

French Alps - Route Grandes Alpes (M-ID: 2171)

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from €1,760.00

Dates and duration (days)

As long-time specialists in France, we will take you on this challenging and eventful trip to the French Alps.

Our journey takes us through the Vosges, the Jura, the Savoy High Alps, the Rhone Alps into the region of the Maritime Alps. From our base hotel at Lac de Serre-Ponçon, we will undertake selected day tours that show the beauty of this Alpine region in addition to maximum riding fun. Our trips to the Parc National Du Mercantour and the Parc National des Ecrins with some of the highest passes in Europe and the Grand Canyon du Verdon are spectacular and will surely leave unforgettable impressions with their unique panoramas. Demanding tour riders and lovers of hairpin bends and serpentines will get their money's worth here...

Tour itinerary:

Day 1: Arrival through the Vosges, Lutzelbourg, boat lift, Dabo, Col de Valsberg, Mont Sain-Odile, Col du Kreuzweg, Col des Bagenelles, Col de la Schlucht, Route de Cretes, Grand Ballon, Col Amit, Hartmannswiller Kopf, Mulhouse (F) (approx. 350km).

Individual arrival at the starting point near Saarbrücken or the day before at the pre-hotel. From here you will travel on small side roads through Lorraine and along the Route des Crêtes to the Southern Vosges Mountains. Dinner and overnight stay in Mulhouse (France). Here, the proximity to the old town invites you to take a short evening stroll.

Day 2: Jura, Parc du Doubs, Col de Chasseral, Lac de Neuchatel, Montreux - Lake Geneva, Col de Grand Saint-Bernard, Aosta Valley, Col Du Petit Saint-Bernard (approx. 420 km)

Heading south, today's route runs through the Parc du Doubs. Through the Jura over the Col du Chasseral to the Lac de Neuchatel. From here we take the motorway for part of the way to Montreux and the St. Bernard. We cross the border into Italy and head for the Aosta Valley. We skilfully

bypass the large town of Aosta via a small demanding high road towards the Mont Blanc tunnel. We reach France again via the pass road that leads to the Col de petit Bernard. The top of the pass is also the border between Italy and France. In the middle of the south ramp of the small St. Bernard is our small and iconic motorcycle hotel. Dinner and overnight in a historic mountain hotel on the little St. Bernard in Seeze.

Day 3: Col de L'Iseran - Mont Centis - Lac Du Mont-Centis - Susa (Italy) - Briancon, Col de Izoard, Gorge Guillette, Lac de Serre Poncon, Le Lauzet-Ubaye (about 280 km). We leave our historic mountain hotel at the small St. Bernhard and start our tour with Europe's highest road pass, the Col de L'Iseran (2800m). We then head south towards Italy. Passing the Lac Du Mont-Cenis we reach the Col du Mont-Cenis, situated in a dreamlike untouched landscape. A little further on we pass the border to Italy. Passing Susa in the western direction Briancon is our destination. Now we are already in the middle of the ascent to one of the most beautiful alpine passes, the Col de Izoard. Not only a scenic delight but also a top-class ride. Over the city Guillette which expects us still with a mad gulch, it goes to the Lac de Serre Poncon. Now it is not far to our base hotel which will accommodate us for the next four days. Dinner and overnight stay in Le Lauzet-Ubaye.

Day 4: Via the Col de la Bonette, Col de la Couillole, Gorges du Cians, Col de Saint-Raphael, Col de Felines, Entrevaux, Gorges de Daluis, Col de la Cayolle (approx. 310 km) Today we have again some highlights on our route. We ride south to the Col de la Bonette, with the "Cime de la Bonette" the highest asphalted pass in Europe. Further over the Col de la Couillole, through the gorge "Gorges du Cians" we head south. Over the Col de Tebuchet we reach Entrevaux. A photo stop at a "Café au Lait" in Entrevaux with a view of

the citadel must not be missed. Strengthened and full of joy we dive into the Gorges de Daluis, another breathtaking and spectacular gorge. We have chosen the direction of travel so that no obstacle blocks our view into the depths. In millions of years, the river Le Vars has dug itself into the sandstone rocks and thus created the partly hundreds of hundred meters deep gorge. We are not yet at the end of our tour. The Col de la Cayolle is a worthy conclusion of our today's riding day. On a small road, we ride in countless serpentine toward the north. Dinner and overnight stay at the base hotel in Le Lauzet-Ubaye.

