

ETAPE DU TOUR

LUXURY | 7 DAYS, 6 NIGHTS

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Ride the 2015 Etape du Tour. Ride because it's there. Because you can.

Each year Etape race organizers select one of the Tour's most challenging stages and offer amateurs the opportunity to tackle the entire route. This year's route travels from St. Jean de Maurienne to La Toussuire; it's a breathtaking Alpen stage featuring the mythic Col de la Croix de Fer and a dramatic summit finish on La Toussuire. Book with Trek Travel to get guaranteed race entry and unrivaled support as a member of 'Team Trek Travel Etape' ? courtesy of our unique relationship with Trek Bicycles, official event sponsors. Choose from our 5-day or 7-day trip options depending on how much time you want to prepare before the big event. Just announced: Cycling legend Andy Schleck will be riding the Etape with our group and celebrating the challenge of the course at our exclusive Team Trek Travel after party following the ride. Secure your bragging rights for life!

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From
\$4199^{pp}

Rider Type
Avid

Hotel Style
Luxury

Duration
7 days | 6 nights

Start | End
La Clusaz, France

Dates
2015/Jul

TRIP WOWS

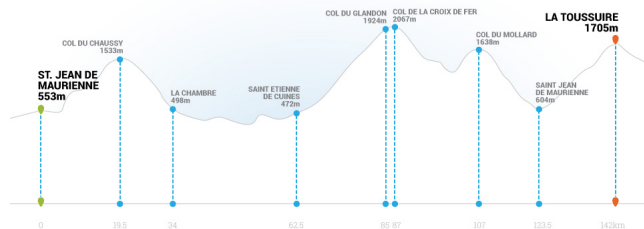
Guaranteed entry To the world-famous Etape du Tour

Strategically located private rest stops Allow you to enjoy more fluid, continuous riding

Ride a fully-fitted Trek Domane Carbon fiber road bike with Di2 electronic shifting

The very best private support Available from our professional

Celebrate in style At our private finale party!



DAILY ITINERARY

2015

DAY 1

Today's Activity:

Welcome and bike fit

Today's Ride:

Col de la Croix Fry Loop
Approximately 20 miles with 2,900 feet of climbing

Description:

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Hotel:

Hotel Beauregard
www.hotel-beauregard.fr

Included Meals:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

DAY 2

Today's Ride:

Lake Annecy Loop
Approximately 55 miles with 4,500 feet of climbing

Avid Option:

Lake Annecy with Col de Leschaux
Approximately 68 miles with 6,500 feet of climbing

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DAY 3

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Hotel Beauregard www.hotel-beauregard.fr	Breakfast

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Le Grand Bornand and Col des Annes Approximately 22 miles with 3,000 feet of climbing	Race Expo

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DAY 4

Etape Race Day:	Special Guest:
St. Jean de Maurienne to La Toussuire - Les Sybelles Approximately 88 miles or 142 kilometers	Andy Schleck

Description:

Your date with destiny has arrived! After a bountiful breakfast, catch an early transfer to the start of the big race. With strategically located, private rest stops free of the queues of the official stops, Trek Travel support teams are ready along the route with nourishment and encouragement to speed you on your way—and let you just concentrate on the epic riding. The first few miles out of St. Jean de Maurienne begin gently--the perfect warm-up before the first big climb of the day. The next 10 miles rise with an average 6.3% gradient, climbing to the top of Col du Chaussy. After cresting the nearly 5,000 foot summit of this giant, you can spin your legs and recover on the descent to La Chambre for a ride looping through the valley, before ascending the grand Col du Glandon and Col de la Croix de Fer. You'll enjoy a short respite before your third climb of the day, the Col du Mollard, before a big descent back to St. Jean de Maurienne and the beginning of your final climb of the day up to La Toussuire. Feel like a pro as you ride with Andy Schleck and the crowd cheers you onward and upward lifting you toward the finish line. Celebrate your achievement and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow riders in the finish village while you enjoy a bountiful buffet and refreshing drinks at your private Trek Travel finale picnic. Later you'll shuttle back to the hotel to continue the festivities over a celebratory dinner to toast your new friends and today's Tour de France cycling adventure of a lifetime!

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DAY 5

Today's Activity:

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Today's Ride:

Grand Bornand and Colombiere Loop

Approximately 42 miles with 5,600 feet of climbing

Short Option:

Col de la Colombiere out and back

Approximately 22 miles with 3,200 feet of climbing

Avid Option:

Grand Bornand Loop with Col des Glieres

Approximately 67 miles with 9,300 feet of climbing

Description:

Enjoy some spectacular riding today over one of the iconic climbs of the Tour de France. Start your day with a plentiful breakfast before heading out for a loop ride that offers spectacular roads and sprawling vistas. The 12 kilometer climb up Col de la Colombiere awaits you, as it has the pro peloton some 20 times since the Tour began. Today you will climb it from the "easier" side from Le Grand Bornand, equally important in the Tour's history with numerous stage finishes. After a delicious signature Trek Travel lunch you can put your legs to the test and tackle the climb over Col des Glieres, or choose to finish up the loop through Petit Bornand before circling back to the idyllic hotel where you can relax at the pool or maybe catch up with all the day's Tour news

on TV. Tonight you are on your own to explore the local culture and enjoy a meal showcasing the best of Savoyard cuisine.

