

The Route of the Grand Alps (M-ID: 2349)

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from €2,099.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

10 days

09/02/2024 - 09/11/2024 10 days

On two wheels high above!

The "Route of the Grand Alps" is the supreme discipline among motorcycle tours and probably the most famous route through the French Alps.

The tour offers us unforgettable riding experiences, framed by breathtaking mountain scenery and distant views - over countless serpentines we spiral up to heights of up to 2,800 m. In the south then the magnificent Côte d'Azur with its unique panoramic roads...

The tourist high alpine road "Route des Grandes Alpes" begins in Thonon-les-Bains, on the southern shore of Lake Geneva and leads down to the foothills of the Azur Alps. In between are nearly 700 motorcycle kilometers, which will inspire us with 18 alpine passes and felt 10,000 curves and hairpin bends daily anew. Included in the program: a motorcycle tour to the Verdon Gorge - this is one of the largest canyons on the continent and will inspire you with its breathtaking up to 700 m high rock walls.

Our return journey is no less spectacular, passing Lac de Sainte-Croix and the fortified town of Briançon. Alpine passes with sounding names such as Col du Galibier and Great St. Bernard (to name but a few) round out this unique guided motorcycle tour. A support vehicle transports our luggage and provides additional comfort during this motorcycle tour.

In summary, this is a motorcycle adventure in a class of its own, but one that only experienced motorcyclists should embark on.

This guided motorcycle tour is planned in such a way that the riding pleasure and the general conditions, such as road conditions, and the conclusiveness of the itinerary have absolute priority. This means that our routing may deviate slightly from the official Grandes Alpes route.

- Program, hotel, and route changes are reserved! -

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Meeting point near Lake Geneva (individual arrival). Arrival at the hotel by 6:00 pm. At dinner, we get to know each other and get in the mood at the subsequent tour briefing for the royal tour through the French Alps that lies ahead of us.

Overnight stay: Near Lake Geneva

Day 2: Our entry into the Route des Grandes Alpes South of Lake Geneva begins our motorcycle tour of what feels like 10,000 curves, the Route des Grandes Alpes. Already today, half a dozen passes in the Savoy Alps are on the program, and we are scratching the 2,000-meter mark. On their serpentines, we are offered constantly changing breathtaking distant views! Our destination for the day is in the Tarentaise, a historic province in Savoy.

Overnight stay: Val d'Isere (Savoie, France)

Daily distance: approx. 240 km

Day 3: Up to unimagined heights!

We start the new riding day in the middle of a region that hosts the international ski circus in winter. Soon, even the highest ski resorts are far below us. Our mountain journey

does not end until we reach the famous Col de l'Iseran at 2,770 meters - a landmark for anyone who completes the Route des Grandes Alpes on two wheels.

After this highlight, we indulge in a bit of trail riding in the Italian region of Piedmont. Afterwards, we get French asphalt under our wheels again at the Col de Montgenèvre. Finally, the Col d'Izoard with its remarkable 2,360 m offers us panoramic views at their best, before our high alpine riding day comes to an end in the area around Guillestre.

Overnight stay: In the area around Guillestre (France)

Daily distance: approx. 210 km

Day 4: Through the Maritime Alps to the Mediterranean Curves and bends in constant change determine our riding day again today. Even our "warm up" takes us up to over 2,000 meters. Then we climb one of the highest passes in the Alps: the Col de la Bonette. On a small ring road we crack the 2,800-meter mark, and in good weather we can enjoy the fantastic panorama of the rugged mountains - another highlight that will remain in our memories for a long time.

The following Alpine passes through the Maritime Alps provide plenty of riding fun until late afternoon. Finally we reach the southernmost accommodation of our trip in the nature park of the Pre-Alps of Azur.

Overnight stay: Carros area

Daily distance: approx. 260 km

Day 5: In the Préalpes d'Azur Nature Park along the Route Napoleon
Today they lie before us, the spectacular mountain passes of the Préalpes d'Azur - in tight curves and narrow roads they wind up to 1,000 meters above sea level, past small villages and high cliffs. As a "free gift" we get glimpses of a grandiose mountain landscape, varied by valleys, gorges and waterfalls.

Finally, the Route Napoleon with its many beautiful curves leads us away from the coastal region to the mountains of the High Provence, where we spend the night today.

Overnight stay: Castellane (France)

Daily distance: approx. 180 km

Day 6: Spectacular: The Grand Canyon du Verdon
Castellane, the small Provençal town, is our starting point for today's day trip to the Grand Canyon du Verdon. There we can experience one of the most spectacular landscapes in France: Here, the Verdon River has carved an approximately 50 km long canyon into the limestone plateaus of Haute Provence. In some places this canyon has a depth of up to 700 m. High above, Bonelli's eagles and griffon vultures are circling - they were successfully reintroduced here around 1999.

After "experiencing" this natural gem, we return to our hotel in the heart of the historic old town of Castellane, enjoying the charm of the Provençal way of life.

Overnight stay: Castellane (France)

Daily distance: approx. 140 km

Day 7: The "Gorges de Daluis" and distant views in High Provence

The morning sun is over the landmark of Castellane, the bell tower of the chapel Notre-Dame du Roc. One last look at the medieval-looking town square, and we set off again for the mountains of High Provence. The day's highlight is the "Gorges de Daluis" gorge: high above the Var River, we cruise past almost vertically sloping rock faces and vantage points.