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Day 5: Col D'Alos, Col de la Saint-Michel, Lac de Castillon, circumnavigation of the Grand Canyon du Verdon, Castellane, Col des Leques, Clue de Taulanne, Col de Corobin, Col de Pierre Basse, Col du Labouret, Col de Maure (approx. 377 km).

The most southern and longest tour of our journey leads us over the Col d'Allos to Castellane. The Grand Canyon du Verdon is certainly one of the highlights of our trip to the French Alps. We take our time to capture the breathtaking views with numerous photos or just to enjoy. Facing north again, we return to our base hotel via the Col de Pierre Basse, Col du Labouret and Col St-Jean pres Lautaret. Dinner and overnight at the base hotel in Le Lauzet-Ubaye.

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Day 6: Col de Pontis, Col de Manse, Col du Noyer, Lac Du Sautet, City Corps, Col du Parquetout, Col'Omon, Alpe d'Huez, Col de Sarenne, Lac Du Chambon, Col du Lautaret, Briancon, Col de Vars, Barcelonnette (approx. 349 km). On our last round trip we explore the smallest roads and lakes in the French Alps, which are somewhat off the "normal tourist routes". The small forest passes inspire us with untouched nature and lonely winding roads. Over 22 spectacular hairpin bends we reach the ski resorts around Alpe d'Huez. The remote Col de Sarenne invites us to a hearty picnic with baguettes & cheese of the region. Strengthened we ride down the pass, past Lac Du Chambon to Col du Lautaret. In Guillestre we turn off and choose the pass road over the Col de Vars. The stretch to Bachelonnette is a worthy conclusion to our tour today. Dinner and overnight at the base hotel in Le Lauzet-Ubaye.

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Day 7: Round Lac de Serre-Poncon via Col Lebraut, Col de Izoard, Briancon, Col du Lautaret, Col du Galibier, Col de Telegraphe, Kuven of Montvernier, Col Madelaine, Bourg Saint-Maurice (approx. 325km).

Today we leave our base hotel and start with a loop around the Lac de Serre Poncon to Guillestre. The most beautiful classics of the 'Tour de France' now determine the further course of our route. We start with the Col d'Izoard, followed by the Col du Lautaret, the Col du Galibier, the Col du Telegraphe, the famous curves of Montvernier, and Col Madelaine. Arrived in Bourg-Saint Maurice it is only a few kilometers from our hotel at the Col de petit Bernard. Dinner and overnight stay again in the historic mountain hotel on the little St. Bernard in Seeze.

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Day 8: From Bourg Saint-Maurice, Cormet de Roselend, Lac de Roselend, Col des Saisies, Col de Aravis, Lac d'Annecy, past Lake Geneva, Jura, Lac Malbuisson (311 km). We enjoy breathtakingly beautiful landscapes in the first part of our tour today. On a small and perfectly passable route, we climb up to the Cormet de Roselend in countless narrow switchbacks. Once we reach the top of the pass, we can fortify ourselves with Savoyard specialties before we

pass Lac de Roselend and head up to Col des Saisies, which is well known to skiers. Over the pass les Aravis we reach Lac D'Annecy, which we like to bypass because of the enormous traffic. Likewise, we leave the catchment area of Lake Geneva untouched and enter the national park "Haute-Jura" on small side roads. The winding roads on the wooded high plateau make our ride entertaining. Dinner and overnight stay in the Malbuisson area.

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Day 9: Through the Jura Nature Park, Source de la Loue, Vosges, Ballon d'Alsace, Col de Bussang, Le Markstein, to the Alsace Wine Route to Riquewihr (approx. 292 km).

Today we start for the penultimate stage, it goes through the national park "Haute-Jura" towards the southern Vosges. Over the Ballon d'Alsace, we will ski down to the Alsatian wine route. The tranquil town of Riquewihr is our destination. We will have dinner in a restaurant, which is located behind the city walls in the historic town center. This gives us the opportunity to watch the hustle and bustle of the wine tourists and to enjoy the French way of life. Dinner and overnight stay in Riquewihr.