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DAY 3

Today's Ride:	Avid Option:
Col des Saisies out and back Approximately 43 miles with 6,900 feet of climbing	Col des Saisies with Forclaz Approximately 61 miles with 11,000 feet of climbing

Description:

Today brings another epic day in the Alps leading up to your Etape experience. It's your choice today to take the shorter out and back of Col des Aravis peaking out above your hotel, or extend it to include Col des Saisies; another Tour favorite offering up jaw dropping views of the snow capped Mont Blanc to the east, prominent on the skyline as the highest mountain in the Alps at 15,781 ft. If you really want to take on a challenge today, make the loop over to the Col de la Forclaz Quiege before returning to climb Aravis again on your way back to the hotel. Any way you choose, you'll have stories to tell and pictures to share for your envious crowd back home. Be sure to get back in time to catch today's nail biting stage finish on Plateau de Beille. Tonight we will gather for another round of drinks and a hearty meal with the group in La Clusaz.

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Special Guest:

Andy Schleck

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Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour |
Dinner

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Included Meals:

DAY US

L'Etape du Tour 2015

St Jean de Maurienne to La Toussuire

Description:

Guaranteed entry pass to the world-famous Etape du Tour is \$400 per person

Cycling fans have dreamt of riding the routes of their pro cycling heroes since the first true mountain stage of the Tour de France in 1910. Each year a lucky few get the chance to experience those dreams by riding the Etape du Tour, as race organizers select one of the event's most challenging stages and offer amateurs the opportunity to tackle the entire route. Celebrate the challenge of the course and share in the passion of cycling by riding an official full stage of the 2015 Tour de France, just like the pros. The route travels from St. Jean de Maurienne to La Toussuire; it's a breathtaking Alpen stage featuring the mythic Col de la Croix de Fer and a dramatic summit finish on La Toussuire. Book a spot in the race through Trek Travel and get guaranteed entry as a proud member of 'Team Trek Travel Etape' 2015—courtesy of our unique relationship with Trek Bicycles, official event sponsors. The stage, while only 142km, you can expect some serious climbing over four categorized cols as you meet this bucket list challenge and secure your bragging rights for life!

WHAT'S INCLUDED

We Include More

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories.

Activities

- Gratuities for all scheduled special events, restaurants, hotels, local guides and transportation during your trip.
- Private tours
- Entrance fees to all group events/activities
- All transportation during the trip, including private coaches
- Guaranteed Etape race entry

Lodging

- 7-day trip: 6 nights of accommodation
- 5-day trip: 4 nights of accommodation
- In every region we travel, we uncover the area's best, and most delightful accommodations. On our Etape du Tour trip, you will stay in a perfectly situated mountain oasis, allowing access to all the great rides surrounding Lake Annecy.

Dining

- 7-day trip: 4 lunches, 3 social hours and 5 dinners.
- 5-day trip: 3 lunches, 2 social hours and 3 dinners.
- Daily breakfast and all snacks and drinks for each day
- On our Etape du Tour trip, you'll be experiencing a variety of regional Rhone-Alpes cuisine, which is known for its succulent cheese based foods like fondue, raclette and gratin dauphinois. We've made some adjustments to this traditional fare to ensure meals are appropriate for our riders. The food is served over a number of courses and the portions are smaller to enable you to

extend your appetite to enjoy each course. Breakfast is always served at the hotel and is buffet style.

Support

- The knowledge, support, and camaraderie of experienced guides
- Daily route support
- The use of Garmin Touring Plus GPS cycling computer
- Paper route guides also available upon request
- All luggage transfers
- All transportation during the trip, including private coaches
- Comprehensive trip literature and complimentary Trek merchandise
- Private Trek Travel rest stops and support on the Etape du Tour route

Gear

- The use of a Trek Domane 5.9 carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting, or Trek Domane 5.9 Women's Specific Design carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting (limited selection), or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bicycle
- Trek Electric Assist FX+ also available in a limited quantity
- The use of Garmin Touring Plus GPS cycling computer
- The use of Trek bike helmets and other gear and equipment to make your ride comfortable
- Trek Travel water bottles
- \$300 USD off any 2015 5 Series or 6 Series Trek Domane including Project One and the Trek Emonda SL6 and SL8 models.
- Trek Travel Bontrager RL jersey and cycling socks

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

Thank your Guides, by tipping

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. Industry standard is 5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.
- Gratuities for your Trek Travel Guides may be given at your discretion in response to their professionalism and leadership. Industry standard is for each individual guest to tip the guide team 5-10% of the trip price.

ACCOMMODATIONS

[Hotel Beauregard](#)

La Clusaz, France

Hotel Beauregard La Clusaz, France
Tucked away in the heart of the Aravis mountain range in La Clusaz, a charming and authentic Savoyard village, the 4-star Hotel Beauregard is one of the most beautiful and charming hotels in La Clusaz. It's an ideal holiday destination for those seeking calm, nature and spectacular scenery.

