

**Dates****19-30 July 2018****Cost****\$4700****Participants****10 people (max)****Difficulty****Medium**

Cyclists around the world agree, France is truly the Mecca for road riding. Magnificent scenery, excellent roads, friendly motorists, great food and wine and a rich cycling culture are elements that make cycling in France a lifetime goal for many bike enthusiasts.

The 105th edition of the Tour de France promises some terrific action and close racing. Will Froome be back for more time in Yellow, and will Richie Porte be the Aussie challenger we have been hoping for (don't forget Rohan Dennis). The French will be hoping for a local to show form, with some saying the race route has been tailored to suit Romain Bardet, who now is a real contender for the yellow jersey.

We will be in a perfect position to experience the colour and spectacle of the world's greatest bike race, while riding the roads and mountains that are part of tour folklore. Viva le tour! Most days you will ride from the front door, providing more time to ride and also more time to relax and enjoy the other aspects of holidaying in the French countryside.

All breakfasts, some picnic lunches and snack foods are included. Four dinners are included, while all other dinners are at your own cost as are lunches at cafes or restaurants.

## Toulouse

Our pick up point will be at Toulouse Matabiau railway station on Day 1. Our recommendation is to arrive at least one day prior to the tour commencing. Explore Toulouse – The Pink City and enjoy the history and culinary delights of the restaurants and food markets.

## Bagnères du Luchon (19-30 July)

We have secured comfortable accommodation in a quiet scenic location a short ride from town centre (rooms are shared). We will have four dinners at our accommodation which are included in the price for our tour. All other dinners are at tourists cost.



We have an amazing 11 days of riding planned in the Pyrenees. Now lets talking about some of the most iconic mountains in bike racing folklore. Straight out of Luchon we have designed routes that will enable all riders to experience Tour de France climbs.

We will tackle:

- Superbagnères
- Col du Peyrourde
- Col du Portillon
- Port de Bales

Just to name a few.

A couple of key “Bucket List” climbs are only a short transfer away via our minibus. The Col du Tourmalet and the Col du Soulor/Col d’Aubisque combination are within a short drive, to enable all riders the chance of completing these amazing climbs. Tourmalet is Legend as the first mountain the tour passed over in 1910. The Aubisque is a beautiful climb that blows everyone away with the scenery.



## Key Points/Dates

- Holding Deposit \$500 – immediately. Remaining deposit \$2000 – due 31 Nov 17
- Balance \$2200 – due 11 May 2018
- Price does not include airfares or travel insurance
- Accommodation is twin share. Single supplement on request to be quoted
- Passports require 6 months remaining before expiry