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Day 10: Journey home through the Vosges to Saarbrücken, Col du Ribeauville, Col de la Fouchy, Col de Steige, Col Du Donon, rock houses Graufthal, Col de Puberg (approx. 246 km).

After breakfast, it is unfortunately time to say goodbye again, as we start our journey home. In the group through the Vosges to the Saarbrücken area or individually.

Program, hotel, and route are subject to change!

Countries	France
	Italy
	Switzerland
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
	2 star hotel
	3 star hotel
	4 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	no
Level of difficulty	medium
	difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room	€1,760.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€1,760.00
per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€460.00

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Additional nights before and after the tour can be booked on request in a hotel in the Saarbrücken area (St. Ingbert):

Extra night before the tour: per person in half double room	€63.00
Extra night before the tour: per person in a single room	€73.00
Extra night after the tour: per person in half double room	€50.00
Extra night after the tour: per person in a single room	€60.00

- Business-Hotel = Prices during the week differ from the weekend -

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Included

10 x elaborated day tours during the trip with at least (!) 2 tour guides

5 x overnight stay in 2** / 4**** hotels on arrival

4 x overnight stay in 3**** basic hotel

9 x breakfast/breakfast buffet in the hotels

9 x 3-course dinners or buffet in the hotels

Secure parking facilities for the motorcycles

max. 8-10 motorcycles per tour guide

Route plans

Travel insurance certificate

Commemorative T-Shirt

Not included

Everything that is not specified under features

We do not organise parking for cars and trailers at the hotels or in guarded car parks.

A freeway annual vignette for Switzerland is required on this tour. Cost approx. 39,- EUR

Environmental badge obligation in France, costs approx. 4,60€ at the French Ministry of the Environment

City tax, visitor's tax, bed tax or other local fees must be paid by each participant at the hotel reception upon departure. Likewise, any tolls or parking fees, as well as entrance fees are to be paid by the respective travel participant.

More details

Total kilometers from/to Saarbrücken: approx. 2,800 km. All kilometers are "circa kilometers" per route planning, a deviation is possible.

Daily stages on site: between 250 km - 450 km. We recommend an individual overnight stay on the outward and possibly also on the return journey.

Road condition: Well paved routes, very many passes. Very winding and often narrow routes on the national roads and departmental routes.

Riding skills: The motorcycle should be controlled on winding roads, especially in hairpin bends, absolutely (!) safe. Corresponding condition must also be absolutely available for this tour. Not suitable for beginners, returners and inexperienced riders!

Difficulty rate: 4 (out of 5) Very demanding tour! Condition and absolutely safe control of the motorcycle are absolutely necessary! Not suitable for beginners and returners!

Climate: Central European temperatures. On pass heights sometimes very cool, we reach heights of over 2,600 m during this round trip.

Special features: On this trip, our starting point is in the Saarbrücken area. Those who live in the immediate vicinity can get there directly in the morning. For those who live further away, we recommend an overnight stay in advance. This pre-overnight stay can be booked optionally (see travel prices).

Entry requirements and medical information: At this time, there are no Corona travel restrictions.

The entry and vaccination regulations for the destination and transit country corresponding to the citizenship of the individual travel participants also apply. The regulations applicable to German citizens can be found on the pages of the German Foreign Office. <https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/de/ReiseUndSicherheit/reise-und-sicherheitshinweise>

Features & Fees:

Minimum number of participants: 12 people, because we always provide at least 2 tour guides (travel safety) !

On this tour we have some hotel changes without luggage transport.

A good sufficient tire (enough profile for indicated KM) is absolutely necessary with the journey!

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We strongly recommend international, vehicle and health insurance + travel cancellation insurance !

ATTENTION: Compulsory environmental badge in France: Since the beginning of 2017, an environmental badge obligation (Crit'Air Vignette) has also been in force for foreign vehicles in some major cities and surrounding areas. The introduction of an environmental zone is also planned in other cities in the near future. Cost about 4,60€ at the French Ministry of Environment (only payable online with PayPal or credit card). Penalties will be imposed from 2023. We recommend the purchase of an environmental sticker (Crit'Air Vignette)!

Hotel can be booked for nights before the tour: We have reserved a few rooms for you in advance in a cozy hotel in the Saarbrücken area (St. Ingbert). This is the perfect starting point for our trip and it also offers a free parking garage on 2 floors.