



## FRANCE

# TOUR DE FRANCE CYCLING HOLIDAY - ALPS & FRENCH RIVIERA

(TOUR CODE: 13694)

### STARTS AND ENDS

Marseille to  
Nice

### TRAVEL PERIODS

15 July 2024

### EXPERIENCE

Cycling

### TRAVEL STYLE

Active Holiday Packages

Join us on a VIP tour of the Southern Alps and French Riviera for Tour de France 2024. Ride the same roads as pro racers, enjoy VIP grandstands in Nice, and be accompanied by expert guides.

## Highlights

- Cycle through stunning Alpine landscapes, beginning with **Col d'Izoard**, descending to **Vauban's** medieval city, and ending with a climb to **Risoul**.
- Enjoy the Tour de France route between **Gap and Barcelonnette from the VIP area, Relais-Etape**. You'll get a great view of the race and enjoy an aperitif and seated lunch.
- **VIP Access to the Massena/Appolon Tribune in Nice** offers a strategically positioned spot just a stone's throw away from the finish line.
- Enjoy a delightful selection of 6 **picnic lunches** offering an array of fresh produce and local **French specialties**
- **Support for Biking Tour with Van**: all of our vans are capable of accommodating the driver and 8 participants in a comfortable manner.
- **Van Tour Guide assistance**: daily route planning and bike preparation, provision of picnics and wholesome snacks, transportation and assistance during excursions.

This Tour de France 2024 stay is an absolute must-do! It offers an incredible opportunity to witness a historic finish in the beautiful city of Nice. Our guided VIP tour allows you to explore the stunning **Southern Alps and the picturesque French Riviera**. You'll have the chance to ride on the same roads and mountain passes as the professional racers before immersing yourself in the vibrant atmosphere of Nice.

With our **VIP grandstands**, you'll enjoy a truly unique experience. Throughout your stay, our team of friendly guides will be there to support you

every step of the way. Whether it's accompanying you on the bike, providing assistance in the VIP areas, or simply sharing enjoyable moments together, we'll make sure you have an unforgettable time. And to ensure a personalized and intimate experience, our group size is limited to no more than a dozen people.

**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 Risoul at Hotel Snow Chill - 4\* or similar
- 3 nights stay in Grasse at Best Western Elixir - 4\* or similar
- All transfers during the trip
- Daily Breakfast
- 6 picnic lunches with fresh produce and local specialties
- 4 dinners
- Snacks and drinks when biking with 1 energy pack
- Podium day in Superdevoluy
- Izoard finish line area SuperDévoluy
- VIP area access in Relais-Etape between Gap and Barcelonnette
- VIP Access Tribune Massena, in Nice
- Tour de France gift
- 1 bike jersey
- A certified guide
- Van assistance

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Marseille Risoul

The start of our awesome journey through the Alps and the final week of the **Tour de France 2024** is set for early afternoon at **Marseille** airport or train station. That's where we'll greet the team before heading off on a 3-hour transfer to our home base in **Risoul**. Located in the heart of the **Southern Alps**, Risoul will be our main headquarters and the perfect starting point for taking on the region's famous mountain passes.

Once we've had a quick meeting to discuss our strategy and get our bikes fitted, you'll have the freedom to explore the village on foot or hop on your bike for some amazing rides right from the hotel.

In the evening, we'll all gather at the hotel restaurant for a friendly **dinner** (no drinks) and raise our glasses to the start of this incredible alpine adventure. Get ready for a week of nothing but cycling!

Overnight stay in Risoul at **Hotel Snow Chill** or similar.

Lunch, Dinner



Day **2**

## Risoul Guillestre Briancon Risoul

Your first day of cycling kicks off with a 100 km (62 mi) loop through some seriously awesome **Alpine** landscapes. You'll kick things off by tackling the legendary **Col d'Izoard** (2360m - 7746 feet), and then descend to the medieval city of **Vauban**, which was built by the famous architect of King Louis XIV.

Take a breather in this charming fortified town nestled in the heart of the **Alps**. Then, get back on your bike and pedal through the beautiful **Durance valley**, finishing off in fancy style with a climb up to **Risoul** to reach your hotel.

To cap off the day, you'll catch the finish of the **Tour de France** on television in Nimes. Afterwards, enjoy a free evening to explore the lovely resort of Risoul.

Overnight stay in Risoul at **Hotel Snow Chill** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **3**

## Risoul Superdevoluy Risoul

Today, you'll get the chance to be part of the **Tour de France** and spend a day behind the scenes of this amazing event. It'll make you feel like a professional rider! We'll head out of the valley and ride the last 30 km of the day's stage to **Superdevoluy**, conquering **Festre, Rioupes, and St Etienne Cols** along the way.

