

## Etape du Tour 2012 by Ronan Pensec Travel

Friday July 6<sup>th</sup> to Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> 2012

4 days and 3 nights - with transfers

in 1\* & 3\* hotel/residence at the start and finish locations

Following the success of the 2011 editions, ASO and Mondvelo chose to organize again next year two Etapes du Tour. You will be spoiled for choice, as the two acts will cover great mountain stages. The first one will welcome you in the Alps.

### ALBERTVILLE / LA TOUSSUIRE-LES SYBELLES (140 km)



**Col de la Madeleine:** 6.2 %, 25.3 km, 2000 meters,  
**Col de la Croix de Fer :** 6.9 %, 22.4 km, 2067 meters  
**Col du Mollard:** 6.8%, 5.7km, 1638 meters  
**Col de La Toussuire:** 6.1%, 18 km, 1705 meters

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With this program, we offer you to spend 2 nights in Albertville at the Etap hotel on half-board basis (bed and breakfast with dinner - wine and water included) and 1 night in La Toussuire in a 3\* residence with Bed and Breakfast.

You will be one of the privileged riders who will be provided with accommodation at the start. Albertville is a small town of about 18.000 inhabitants and only 5 hotels: not easy to lodge 8.000 riders! You can consider yourself one lucky guy: the village and the starting line will be in riding distance from your hotel.

After the race, you will be staying in a 3\* residence very close to the finish line. 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.

### **The highlights of this package:**

- Included in this program is the airport shuttle (on day 1 and day 4) from/to Geneva airport as well as the transfer of your personal items to the finish on the day of the Etape (day 3).
- 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.
- At the finish, you will be one of the few privileged ones who will be able to ride from the finish line to your hotel. While the other competitors wait for their transfer back, you will be able to take it easy/cool down!
- We will take care, on the morning of the Etape, of the transfer of your personal items between the two locations.

## YOUR TRAVEL:

Please arrange your own flights into Geneva airport.

The following airlines operate direct regular flights into Geneva airport: ([www.gva.ch/en](http://www.gva.ch/en))

- Air France ([www.airfrance.com](http://www.airfrance.com)) London
- Air Canada ([www.aircanada.com](http://www.aircanada.com)) Montreal
- Aer Lingus (<http://www.aerlingus.com>) Dublin
- Easyjet ([www.easyjet.com](http://www.easyjet.com)) Edinburgh, Manchester, Liverpool, Bristol, London
- Swiss Air ([www.swiss.com](http://www.swiss.com)) London
- United Airways ([www.united.com](http://www.united.com)) London, USA
- British Airways ([www.britishairways.com](http://www.britishairways.com)) London
- BMI Baby ([www.bmibaby.com](http://www.bmibaby.com)) East Midlands

Flights are going to be in very high demand and there will be limited space for bikes on each flight. We recommend booking early in order to secure your seat and get the best fares. Don't forget to secure, at time of your booking the spot for your bike on the flight.

Your guides will meet you at the airport and will accompany you on the ride to your hotel.

There will be several bus transfers, scheduled to leave around Noon and 4pm. However, the exact transfer times will be determined once we have the flight information of our guests.

Please note that any participant arriving after 5pm will have to organize his own transfer to the hotel.

## Friday, July 6<sup>th</sup>: Day 1

Group: Meeting at Geneva airport

Hotel: Etap hotel in Gilly sur Isère (Albertville suburb)

Bus transfer: *(see previous page):*

Geneva airport – Albertville: 138 km, 86 miles (1 hour 25 min)

Our staff will welcome you at the airport and will stay with you throughout your entire stay with us.

We booked the Etap Hotel on half board basis (water and wine included) for the first two nights.

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 visit the village and relax at the hotel.

In the evening, you will have your first dinner with the group and enjoy local wines and traditional dishes at a nearby restaurant.



Panoramic view of Albertville



Albertville Town Center

Albertville: at first it was Conflans, the City of the top. The strategic position of this town, at the crossroads of the alpine valleys allowed it to acquire quickly a defensive and economic role. The Village of Conflans welcomed for a long time markets and fairs which could gather up to 1500 persons. At the time of this commercial prosperity, the passage of the Roman way connecting Milan to Lyon and Vienna favoured the exchanges between the products of the plain and those of the mountain.

