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Tour de France Pyrenees, Mont Ventoux & Alps (with Paris option)

July 14 to 27





DAY DESCRIPTION HOTEL

01 Bienvenue en France!

Your trip starts at Toulouse Blagnac Airport where our staff will meet you before the transfer to your hotel in St Lary. In the afternoon we'll organise a walk around the small town of St Lary, a very quaint mountain town with lots of lovely boutiques and cafés where we can enjoy a coffee.

Hotel Mercure, Saint Lary Soulan

02 **Ainsa visit**

Our hotel in St Lary is very close to Spain and today we've organised a day-trip over the border into Spain to visit the beautiful town of Ainsa. Sitting on a hilltop above the new town, the medieval town is a real gem to visit. Enjoy tapas and a glass of wine in the Plaza Major, which dates back to the 12th century, then discover Ainsa's narrow medieval streets on a walk around the old town.

Hotel Mercure, Saint Lary Soulan

03 Pic du Midi Observatory

Today, your cycling partner will be climbing the most famous climb in the Pyrenees, the Col du Tourmalet. You'll also head towards the Tourmalet, stopping at the ski station of La Mongie where you'll take the spectacular cable car to the Pic du Midi summit and observatory. After visiting this famous site, we'll continue on to the Col du Tourmalet where we aim to time it right to have a coffee with your partner at the café on the summit.

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O4 Podium Photo Shoot & LIVE Race-Viewing of the Stage Finish in Hautacam

Join your cycling partner at the summit finish in Hautacam. This is the first in a trio of summit finishes in the Pyrenees and you'll be there to witness this big mountain stage LIVE from the VIP Lounge.

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05 LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Departure Village & Team Paddock access in Loudenvielle

A unique experience today as you head to the Stage Start in Loudenvielle, with privileged access to the VIP Departure Village and Team Paddock - a great place to mingle and meet the teams and individual riders as they prepare for the start of today's stage.

Hotel Mercure, Saint Lary Soulan

06 **Podium Photo Shoot & LIVE VIP Race-Viewing of the Stage Finish in Superbagnères**

Our cycling group will be riding across the Official Finish Line in Superbagnères just a few hours before the peloton. Join your cycling partner for a photo shoot on the Official Podium then round off the day by witnessing the Race Finish from the private hospitality marquee at the Finish Line in Superbagnères.

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07 Transfer to Provence

In the morning, join your guide on a visit to the nearby village of Arreau and enjoy a coffee on the main square overlooking the picturesque river that runs through the village. When the cyclists get back from their morning ride we'll have lunch at the hotel then transfer to our next hotel in Provence.

Moulin de Vernegues

08 **Le Luberon National Park**

Join your guide on a tour of the Luberon Natural Park, a region made famous by Peter Mayle's wonderful book, *A Year in Provence*. Visit Gordes, Bonnieux, Lourmarin, Roussillon, and several other famous Provençale villages. You'll also visit a typical Provençale winery and enjoy lunch in Bonnieux, which has the best selection of fine eateries in the Luberon.

Moulin de Vernegues

09 LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Lounge at the Stage Finish on Mont Ventoux

The highlight of the 2025 Tour de France sees the return of the Giant of Provence, le Mont Ventoux - and you'll be there to witness all the action on this legendary climb from the luxury of the VIP Hospitality Lounge!

Moulin de Vernegues



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10 LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Departure Village & Team Paddock access in Bollène

Today you'll head over to Bollène to experience the start of Stage 17 of the Tour de France. You'll have privileged access to the VIP Departure Village and Team Paddock, a great place to mingle and meet the riders as they relax and warm-up before the start of today's stage. After the race start you'll transfer over to the ski town of Courchevel/Meribel/St Martin de Belleville, high in the French Alps, and perfectly located for easy access to the next 2 big days of racing on the Col de la Loze and the summit finish in La Plagne.