You'll follow the Tour route, with excited spectators already cheering you on as you climb up to the **Superdevoluy** resort. Once you cross the finish line, you'll even get to step onto the official podium a few hours before the pro riders do. Make sure to capture this unforgettable moment with some awesome photos.

Afterward, you will be escorted to the **VIP access area** located near the finishing line, which is on the **Bus board**. From there, you'll have the opportunity to witness the riders' arrival live. At the end of the day, we'll head back to your hotel in Risoul and have dinner (no drinks) together.

Overnight stay in Risoul at **Hotel Snow Chill** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



#### Day 4 Risoul Gap Barcelonnette Relais-Etape Risoul

Get ready for another exciting day on the roads of the **Tour de France**, as you explore the route between **Gap** and **Barcelonnette**.

After about 50 kilometers (31 miles), you will reach the **VIP area called Relais-Etape**, which is located in the middle of the day's stage. Here, you will be watching the Tour riders on the big screen. Who wouldn't want the best seats in the stadium? Well, now you can have the best seats along the course! This amazing experience will give you an excellent view of the race and much more. You will start off with an aperitif at the bar, followed by a seated lunch.

After lunch, you will witness the **Tour's peloton** passing by live. During the whole stage, you will enjoy the coverage by a former professional rider. Following the peloton's passing, you will also watch the caravan pass by. To conclude the day, you will receive a nice Tour de France gift (dinner on your own).

Overnight stay in Risoul at **Hotel Snow Chill** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day 5

Risoul Col de la Bonnette Grasse

Get ready for an amazing day as you proceed to the **famous Col de la Bonnette** just before the Tour de France riders come through. You'll kick off from your hotel in Risoul, heading down into the valley and reaching the base of the Col de Vars (2108m - 6916 feet).

After a descent and a climb back up, you'll reach the Col de la Bonnette (2715m - 8907 feet). This ride is an absolute blast, with a whopping 2760m (9055 feet) of uphill action. Once you reach the top, you'll catch the riders as they make their way over the pass and witness the leaders battling fiercely for the coveted yellow jersey.

You'll then be transferred to **Grasse** for the second part of your stay on the **French Riviera**.

Overnight stay in Grasse at **Best Western Elixir Grasse** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 6

Grasse Nice & Col de Vence Grasse

On your final day of cycling, we have a long loop planned for you to explore the **hinterland of Nice**.

You'll get to witness stunning views of the Mediterranean Sea and take the small, pleasant roads. Your journey involves climbing up to the **Col de Vence, which is 963m (3159 feet)** high, and then descending to the lively atmosphere of the French Riviera. You'll end your journey in Grasse, a village that is well-known for its perfumes.

The evening is free for you to explore Grasse and its narrow streets. Additionally, don't forget to watch the finish of today's stage on the Col de la Couillole, which will be a decisive moment before the individual time trial that is scheduled for the next day.

Overnight stay in Grasse at **Best Western Elixir Grasse** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **7**

## Grasse Nice Grasse

Today is the last day of the Tour de France and you'll be in **Nice to witness the historical finish**.

You will be seated in the **VIP stands at the Massena/Appolon Tribune**, which is located strategically next to the finish line. You can enjoy watching the peloton pass through the "Promenade des Anglais" before witnessing the finish and all the official ceremonies. This final stage is an individual time trial and it will determine the final result.

You will have a front-row seat to watch the riders go one by one in their aerodynamic positions. You can also witness the Tour de France 2024 podium ceremony. After the ceremony, you will have the opportunity to meet the riders and share the unforgettable moments of the week with your group.

Overnight stay in Grasse at **Best Western Elixir Grasse** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day **8**

## Grasse Nice

It's departure day, so make the most of the last few moments with the group and return home with your head full of memories. Your guides will transfer you to Nice in the morning.

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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## Hotel Snow Chill

### Risoul

Situated at the station's beating heart, the Snow Chill hotel, adorned with 4 stars in Hautes-Alpes, is your ticket to a fabulous fusion of fun, luxury, and sport. Immerse yourself in unique relaxation, relish unforgettable dining escapades, and hit the slopes for an unmatched skiing extravaganza at our Risoul haven.



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## Best Western Elixir

### Grasse

The 4-star Best Western Hotel Elixir Grasse, ideally located near the center of Grasse, offers well-appointed rooms with amenities such as air conditioning, satellite TV, Wi-Fi, a safe, and a bathroom with a shower or bath. Start your day with a delicious buffet or continental breakfast. Indulge in southern cuisine at our Elixir restaurant for dinner, and relax in our bar with fine wines and drinks. Join us for a culinary delight!



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

French

## LOCAL CURRENCY

EUR

- 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