



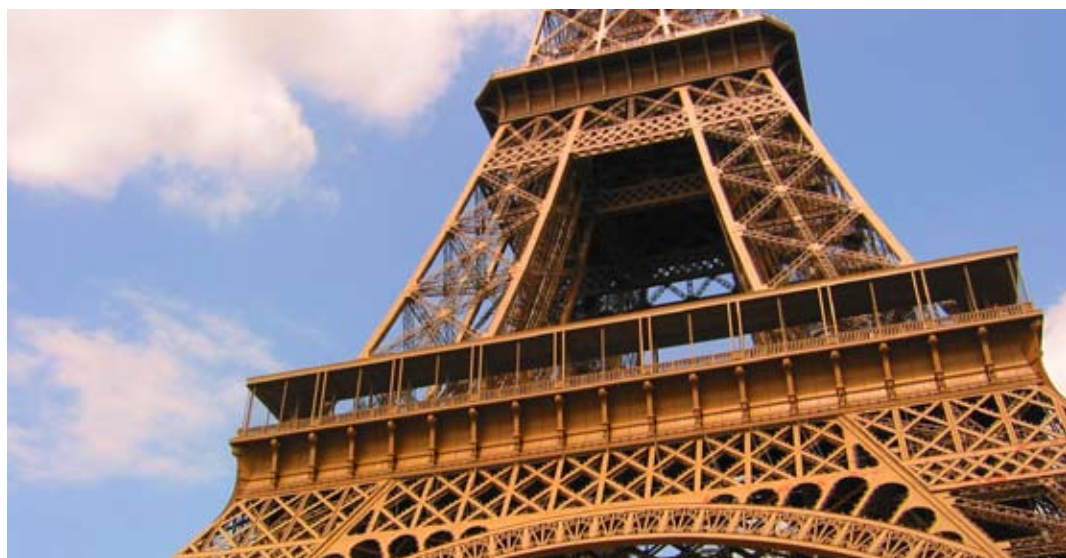
17th to 26th July 2010. 10 days / 9 nights

# Tour de France 2010

*... spectator tour*

This tour has been designed for the non cyclist or 'spectators and fans', who wish to experience the world's greatest bicycle race, while enjoying one of the most culturally rich countries in the world.

This is not a cycling tour but a tour that offers French culture, manic Tour de France stage viewing and some good living mixed in! Our 10 day/ 9 night tour allows you to see stage starts, passages of the race as it passes through rural areas & small town & villages, and of course, the finale along the Champs Elysees in Paris.



The tour commences in Toulouse, where we have access to the race for the late stages where the ultimate podium finishers are going to be revealed. From Toulouse, we travel into the Pyrenees to see the race cross the biggest climbs and we'll enjoy famous southern hospitality and pristine beauty of the Pyrenees Mountains. We'll wind our way back toward the Bordeaux vineyards before travelling by train to Paris and your chance to see the big finish on the vaunted Champs Elysees

There is an emphasis of course for us to follow the Tour; however we will enjoy other tourist opportunities along the way. This is a different experience from the normal or standard tour that most people join in on but it's an exciting 10days watching the world's best cyclists in action, watching us do all the hard work of driving and navigating around France.

## TDF 2010 Itinerary

Please note: This itinerary is designed and developed to allow our participants to see as much of the race as possible. Road closures, traffic jams, thousands of people and logistical issues will and do play a role in what we actually see each day.

What we have listed for each day may change and all we ask of our participants is to 'enjoy the ride' with us as we follow the most exciting sporting event in the world. We endeavour to keep to our itinerary but this can change daily.

### Day 1: Arrival day: Saturday July 17th

Today we will meet all the group participants at our hotel in Toulouse, capital of the Languedoc region. There's no reason why you shouldn't arrive a day earlier to explore this city's beautiful redbrick architecture and unique south-western character. We'll have a briefing about the tour, before watching stage 13 of the tour on television.

This evening we will enjoy a welcome dinner and taste the local dishes and wines.

