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Combo trip: Geneva to Alpe d'Huez + Marmotte

June 27th thru July 5th, 2015

Saturday, June 27, 2015: Arrival in Geneva - Transfer to Anthy

Arrive at Geneva International Airport. We will greet you at the airport and transfer you to your hotel located in Anthy by Lake Geneva. Dinner and overnight by the Lake.

Sunday, June 28, 2015: - Anthy to Le Grand Bornand (90 km or 55 miles)

The Day's destination is Le Grand Bornand, in the heart of the Aravis mountain range, home of the Reblochon cheese (locals' Powerbar!) where you'll dine and overnight. On your way, you will ride through the very scenic Chablais region (our playground; our office is nearby!). The ride includes one major climb: Col de la Colombiere (1,613 m or 5,290 ft). Dinner and overnight in Le Grand Bornand.

Monday, June 29, 2015: Le Grand Bornand – Albertville (53 km or 32 miles)

You'll leave the very picturesque Le Grand Bornand and get on the classic "Route des Grandes Alpes," a mountain route that links Lake Geneva (Thonon-les-Bains) to the Mediterranean Sea (Menton). After climbing Col des Aravis (1,486 m or 4,460 ft.), you'll plunge down to the valley before attacking the second climb of the day: Col des Saisies (1,657 m or 4,970 ft.) Gravity will take you down to Albertville. This is where you'll dine and overnight.

Tuesday, June 30, 2015: Albertville – Valloire (102 km or 64 miles)

Another classic day! You'll do Col de la Madeleine, one of the most mythic classic Tour de France, although the top culminates at an impressive 2,000 m or 6,000 ft. (the highest so far—until tomorrow!), the northern side is a very enjoyable long and steady climb that has its rewards: an unobstructed panorama over the nearby mountains. Make sure you enjoy it while at the top, sightseeing might be the last thing on your mind when barreling down the twisty 20-km downhill to the Maurienne Valley. After a flat section on the valley floor, you'll ascend the easy Col du Télégraphe (1,566 m or 4,700 ft.) and reach the beautiful resort of Valloire.

Wednesday, July 1, 2015: Valloire – Alpe d'Huez or Oz-en-Oisans (85 km or 53 miles)

Valloire is located at the foot of the Galibier pass (2,642 m or 7,926 ft.), the mammoth climb of the day. As a result, don't expect much in the way of a warm-up! Riding this legendary climb is magic: graffiti from pas Tours will remind you that this road has seen many showdowns since it was first used by Tour de France riders in 1911. You will be rewarded by stunning views over the Meije glacier and by a memorable 40-km (25 miles) descent to Bourg d'Oisans before charging up the 13-km (8 miles) climb to Alpe d'Huez. The time to beat: 37'35", a record held by Marco Pantani since 1995.

Thursday, July 2, 2015: Day-off in Alpe d'Huez

On that day, please feel free to go for a short spin. You may also take advantage of the hotel's facilities (sauna, Jacuzzi, swimming-pool) and relax!

Friday, July 3, 2015: Getting ready – Bib numbers and mechanic services

Along with our other Marmotte clients, you will be provided with a few itineraries that you can do at your leisure on a self-guided basis. In the afternoon, bib numbers and timing device can be picked up that day from the "Sport Center" in Alpe d'Huez, a 5 minutes' walk from your hotel. On that day, we'll also have our local mechanic at your disposal for last-minute tuning. Dinner will take place at the hotel.

Saturday, July 4, 2015: La Marmotte

Today's the day! After an early breakfast, gravity will take you to the start of the race. Your unforgettable day will take you through scenic landscapes over some of the Tour de France mythic climbs. A welcome short section on the flat valley road will give you a chance to warm up before tackling the 28-km (18 miles) ascent of the Col de la Croix-de-Fer. Télégraphe, Galibier will precede the grand finale: the 21 famous switchbacks and 13-km (8 miles) climb to Alpe d'Huez. Dinner will take place at the hotel.

Sunday, July 5, 2015: Departure

After breakfast, we'll transfer you to Lyon, Grenoble, or Geneva

Pricing: Our Combo "Geneva to Alpe d'Huez + Marmotte" package is priced at 1,610 euros per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is 420 euros.

