Trek Travel proudly presents the ultimate Tour De France 2014 experience! As Official Tour Operator for both the Tour de France and the new Trek Factory Racing team we have an exclusive VIP trip with unparalleled behind the scenes access guaranteed to take you to the heart of the world’s premier cycling event! With first-class professional support, a wealth of local knowledge and the best bikes in the business we’ll take you on the inside lane to celebrate the passion and drama of this epic race! Enjoy classic rides, exclusive race day viewings, unique access to team representatives and insider perspective as the 2014 competition celebrates Le Tour’s 101st Grand Départ in Leeds, Yorkshire before heading south to the bright lights of Old London Town! Trek Travel - as close as you can get to the action without joining the peloton!

• Pro Team Access—behind the scenes with the new Trek Factory Racing team
• Experience the official Team Presentation ceremony in the Leeds arena
• Official VIP Race Access Passes for the Stage 2 Departure Village in York
• Official VIP Race Access Passes to ride across the finish line just hours before the pros during Stage 3 in London
• Ride with special guest Robbie Ventura, Versus commentator and former pro cyclist, and get his inside take on the race

Vive Le Tour!

Penny Gatward
Tour de France Trip Expert
DAY 1: THURSDAY, JULY 3, 2014

Team presentation at Leeds Arena

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Leeds Train station (New Station St, Leeds LS1 5DL, United Kingdom) at 4:00 PM on the first day of the trip. Your Tour de France race adventure begins in the north of the UK and the scenic city of Leeds, to celebrate only the second occasion the UK has hosted the Grand Départ. Following a warm welcome from your guides, you will be escorted into the Leeds Arena to experience all the pomp and ceremony of the official Team Presentation. Enjoy VIP ringside seats to witness first-hand the opening ceremonies, as the tension mounts and riders make their final preparations before embarking on the world’s most intense and demanding annual sporting event. Afterward, a 45-minute shuttle will take you to the charming village of Timble, and your home for the next three nights (and the only pub in the village)—The Timble Inn. Tonight, enjoy a spirited round of introductions at social hour and savor a traditional Yorkshire feast at our hotel all the while buzzing with anticipation for the Tour excitement of the days to come.

Hotel | Timble Inn | www.TheTimbleInn.co.uk

DAY 2: FRIDAY JULY 4, 2014

Ride with Robbie Ventura

Basic Option: Timble to Grassington Loop
Approximately 25 miles with 2,000 feet of climbing

Avid Option: Timble to Grassington to Skipton Loop
Approximately 47 miles with 3,700 feet of climbing

Enjoy cycling tips and race insider stories today from Robbie Ventura—ex pro cyclist and Versus network commentator—who will be joining the group for a ride into the scenic Yorkshire Dales, the backdrop for the first two stages of this year’s Tour de France. After your guides ensure that you are perfectly fit to your Trek Domane this morning, you will start out riding along the race course which the pros will follow tomorrow. After tackling the first climb of the day, the Côte de Blubberhouses, you will continue on toward Bolton Abbey, a beautiful country estate dating to the 12th century when it was founded as an Augustinian monastery. Cycle through the grounds, pause to explore this living timepiece and get a fascinating glimpse into British history. Afterward, pedal alongside the River Wharf to enjoy more of the quintessential Yorkshire Dales countryside, meandering through idyllic stone villages into the small town of Grassington—blessed with stunning views, beautiful stone buildings, quirky shops and friendly pubs. Choose a local pub for a traditional lunch before embarking on the last climbs of the day over Embsay Moor. Once back at the Timble Inn, relax before enjoying a hearty dinner and good night’s rest before the excitement of race day tomorrow.

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Trip Changes:

Trip changes are always a possibility due to logistical changes at the Tour de France. In such cases, Trek Travel reserves the right to make modifications without notice and to make alterations and substitutions as necessary to deal with logistical changes or challenges, in order to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience and well being of our travelers. Trek Travel strives to offer each and every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. In this event, Trek Travel will always substitute an equal or better option when possible. When applicable, official VIP stage access is subject to change.

