

Etape du Tour 2012 by Ronan Pensec Travel

Friday July 6th to Monday July 9th 2012

4 days and 3 nights – selfdrive

In 2* & 3* hotel/residence close to departure and finish locations

Following the success of the 2011 editions, ASO and Mondovelo chose to organize again next year two Etapes du Tour. You will be spoiled for choice, as the two acts will cover great 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 near the start in a 2* hotel on half board basis and 1 night in La Toussuire in a 3* residence on B&B basis.

You will be one of the privileged riders who will be provided with accommodation near both the start and the finish. Albertville is a small town of about 18.000 inhabitants and only 5 hotels: unfortunately not enough to lodge 8.000 riders.

For the first 2 nights, we booked a 2 star hotel in Faverges (20 km, 12 miles from Albertville) where the start will be given and the village will be hosted.

After the race, you will be staying in a different 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:

- Our hotels are located:
 - At the start, our hotel is located in the town of Faverges (20 km - 12 miles from Albertville).
 - At the finish, you will be one of the few privileged ones who will be able to ride from the finish line to your residence. While the other competitors wait for their transfer back, you will be able to take it easy!
- If you wish, we will pick up, on Saturday afternoon, your bike to bring it to a secured location close to the starting line where it will be stored overnight.

Friday, July 6th: Day 1

Hotel: Hotel de Genève in Faverges

Your room will be reserved under your name and will be available for check in from 2pm on.

We booked the Hôtel de Genève (<http://www.hotellegeneve.com/>) in Faverges with half board. Construction with character, stage coach inn in the XIX th century, fully renewed, the hotel de Genève offers a charming and comfortable environment.

After checking 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.

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



Saturday, July 7th: Day 2

Hotel: Hôtel de Genève in Faverges

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.

Unless you have already done so on your arrival day, you will need today to visit the village in Albertville in order to collect your bib number. This is also where you will see the many exhibitors, animations and will be invited to the pasta party.

The afternoon will be off: you will have time to go for an easy ride.

For those who wish it, to ease the stress tomorrow morning, we have booked a secured storage facility close to Albertville (9km-5.6 miles from Albertville) where the bikes will be kept overnight.

Between 4pm and 5pm, our staff will come to your hotel to pick up your bike as well as bike case and bring it there. Tomorrow morning, you will collect your bike from this site and ride the last kilometres to the starting line.

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.

Sunday, July 8th: Day 3

Hotel: 3* residence in La Toussuire

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, if you chose this option, our bus will be waiting in front of your hotel to bring you to the start. You will be dropped off at the bike storage facility in order to get your bike. The 9 km to the starting line will serve as a good warm up for the race ahead of you.

If you feel up to riding the entire distance from the hotel to the start, you are of course free to do so. Here you'll take your place among the thousands of other competitors who came from all over the world to compete in this great cycling event.



There will be several feeding/drink stations set up during the race. However, due to 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.



Monday, July 9th: 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 Faverges and 3* residence in La Toussuire (Room sharing in twin or double): **Euros 485**
- Etape du Tour 4 days / 3 nights with 2* Hotel in Faverges and 3* residence in La Toussuire – non competitor: **Euros 430**

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 reservation, we require a deposit payment of 40% at time of registration; the balance being due between May 15th and May 31st 2012.

THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Accommodation for 2 nights in a two-star hotel near the start and 1 night in a three-star residence at the finish: rooms with private bathroom including toilets, a tub and / or a shower.
- 3 Breakfasts, 2 Dinners
- Bike storage facility close to the start.
- 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 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

(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.

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

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