This price includes:

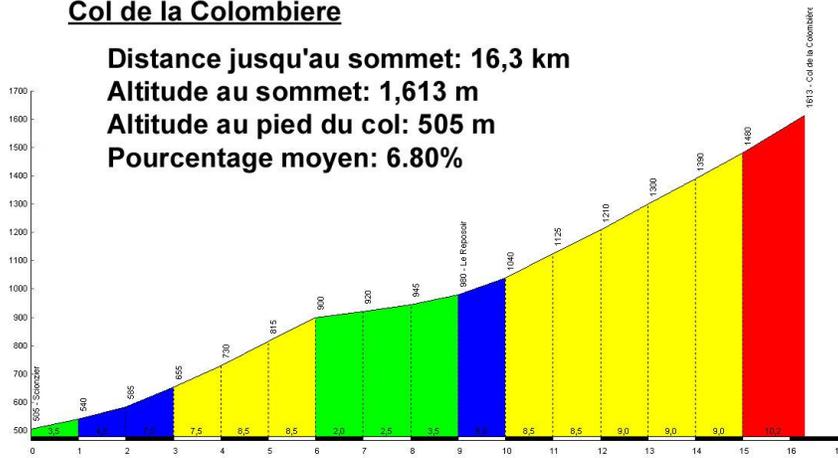
- 8-night accommodations in 2- and 3-star properties
- Daily breakfast
- Daily dinner (drinks are not included)
- Transfer from Geneva to Anthy on June 27th
- Transfer from Alpe d'Huez to Grenoble, Lyon, or Geneva on July 5th
- Chauffeur-driven support vehicle on all rides June 28th thru July 2nd
- Guide service throughout trip
- Luggage and bike case transfers
- Marked maps and/or cue sheets, climb profiles
- Tourist information
- Entry to the Marmotte and related services (Cyclomundo feed-station, and service of a bike mechanic on June 28th and July 3rd)
- All tax and service charges

This price does not include:

- Expenses of personal nature
- Travel insurance
- Bike rentals. Full-carbon (Scott CR1 Team or similar) are available at the rate of 220 euros.

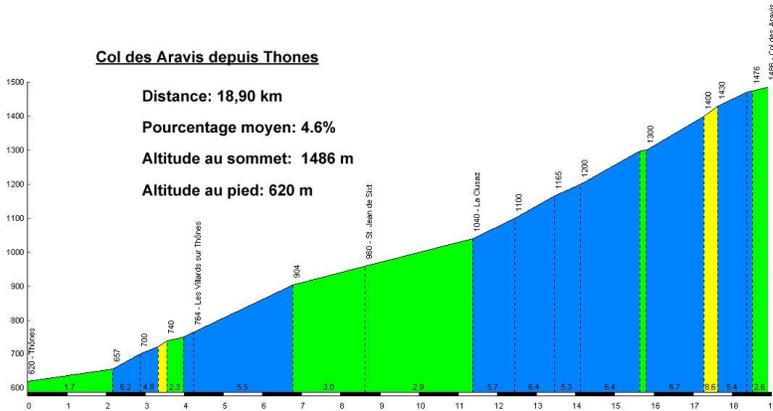
Col de la Colombiere

Distance jusqu'au sommet: 16,3 km
 Altitude au sommet: 1,613 m
 Altitude au pied du col: 505 m
 Pourcentage moyen: 6.80%



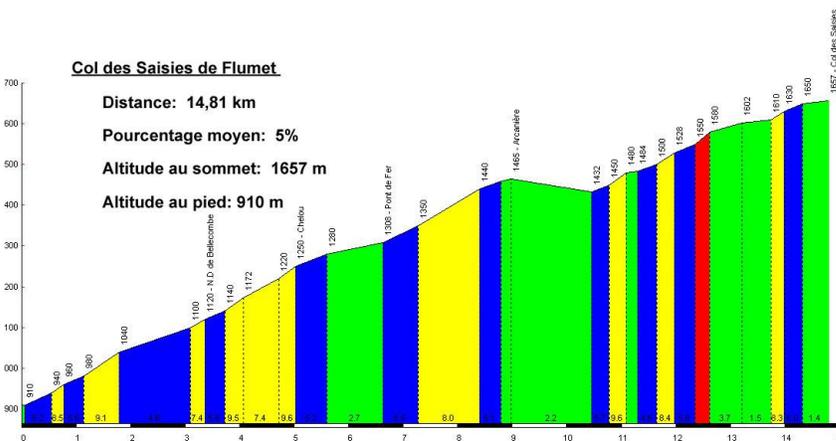
Col des Aravis depuis Thones

Distance: 18,90 km
 Pourcentage moyen: 4.6%
 Altitude au sommet: 1486 m
 Altitude au pied: 620 m

