

Provence Maritime Alps, the pearl of France (M-ID: 2375)

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from €1,999.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

10 days

Enjoy motorcycling with all your senses. The most beautiful alpine passes and rocky gorges in France

The Provence-Lake Alps region is one of the most beautiful motorcycle areas that the French Alps have to offer for a motorcycle tour. Already the arrival and departure to our tour hotel in the heart of Provence will give us an idea of the riding pleasures that await us in the next few days. Our hotel, from where we will start our motorcycle tours for the next four days, will spoil us with a good breakfast and three-course dinner menus. A day off from riding allows us to enjoy the amenities of the hotel and experience the charm of the typical Provençal village.

Already in the Swiss canton of Valais, we get a taste of the days ahead: the Col de la Forclaz kicks off the "curve waving" and takes us right into the heart of the French ski regions. We then tour over many more passes and single-track roads through unique landscapes to our tour hotel in the Département Alpes-de-Haute-Provence.

The next few days will take us to Mont Ventoux, the "Olympus of Provence", as well as many other highlights. The daily tour on this bald giant impresses with the lonely and winding mountain roads and rewards us from the top with a magnificent distant view.

The Verdon Gorge (Gorges du Verdon) is one of the largest canyons in Europe, and we naturally visit it. Surrounded by a unique mountain landscape, the gorge cuts more than 700 m into the mountain massif. This unique natural spectacle lets us look "deep" in the truest sense of the word...

Further to the west, the beguiling scent of lavender is in the air. The ride on the plateau of Valensole feels like a ride through an open-air perfumery. This is motorcycling with all the senses! Tranquil mountain roads offer us a motorcycle tour "par excellence" and round off the daily stages. This

motorcycle vacation takes us to the original Provence and offers a French lifestyle on "du and du".

After we have taken this magnificent region extensively under the wheels, our return journey offers no less riding fun. Passes with such sounding names as Col d' Allos, Col du Galibier, and Col du Télégraphe - to name just a few - make our biker hearts beat faster.

After these eventful days, Murten in the west of Switzerland awaits us again. The medieval community offers us the ideal setting to end our motorcycle trip with a view of Lake Murten and many vacation memories.

Program, hotel, and route changes are reserved.

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Itinerary:

Day 1: Meeting point Lake Murten, Western Switzerland (individual arrival).

Individual arrival at the meeting point hotel by 18:00. We will get to know each other over dinner and get in the mood for the motorcycle adventure ahead of us in Provence and the French Maritime Alps during the subsequent tour briefing.

Overnight stay: Murten, Western Switzerland

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Day 2: Through Valais and Haute Savoie

Our first stage together takes us first to the plateau around Fribourg, and then down to Lake Geneva. "Le Lac Léman",

as it is called by the French, is the second largest lake in Central Europe. Through the Rhone Valley, we then board the Valais Alps. And the first pass is already ahead of us: At the Col de la Forclaz and the Col des Montets, we get our first taste of high altitude at a good 1,500 m, while Mont Blanc (4,808 m) greets us from close range.

Now we are on the road in France, more precisely in Savoy (French "Savoie"), the highest landscape in Europe. At the Col de Saisies (1,633 m), our tour guides planned the lunch break.

After refreshment, we set off again for the first "highlight" of this stage: it is the Col de la Madeleine (1,993 m), well-known after the Tour de France. In the shadow of the, over 2,800 m high, Grand Pic de la Lauzière, we enjoy the many curves and the great view before arriving at our typical mountain hotel in the late afternoon.

Overnight stay: La Toussuire (France)

Daily distance: approx. 340 km

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Day 3: La Toussuire - Greoux-Les-Bains

After breakfast, we get ready for the second stage together. The warm-up already takes us high up: at the Col de la Croix de Fer ("Iron Cross Pass") we crack the two-thousand-meter mark after just over 30 km. Our ride continues south along the slopes of the Belledonne Mountains, where the switchbacks at L'Alpe d'Huez provide plenty of riding fun.

And on we go: Via back roads and partly on single-track roads, we cross the Col d'Ornon and the Col de Parquetout (both just under 1,400 m) and arrive at the Lac du Sautet reservoir, whose arch dam was built in the 1930s.

Now we cross the gorge of the river Drac on an arched bridge, and we get back up into an open and wide mountain world that leads us to the Col de Festre (1,441 m) and the Col d'Espréaux (1,142 m). After all these wonderful passages with their countless curves, we now cruise relaxed through the Durance valley further south - to our tour hotel, which we move into for the next few days as our base for further daily tours through Provence and the Maritime Alps.

Overnight stay: Tour center in Greoux-Les-Bains (France)

Daily distance: approx. 290 km

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Day 4: Western Provençal Alps and Mont Ventoux

The first filet of Provence lies ahead of us. Today's tour takes us to the west to Le Géant de Provence or Giant of Provence, as the 1,912 m high Mont Ventoux is also called. We "screw" our way up to the apex and are rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view that stretches from the Mediterranean to the high Alps. After this highlight, winding back roads await us, which we take at a waltz pace. Accompanied by the beguiling scent of lavender flowers, we enjoy the freedom on two wheels with all our senses before we reach our hotel again and end the day of riding with a refreshing drink.

