**2017 TOUR DE FRANCE OVERVIEW**

**BORDEAUX WINES & PYRENEES MOUNTAINS**

**July 8 – 15th, 2017**

**Trip Start:** Bordeaux, FRANCE

**Trip Finish** Toulouse, FRANCE

**Accommodations**: 3 – 4\* Hotels & Inns

 Clean, charming places in great cycling locations!

**Dates:** **8 – 15 July, 2017**

**Length:** 8 days/ 7 nights

**Style:**  Tour de France – Bordeaux Wine & Pyrenees Mountains

**Price:**  $6000 per person/double occupancy

 Bike Rental Included for those signed up by Nov 15th, 2016

**Reservation:**  $1000 to reserve your place

**Accepted:** *Cash, check, wire, VISA, MC, AMEX*

**Final:** Balance due May 1st, 2017

**What’s Included**

All Accommodations

All Breakfasts – 3-4 Lunches/Picnics– 3-4 Dinners

Bottomless Coffee and All Beverages

3 Tour de France Days – *See Itinerary (TDF Start, Team Hotel Visit, Mt Day)*

9-passenger van with Thule bike rack

Driver/Bike Guide

1. Luggage Transfers
2. Maps & Bike Guide available when not driving
3. Route Info; TDF Logistics & Communication

Behind-the-scenes at pro team hotel

Celebrate the TDF French style: ride, picnic, etc

1. Private Guides - Food sampling – Wine tasting
2. Pre/Post Travel: 1hr complimentary service to assist with your planning

***Not Included***

1. Airfare
2. Bikes
3. Some Meals
4. Transfers to/from Airport/Train

**2017 TOUR DE FRANCE ITINERARY**

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**Day 1: Sat, 8 July WELCOME TO FRANCE!**

Travel: Arrive to the Bordeaux Airport or TGV Train Station

Vibe:  We’ll be staying in St Emillion, a World Heritage Site & epi-center of wine

Bike: Refresh your GPS, look at a highlighted map or…let our bike guide lead you on a warm up ride across the rolling hills.

Eat:   Group Dinner at the Chateau

Sleep:   **Chateau Grand Barrial, St Emillion**:  <http://www.grand-barrail.com>

**Day 2:  Sun, 9 July BEAUTY ON THE BIKE**

Vibe:  Ride your bike. Visit the spa. Taste Wine.

Bike:     When’s the last time you rode your bike from a chateau?  Our guide will lead today’s fun ride through the vineyards. If you wish, ride on your own.

Foot: Join us for a walking tour of the World Heritage site, St Emillion.

Eat:   Breakfast at the chateau. Cafe stop on the ride.  Village Dinner on Own.

Sleep:  **Chateau Grand Barrial, St Emillion**:  <http://www.grand-barrail.com>

**Day 3: Mon, 10 July PRO CYCLISTS & PYRENEES**

Vibe: Tour de France Scene. Transfer Day.

Bike:     Optional quick morning ride. Find out if the pros ride on their “ TDF Rest Day”

Foot: Visit behind-the-scenes at a pro team hotel.  Great photo opportunities.

Eat:   Ride early & grab a croissant.  Autoroute Lunch on the Fly.

Sleep:    **Les Templiers, Luz St Sauveur**.  <http://www.hotel-luz.com>

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**Day 4:  Tue, 11 July PEOPLE OF THE PYRENEES MOUNTAINS**

Vibe:   Climbing Heaven. Don’t want to climb?  Hike. Shop.

Bike:      Luz Ardiden. Gavarenie. Hautecam.

Foot: Swim with the locals. Hike the Cirques de Gavarenie. River Raft.

Eat:   Local Eggs & Croissants. Drinks & Apps in the living room. Watch today’s TDF Finish on t.v.

Sleep:   **Les Templiers, Luz St Sauveur**:  <http://www.hotel-luz.com>

**Day 5: Wed, 12 July CLIMB THE TOURMALET AND MORE…**

Vibe:  Climbing Day. Luggage Transfer.

Bike:     Tourmalet + Aspin = Big Climbing Day.   Ride as much or as little as you desire on this gorgeous area of the Pyrenees Mts.

Foot: Skip the Ride. Transfer in the Van. Explore Arreau.

Eat:   Organic Breakfast. Ride Food. Lots of Water. Snacks on the Fly.

Sleep:   **Apartments Balcons de la Neste, Arreau**:  <http://www.balconsdelaneste.fr>

**Day 6:  Thu, 13 July TOUR DE FRANCE -PEYRAGUDES**

Vibe:  Tour de France. Ride the race route. Celebrate with fans.

Bike:     Depart the hotel by bike or van and tackle 1 or 2 of today’s TDF climbs just ahead of the pro’s.

Foot: Picnic & celebrate the TDF. Watch the race near the finish. Fun. Fun. Fun.

Eat:   Breakfast. Ride Food.  Guides are Making or Taking you to Dinner!

Sleep:   **Apartments Balcons de la Neste, Arreau**:  <http://www.balconsdelaneste.fr>

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**Day 7:  Fri, 14 July FOOTHILLS RIDE & BASTILLE DAY IN THE PINK CITY**

Vibe:  Sleep. Relax. Short Ride out of the Mountains. Transfer to Toulouse (1hr).

Bike: See the TDF Start in St Girons; Rolling hills ride after race start.

Foot: Run. Walk. Stroll. Explore Toulouse in the Afternoon.

Eat:   Simple Breakfast. Cafe Lunch.  Fun Group Dinner in Toulouse.

Sleep:   **Crowne Plaza Toulouse:**

<https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/toulouse/tlsfr/hoteldetail>

**Day 8: Sat, 15 July AU REVOIR. A BIENTOT!**

Travel: Enjoy a delicious breakfast at our hotel before heading to your next destination. We wish you safe & smooth travels. Fly – Drive - Train from of Toulouse.

**HAVE QUESTIONS?**

We have the answers. And if we don’t, we’ll find the answer.

Text – Talk – Email

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*\*We reserve the right to make adjustments to the itinerary\**