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Combo trip: Geneva to Alpe d'Huez + Marmotte
June 30th thru July 8th, 2019



This award-winning cycling tour (one of our favorites) takes place in our playground — we're based right across the border from Geneva, in France!

Our extraordinary journey will take you from the shores of Lake Geneva to the world-famous alpine resort of Alpe d'Huez. In between, you'll climb some of France's most famous cols: Colombiere, Aravis, Saisies, Madeleine, Telegraphe, Galibier, and Alpe d'Huez.

On this date, this tour is offered on a supported basis that may be combined with the Marmotte cyclosportive event.

Itinerary:

Sunday, June 30, 2019: Arrival in Geneva - Transfer to Yvoire

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

Monday July 1, 2019: Yvoire to Le Grand Bornand (108 km/67 miles, 2,759 meters/9,052 ft. of climbing)

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.

Tuesday, July 2, 2019: Le Grand Bornand – Saint-Pierre d'Albigny (95 km/58 miles, 2,070 meters/6,700 ft. of climbing)

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 4,860 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 before riding on to the beautiful Chateau des Allues in the village of Saint-Pierre d'Albigny. This is where you'll dine and overnight.

Wednesday, July 3, 2019: Saint-Pierre d'Albigny – Valloire (130 km/80 miles, 3,500 meters/11,600 ft. of climbing)

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.

Thursday, July 4, 2019: Valloire – Alpe d'Huez (78 km/49 miles, 2,870 meters/9,410 ft. of climbing)

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.

Friday, July 5, 2019: Day-off in Alpe d'Huez

On that day, please feel free to go for a short spin.

Saturday, July 6, 2019: 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.

Sunday, July 7, 2019: 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.

Monday, July 8, 2019: 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 1,960 euros per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is 430 euros.

This price includes:

- 8 night’s accommodations in 2-, 3-, and 4-star properties
- Daily breakfast
- Transfer from Geneva to Yvoire on June 30th
- 8 dinners (drinks are not included)
- Transfer from Alpe d’Huez to Grenoble, Lyon, or Geneva on July 8th
- Chauffeur-driven support vehicle on all rides July 1st thru July 4th
- Guide service throughout trip
- Luggage and bike case transfers
- Marked maps and/or cue sheets, climb profiles
- Tourist information
- For the Marmotte: Cyclomundo feed-station at the top of the Glandon and service of a bike mechanic.
- Entry to the Marmotte
- All tax and service charges

This price does not include:

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

Col de la Colombiere

Distance jusqu'au somm

Altitude au sommet: 1,61

Altitude au pied du col: 5

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



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Col des Saisies de Flumet

Distance: 14,81 km

Pourcentage moyen: 5%

Altitude au sommet: 1657 m

Altitude au pied: 910 m



8 - Pont de Fer

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Col de la Madeleine from road D97

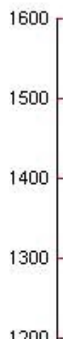


Distance to the top: 24.5 km (1

Average grade: 6.3%

Altitude at the top: 1,993 m (5,8

Col du Telegraphe from Sai



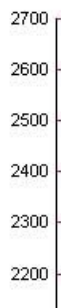
Distance to the top: 11.80 km

Altitude at top of climb: 1,566

Altitude at bottom of climb: 71

Average grade: 7.3%

Col du Galibier from Val



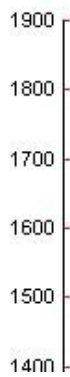
Distance to top of climb: 18

Altitude at top of climb: 2,6

Altitude at bottom of climb

Average grade: 6.90%

Alpe d'Huez



Distance to the top: 14.20 km
Altitude at top of climb: 1,815
Altitude at bottom of climb: 7
Average gradient: 7.70%

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