#### Accommodation:

Hotel de Brienne ★★★  
20, bd Maréchal Leclerc  
31000 Toulouse  
Tél: 05 – 61236060

Meals: Dinner

### Day 2: Sunday July 18th

This morning after breakfast, we'll make our way from Toulouse to a viewing point and lunch stop in the foothills of the Pyrénées Mountains, which intersects the race route of stage 14. It's a fun day with a party atmosphere created by numerous nationalities and many locals, all enjoying the summer sun and the hive of activity that is the Tour de France. Once the race passes, we may make our way to the small village of Foix and a local café where we can watch on TV, the mountain top finish on the Plateau de Bonascre. It's then a short drive to our hotel in Saint Girons.

#### Accommodation:

Hôtel Eychenne ★★★  
8 av Paul Laffont  
09200, Saint Girons  
Ariège-Pyrénées  
Tel: 05 – 61040450

Meals: Breakfast & dinner

### Day 3: Monday July 19th

After breakfast and a relaxed morning, we'll drive from St. Girons towards the tour route and the ascent of the Col de Portet d'Aspet. We'll find a good location to enjoy lunch and see the riders as they come up the east side of the Col de Portet d'Aspet. Once the race passes by, we'll



make our way back to St. Girons.

#### Accommodation:

Hôtel Eychenne ★★★  
8 av Paul Laffont  
09200, Saint Girons  
Ariège-Pyrénées  
Tel: 05 – 61040450  
Meals: Breakfast & dinner  
(& picnic lunch)

### Day 4: Tuesday July 20th

This morning we will (with a bit of luck and providing road closures are not too severe), drive to Bagnères-de-Luchon to view the start of stage 16 in the town centre. We'll start early and settle in for a 90 minute drive. The pros will be up-close and relaxed as you walk the perimeter of the village to view the sign on ceremony, where each rider appears on stage. After this we'll buy picnic supplies for lunch, before making our way to Argeles, where we'll attempt to see the race again. It's then on to Lourdes for 3 nights.

#### Accommodation:

Chapelle et Parc Hotel ★★★  
28 Av Bernadette Soubirous  
BP83 – 65103 Lourdes Cedex  
Tel: 05-62943528

Meals: Breakfast & picnic lunch

### Day 5: Wednesday July 21st

Today is a rest day for the professional cyclists in the Tour de France so it's a day of sightseeing in this beautiful part of the Pyrenees. It's a free day or you can visit the sights below.

#### Grottes de Betharram

The Betharram grottos are considered to be some of the most beautiful grottos in the world and are definitely the most interesting to visit because of their large variety of formations. They contain 5 separate stories superimposed like those

of a house, each formed during different eras. Discovered in 1810, they were one of the first grottos open to the public.

#### The Pic du Midi

The Pic du Midi de Bigorre is at an altitude of 2,877m and is famous for its astronomical observatory. It is accessed by a 15 minute cable car ride from La Mongie, at the foot of the Col du Tourmalet and the summit offers the most beautiful panorama of the Pyrenees Mountains.

#### The Pic du Jer

Located at the start of the Pyrenees and overlooks Lourdes, this site can be recognised by its large cross which shines at night. Take the 100-year-old chair-lift to the 1000m summit in only 6 minutes to see the fantastic views looking over Lourdes, Pau, Tarbes and the Pyrenees

#### The Basilica of the Rosary

Located in Lourdes, The Basilica of the Rosary is the major part of the vast architectural composition of the Sanctuaries of Lourdes. It has two large elliptical ramps directly in line with the esplanade and is an impressive sight. Of Byzantine-influenced Romanesque style, the Basilica of the Rosary represents a vast Greek cross measuring some 2,000m<sup>2</sup> in surface area. The enormous terraces embrace a vast square, where almost 80,000 people can gather to worship and pray. The monument offers ornamental Venetian mosaics, with its domes and chapels, reflecting the grand tradition of Byzantine architecture.

