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Guided cycling Tour Trans Pyrenees 2019. May 1 until September 30
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The Pyrenees mountain range on the border between France and Spain are well known among all cycling fanatics. It's a fantastic cycling trip from Biarritz (on the Atlantic coast) all the way up to the Mediterranean Sea. This challenging trip leads you over all the famous cols of the Tour de France. This Trans Pyrenees road bike trip includes many highlights including an extra transfer to Bedoin (Provence) to tackle your last epic climb to the Mont- Ventoux!

The adventure starts in the quiet little sea village of Saint-Jean-de-Luz just South of Biarritz. Get some rest to get ready for a great, unforgettable ride across one of the most beautiful parts of

France. From the foothills of the Pyrenees in Saint-Jean de Luz you start with a warm up before tackling some of the most (in) famous and legendary Pyrenees climbs. Just a pick of which mountain passes you'll conquer! Col du Tourmalet, Col d'Aspin, Col de Peyresourde, Col d'Aubisque, Col du Marie Blanche, Col du Portret d'Aspet, Hautacam and last but not least Col du Mont-Ventoux. You'll cycle over quite country side roads through typical French villages. The rides are spectacular with breath-taking passes and majestic mountain scenery. This tour has been specially designed with you, the passionate road cyclist. The Trans Pyrenees tour is open for cyclists with a high fitness level.

Jump on your bicycle and cycle all those famous Pyrenees cols of the Tour de France!

- Breath taking scenery are home to the mountain ranges of the Pyrenees
- Legendary Pyrenees cols like Col du Tourmalet, Col d'Aspin, Col de Peyresourde, Col d'Aubisque, Col du Marie Blanche, Col du Portret d'Aspet or Hautacam
- The "Queen Stage on day 6.
- You'll climb Col du Tourmalet, Col d'Aspin and Luz Ardiden ski station
- Cycling in France and Spain
- The cosy sea village of Saint-Jean-de-Luz near Biarritz
- The climb to most famous mountain of the Tour de France: Col du Mont-Ventoux
- The Pyrenees is a real cycling paradise for every keen cyclist, you'll experience one of the most challenging routes and mythical climbs

Itinerary

Day 1

Check in

Pick up at Biarritz Airport and transfer to your hotel in the quiet little Basque village of Sare next to Saint-Jean-de-Luz just South of Biarritz. Get some rest to get ready for your great, unforgettable ride across one of the most beautiful parts of France "the mighty Pyrenees". Welcome drinks at the main square Sare near Saint-Jean-de-Luz followed by dinner in an excellent local restaurant. Dinner is included.

Day 2

Saint-Jean-de-Luz to Saint-Jean-de-Port 52 km - altitude 1150m

After breakfast you start with your first cycling day! Too leave the pleasant sea village of Sare behind us. Soon you will ride into Spanish territory (region of Navarra) over Col de St Ignace, a fairly easy climb just 3.5 km long. These climb is perfect as a warm-up ride. Our second climb to Spain's Puerto de Otxondo will be a bit tougher 602m and 9.5 long. After the Otxondo we head back into France over the most beautiful climb called: Col d'Ispeguy (672 m). The views are incredible on the descent into St Etienne de Baigorry. Your final destination will be the ancient Pyrenean village of Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port.

Day 3

Saint-Jean-de-Port to Eaux-Bonnes 119 km - altitude 2350m

The first climbs to Col des Gamia and Col d'Osquich, will give you the taste of the real beauty of the Pyrenees. You will face Col du Marie Blanche. The ascent of the Marie Blanche isn't an easy one, especially the last 4 km will be hard. From here you continue to your hotel located on the way up to Col d'Obisque.

Day 4

Eaux Bonnes to Argeles-Gazost 77 km - altitude 1520m

Col d'Aubisque is a legendary Tour peak added in 1910. The Tour de France hosted the Aubisque more than 60 times. The mountain summit has been conquered by great climbers. Col d' Aubisque culminates at 1.709 meters (5.605 feet), progresses for 16.5 kilometers with an average grade of 7.1 per cent rising 1.190 meters. You will start the ride from our Hotel in Eaux-Bonnes, about 8 km from the ski resort of Gourette. Once reached the top, the 20 km descent towards the village Argeles-Gazost is incredibly beautiful, especially the first part to the Col du Soulor where the road runs along cliffs in the Cirque du Litor and there are two short, narrow tunnels.

Day 5

Argeles-Gazost 77km - altitude 1520m

You will stay an extra night in the quiet Pyrenean village of Argeles-Gazost. That gives you the chance to get organized and have some extra time to wash your jerseys and bibs. Today you will climb to the top of the French ski station: Hautacam. You step on your bike in front of your hotel. You ride towards Argelès Gazost and here starts the real climb. The Hautacam ascent is 17 km long; over this distance, we will climb 1.170 meters and the top is at 1.520 meter. In the afternoon you will visit the pilgrim's town of Lourdes.

Day 6

Argeles-Gazost to Saint-Lary-Soulan 88 km - altitude 2650

Today you will face our "Queen Stage". After 12 km you'll reach Luz-Saint-Sauveur. Left you climb the Tourmalet and the road to the right takes you to the ski station of Luz Ardiden. You turn left and up towards the legendary Col du Tourmalet: first included in the TDF in 1910 and was nicknamed "Circle of death". This Pyrenees super climb is where the legendary rider Octave Lapize called race officials "assassins" as he negotiated the mountain in its Tour debut. At the peak of the Tourmalet, a monument honours race founder Henri Desgrange. You will then continue and climb to the Payolle plateau and finally the spectacular Hourquette d'Ancizan! This climb is truly beautiful even though not very well known. We will finally ride to our comfortable Hotel in Saint-Lary-Soulan through a very quiet country road. The gentle climb up the Col d'Aspin is 13km long (7km to reach the Payolle plateau).

