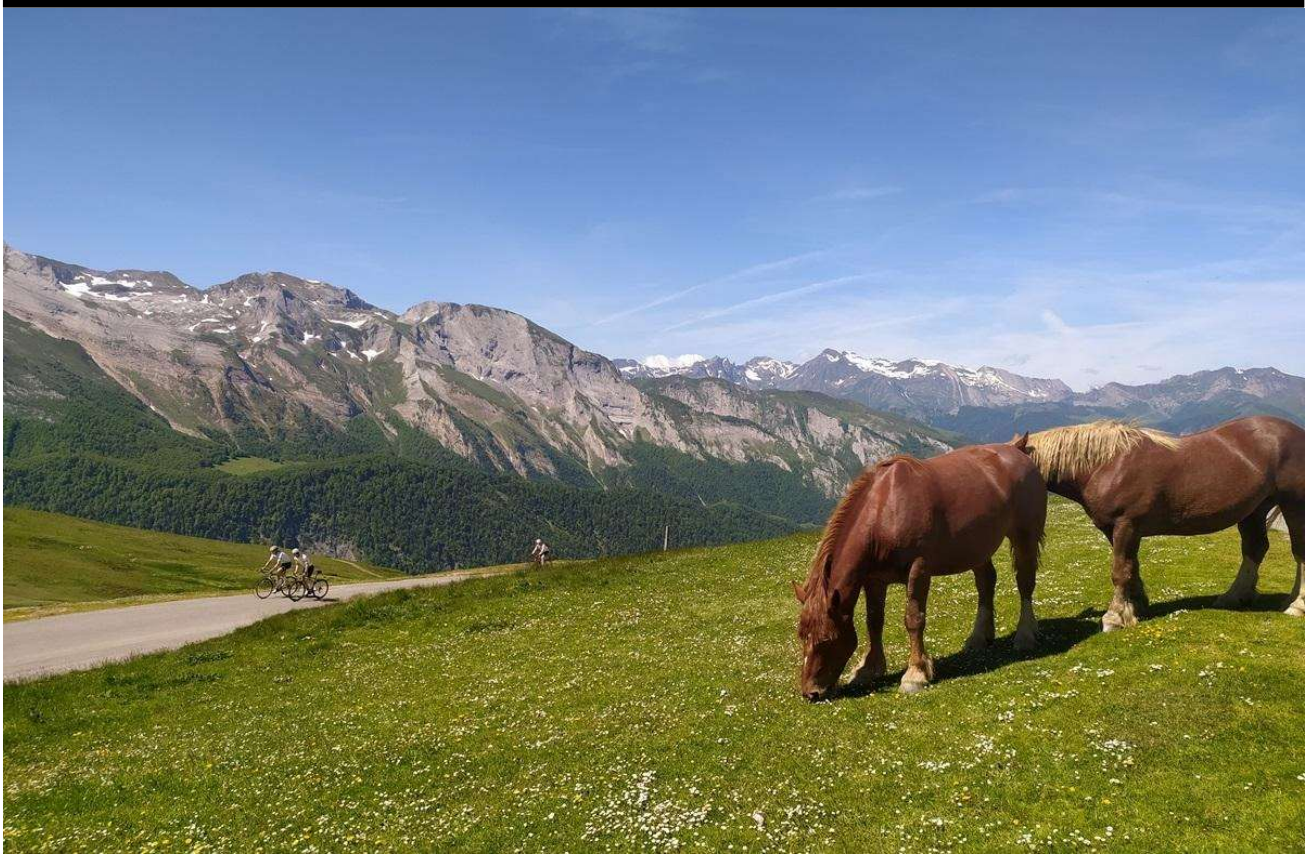
TOUR de FRANCE

Toulouse to Pyrenees (July 2027)



¨Col d'Aubisque¨

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Tour de France – Toulouse to Pyrenees!

The 2027 edition of the Tour de France offers the perfect opportunity to witness multiple race stages in Albi (Stage 15), Toulouse (Stage 16), Col du Tourmalet (Stage 18) & Laruns (Stage 19). Enjoy your cycling as you cross over the rolling hills of France´s Tarn department before entering the midi-Pyrenees to confront some of the biggest climbs from *Le Tour* head on!

The cycling routes designed also pass through beautiful towns such as Castres, Albi and Argeles-Gazost. As you cycle through the Languedoc region we will also make sure you sample some of its fine wines. For those looking forward to the challenge of some of France´s biggest mountains there will also be the chance to climb Spandelles, Tourmalet and Col d'Aubisque.

This 2027 TDF cycling tour combines the best of both worlds with excellent cycling routes through regional France accompanied by four stages of live action from the TDF worked into the program. The Stage 16 Individual Time Trial in Toulouse will provide excellent access to the race! Ride the Col du Tourmalet only hours before watching the pro peloton climb this colossal climb. This will be the perfect trip for road cyclists looking forward to the excitement which always surrounds the Tour de France!

A great week of cycling awaits you with beautiful scenery, well designed rides with plenty of variation and excellent food & wine!

VIVE LE TOUR!



