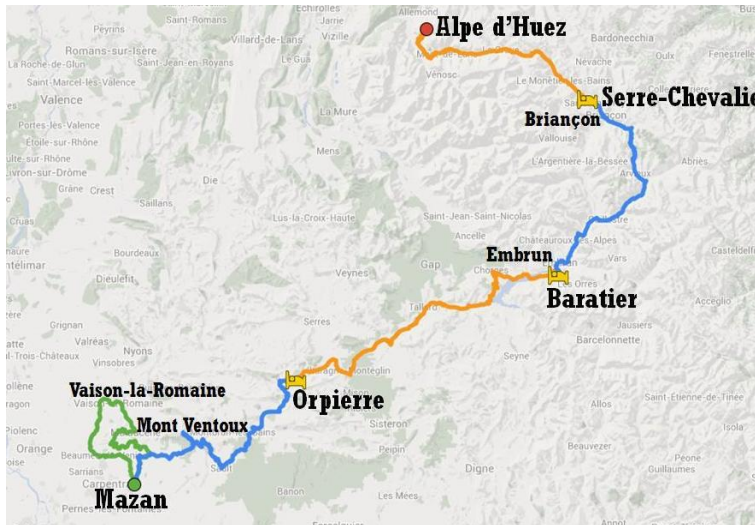


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Combo trip: Ventoux to Alpe d'Huez + Marmotte
June 30th through July 8th, 2019



Experience some of the most famous Tour de France climbs in Provence and in the Southern Alps on an extraordinary 6-day cycling tour from Mont Ventoux to Alpe d'Huez.

On our itinerary, you'll wheel through physically challenging routes, such as the Col d'Izoard and the 21 hairpin bends to Alpe d'Huez; glimpse sunrises and sunsets, ravishing canyons, verdant pastures and fine looking vistas. Enjoy a peek at the pre-Alps countryside in the charming towns of Sault, Guillestre, and Briançon and feel serene as you glide along more pleasant paths by the Lac de Serre-Ponçon.

On this date, this tour may be combined with the Marmotte cyclosporive event.

Itinerary:

Sunday, June 30, 2019: Arrival in Mazan

Welcome to Provence! Your adventure starts in the small village of Mazan, with its old medieval center protected by a circled wall of buildings. If you're arriving by train, Avignon is the closest city that is serviced by the TGV. In this case, we can arrange a transfer between Avignon and Mazan (note that the transfer is not part of the package). Avignon is marvelous, with tree-lined cobblestone streets leading you to the main square and the "Palais des Papes" (the Pope's Palace). Take some time to visit the palace and its grounds. Wherever you arrive from, remember to eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow, you ride!

Monday, July 1, 2019: Mazan - Orpierre

Take on the classic Tour de France ride up **Mont Ventoux** via **Bédoin** this morning. The ever-changing gradients will challenge you until you exit the forest — when the exposure to the elements atop the "bald mountain" will keep you on your toes! Stop and pay your respects at the **Tom Simpson monument**, then push yourself to the summit (1,912 m/6,273 ft). Down through **Sault**, the 'scenic route' includes quintessential Provençal lavender fields. You'll soon reach the Dauphinés, the pre-Alps where you'll encounter minor climbs, the **Col de l'Homme Mort** (1,212 m/3,976 ft) and the **Col de Macuègne** (1,068 m/3,504 ft). Follow the twists and turns along river valleys, the ups and downs of the region until you enter true Alpine territory. Tonight, you'll rest up in **Orpierre**, a medieval town nestled against mountain walls.



Mileage: 106 km / 67 miles
Total Climb: 3,185 m / 10,455 ft
Total Descent: 2,575 m / 8,445 ft

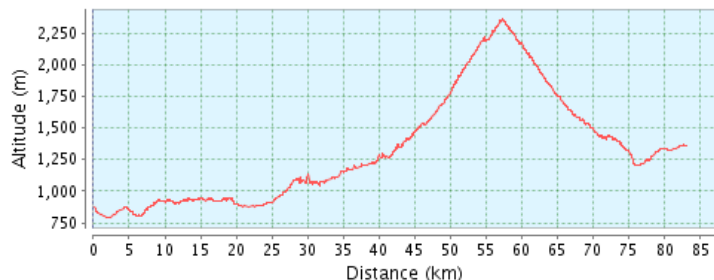
Tuesday, July 2, 2019: Orpierre - Embrun

On today's long route, you may feel sandwiched between mountains and rows upon rows of vines — not a bad thing! As you pedal on, you'll wind your way through ravines and follow **La Durance** river. Once the road starts to rise, glance around for a glimpse of **Chateau de Tallard** and the dome-topped **Ceuse** in the background. Hamlets dot the valley ahead, but soon you'll hug the mountains and pedal uphill. The vistas over **Lac de Serre-Ponçon** are breathtaking, and you might find it hard to believe it's a man-made body of water! Stop for a photo op on the Pont des Savines as you cross to the opposite shore. The lake once again becomes La Durance, and you'll rest in the nearby commune of **Embrun**.



Wednesday, July 3, 2019: Embrun - Serre-Chevalier

Take the path of La Durance where you will pass by the fortified town of **Mont-Dauphine**. You will be led to **Guillestre**, an authentic Alpine community where you'll find flowers and fountains in every square. The elevated slope of **Gorges de Guil** will push you to climb one of the tour's highlights, the **Col d'Izoard**, a Tour de France climb that goes "beyond category". Here, you will be required to wind your way up hairpin turns. Views are rewarding at the summit (2,360 m/7,743 ft). You can opt to make a stop at a small cycling museum that pays tribute to Fausto Coppi, Louison Bobet and other great legends. Riding down is easy; take the road to **Briançon**, a valley city nestled beneath the protection of Fort Vauban, and stop to explore if you wish — or continue to your accommodations in Serre-Chevalier.



Thursday, July 4, 2019: Serre-Chevalier — Alpe d'Huez

Glaciers hide amid the mountain peaks in this popular skiing destination — but you're here for other athletic pursuits. Today's route is technically part of the eastern climb to the **Col du Lautaret**, but you'll bypass it and Galibier on your way to **Bourg d'Oisans**. Once you reach this unassuming town, muster your energy for the 21 hairpin bends up to **Alpe d'Huez** (1,860 m/6,102 ft) — let the memories of previous stage winners (whose names appear on each turn) encourage you on your ascent. The only appropriate way to celebrate tonight is with a dinner worthy of champions.



Mileage: 73 km / 46 miles
Total Climb: 2,410 m / 7,900 ft
Total Descent: 1,915 m / 6,280 ft

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

Transfers can be arranged upon request.

Pricing: Our Combo “Ventoux to Alpe d’Huez + Marmotte” package is priced at 1,495 euros per person based on double occupancy. Single supplement is 395 euros.

This price includes:

- 8 nights’ accommodation (1 night in a 2-star hotel, 6 nights in 3-star hotels, and 1 night in a 4-star hotel)
- Daily breakfast
- 5 dinners (drinks are not included)
- Meeting with our local representative
- Luggage transfers
- Marked maps and/or cue sheets and route notes
- Pre-loaded GPS unit (subject to availability)
- For the Marmotte: Cyclomundo feed-station at the top of the Glandon and service of a bike mechanic.
- Entry to the Marmotte
- Assistance if necessary (you will be provided with our local rep’s mobile number)
- All tax and service charges

This price does not include:

- Expenses of a personal nature
- Travel Insurance
- Arrival and departure transfers are on request
- Bicycle rentals. Full Carbon racing bikes (Wilier GTR Team or similar) are available at the rate of 220 euros per bike.