From the XIXth century until today: The progressive development of the industry then the tourism and the winter sports changed the fate of the City. The social, technical and industrial transformations of the XXth century allowed Albertville to welcome in 1992 the XVIth Winter Olympics. The City has known then a new breath with the creation of the Place of Europe and the cultural complex of the DOME. In the suburb, Olympic infrastructures such as “La Halle” and the Olympic Park were built.

## **Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup>: Day 2**

Group: Day off

Hotel: Etap hotel in Gilly sur Isère (Albertville suburb)

Breakfast and dinner have been reserved for you at the hotel, but other than that, you will be off for the rest of the 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. *(Please remember to bring your medical certificate. You will not be given your bib number by ASO unless you can show a valid certificate.)*

You may also want to go stretch your legs and get a sneak peek at the first kilometres of the stage.

On the last evening before the race, we booked a table at a close by restaurant where you will relax over a dinner especially prepared to give you all the energy that you will need for the upcoming challenge.

## **Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup>: Day 3**

Group: D-day Etape du Tour

Hotel: 3\* residence in La Toussuire

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.

This morning, by the time you'll leave the hotel, our staff will come and pick up your luggage in order to bring it to your next stop in La Toussuire. 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...).

The ideal location of your residence in La Toussuire will enable you to ride directly to the premises after the race. One of our staff members will be at the finish line to show you the direction to your residence. Once in your room, you will be able to relax before gathering with your fellow competitors.

For your information, the participants booking a double or a twin room will be accommodated in private apartments, while those booking a single room will share bigger units offering 2 separate rooms and bathrooms.

The residence in La Toussuire has been reserved with Bed and Breakfast. However the resort offers a variety of restaurants where you will be able to celebrate your glorious ride.



Before going to bed, you will be asked to pack your luggage and your bike in its case in order to facilitate the airport transfer in the morning!

## Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>: Day 4

Group: Transfer to Geneva airport

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 again in the future. An event like this is also an opportunity to make new friends, and this morning will be your last chance to say goodbye and perhaps exchange email addresses, before you take the coach to the airport.

You'll leave La Toussuire and return to Geneva airport.

We will operate 2 airport transfers:

Hotel to Geneva – Departing at 8am, arriving at 10:15am

Hotel to Geneva – Departing at 11am, arriving at 13:15pm



## RATES:

- Etape du Tour 4 days / 3 nights: 2 nights at the Etaphotel in Albertville and 1 night at a 3\* residence in La Toussuire (Room sharing in twin or double): **Euros 575 (1)**
- Etape du Tour 4 days / 3 nights: 2 nights at the Etaphotel in Albertville and 1 night at a 3\* residence in La Toussuire (Single room): **€ 620**
- Etape du Tour 4 days / 3 nights: 2 nights at the Etaphotel in Albertville and 1 night at a 3\* residence in La Toussuire - non competitor: **€480**

The entry to the Etape is not included in this program. From November 17<sup>th</sup> 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 reservation, we require a deposit payment of 40% at time of registration; the balance being due between May 15<sup>th</sup> and May 31<sup>st</sup> 2012.

## THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation for 2 nights in Etap Hotel in Albertville and 1 night in a 3\* residence in La Toussuire: rooms with private bathroom including toilets, a tub and / or a shower.
- 3 Breakfasts, and 2 dinners (day 1 and 2), drinks (wine and water) included.
- Transfer in a private coach from Geneva airport to your hotel on day 1, and back to the airport on day 4.
- 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 guides.

## THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Entry to the Etape du Tour ACT I (2).
- Lunches.
- Dinner on day 3.
- Personal hotel expenses, mini bar, telephone, room service.
- Travel and personal insurance.
- Airfare

Regarding the bike transfer service from the UK, please contact us directly at [info@ronanpensectravel.com](mailto:info@ronanpensectravel.com)

(1) Please note that if you are travelling by yourself but are willing to share your room with another single participant, we will do our best to find you a roommate. Should we not be in a position to do so and you end up therefore staying in a room by yourself, we will have to charge you the single room rate.

(2) 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 a few extra days in the Alps, 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.

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