Day 7

Saint Lary-Soulan - Rest day

Today is a rest day in Saint-Lary-Soulan.

Day 8

Saint Lary-Soulan to Bagneres-de-Luchon 46 km - altitude 950m

Today is an easy stage. The ride just includes the Col de Peyresourde. Bagneres-de-Luchon is a pretty good size village with many shops and you will have the chance to wash your cycling clothes with few Euros in one of the many "laveries automatique".

Day 9

Bagneres-de-Luchon to Saint Girons 81 km - altitude 1500m

Today's ride will include two really beautiful but rather difficult climbs right in succession: the Col de Menté and the Col de Portet d'Aspet. Especially the second Col will engage you particularly with a couple of steep sections.

Day 10

Sant-Girons to Couiza 142 km - altitude 1850m

The climbs of today are less famous but still challenging starting with Col de la Crouzette up to Sommet de Portel, Col de Py and Col del Teil Overnight at a beautiful medieval castle turned into a Resort/Hotel. Dinner (in the castle) is included Total distance 142km – climbing 1850m Climbs: Col de la Crouzette, Sommet de Portel, Col de Py, Col del Teil and Col du Portel.

Day 11

Couiza to Molitig de Bains 152 km - altitude 3400m

The top climbs of today: the Col du Portel, Col de Coudons, Col des Sept Freres, Col de Chioula, Port de Pailheres and over the Col de Jau to the thermal town of Molitig-les-Bains.

Day 12

Molitig-de-Bains to Collioure 69 km - altitude 1100m

Via the village of Vinca, over the Col Palomere and the Col Xatard finishing in Amelie-les-Bains.

Day 13

Transfer to Bedoin (Mont-Ventoux)

Morning transfer to Bedoin which will take about 4hours. Afternoon free or optional light ride.

Day 14

Col du Mont Ventoux 44 km - altitude 1650m

Cycle the Mont-Ventoux and expect a hard day in the saddle; if you like climbing, this will be your day where you will face the huge beast "The Mont-Ventoux". Today's ride starts again in Bédoin in front of your hotel. Here begins the challenge! The most famous ascent to the Mont-Ventoux. After breakfast we 'll climb this big challenger with its top at 1912 meters (6273 feet). You will follow the cycle path of all the greatest riders in the Tour de France.....come on you can do it! After the 22 km climb you'll reach the summit of "Mont-Ventoux". Relax on top and prepare yourself for a very spectacular descent to the villages of Malaucène. From here its only 12 km back to Bédoin.

Day 15

Departure day

Departure day.....Time to say goodbye, a good flight back home or a pleasant stay in France. Transfers will be made by the tour guide to Marseille airport.

Airport

- Biarritz Airport in the southwest of France is called in full Biarritz "Anglet Bayonne "The airport is the gateway to the western Pyrenees and the Basque Countries in Spain. The airport is mainly serviced by budget companies, but Air France also carries out scheduled flights from Paris Orly, Charles de Gaulle and many other destinations in France like Marseille or Nice.
- Marseille Airport has several flights with Air-France to/from Paris Orly and Charles de Gaulle Airport and flights leaving to/from London, Brussels, Frankfurt, Rome and several other destinations. Another very important airport is Lyon (Saint Exupéry)

Trains

- There are regular fares between Paris and Biarritz/Marseille Railway stations. The Airport train stations are located below Charles de Gaulle and Orly International Airport. Almost every hour trains leave to/from Biarritz/Marseille. Paris's main Railway station is Gare du Nord. From here all trains connect you to almost every destination in France. From Lyon's main Railway station it's only a one and a half hour ride to Marseille. Trains also depart from main Railway station Lyon Part Dieu and from airport train station Saint Exupéry to Marseille.

Booking Information

- All prices are per person based on double rooms.
- For bookings & inquiries info@cycleclassictours.com

Extra Information

1. Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com
2. Once we receive your request we contact the local tour operator if the tour is available.
3. When the tour operator confirms to us. We confirm to you and charge you're a deposit fee of € 1000 per person plus a € 15 booking fee.
4. We tend and try to send all over within 48 hours.
5. You will receive an invoice, the tour program and the terms and conditions of the tour operator.
6. Please do not make travel plans until you receive our confirmation.
7. Your confirmation invoice contains a statement reflecting of your deposit payment and the balance due.
8. The balance payment is due 60 days before the start of the tour.
9. Please be advised that we make every effort to ensure that all the information given on this site is accurate. All statements and information has been researched and supplied by third parties.
10. The information given is accurate and reliable, to the best of our knowledge. Should errors be found, we will rectify them as quickly as possible. However, we accept no responsibility for errors or inaccuracies.

Included

- 14 nights lodging in hotels see itinerary
- Daily breakfast
- 1 dinner on day 1
- Picnic lunches, water & snacks
- English speaking guide
- Group maximum 14 persons
- Support van during whole Tour.
- Pick up from Biarritz airport
- Drop off to Marseille airport

Not Included

- Lunches
- Dinners
- Single supplement € 575
- Road bike € 300
- Insurance
- Airfares