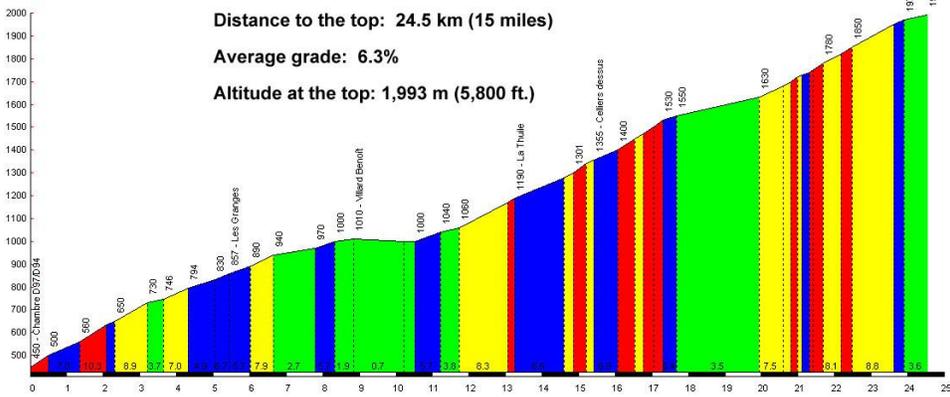


Col des Saisies de Flumet

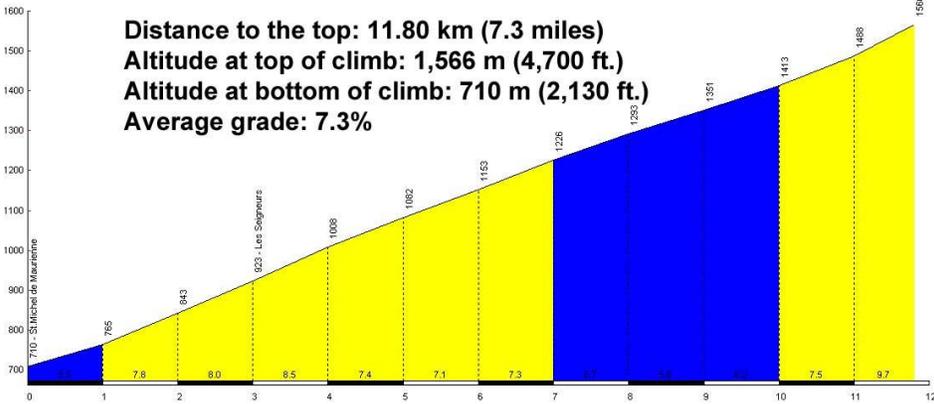
Distance: 14,81 km
 Pourcentage moyen: 5%
 Altitude au sommet: 1657 m
 Altitude au pied: 910 m



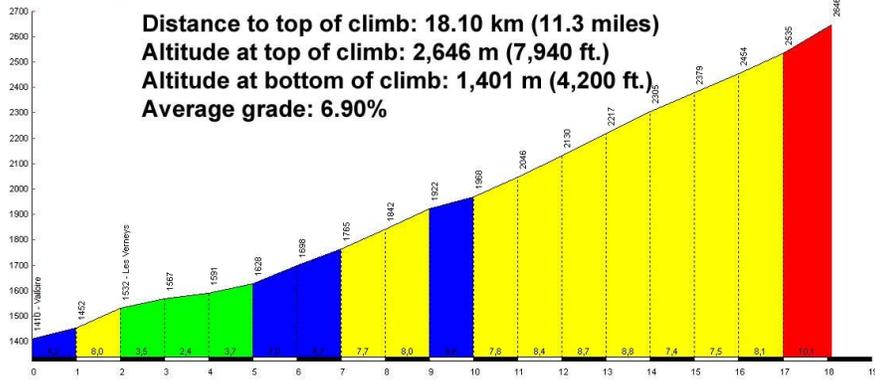
Col de la Madeleine from road D97



Col du Telegraphe from Saint-Michel



Col du Galibier from Valloire



Alpe d'Huez

Distance to the top: 14.20 km (8.9 miles)
 Altitude at top of climb: 1,815 m (5,945 ft.)
 Altitude at bottom of climb: 724 m (2,377 ft.)
 Average gradient: 7.70%