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NEED MORE INFO?
DAY 3: SATURDAY JULY 5, 2014

Live Race Viewing of Stage 1

Basic Option: Timble to Pately Bridge to Masham and Greenhow Hill
Approximately 41 miles with 1,900 feet of climbing

Avid Option: Timble to Pately Bridge to Masham and Greenhow Hill Loop
Approximately 53 miles with 4,500 feet of climbing

Short Option: Pately Bridge to Masham
Approximately 13 miles with 970 feet of climbing

Today you'll head north through the beautiful North Yorkshire hills to intercept the pros as they complete the last phase of stage one toward the finish in Harrogate. The final sprint finish of this stage may well favor Harrogate local Mark Cavendish who is assured a hero's welcome if he manages to claim the Maillot Jaune on home territory—so be ready for some very excited crowds! After a hilly ride through the Yorkshire countryside, you'll join the race course to enjoy lunch with the locals as excitement builds all around in anticipation of the racers' arrival. Witness the procession of the Tour caravan and then cheer as the peloton powers its way through as sprinters begin to run down the climbers before the dramatic final sprint to the finish line. After the race viewing choose to take a shuttle back to our charming hotel or ride back through the hills. Tonight, enjoy a special behind the scenes event with the Trek Factory Racing team: mingle with team representatives and riders during an informal cocktail hour Q&A session; take a tour of the team bus; and meet the team's mechanics to talk specs, techs and get up close to the ultimate Trek bikes. This is your chance to talk strategy and get unique insider perspectives on professional racing at the heart of this epic Tour—truly every race fan's cycling vacation of a lifetime!

Hotel | Timble Inn | www.TheTimbleInn.co.uk

DAY 4: SUNDAY JULY 6, 2014

VIP Race Access Passes to Departure Village of Stage 2 in York

High speed train to London

Today is a one-of-a-kind VIP experience as you become fully immersed behind the scenes in all the race day excitement of the Stage 2 start in York. Trek Travel's Official Tour Operator status offers you coveted VIP passes and a backstage tour of the Departure Village where you'll rub shoulders with cycling legends and maybe snap a picture or two of the pros as they prepare for the challenges of the day ahead. After the tour, position yourself near the start line to watch the riders set out and cheer the teams onward into the second stage of the race. Once the racers have departed, you'll board a high speed train heading south for London for the can't miss finish of tomorrow's Stage 3 and the last section of the Tour in the UK. Tonight London lies before you to explore at your leisure, so take your pick of its huge variety of top quality restaurants before settling in to relax in anticipation of another VIP-filled day tomorrow.

Hotel | The Athenaeum | www.Athenaeumhotel.com

RIDER LEVEL
Rider Type: 3
Terrain: hilly
Average Daily Distance: 25 miles
Average Daily Climbing: 2,000 feet
DAY 5: MONDAY JULY 7, 2014
VIP Race Access Passes to ride across the finish line of Stage 3 in London
Road Bike: Sights of London to Buckingham Palace
Approximately 15 miles with 500 feet of climbing
Warm your legs on the way to the historic stage finish in London and another special VIP experience courtesy of Trek Travel’s Official Tour Operator status. Experience the race like a pro by riding the final stretch of today’s course with exclusive passes, cycling the traffic-free roads as the electrified crowds gather for the pros. Relish your own glorious moments of Tour history as you ride into the Olympic Park, along the Thames and past London’s best-known monuments: Tower Bridge, the Tower of London, Big Ben and Westminster Abbey. To complete your ride, rocket across the finish line on The Mall in front of Buckingham Palace, escorted by your official Tour de France car! Finally, climb onto the Tour podium with your fellow Trek Travelers for a victory ceremony and souvenir photo. Today will also take you head and shoulders above the rest to watch the arrival of the racers from a vantage point aboard an official VIP luxury open-top bus right next to the finish line. This exclusive viewing location is equipped with an open bar and plasma TV’s so you won’t miss any of the action! Tonight revel in the joy of the experience with your travel companions over a finale dinner and toast to the ultimate cycle racing vacation.

