

Etape du Tour 2012 by Ronan Pensec Travel

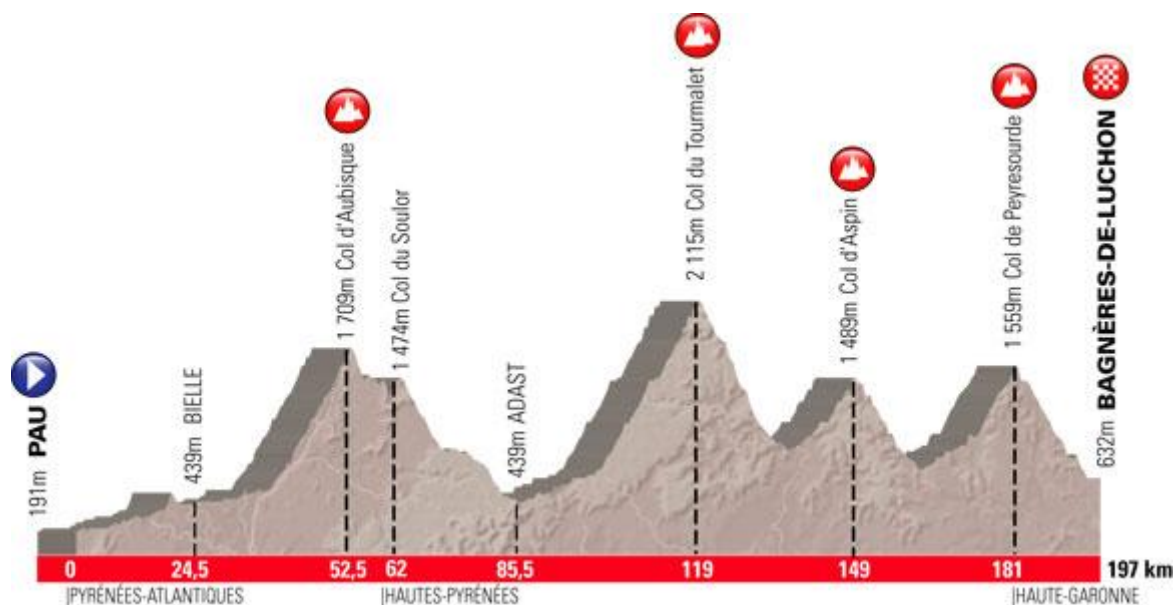
Thursday July 12th to Sunday July 15th 2012

4 days and 3 nights –self drive

in a 2* hotel in Pau

For the start of the 2nd Act, the organizers chose a start town very well familiar with the Tour de France and the Etape du Tour: Pau. This Act will be a “royal journey” for those who will dare attacking the mythical Pyrenean climbs on this almost 200 km long stage.

PAU / BAGNERES DE LUCHON (197 km)



Col d'Aubisque: 7.1 %, 16.4 km, 1709 meters

Col du Tourmalet : 7.4 %, 19 km, 2115 meters

Col d'Aspin: 4.8 %, 12.4 km, 1489 meters

Col de Peyresourde: 6.7 %, 9.5 km, 1559 meters

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You will be one of the privileged riders who will be provided with accommodation right at the start. This will spare you the hassle of a bus transfer back to your start hotel. By the time many participants get on their bus, you'll have already showered and will be celebrating your performance.

With this program, we offer you to spend 3 nights in Pau in the 2* **Hôtel Kyriad Lons**, a hotel with all necessary amenities for leisure (<http://www.kyriad-pau-nord-lons.fr/fr/index.aspx>). The hotel staff will do everything to make you feel at home.

The hotel has been reserved on half-board (bed and breakfast with dinner - wine and water included).

Since 1930, Pau has become a mainstay of the Tour de France cycling race, thanks both to its geographical location and to its marvelous infrastructure. Pau hosted its 63rd stage in 2010, and only one other city besides Paris has done better. Next year, it will welcome for the 64th time the Tour de France and for the 7th time the Etape du Tour.

The highlights of this package:

- You will be staying right in the start town and will not have to get up in the middle of the night to get to the starting line. Quite to the contrary, you'll be able to reach it from your hotel in a couple of minutes! Same is valid for the visit of the village.
- You will be staying 3 nights in the same hotel at Pau, no need to move from one place to the other! The hotel we reserved is 2* Kyriad hotel.
- After the race, you will meet our staff and cool down with a drink and a good serving of pasta! You'll be able to take a shower and put some fresh clothes on before returning to your hotel by bus.