After that, the mountains get higher again the further north we go. Soon there are high mountain passes again, which provide for almost endless curve waltzes and offer magnificent distant views, until we - as on the third day of the tour - again take up quarters at Guillestre.

Overnight stay: In the area around Guillestre (France)

Daily distance: approx. 225 km

Day 8: The parade of the best motorcycle passes
We follow the Durance River, which joins the Rhône at Avignon, north. Passing the fortified old town of Briançon, we continue our passage adventure. Ringing names like Col du Lautaret and Col du Galibier (2,642 m) promise riding pleasure at its best and plenty of panoramic views. With unforgettable impressions, our pass marathon comes to an end in the afternoon with the Col du Télégraphe and the Col de la Madeleine.

Overnight stay: In the Tarentaise (Savoie, France)

Daily distance: Approx. 260 km

Day 9: Return to Lake Geneva
Countless unforgettable highlights, both scenic and riding, lie behind us. We are heading for the Little St. Bernard. Of course, a photo of the statue of St. Bernard of Menton, who is said to have once founded a hospice, must not be missed. We continue through the Aosta Valley - and then, when we reach the pass of our big brother, the Great Saint Bernard, we slowly say goodbye to the adventure "Route des Grandes Alpes". At Martigny, we turn north into the Swiss Rhone Valley to return to the starting point.

Overnight stay: Near Lake Geneva

Daily distance: approx. 275 km

Day 10: Farewell and individual journey home
Once again we have breakfast together, then it's time to say goodbye. On our individual journey home, we will be

accompanied by our memories of the past King's Tour
through the Alps.

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

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room (Only available for a booking of two persons. Single travelers need to choose the single room surcharge.) €2,099.00

per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider) €1,949.00

per person single room (surcharge, only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room") €579.00

Included

9x accommodation in selected 3- and 4-star hotels incl. local taxes ("tourist tax")

9x dinner (three-course menu or evening buffet in the hotel, alternatively restaurant visit out on certain evenings)

9x breakfast or breakfast buffet

8x guided motorcycle tours by our experienced tour guides

Daily detailed tour briefing

Detailed tour book

Escort vehicle throughout the trip

Luggage transport in the escort vehicle (one suitcase or travel bag per travel participant). For insurance reasons, we do not transport motorcycle suitcases in the escort vehicle.

Check-in service and luggage service in the hotels to the room
Parking fees for the motorcycles at the hotel stays
Guarantee certificate according to § 651r BGB for package tours

Not included

All services, meals and drinks not listed in the service description
Tolls and freeway fees
Petrol and operating fluids
Drinks and snacks during breaks, entrance fees
Travel Cancellation/Trip Interruption Insurance

More details

Start/End: Near Lake Geneva

Travel time: 10 days incl. arrival and departure

Total distance: approx. 1700 km

Daily riding distances: approx. 140 km to 275 km (average approx. 215 km per day)

Route profile: Paved country roads in good, partly satisfactory condition. Very many winding, partly narrow road sections, including numerous partly high alpine passes with narrow hairpin bends.

Difficulty rate: Only for very skilled and experienced touring riders - very good cornering technique and secure control of the machine required. Experience and endurance on mountain passes advantageous!

Daily riding duration: up to 9 hours incl. lunch/coffee breaks and photo stops

Group size: up to 10 bikes per group (plus guide), maximum 2 groups

Minimum number of participants: 8 people

Support vehicle: Yes, during the entire tour

Additional notes: Increased demands are made on participants and motorcycle. Good equipment and a maintained machine (tire condition, etc.) are essential for this motorcycle trip.

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Attention: This tour is not suitable for choppers!

Individual arrival: If the distance between your home and the meeting point is very long, we will be happy to advise you on planning your individual journey. If you wish, we can organize parking for your car and your motorcycle trailer at the meeting point for the duration of the tour.

Motorcycle transport service: While you travel comfortably and time-saving by train or plane, we take care of the transport of your motorcycle - including equipment. Simply inquire without obligation and you will receive a concrete offer for your tour with comfort travel and motorcycle transport.

Luggage shipping: You can send your luggage, which is to be transported in the escort vehicle, by mail to our company headquarters before the trip. After the trip we will send your luggage back home against payment of the postage costs.

Support in case of vehicle failure: No one can rule out breakdowns. But in the event of a breakdown, our support vehicle will be at your side on this tour so that your motorcycle vacation can continue as quickly as possible. Please note: Support in case of vehicle breakdowns and emergencies can only be guaranteed on the planned route. In case of self-planned route changes or excursions "on your own", the participant himself is responsible.

Travel documents: A valid identity card is sufficient for border crossings on this motorcycle tour.

Protection letter: We recommend a car insurance policy for all motorcycle trips, as it provides useful services in the event of a breakdown, accident or other emergency. The cheapest cover is usually offered by your car insurer (often already included in the contract). The various automobile clubs also offer cover letter services, where they are usually included in the annual premium.

Health insurance: We recommend for all international motorcycle tours the conclusion of a separate foreign health insurance with medical repatriation. Our Allianz partner will be happy to provide you with a suitable offer.

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