



## ITALY

# TOUR DE FRANCE CYCLING HOLIDAY - DOLOMITES & GRAND DEPARTURE IN ITALY

(TOUR CODE: 13693)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Milan to  
Florence

### TRAVEL PERIODS

24 June 2024

### EXPERIENCE

Cycling

### TRAVEL STYLE

Active Holiday Packages

Cycle through Dolomites' challenging passes and witness the Tour de France Grand Départ in Florence as a VIP. Don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness the world's most prestigious cycling event up close and personal.

## Highlights

- Participate in the prestigious **Grand Départ of the Tour de France 2024 in Florence!** Get ready to witness the exhilarating event, while enjoying the comfort and **exclusivity of our VIP area** located just beside the starting line.
- **Podium Day in Bologna:** Exceptional view of the stage end, drinks and hors d'oeuvres available. Our attentive team ensures all your needs are met. Enjoy live race broadcasting on plasma screens, toast with champagne at the **Izoard finish line area**.
- Enjoy delightful **picnic lunches** consisting of a **traditional French meal** prepared with fresh ingredients, allowing you to savour it amidst a beautiful and secluded setting of your preference.
- **Van Tour Guide assistance:** daily route planning and bike preparation, provision of picnics and wholesome snacks, transportation and assistance during excursions.
- **Support for Biking Tour with Van:** all of our vans are capable of accommodating the driver and 8 participants in a comfortable manner.

Embark on an exclusive **VIP Tour de France 2024**, offering a unique two-part experience. The first leg unfolds amidst the majestic Dolomites, where you'll tackle challenging ascents like the iconic Stelvio pass. Your base in Bormio ensures daily exploration of magnificent mountain passes, creating an immersive cycling adventure.

The journey then shifts to **Florence for the Grand Départ**, marking the historic start of the Tour de France in Italy. Immerse yourself in the rich cycling heritage of this nation with VIP starts, crossing stage finish lines in Bologna, and exploring the vineyards of Chianti. Accompanied by a

limited group of ten, our guides will be your constant companions, ensuring an exceptional experience both on and off the bike, at VIP access points, and during shared convivial moments.

**The Tour de France** is a cycling race that was first held in 1903 and is now considered the world's third biggest sporting event. This race is held over a period of 3 weeks in July and attracts the best cyclists from around the globe. The race consists of 20 to 22 teams, each with 9 racers, who wind their way across France, occasionally crossing into neighbouring countries, during the twenty or so stages that make up the event, covering a total distance of approximately 3,500km. The race is attended by 12 million spectators of all ages who line the route to cheer on the cyclists and join in the fun with the famous Publicity Caravan. Additionally, 3.5 billion viewers from 190 countries will tune in to follow the cyclists' adventures.





- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 4 nights stay in Bormio at QC Terme Bagni di Bormio Bagni Nuovi - 5\* or similar
- 3 nights stay in Florence at Hotel Palazzo Ognissanti - 4\* or similar
- All transfers during the trip
- Daily Breakfast
- 6 picnic lunches with fresh produce and local specialties
- 5 dinners
- Snacks and drinks when biking with 1 energy pack
- VIP Village Departure in Florence
- Podium Day in Bologna
- Izoard finish line area in Bologna
- Tour de France gift
- 1 bike jersey
- A certified guide
- Van assistance

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

Milan Bormio Valdidentro

Our journey will commence in the early afternoon at Milan's airport or station as we join the **Grand Départ of the Tour de France**.

Transfer to the hotel in **Bormio**, which takes about 3 hours. Located in the heart of the Dolomites, Bormio is a classic Italian town, and the ideal starting point for exploring the best climbs in the Region. After a brief orientation meeting and bike fitting, you can take your time to explore the town on foot, or even hop on your bike and discover some great short loops from the hotel.

Tonight, we'll meet for dinner (no drinks) at the hotel restaurant and toast the start of our adventure.

Overnight stay in Valdidentro at **QC Terme Bagni di Bormio Bagni Nuovi** or similar.

Lunch, Dinner



Day **2**

## Valdidentro Dolomites Passes Valdidentro

Get ready for an amazing cycling adventure on the first day in the heart of the **Dolomites**. The Dolomites are every cyclist's dream with their stunning peaks to conquer and breathtaking views. Today, you'll conquer 3 passes: **Passo di Foscagno** (2289m-7710 feet), **Passo d'Eira** (2208m-7244 feet), and **Forcala di Livigno** (2313m-7588 feet). It's a fantastic warm-up ride with mesmerizing views of the Italian Alps at every turn.