Thursday, July 12th: Day 1

Hotel: Hotel Kyriad in Pau Lons

Welcome to the 2* **Hôtel Kyriad Lons** for 3 nights (Day 1 and Day 2 on half-board - bed and breakfast with dinner - wine and water included).

Our staff will be present at the hotel and will stay with you throughout your entire stay with us.

After you've checked in, you will be free to make any final adjustment on your bike and become familiar and acclimated with the area. You may also have the time to start warming-up for the big day or relax at the hotel or visit the village and pick up your bib number.

On the evening, you will have your first dinner with the group and enjoy local wines and traditional dishes.



Pau

Friday, July 13th: Day 2

Hotel: Hotel Kyriad in Pau Lons

Day off

You will start the day with a plentiful breakfast with menu options that will help fuel you up for this last preparation day.

If you have not done so already, you will need to pick up your bib number at the village. You'll be free to do it at your convenience. The village is also where all the major European manufacturers will be present.

The afternoon will be off: you will have time to go for an easy ride and scout the first miles of the Etape du Tour: a nice way to get your legs primed for the ultimate day.

On the last evening before the race, you will relax over a dinner especially prepared to give you all the energy that you will need for the upcoming challenge.

Saturday, July 14th: Day 3

Hotel: Hotel Kyriad in Pau Lons

D-day, the Etape du Tour

Today is the day! This is your opportunity to live up to the same challenge as the professionals.

The race's start time is 7.00am but you will be required to be on the starting line by 6:30am. After an early breakfast, the ride to the starting line will help you warm up.



Before you leave the hotel, our staff will stop by and pick up your back pack with your personal items in order to bring it to meeting point in Bagnères de Luchon. Please make sure that you have all your bags ready and tagged with your name.

There will be several feeding/drink stations set up during the race. However, due the high number of participants, we highly recommend you bringing your own supply (water, gel, energy bars...).



After you have crossed the finish line, one of our staff members will be at the finish line to show you the direction to our meeting point. Our staff will be waiting for you there and will have cold drinks and a pasta party ready for you! You'll be also able to take a shower and put on some fresh clothes before going back to Pau in the late afternoon.

Sunday, July 15th: Day 4

This morning's breakfast will be enjoyed with a great sense of accomplishment. You deserve to feel proud and we hope that you will be encouraged to participate the next year.

After breakfast, you will be free to head back home at your convenience.

RATES:

- Etape du Tour 4 days / 3 nights with 2* Hotel in Pau (Room sharing in twin or double): **Euros 440**
- Etape du Tour 4 days / 3 nights with 2* Hotel in Pau and – non competitor: **Euros 440**

The entry to the Etape is not included in this program. From November 17th on, you will be able to buy it separately on the official Etape du Tour website at <http://www.letapedutour.com/>.

In order to secure your package, a deposit of 40% will be required at time of registration, the balance will then be due between May 15th and 31st, 2012.

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation for 3 nights in two-star hotel in Pau: rooms with private bathroom including toilets, a tub and / or a shower.
- 3 Breakfasts, and 2 dinners (Day 1 and Day 2), drinks (wine and water) included.
- Transfer of your personal items to the meeting point close to the finish and transfer back to the hotel after the Etape.
- Drinks, pasta party and showers available close to the finish.
- Box trailer / van for the safekeeping and transport of your bike in your bike bags/ boxes.
- Ronan Pensec Travel Welcome Package.
- Local taxes
- Services of our guide.

THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Entry to the Etape du Tour (1)
- Lunches.
- Dinner Day 3
- Personal hotel expenses, mini bar, telephone, room service.
- Travel and personal insurance.
- Airfare

(1) The entry is not included in this program, and has to be purchased separately. If you have not been able to buy it from ASO, we can secure it for you. Don't hesitate to ask us.

OPTION: This year's first Etape du Tour will take place only 4 days before the arrival of the Tour de France pros in the Alps.

This will be a good opportunity to combine the challenge of riding the Etape with the viewing of some of the most important stages of the Tour de France: a nice reward for all the efforts put in during these past months!

If you have always dreamed of not only seeing the Tour de France, but also riding the same stages ahead of the pros, we can help you create a Tour de France experience that can't be equalled.

Ronan Pensec, with his 13 years of professional racing, and 25 years of experience with the Tour de France, has designed a variety of tour programs to choose from. We have programs combining the two acts of the Etape du Tour with the Alps stages, or the Act II with the last week of the Tour de France.

This is a perfect opportunity to enhance your Tour de France experience. Don't miss it.

For more information, please contact us at info@ronanpensectravel.com.