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DAY ONE – Saturday 17 July 2027 – Toulouse to Castres

We can meet you all at Toulouse Airport or a local airport hotel at around 10:30am. There will be a 1hr 15min drive to beautiful Castres which is our base for the next three nights. Castres is located in the Haut-Languedoc region and in its own right is rich in TDF history as it hosted the Stage 12 finish in 2007 and the Stage 8 start during 2013.

This afternoon is also all about getting ready for the upcoming days. There will be time for a bike fitting before a short warm-up ride. During dinner our team will also provide a briefing of the fantastic cycling that now awaits.

Meals: Dinner included
Destinations: Castres
Today's Ride: Bike fitting & 30km warm-up ride
Accommodation: Castres (Tarn department)

DAY TWO – Sunday 18 July 2027 – 2027 TDF Stage 15 - Albi

Today you will ride through the agricultural land to the north of Castres. This ride takes you through the fertile fields of the Haut-Languedoc region. It is rolling terrain that sees the elevation gain constantly accumulate. The ride finishes in the beautiful city of Albi which is often referred to as the 'majestic red brick giant over the Tarn river'. Albi is always a vibrant place with its food markets, museums and cathedrals. Today though there will be extra excitement as the town will also host the Stage 15 Tour de France finish. Following the TDF stage finish there will be a 45min drive back to Castres.

Meals: Breakfast included
Destinations: Albi
Today's Ride: 75km / 850m elevation gain
Accommodation: Castres (Tarn department)



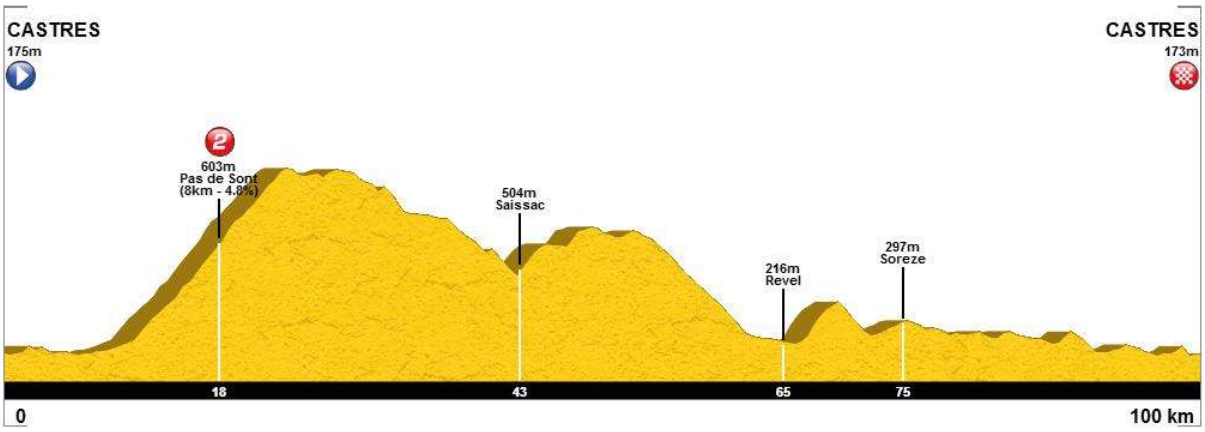
DAY THREE – Monday 19 July 2027 – Castres to Revel

Our base in Castres in the Languedoc region is perfectly located to re-create the Stage 10 finish from the 2016 TDF when Aussie Michael Matthews spectacularly defeated Peter Sagan! The cycling route will take you through nearby woodlands (Forêt de Montaud and Forêt Domaniale de la Montagne Noire) before arriving to where the 2016 Stage 10 finish was contested in Revel. This will be your chance to go for the sprinters points! The ride is a fantastic hotel to hotel loop ride which follows quiet road!

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Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included
Destinations: Castres
Today's Ride: 100km / 1250m elevation gain
Accommodation: Castres (Tarn department)

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DAY FOUR – Tuesday 20 July 2027 – Stage 16 Time Trial - Toulouse

Today it is all about getting to *Toulouse* to watch the Stage 16 Individual Time Trial during the mid-afternoon. Closer to the tour dates we will assess the stage departure times, however, the plan is to first offer a 50km cycling route towards Toulouse.

Once in Toulouse there will be time to find some lunch before witnessing the team buses and riders as they prepare for the 33km Stage 11 time-trial through the centre of Toulouse. A time-trial stage always offers amazing access to the riders and the chance to catch the excitement of the race!

Meals: Breakfast included
Destinations: Toulouse
Today's Ride: 50km / 500m elevation gain
Accommodation: Toulouse (city centre)

DAY FIVE – Wednesday 21 July 2027 – Depart for the Pyrenees

Following a 1hr 15min transfer to Montrejeau, you will ride 90km through to your new base in Lourdes for the final 4 nights of the tour. This is one of our favourite routes as it heads through the pre-Pyrenees. The ride includes a number of shorter 2-5km climbs which never get too steep.

Passing by the *Chateau de Mauvezin* is always a highlight as the first views of the Pyrenees come into sight. On a clear day one can see the Pic du Midi Observatory which towers above the Tourmalet at 2877m elevation.