Take time this evening to dine in one of Bormio's many restaurants and discover the atmosphere of this alpine town (not included).

Overnight stay in Valdidentro at **QC Terme Bagni di Bormio Bagni Nuovi** or similar.

Lunch



Day **3**

## Valdidentro Stelvio Valdidentro

After breakfast, today you'll be heading to conquer the most famous pass in the **Dolomites**: the renowned **Stelvio (2758m)**

- 9048 feet).

Things get pretty serious right from the start of the climb, as Bormio is situated right at the base of the Stelvio. You'll be tackling its 20km (12.4 mi) ascent and cruising through its famous twists and turns, all while soaking in the incredible views of the valley. For the extra motivated folks out there, you can even descend on the other side and make your way back up to the north face. By doing this, you'll have conquered both sides of this breathtaking route and achieved a cumulative vertical drop of 3385 m (1263 feet)!

Afterwards, it's time to head back to Bormio for a delightful evening at a restaurant, where dinner (no drinks) will be served for everyone. This will be the perfect opportunity to share your experiences and feelings during your conquering of the Stelvio.

Overnight stay in Valdidentro at **QC Terme Bagni di Bormio Bagni Nuovi** or similar.

Lunch, Dinner



Day 4

## Valdidentro Mortirolo & Gavia Passes Valdidentro

Today is your last day of cycling, and it's going to be a good one. We have a 100km (64 mi) loop planned for you, with two mountain passes: the **Passo del Mortirolo** (1855m - 6086 feet) and the **Passo di Gavia** (2618m - 8589 feet).

The Mortirolo is a tough one, starting off with just over 12km (7.4 mi) and an average gradient of 10.5%. There are even sections that go over 18%! But don't worry, after the descent and a few kilometers of recovery, you'll tackle the Passo Gavia. It's a bit longer at 17km (10.5 mi), but it's a steadier climb with an average gradient of 7.9%.

Once you've conquered these climbs, you'll be ready to head back to the hotel and enjoy a dinner (no drinks). It'll be the perfect way to end this amazing day.

Overnight stay in Valdidentro at **QC Terme Bagni di Bormio Bagni Nuovi** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



MORTIROLO PASS

Day 5

## Florence

In the morning, you'll be transferred to Florence to finally experience the **Grand Départ** of the **Tour de France 2024**.

You'll have time to settle into your hotel and then explore Florence. Take a walk through its charming streets and discover the different sides of this amazing city. You'll already feel the excitement of the Tour de France getting closer. Who knows, you might even see some riders around town.

Tonight, we'll all meet at the hotel for dinner (no drinks) and to discuss our predictions for the first stage of the race tomorrow.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Hotel Palazzo Ognissanti** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



FLORENCE

Day 6

Florence VIP Departure Village Florence Chianti Florence

It's the big day, the long-awaited day: the **Grand Départ** of the **Tour de France 2024 in Florence!** You're going to experience the **Grand Départ in a VIP area** right next to the starting line. You'll get to meet some of the riders and feel the excitement of a Grand Départ with a crazy crowd!

You have exclusive access to the designated sign-in zone "*Departure Village Florence*" where professional teams commence the race and where media, event officials, and former professionals congregate prior to the commencement of each stage. This presents a remarkable opportunity to meet esteemed figures in the world of cycling, including legendary cyclists and prominent members of the cycling media

Once the start has been given, we'll have **lunch** together and then get back on our bikes for a short loop through the **Chianti** region and its magnificent vineyards.

You'll then head off to explore **Florence's** surroundings, and finally return to **Florence**, where you'll be free to enjoy your evening.

Overnight stay in Florence at **Hotel Palazzo Ognissanti** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **7**

Florence Bologna (Tour Podium & Izoard finish line area) Florence

Today, you'll get to step into the shoes of a **Tour de France** rider. Ever dreamt of crossing the finish line and standing on the podium, just like the pros? Well, today is your lucky day because you'll get to experience it all! You'll start by riding the last 40km of the day's stage, going up the famous **San Luca Basilica hill**, which is also the final climb of the **Giro d'Emilia** pro race.

Once you reach Bologna, you'll even get to pass the finish line and make your way up to the Tour podium for a truly unforgettable moment. And that's not all! You'll also have access to the VIP finish area "*Izoard finish line area Bologna*", right next to the finish line, where you can enjoy watching the professional peloton arrive as VIPs, all while sipping on a glass of champagne. Get ready for an incredible day!