Overnight stay: Tour center in Greoux-Les-Bains (France)

Daily distance: approx. 250 km

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Day 5: Relax day: Stroll, enjoy, thermal bath...

After four intensive days of riding, relaxation is the order of the day. For example, a walk to the castle of the Knights Templar, which towers over our vacation resort Greoux-Les-Bains. Or a bath in the 42° hot thermal water? In any case, March to November is the spa season here - the thermal springs have been known since Celtic times and have been used intensively again since the 1960s.

Overnight stay: Tour center in Greoux-Les-Bains (France)

Daily distance: free of charge

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Day 6: Signal de Lure and Lac de Sainte-Croix

This morning we pay our respects to Mont Ventoux's "little brother" by riding up to Signal de Lure. The name means "mountain of temptation". We are especially attracted by the small and winding roads on which we approach the Lure massif from the south side. We pass through a landscape typical of Provence with lavender fields and cedars, which further up changes into a pasture landscape.

After an extensive photo stop in the shade of the 1,826 m high peak, we continue the rollercoaster of curves at the Pas de la Graille. This brings us to Sisteron, the place for our lunch break.

We use the afternoon to explore the country east of the Durance on a loop around Lac de Sainte-Croix. Here, too, we find little-traveled routes in a picturesque Provençal landscape and the reservoir is a wonderful backdrop for our afternoon coffee break.

Overnight: Tour center in Greoux-Les-Bains (France).

Daily distance: approx. 250 km

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Day 7: The Grand Canyon du Verdon

Another treat is waiting for us today. The Canyon du Verdon leaves nothing to be desired in terms of scenic and riding impressions. Breathtaking views, majestic passing eagles, and an endless carousel of curves - just some of the highlights of the Canyon du Verdon. With all these unforgettable impressions we return to Greoux-Les-Bains in the afternoon.

Overnight stay: Tour center in Greoux-Les-Bains (France)

Daily distance: approx. 250 km

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Day 8: Greoux-Les-Bains - La Toussuire

Today it's time to say goodbye to a region that combines riding fun, pure nature, and a touch of adventure like hardly any other region in France. Overpasses with sounding names like Col de Allos and Col de Vars, escorted by an unforgettable alpine panorama, we travel north again... Finally, we reach the proverbial "highlight" of our tour: the

2,642 m high Col du Galibier. From here we then bring this high alpine stage to an end, and in the late afternoon reach our mountain hotel, which we already know from day no. 2 of our tour.

Overnight stay: La Toussuire (France)

Daily distance: about 350 km

Day 9: From La Toussuire back to western Switzerland

Part one of today's stage takes us briskly through the Arc Valley to Albertville. Then it gets exciting again because we ride a section of the legendary "Route des Grandes Alpes". It leads us first to the Col de Aravis (1,487 m). Here we cross the Aravis mountain range and also take time for a small coffee break.

The route then continues to the Col de la Colombière and the Col des Gets. Pass roads can make you hungry, which is why we fortify ourselves shortly after the Col de Gets with culinary delicacies from the region.

Over the Col du Corbier (1,230 m) we leave the Route des Grandes Alpes in the direction of the Swiss Rhone Valley. Once again, Lake Geneva and the Bernese Oberland lie ahead of us, and finally our meeting point hotel at Lake Murten.

Overnight stay: Murten, Western Switzerland

Daily distance: approx. 330 km

Day 10: Farewell and individual journey home

An impressive motorcycle tour lies behind us. Routing, landscape, regional highlights, culinary delights, and last but not least the accommodations make this motorcycle tour unique.

We have breakfast together one last time, then it's time to say goodbye. On our individual journey home, unforgettable memories of the passes and panoramas of Provence and the Maritime Alps will accompany us.

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

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room	€1,999.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€1,849.00
per person single room (surcharge - only available with an additional selection of the basic price "per rider in shared twin/double room")	€429.00

Included

- 9x accommodation in good middle class hotels, incl. local taxes ("Kurtaxe")
- 9x half board: dinner (3-course menu or buffet) and breakfast buffet
- 7x guided motorcycle tours by our experienced tour guides
- Daily detailed tour briefing
- Detailed tour book
- Insurance 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
- Gasoline, operating fluids, applicable parking fees
- Drinks and snacks during breaks, entrance fees

More details

Start/End: Meeting point hotel in western Switzerland

Travel time: 10 days incl. arrival and departure

Total distance: about 2100 km

Daily riding distances: approx. 250 km to 350 km (average approx. 295 km per day)

Route profile: Asphalted country roads in good condition. The route also includes many curvy and partly narrow sections. Through Switzerland, we partly use the highway.

Difficulty level: For advanced riders with touring experience and good cornering technique

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: 6 people

Escort vehicle: No

Arrival by a car and a motorcycle trailer: There is a parking possibility for car+trailer at the meeting point hotel during the tour period (possibly with costs).

Individual arrival: Your route to the meeting point hotel is very long for you? No problem: We will be happy to advise you on planning your individual journey by road train or with motorcycle transport plus flight.

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

Protective cover: For all motorcycle tours, we recommend a motor vehicle protection policy, such as that offered by the ADAC.

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.