

Western Alps Special: Riding the small passes (M-ID: 3678)

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from €1,650.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

10 days

The Route des Grandes Alpes (RdGA) offers plenty of riding pleasure. Anyone who has ridden it once will always remember the great views, the rapid succession of bends and the unique scenery.

You can ride it two or three times, but then maybe you want to know something new?

To the left and right of the RdGA there is plenty to see and ride. Small and very small passes that are in no way inferior to the big ones. They have one big advantage: there will hardly be anyone there but you.... You will meet the local resident on his way to the grocery store or the mailman in his yellow "La Poste" car, but hardly any other motorcyclists. The degree of difficulty of some of the passes is 2-3 (according to Denzel), the riding pleasure is correspondingly high. You should be able to handle your bike, some of the serpentines are quite difficult.

The view at the top, alone with your tour group, is simply great. On the Bonette there are usually 20-30 other motorcycles, at travel time on warm days sometimes 50-60... on the small passes you are almost alone.

Col de Hysope, Col du Fanget, Col du Trebuchet, Col St. Raphael, Col de la Sinne... just to name a few. These are asphalt roads, not gravel roads! We can see the Mediterranean Sea in good visibility, some clues (gorge) are there and of course the Gorges du Verdon. Col de Turini, Col de Braus and many more.

Procedure:

Arrival is Friday evening at the starting hotel until about 19.00, casual get to know, discuss the route and possibly the order of the riders, changes to this are always possible.

On Saturday we start around 8.30 am in the direction of Great St. Bernhard and the Small St. Bernhard passes

In the stage hotel ** you can expect a comfortable room,

half board and a rich breakfast the next morning!

To the finish we will ride over small passes, e.g. Col de Chaussy, Col de la Croix de Fer, Alpe d'Huez or take the course of the RdGA, Cornet de Roselend, Iseran, Télégraphe, Galibier, Izoard... It also depends on the weather.

At the destination we will ride four nice tours from Monday, over the passes on the right and left of the RdGA. Difficulty level according to Denzel is 2-3 on some passes.

On Friday morning we start for the return journey, partly taking a different route than on the journey to ride more passes.

The stage hotel will be different from the one used for the journey and back to the starting point.

What will inspire you:

Small groups

The groups are small, five, in exceptional cases six motorcycles ride behind the tour guide. The maximum group size is eight persons, e.g. four motorcycles with rider and pillion rider. If anyone wants to go a little faster, there is plenty of opportunity to do so.

Your guide

The guide speaks fluent French and has been riding in the region for ages.

Important notice:

In France, there are a few additional rules that are different than in Germany.

- Helmet: Must have CE marking and reflective stickers.
- Gloves: CE marking
- High visibility vest: Must be on board Must be worn in case of breakdown or accident
- Replacement light bulbs: must be on board, except for LED lights.
- Speed limits: unless otherwise indicated, 50 km/h in towns and 80 km/h outside towns (country and federal roads).
- Alcohol: 0.5 permille
- Environmental badge: In some regions there is a restriction in case of smog that only vehicles with an environmental badge are allowed to ride. The departments Savoie and Haute Savoie are exactly in our travel area. You can get the sticker for about 5 €, here:
<https://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/de>

Countries	Germany France
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar 2 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 (only possible with own double room partner)	€1,650.00
per rider in a single room or in a double room for single use	€1,950.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€1,650.00

Included

- 9 overnight stays (1x start and end hotel with halfboard, 2x stage hotel HP, 5x hotel at destination HP)
- 4 guided tours at the destination
- Trip from the starting hotel to the base hotel and back as a guided tour (2x2 days)
- Local, German and French speaking tour guide (and licensed safety trainer)
- Travel insurance certificate

Not included

- Swiss motorway sticker
- Admission prices
- Fuel
- Midday meal

All drinks

More details

The trip takes place with minimum 4 participants. Maximum are 5 motorcycles or 8 persons

Arrival at the starting hotel until approx. 19.00 o'clock