Overnight stay in Florence at **Hotel Palazzo Ognissanti** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **8**

## Florence

While the peloton heads for the French border, it's your departure day. After a hearty breakfast, your guides will take you to **Florence** airport or train station.

Breakfast

## OPTIONAL EXTRAS

### Road Bike- Scott Addict 20 Disc

With a new geometry that focuses more on endurance. The SCOTT ADDICT 20 Disc will become your preferred choice for long distance travel.

Available sizes : S, M, L, XL

#### FEATURES:

- Frame : Addict Disc HMF Carbon technology Endurance geometry
- Shifters : Shimano 105 ST-R7020
- Crank : Shimano FC-R7000 50-34
- Cassette : Shimano CS-R7000, 11-32, 11 speeds
- Disc Brakes: Shimano BR-R7070 Hyd Disc, 160 mm
- Wheels : Syncros RP2.0 Disc 28 Front
- Tires : Schwalbe ONE Fold, 700x30C
- Weight : 8,40 kg / 18,52 lbs

Prices are dynamic based on travel dates. Please proceed to [Book Now](#) or [Contact Us](#) for details.

### Road Bike- Pinarello X3 - 105/Di2



Equipped with a Shimano 105 Di2 12 speed drivetrain and a brand new carbon frame, the Pinarello X3 is designed to go the distance thanks to its ability to filter vibrations and absorb the shocks present on your next road.

Sizes available: XXS,XS,S, M, L, XL,XXL

**FEATURES:**

- Frame : Torayca T600 UD
- Shifters :Shimano 105 Di2 12V
- Crank : Shimano 105 - 50-34T
- Cassette :Shimano 105 CS-R7100, 11-34, 12 speed
- Disc Brakes: Shimano 105, rotor 160mm
- Wheels : Fullcrum Racing 800
- Tires : Pirelli P7 Sport
- Weight : 9,15kg

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## Road Bike: Trek Emonda SLR 7

The all-new TREK Emonda SLR 7 is the lightest model of the American Brand. Equipped with the Shimano Ultegra Di2 transmission, the gear shift is faster and more precise.

Available sizes : XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

**FEATURES:**

- Frame : 800 Series OCLV Carbon
- Shifters : Shimano Ultegra R8170 Di2
- Crank : Shimano Ultegra R8100, 50-34
- Cassette : Shimano Ultegra R8100, 11-34, 12 speeds Disc
- Brakes : Shimano MT800, centerlock, 160 mm
- Wheels : Bontrager Aerolus Pro 37
- Tires : Bontrager R3 Hard-Case Lite, 700x25C Weight : 7,76 kg / 17,11 lbs

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## E-bike: Scott Sub Tour e-Ride 20

All the fun of cycling in an electric version. The SCOTT Sub Tour eRide 20 will assist you in all your rides in town or in the countryside thanks to its 500 Wh Bosch battery.

Available sizes : S, M, L, XL

**FEATURES:**

- Frame : Sub eRIDE 6061 Aloy
- Shifters : Shimano Alivio 3100
- Cassette : Shimano CS HG400 11-36, 9 speeds
- Motor : Bosch Performance, PowerTube 500 Wh
- Disc Brakes : Shimano BR-M200 Disc
- Wheels : Cross X17 Disc 32h
- Tires : Schwalbe Energizer Active Plus 700 x 50C

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# ACCOMMODATION

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## QC Terme Bagni di Bormio Bagni Nuovi

### Bormio

The Grand Hotel Bagni Nuovi, a 5 star hotel with its adjoining thermal centre, is part of the famous Bagni di Bormio complex. Its luxurious art nouveau building and spectacular views make it the perfect place for a wellness break surrounded by the majestic nature of the Stelvio National Park.



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## Hotel Palazzo Ognissanti

### Florence

Hotel Palazzo Ognissanti, housed in a 19th-century building, is located in the historic center of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage site. It offers 50 rooms spread over three floors, accessible by an elevator. The rooms are air-conditioned and feature free Wi-Fi, a private bathroom, and amenities such as a desk, flat-screen TV, wardrobe, safe, and on-demand laundry service. Additionally, it has two conference rooms. All common areas, from the breakfast room to the floors, are accessible to guests with disabilities.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

## LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- Please be informed that **we cannot guarantee the availability of the bicycles** (hybrid, road bike, ebikes...) **until your appropriate sizing information has been provided**. Kindly note that availability for road bikes and ebikes can be subject to rapid changes.

## Excluded

- **Bike rental available upon request** (optional extras)
- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing, and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.)
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package