11 LIVE Race-Viewing: Private Hospitality Marquee on the Col de la Loze

Who can forget Tadej Pogaçar cracking on the Col de le Loze in the 2023 Tour de France, eventually losing almost 5 minutes to Jonas Vingegaard by the time he reached the summit of this monster climb? How will the Tadej-Jonas battle play out this year? Be there to witness a famous stage LIVE on the mountain side. Our Logistics Team will have set up our Race-Viewing Hospitality Marquee on the climb which will be buzzing with thousands of passionate fans excited to witness this spectacular climb. Enjoy the race atmosphere from the comfort of our Private Hospitality Marquee. Food, drinks, and satellite TV race coverage will keep you entertained as you wait for the peloton to approach.

Lodji Hotel

Lodji Hotel



DESCRIPTION HOTEL DAY 12 Podium Photo Op & LIVE VIP Race-Viewing at the Lodji Hotel Stage Finish in La Plagne Our cycling group will be riding across the Official Finish Line in La Plagne just a few hours before the peloton. Our staff will escort you to the Finish Line where you'll be invited to the riders for a photo shoot on the Official Podium, then round off the day by witnessing the Stage Finish from the VIP Lounge. 13 **Visit Annecy** Join your guide on a trip to nearby Annecy. Visit the Lodji Hotel charming old town and enjoy a boat ride on the famous Lake Annecy. In the evening, join our staff in the hotel bar to toast a sensational trip to the 2025 Tour de France! 14 End of your trip - OR - continue to Paris for the Final Hotel Le Cinq Codet Stage (Paris extension only) Option 1:Au revoir et à bientôt! Sadly it's the end of your trip. Our private shuttle will drop you off at Lyon St **Exupery Airport.** OR

Option 2: Continue to Paris for the Final Stage. View full

details of our Paris Extension package here.



What's Included



WHAT'S INCLUDED

Tour de France Live Viewing

- VIP Lounge at the Stage Finish in Hautacam
- VIP Departure Village & Team Paddock access in Loudenvielle
- Podium Photo Shoot & LIVE VIP Race-Viewing of the Stage Finish in Superbagnères
- VIP Lounge at the Stage Finish on Mont Ventoux
- LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Lounge at the Stage Finish on Mont Ventoux
- LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Departure Village
 & Team Paddock access in Bollène
- LIVE Race-Viewing: Private Hospitality Marquee on the Col de la Loze
- Podium Photo Op & LIVE VIP Race-Viewing at the La Plagne Stage Finish

Accommodations & Meals

- 14 days / 13 nights fully accompanied trip
- All accommodations
- All breakfasts
- All dinners
- 8 x sit-down lunches

Transportation

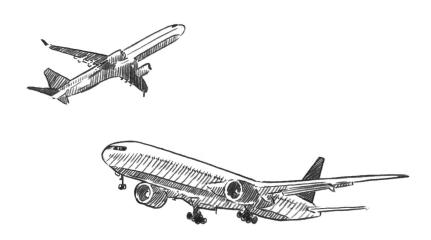
- Pick-up at Toulouse Blagnac Airport
- Drop off at Lyon St Exupery Airport*
- All transportation during the trip
- All luggage transfers

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare
- Travel and personal insurance
- Additional hotel expenses i.e. phone charges, mini-bar, gratuities
- Staff gratuities

^{*} If you opt for the <u>Tour de France Paris</u>
<u>Extension</u> your transfer to Lyon and the TGV
high-speed train to Paris is included.

Travel Details



Arrival

PICK-UP LOCATION AND TIME

Toulouse Blagnac Airport July 14 at 08:30am

OR

Pullman Toulouse Airport Hotel
July 14 at 08:30am

View hotel website

Departure

DROP-OFF LOCATION AND TIME

Lyon St Exupery Airport
July 27 at 09:30am

Hotels

Hotel Mercure, Saint Lary Soulan

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Moulin de Vernegues -Hotel & Spa, Mallemort

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Lodji Hotel, Saint Martin-de-Belleville

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Hotels

Paris Extension Only -Hotel Le Cinq Codet

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We hope this itinerary has whetted your appetite for a trip with Thomson Bike Tours.

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