TRAVEL SERVICES

How to get there

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into Paris (CDG) or Geneva (GVA).

From Paris, trains depart daily for Annecy. There are several trains departing from Paris Gare de Lyon to Annecy with a travel time of 4-5 hours. The train journey from Geneva to Annecy takes 1-1/2 to 2 hours. However, train options and times are somewhat limited to and from Geneva and can sometimes present logistical challenges. Alternatively, you can take a taxi from the Geneva airport to Annecy for approximately 100 euros or a bus for 20 euros. Please consult www.SNCF.com or speak with our travel agent for current train schedules.

Meeting Time And Location

Annecy Train Station | Annecy, France

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Annecy Train Station (Place de la Gare 74000 Annecy) at 11:00AM on the first day of the trip. After a brief 45 minute shuttle, you will arrive at your accommodations for the week. Please have your first day cycling clothes and riding gear easily accessible, separate from your luggage. After lunch we'll fit you to your bike and begin our day's ride in the mountains surrounding Lake Annecy.

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our first hotel, Hotel Beauregard (+33 4 50 32 68 00), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. A taxi from the Annecy Train Station to our hotel will take approximately 45 minutes and cost approximately \$150.

Departing Time and Location

Annecy Train Station | Annecy, France

You will say farewell to your guides at 11:00AM at the Hotel Beauregard. You'll then experience a brief shuttle to the Annecy Train station, arriving at approximately 11:45AM. Please allow adequate time to get to your final destination.

Before & After: Annecy, France

If you have the time, consider staying in Annecy at the beginning or end of your trip to further explore the diverse activities this French town offers. Guided tours of historic Annecy allow you to discover the medieval aspects of the town and visit buildings dating back to the Renaissance and 12th century. Hiking trails are numerous, covering diverse terrain, offering spectacular views all around, and water activities are bountiful along the lake. Paragliding is world-renowned in Annecy, boasting some of the world's best and providing, literally, a bird's eye view of the lake and surrounding mountains. Be sure to lounge in the park by the lake, just across from the town center, or linger at a café or ice cream parlor surrounded by flowers.

L'Imperial Palace

Located in a park on Lake Annecy, L'Imperial Palace houses the Casino Imperial, as well as one of the most famous convention centers in France. It has been fully remodeled and includes both a fitness and a beauty center with a sauna and steam bath. 98 rooms.

32 Avenue Albigny | +33 (0)4 50 09 30 00 | www.Hotel-Imperial-Palace.com | ~\$315

Les Tresoms

This is a residence-style hotel that dates from the early 1900's, with a shaded terrace overlooking the swimming pool and a beautiful view of the lake. 48 rooms.

3 Boulevard Corniche | +33 (0)4 50 51 43 84 | www.LesTresoms.com/index-gb.php | ~\$300

Hotel Splendid

This recently renovated hotel is ideally located between the lake and the mountains. The Hotel Splendid sits across from the shores of Lake Annecy, the cleanest lake in all of France, and is perfectly nestled in the heart of the old town.

Trip Changes

Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer each and every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.

What are the daily rides like?

- Rider Type | 4
- Terrain | Mountainous
- Etape Course Distance | 88 miles or 142 kilometers
- Etape Course Climbs | Col du Chaussy, Col du Glandon, Col de la Croix de Fer, Col du Mollard, La Toussuire

On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. The Etape du Tour is best suited for our Type 4 Riders. See day by day itinerary for specific daily ride distance and elevation options.

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

This destination is best suited to guests who want to cycle every day. Because of the terrain and/or remoteness of the hotels and riding routes, there are few, if any, non-riding options available. If a non-rider wants to accompany a rider guest on this trip, they would need to spend many hours in the van and/or at the hotels on the trip. Due to this, we strongly discourage non-riders from this destination. As an alternative, call a Trek Travel Trip Consultant at 866.464.8735 for trip suggestions where more non-rider activities are available, such as:

- Tour de France Paris Finish Package
- Tour de France Pyrenees Ultimate
- Tour de France Alp d'Huez to Paris

What is the weather going to be like?

The summer months in the Alps are typically warm with daily temperatures ranging from the mid 60s to low 80s, dropping to the mid 50s to mid 60s in the evenings. When traveling in the mountains, it is best to be prepared for variable conditions as weather can change very quickly and is certainly cooler than low lying cities. We recommend always traveling with rain gear as well as breathable layers to provide warmth should the weather turn and the temperature drop.

Do you have upgrade options available?

For an additional fee you may request to upgrade to the brand new Trek Emonda SLR with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Bontrager Aeolus carbon wheels for the ultimate riding experience. Contact our trip consultants for more details.

What if I have to change or cancel my trip?

We understand things happen in life and sometimes you have to cancel or change your bike tour. We want to make it as easy as possible to do so and below you will find our timeline. If you ever have a question, just give us a call, 866 464 8735. [Read our cancellation policy.](#)

General FAQs

Didn't find what you were looking for? [Check out our General FAQs section.](#) You will find answers to all the most common questions that don't necessarily pertain to a specific trip.