Hotel | The Athenaeum | www.Athenaeumhotel.com

DAY 6: TUESDAY JULY 8, 2014
Departure
Choose to sleep in today or enjoy a relaxing breakfast at the hotel as you contemplate the lasting memories you’ve made during your Tour de France vacation. You’ll say farewell to your guides at 9:00 AM at the The Athenaeum Hotel. Check out at your leisure before 12:00 PM.
LODGING

In every region we travel, we uncover the area’s best, and most delightful accommodations. On our Tour de France trip, you will stay in two beautifully contrasting hotels—a romantic 18th century “Coaching Inn” situated in the beautiful Yorkshire Dales and a luxurious, central London hotel close to all the city’s most famous attractions.

Timble Inn | Otley, UK

The Timble Inn has been offering travelers hospitality for centuries, with its history as a coaching inn dating back to the 1700s. Today the Inn offers a unique, romantic country retreat for travelers situated in the natural beauty of the Washburn Valley, replete with a range of breathtaking walks just outside the front door. Awarded a 5-Star rating by Visit Britain, and a certificate of excellence from TripAdvisor, the Timble also boasts an excellent, intimate restaurant featuring the best local produce prepared fresh by their chefs.

Timble | +44 (0)1943 880530 | www.TheTimbleInn.co.uk

The Athenaeum | London, UK

The 5 star Athenaeum hotel is a small, intimate family-run hotel in the heart of London’s Mayfair, a short walk across Green Park from Buckingham Palace. The hotel’s location places you directly in the center of lively London, close to many museums, galleries, legendary shopping opportunities and of course the West End—London’s theater land. Describing their service as “discreet, personal, friendly, interesting, lavish, quirky, down to earth and brilliant” this is the perfect place for a remarkable and memorable stay in the UK capital.

116 Piccadilly, Mayfair, London | +44 (0) 20 7499 3464 | www.AthenaeumHotel.com

DINING

Trek Travel scopes out unique and delicious dining locations, and we usually leave at least one meal for you to explore on your own. If you have any special dietary preferences, be sure that you have informed your Trek Travel Trip Consultant before you leave for your trip. We will do our best to accommodate your dietary requests.

On our Tour de France trip, we celebrate and savor the best of “new British” cuisine, featuring a delicious variety of locally-grown, seasonal ingredients. You’ll also be invited to enjoy a traditional British pub lunch, as well as sample some of London’s world-class fine dining opportunities.
ITINERARY
Tour de France 2014 | Week 1 | Trip 1 | Leeds to London Ultimate VIP Experience | 6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS

HOW TO GET THERE

Flights | 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 one of London's many airports. All major airlines fly into London Heathrow and Gatwick, with some airlines offering connecting domestic services to Leeds Bradford airport (LBA). Trains also run every hour from London Kings Cross to Leeds and take approximately 2.5 hrs. From Heathrow to the center of London taxis are readily available and will cost approximately $120 with a journey time of around 1 hour. Alternatively the Heathrow Express rail system runs every 15 minutes directly to the center of the city at Paddington Station where a connecting train to King Cross runs every 15 minutes.

MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

Leeds Train station | Leeds, United Kingdom

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Leeds Train station (New Station St, Leeds LS1 5DL, United Kingdom) at 4:00 PM on the first day of the trip. Your guides will meet you and welcome you to Leeds. After introductions over refreshments at a friendly pub, you will be escorted into the Team Presentation at the Leeds Arena.

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, Timble Inn (+44 (0)1943 880530), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. A taxi from Leeds to the first hotel will take about 45 minutes and costs around $160.