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BP83 – 65103 Lourdes Cedex  
Tel: 05-62943528

Meals: Breakfast & dinner

## Package:

**Land cost: €2779 or AUD\$4598 per person - twin share**

\*The Euro amount will be converted in to Australian Dollars on the day of final payment.

\*\*the exchange rate used here is .6043 on the 4th December.

Prices are subject to change.

### A non-refundable deposit:

of AUD\$1000 per person is required at the time of booking

**Final payment:** is required on the 30th April 2010.

**Single supplement:** €384 or AUD\$636

**Group size:** maximum of 15

### Included:

- 9 nights in 3 & 4-star hotels
- Breakfast daily
- Dinners as detailed & farewell dinner in Paris on the 25th July
- 1 x 15 seater vehicle
- 1 x bilingual guide/driver throughout trip
- Tour de France viewing
- All tax and service charges
- All transportation from pickup in Toulouse to drop at Bordeaux TGV Station.
- 2nd class TGV train between Bordeaux & Paris.
- Transfer from Paris Gare De Lyon Railway Station to the hotel

### Not included:

- International airfares & Taxes
- Arrival & Departure airport transfers
- Any miscellaneous drinks with meals
- No lunches
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Tips for the guide and driver (€5 per day per person)
- Any pre or post accommodation
- Travel Insurance
- Passports or Visas
- Any personal expenses

\*\* Contact us for the best airfare deals, any pre & post accommodation or touring & travel insurance.



### Day 6: Thursday July 22nd

Today is likely to be 'the stage' of the tour and will have thousands of spectators watching the cyclists will ride the stage from Pau to the summit of the famous Col du Tourmalet.

**NOTE:** This will be a very very busy day and road closures & traffic jams are expected. We will attempt to see the passage of the race as it makes its way to the mountain top finish on the Tourmalet. There will be walking involved so good walking shoes are recommended. It's then back to Lourdes after the peloton passes to see the finish on TV.

#### Accommodation:

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28 Av Bernadette Soubirous  
BP83 – 65103 Lourdes Cedex  
Tel: 05-62943528

**Meals:** Breakfast & dinner

### Day 7: Friday 23rd July

After breakfast, we'll make our way towards the vineyards of St Emilion. It's approximately 400kms, so we will have an opportunity to have lunch and possibly visit a winery along the way. This region is the most important wine producing region in France and Bordeaux has about 7,000 chateaux. We do not expect to see the tour today but we'll have time to explore the beautiful St Emilion before dinner.

#### Accommodation:

Au Logis des Remparts Hôtel ★★★  
18, rue Guadet  
33330 Saint-Émilion  
Tél: 05- 57247043

**Meals:** Breakfast & dinner

### Day 8: Saturday 24th July

This morning we will depart our hotel and drive into Bordeaux to witness the Time Trial, which sees the pros depart the city centre for their solo ride out of town. Mid afternoon we'll transfer to the train station for our journey to Paris by high speed TGV train. The distance is almost 600km however travelling at speeds of up to 300km per hour; we'll arrive in Paris in no time at all. We know you will love the experience. Upon arrival in Paris, we'll make our way

to our hotel for 2 nights. Tonight is free to explore the city.

#### Accommodation:

Hôtel du Levant Paris  
18, rue de la Harpe  
75005 , Paris

Tel: 01 - 46341100

**Meals:** Breakfast

### Day 9: Sunday 25th July

The final day of 'Le Tour' and although normally the race is all but decided, it is still a day with plenty of cycling action. In the last few years, the sprinters have dominated the racing on the Champs Élysées with the battle for the green jersey and this year should be no exception. You may want to simply enjoy the day in Paris, or join the crowds and take in the atmosphere of the race. The morning is free for you to sleep in, or explore by foot before making your way to the Champs Élysées to view the grand finale and culmination of 3 weeks cycling around France. It's no wonder that the Tour de France is known as the world's largest sporting event. Tonight is our last night together, so we will have a group farewell dinner to celebrate the finish to a memorable 10 days.