Meals: Breakkfast & Dinner included
Destinations: Mauvezin
Today's Ride: 90km / 1150m elevation gain
Accommodation: Lourdes (Midi-Pyrenees)



DAY SIX – Thursday 22 July 2027 – TDF Stage 18 – Tourmalet

Today you will ride up the world-famous Col du Tourmalet summit only hours before the professionals. Here we will join other passionate fans roadside to watch the excitement unfold as the riders come past. These are the stages that cycling fans around the world look forward to as the peloton takes on the gruelling, relentless accents. Col du Tourmalet is a challenging climb (18km / 7.2% average grade) which is probably the most famous of all TDF 'cols' with over 100 race route passings!

A highlight for everyone is greeting the giant structure (`Geant`) dedicated to Octave Lapize the first cyclist to cross the Tourmalet during the TDF over a century ago. Depending on the weather at the summit (sometimes it can be bitterly cold) we might decide to descend to the quaint Luz St Sauveur township to view the race. Today you will have the following two ride options:

Option a) 70km cycling / 1750m elevation gain; or
Option b) 100km cycling / 1950m elevation gain



Meals: Breakfast included
Destinations: Luz St Sauveur
Today's Ride: 70km / 1750m elevation gain or 100km / 1950m elevation gain
Accommodation: Lourdes (Midi-Pyrenees)

DAY SEVEN – Fri 23 July 2027 – TDF Stage 19 – Aubisque to Laruns

Cycling from Lourdes and another of the great Pyrenees climb doubles is calling; Col du Soulor and Col d´Aubisque! The hors categorie Col d´Aubisque climb has been passed almost 50 times during the Tour de France putting it in the top 5 most used climbs in race history. After first passing Col du Soulor you will cycle the dramatic mountain road which links the Soulor and Aubisque summits. The road breathtakingly hugs the cliffs of the Cirque du Litor, passes two striking tunnels and is simply a cycling experience like no other! On reaching Aubisque take some time to soak up your great achievement and enjoy some fun photos with the giant TDF inspired bikes found at the summit! The descent towards Laruns will take you directly to the Stage 19 finish. The tour was last in Laruns during 2023 when Jai Hindley won the Stage 5 finish from the breakaway. Post-stage there will be a 1hr drive back to our base in Lourdes.



Meals: Breakfast included
Destinations: Laruns
Today's Ride: 65km / 1500m elevation gain
Accommodation: Lourdes (Midi-Pyrenees)

DAY EIGHT – Saturday 24 July 2027 – Pyrenees cycling loop

We will depart from the hotel on the bikes firstly in search of Col de Spandelles. This 14.7km climb from Argeles-Gazost has a 6% average grade and is one of the easier climbs in the Pyrenees. It will be a good climb to get started on! Col de Spandelles was the highlight of the 2022 Tour de France, as during Stage 18 it hosted an aggressive battle between Tadej Pogacar and Jonas Vingegaard. If you remember, it was the stage where Pogacar actually crashed on the descent!

Now back down along the River Ousse our route will head to the base of Hautacam. From Argeles-Gazost the 16.5km at 7.5% average makes for a testing climb. The Stage 12 finish of the 2025 TDF took place up on summit of this colossal Pyrenees climb. Hautacam is a relative newcomer to Le Tour having only 7 summit finishes since its arrival during 1994. Bjarne Riis, Vicenzo Nibali and Jonas Vingegaard have all taken line honours on this summit.

We actually think Hautacam is a more difficult climb than Aubisque and Tourmalet!

The ride will finish with an enjoyable ‘cruise’ along the asphalted bike path that leads all the way back into Lourdes. Now for the champagne celebration!

Meals: Breakfast & Dinner included
Destinations: Hautacam
Today’s Ride: 65km / 850m elevation gain or 90km / 2000m elevation gain
Accommodation: Lourdes (Midi-Pyrenees)

DAY NINE – Sunday 25 July 2027 – Goodbyes

Following breakfast the guides will be available to transfer you directly to Toulouse Blagnac Airport by 12:00 noon. Please keep this time in mind if you need to book onwards international flights. From here we will say our goodbyes before you continue on your own adventures.

Meals: Breakfast included

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TRIP DETAILS

***REGION*:** TOULOUSE TO PYRENEES (France)

TOUR DATES: 17 - 25 JULY 2027

***DURATION*:** 9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

HOTELS: Castres (x3), Toulouse (x1) & Lourdes (x4); 3/4 Star Hotels

PRICE (twin-share): 3725€

OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Single Room Supplement: ***825€***
Road bike hire (Di2, disc): ***375€***
E-Road bike hire (disc): ***500€***

INCLUDED

Van transport (incl. arrival / departure transfers)
8 nights accommodation (twin share)
8 breakfasts
4 dinners (with beer & wine included)
7 guided cycling stages with van and mechanic
Van and guide for non-cyclists
Food & drinks during all cycling stages
Commemorative Sierra cycling jersey
Tour Booklet including ride profiles

NOT INCLUDED

Airfares & Train Tickets
Pre or post Tour Accommodation

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