DEPARTING TIME AND LOCATION

The Athenaeum Hotel | London, United Kingdom

You will say farewell to your guides at 9:30 AM at the The Athenaeum Hotel. Check out at your leisure before 12:00 PM.
LEEDS

Leeds lays claim to being one of the fastest growing cities in the UK, and over the past couple decades, has successfully transformed itself from a declining mill town into a 21st century urban cultural center. Commemorating its past and simultaneously carving its future, the city has renovated and polished the Victorian buildings of its heyday into chic dwellings, and converted former factories and warehouses from derelict shells into modern complexes. The symbols of regeneration, prosperity and progress are everywhere with cafés, restaurants, bars and hotels catering to every taste. The only UK city outside London with its own repertory theater, opera house and ballet company, Leeds also boasts a wide range of designer shops, fascinating museums, art galleries, historical monuments, and some of the UK’s premier clubbing and nightlife! We recommend the following accommodations for your pre-trip hotel:

Quebecs | 9 Quebec Street | +44 (0)1 13 244 8989 | www.QuebecsHotel.co.uk | ~$120

Dating back to 1891 when the building was inaugurated as the “Leeds and Country Liberal Club” this hotel preserves and celebrates the best of its classic 19th century architecture while simultaneously offering a modern and stylish residence in the heart of this vibrant 21st century city. The Quebecs welcome is warm and relaxed but rigorous in its attention to detail, and the hotel prides itself on ensuring all guests an unique, comfortable and luxurious experience. Within walking distance of Leed’s thriving center, guests have easy access to local shops and restaurants, making the Quebecs a perfect base from which to explore this wonderful and historic city.

Malmaison Hotel | 1 Swinegate | +44 844 693 0654 | www.Malmaison.com | ~$130

The Edwardian building which houses the stylish Malmaison Hotel was originally the headquarters of the local tram company and commands a fabulous waterfront location in the heart of city’s most exclusive shopping area—boasting both international designer brands and smaller local boutiques. Offering a tranquil oasis of peace and comfort it features enormous soft beds, luxurious bathrooms with baths and power showers, and lighting designed to ensure the perfect ambiance.

The New Ellington | 23-25 York Place | +44 (0)1 13 204 2150 | www.BespokeHotels.com | ~$90

The Ellington boutique hotel lies in the heart of the Leeds financial district, and offers 34 funky and chic bedrooms. The hotel itself is named in tribute to Duke Ellington, and the striking, rich interior design is inspired by the Art Deco of New Orleans. With attentive, helpful and knowledgeable staff, full continental buffet breakfast and spacious rooms with Nespresso machines, the Ellington offers a charismatic and comfortable home away from home.
LONDON

This most cosmopolitan of cities leads the world in number of visitors, and for good reason! In London, history, fashion, art, theater and food vie for your attention. Whatever your interest, you can easily create a perfect day in this world capital: fashionistas shouldn’t miss Oxford Street; culture buffs will want to take in a show or visit the Royal Opera house; art lovers will be mesmerized at the Tate Modern or the British Museum; history lovers will appreciate Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace...the list goes on and on. Don’t forget, there’s also great outdoor space to explore, from eight beautiful Royal parks to the mighty Thames running through the city. Foodies will also find plenty to enjoy, as the vibrant culinary scene in London proves that the days of bland British cuisine are decidedly in the past. We recommend the following accommodations for your post-trip hotel:

The Marylebone Hotel | 47 Welbeck Street | +44 (0)20 7486 6600 | www.DoyleCollection.com | ~$475

If you appreciate the finer things in life then we recommend the Marylebone Hotel, which offers sumptuous comfort, informal but attentive service and always strives to ensure that each and every guest is able to make the most of a stay in the capital. Located right in the heart of the charming Marylebone district, it is perfectly located to access all the city's central attractions.

Pullman London St Pancras | 100-110 Euston Road | +44 (0)8 45 620 0900 | www.PullmanHotels.com | ~$390

A recent multi-million pound renovation has transformed this hotel into one of the city’s premiere places to stay. Rising an unusual 17 stories above street level, its upper floors offer fantastic skyline views over London. This is the perfect location for visitors looking to soak in the atmosphere and vibrant nightlife of this leading 21st century city.

St Ermin’s Hotel | 2 Caxton Street | +44 20 7222 7888 | www.Mariott.com | ~$325

From your first steps into St Ermin’s you know it is more than a little bit special. Designed to show off its classic architecture, evocative Art Nouveau styling and Rococo plasterwork, it has an eclectic, rich, and highly textural feel—an evocative and sensual space of contrasts, decked with both antiques and modern pieces combining to provide a warm, sophisticated and unique experience. Highly recommended!
The Best Bikes, Period:

Bike vacations are more fun when bikes ride and fit well. With the best in the industry and our knowledgeable and well trained guides our bikes always fit and ride smoothly. Enjoy $300 off a select Trek bike after you travel with us.

INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

Dining & Lodging
- Unique accommodations during the Tour de France Week 1 trip
- Daily breakfast, 4 lunches, social hour on some evenings, 4 dinners, and all snacks and drinks for each day’s ride

Support
- Dedicated Trip Consultants to answer all of your questions and aid you in choosing a vacation that suits you
- Email sent to you one week prior to your trip with guide contact details, meet time & location and any final information
- The knowledge, support and camaraderie of experienced guides
- Daily route support, detailed route guide, highlighted map, van support
- All transportation and luggage transfers during the trip

Gear
- The use of a Trek Domane™ 5.9 carbon road bike with Shimano Ultegra Di2 electronic shifting or Trek Domane™ 5.9 Women’s Specific Design carbon road bike with Shimano Ultegra Di2 electronic shifting (limited selection) (visit www.trektravel.com/ridethebest.php for more details)
- The use of a Garmin while on your trip
- Complimentary Trek Travel merchandise
- Bike computer, a map case, and stocked seat pack for use during your trip
- Two Trek Travel water bottles for you to keep
- Choice of multiple stem lengths, seat posts and saddles for a custom fit

Activities
- Gratuities for all scheduled restaurants, hotels, local guides and transportation during your trip
- Behind the scenes access with Trek Factory Racing team
- Official VIP Race Access Passes for Team Presentation, Stage 2 departure in York and Stage 3 finish in London
- Exciting Trek Travel viewing on the course Stage 1

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.
UPGRADES
Upgrade to the Trek Madone 6.5 road bike, electric assist bikes, and carbon wheels.

TRIP INSURANCE
Protecting your trip investment from unforeseen circumstances that might affect your trip.

IN HOUSE TRAVEL AGENT
Allow us to arrange your pre and post trip hotels, air travel, trains and other activities for a nominal fee.

TRAINING
Our partner, Vision Quest Training, offers custom training programs to prepare any rider for their trip.

RIDER LEVEL
We have trips for every type of rider. Find the best fit with our “rider type explained” section.

TT CLUB
Our TT Club rewards repeat guests with trip discounts, complimentary upgrades and more!

CYCLING GEAR TO PACK
Use this comprehensive packing list to make sure you bring just what you need for on and off the bike.

OFF THE BIKE APPAREL
With your bike fashion covered, here are suggestions for off the bike apparel for your trip.

FAQS
Read a lot of great information about your bike tour in our easy to navigate FAQ section.

REFERRAL REWARDS
Bring a friend on your Trek Travel cycling vacation and earn a $200 referral bonus each time!

CANCELLATION POLICY
Be informed rather than surprised. Trip cancellation policies differ so take a moment to look yours over.

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WHAT’S NEXT?
If you are ready to book call at 866-464-8735 or fill out our online booking form. If you already booked, there is a lot of great information below regarding getting ready for your trip and things like upgrade bikes, trip insurance and housekeeping items that you'll want to ensure are completed on time.

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To see more amazing trips, visit trektravel.com or contact us at sales@trektravel.com

Need more info?

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Cancellation Policy:

Once you have confirmed your Tour de France trip with the full $2000 trip deposit, if you cancel your trip 120 days or more from your trip start date the cancellation fee is $2000; between 91 – 119 days prior to departure there is a cancellation fee of 50% of the original trip price; between 61-90 days prior to departure there is a cancellation fee of 75% of the original trip price; there is no refund for cancelling a trip less than 60 days prior to departure.

If you choose to change your trip more than 90 days prior to departure, you may do so with no fee. From 61 – 90 days, there will be a $1,000 administrative fee. If you choose to change your trip within 60 days of the original trip start, the cancellation policy outlined above will apply. Please be aware that it is only possible to move to another trip within one year of the original trip departure date.