#### Accommodation:

Hôtel du Levant Paris  
18, rue de la Harpe  
75005 , Paris

Tel: 01 - 46341100

**Meals:** Breakfast & dinner

### Day 10: Monday 26th July

Our tour finishes after breakfast at the hotel. For some people it's time to head home while others will take time to stay on in Paris. Transfers from the hotel to the airport or rail station can be arranged (additional cost) and are strongly recommend due to the volume of travellers departing Paris today.

## Bookings and information

David Hull - The Adventure Travel Company  
282 Coventry St. Sth Melbourne Vic 3205

Tel: 03-96968400

Email: david@adventure-travel.com.au

License #: 32230

# Spectator Tour Tour de France 2010 Booking Form



It is essential that the following details are completed and returned as soon as possible, so that we can assist you with documentation requirements for your overseas travel. We are not responsible for incorrect documentation if this form is not returned to us.



## Your personal details

Please complete all personal details as per your passport:

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel (AH): \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport number: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of issue: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Please email or post us a copy of your passport.

## Emergency contacts

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone contact: \_\_\_\_\_

## Accommodation

Double  Twin share

Travelling (and sharing a twin room) with:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Note: A separate form must be completed by each individual

I require a single room – for sole use by me\*  
\*there is a single supplement involved

## Medical and Diet

Do you have special diet requirements?  Yes  No

If yes, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medical conditions and/or injuries or other details which we should be aware of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please list any medication you are presently taking (e.g. blood pressure medication):

\_\_\_\_\_

## Your travel bookings

As a licensed travel agency, we can assist you with the following:

Please tick the box if you require costs. All prices listed as pp = per person

Airfare quotes: business / economy

Frequent flyer # \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred airline \_\_\_\_\_

Pre tour accommodation (pick up hotel)

Post tour accommodation

Airport or rail transfers

Additional day tours or sightseeing

Travel Insurance – \* Compulsory to join this tour

If you do not require our insurance, please provide a copy of your policy including the policy number, the insurance company and their emergency medical assistance contact phone numbers (from France).

We recommend that you purchase a "DEPOSIT PROTECTION" travel insurance policy at the same time that you pay the deposit to cover you for cancellation. These travel plans cover you for your deposit up to the applicable limit should you cancel your trip for a reason covered by this insurance. At the time of making your final payment you should upgrade to a travel plan suitable for your trip. The amount paid by you for this travel plan will be deducted from the total amount payable. Not available for purchase more than 12 months prior to departure. Current cost is \$100 per person.

Signing this booking form indicates that you have read the booking conditions and agree by them.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Your payments

### Deposit

A non-refundable deposit of AUD\$1000 per person is required at the time of booking and must include this booking form to be completed at the same time.

Final payment is required on the 30th April 2010.

Direct credit, cash or cheques are preferred – Payable to The Adventure Travel Company.

**Bank Deposit:** National Australia Bank - Melbourne Office - Branch #: 083-155 - Account #: 45-305-3930 - The Adventure Travel Company - Trust Account

Any payments made in foreign currencies may incur bank fees and currency fluctuations, which will be adjusted in the final invoice & paid by the participant. Credit card surcharges of 2% for Visa & MasterCard & 3.1% for Amex & Diners will apply to all bookings

**Creditcard Authorisation: – Fax to 03 - 9696 8600**

Type of card:  AMEX  VISA  MASTERCARD  DINERS

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CCV#

Name on card:

Card Expiry:

Amount:

I authorise The Adventure Travel Company to debit my above card account with the above amount.

A credit card surcharge of 2% for Visa & MasterCard or 3.1% for Diners & Amex will apply to all bookings and this will be reflected in the amount debited to the card.

Signature of cardholder:

Date:

## Booking conditions

All tours and services are subject to the following conditions

### 1. "Tour Operator"

The Adventure Travel Company trading as Cycling Adventures is the Tour Operator of the program. (ABN 15082512481)

### 2. How to book

Please fill in the booking form with your insurance policy details. Send your completed form and non refundable deposit of AUD \$1,000 of your chosen trip to The Adventure Travel Company within 7 days to confirm your booking. If your booking cannot be confirmed your deposit will be refunded in full. It is important that you have read the booking conditions and sign the booking form.

