back to Geneva Airport
- Guided cycling along the route of the race
- Snacks, energy drinks during riding days
- Backup vehicle where allowed on the route
- 3 Dinners

Not Included

- All flights
- Lunches and balance of dinners
- Activities and other excursions
- Wine and alcoholic drinks during the tour
- Purchases of a personal nature

Please note

- The cost and the running of the tour is subject to minimum and maximum numbers joining the group
- Price subject to exchange rate fluctuations