### 3. Your Holiday Contract

Your holiday contract is with Italian Immersions who have made every effort to ensure that ground transportation, meals, pricing and all other services will be as represented. Please note that we cannot be responsible for the acts or omissions of suppliers or services, or for any misrepresentation made by the suppliers or third parties. The services are subject to the conditions imposed by the suppliers and their liability may be limited by their tariffs, conditions of carriage, international conventions and agreements, or customs and their businesses. Therefore, The Adventure Travel Company cannot assume responsibility for any claims, losses, damage, costs, or expenses of any nature arising out of injury, accident or death, loss of or damage to or delay in connection with baggage or other property, delay inconvenience, upset, disappointment, stress, frustration or loss of employment or loss of holiday time resulting from:

- The act or fault or omission of any party other than Italian Immersions or its employees.
- The passenger's failure to obtain related documentation.

The passenger will not be entitled to any refund if the passenger fails to follow the instructions of Italian Immersions or its representatives. We reserve the right to alter or cancel any services you have purchased and inclusions may vary depending on weather, tour

operator's arrangements, or other uncertainties, and are subject to change. If we are unable to provide a service comparable to that described in the brochure, we will refund you the difference between the cost of the described service and the lower dollar (Australian) value of the substituted service. The photographs appearing in this brochure are representational only and are not a guarantee that everything will be exactly as depicted at the location upon arrival. Every endeavor will be made to provide the nominated sightseeing, though no guarantees can be made. The Tour Manager/Operator reserves the right to change hotels nominated in this brochure and itineraries. Every endeavor will be made to substitute with accommodation and travel arrangements of a similar standard."

### 4. Booking Confirmation and Balance

Upon receipt of your deposit and completed booking form, we shall send you confirmation of your booking and an invoice for the final balance. The final balance is due on the 30th April 2010. If you book less than 90 days prior to departure, full payment must be made on booking.

### 5. Amendments

If you alter your booking after confirmation of the booking, you should notify us in writing and we shall try to accommodate you. An amendment fee of \$55 will apply to cover administration costs incurred.

### 6. Transfer of Booking

You may transfer your booking to a third party that satisfies all the conditions of a person taking that tour within 14 days of departure. There will be an amendment fee of \$150 p/person.

### 7. Cancellation (if you cancel your booking)

The following cancellation fees apply if you wish to cancel your tour:

- 90+ days prior – forfeit of deposit
- 59 - 28 days prior – 50% of total cost
- Less than 28 days – 100% of total cost

### If we cancel your booking

We will not cancel your tour unless we are forced to do so. We reserve the right to cancel or modify a tour in the

following certain circumstances:

- Natural disasters such as flooding, earthquake, fire etc.
- Political unrest or circumstances amounting to force majeure
- Minimum numbers required to operate the tour has not been reached

We reserve the right to cancel a trip up to 28 days prior to commencement. We will, if possible offer an alternative trip, if this is not acceptable a full refund of all monies paid will be refunded in full. We will not be liable to refund any incidental costs you may have incurred as a result of your booking.

### 8. Tour exclusions

Not included: visas, insurance, extra meals, laundry, drinks, departure taxes, telephone charges, gratuities, breakages, damages.

### 9. Travel Insurance

Comprehensive travel insurance is a compulsory condition of acceptance as a participant of the tour. Details of your insurance must be included in your booking form. Your travel insurance must cover you for cancellation, loss of deposit, loss of luggage and personal belongings, medical, personal accident and liability cover.

### 10. Prices

All prices are based on exchange rates at the time of printing and may be changed without notice.

### 11. Health and Fitness

Bookings are accepted on the understanding that the individual travelling possesses good health and an adequate level of fitness, stamina and mobility to participate. When you book you must notify us of any medical condition, medical history, or medications that you are on. In certain circumstances we may request medical proof of fitness prior to accepting a booking.

### 12. International Travel Documents

You will require a valid passport

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