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# TDF K/QOM Challenge – Week 2 Alps Stages

**TOUR DE FRANCE** OFFICIAL PREMIUM TOUR OPERATOR

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## DEPARTURES

July 10th 2023

## PRICE FROM

AUD \$12,995

## DURATION

8 days / 7 nights

## NON-RIDER FRIENDLY

Yes

## RENTAL BIKE

AUD \$700

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## TOTAL DISTANCE

227 km

## TOTAL ELEVATION

7,471 m

## DAILY AV. DISTANCE

32 km

## DAILY AV. ELEVATION

1,067 m

## Week 2: the Alps stages with the Premier Official Tour Operator Ride Alpe d'Huez!

LIVE race-viewing of the key Alps stages during Week 2 of the Tour de France, including VIP access to the Bastille Day Stage Finish on the Col du Grand Colombier! Ride the Col du Galibier, Col de Joux Plane, Col de la Croix de Fer – and of course Alpe d'Huez. No one does the Tour like Thomson!

Thomson Tour de France K/QOM Challenges are the trips of choice for avid cyclists of all abilities looking for a unique blend of LIVE race-viewing and challenging riding.

Be there on the Col du Grand Colombier on Bastille Day to experience the highlight of Week 2 in the Alps.

### Our Bastille Day race-viewing program includes:

access to our Private Hospitality Marquee on the Col du Grand Colombieran official ride across the Finish Line before the arrival of the Tour de France pelotona memorable photo shoot on the Official Podium on the Col du Grand Colombier

You'll also witness the Finish of Stage 14, LIVE from the Official VIP Tribune at the stage finish in Morzine, and mingle with pro riders and Tour celebrities with our privileged VIP access to the Departure Village at the start of Stage 15 in Les Gets.

Riding is also a key feature of every Thomson Tour de France trip and on this trip you'll conquer numerous famous climbs including Alpe d'Huez, Col du Galibier, Col de la Croix de Fer, the spectacular Lacets de Montvernier and one of our favorite climbs, the little-known Col du Sabot.

No one rides like Thomson!







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# Sport Itinerary

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DAY	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	ELEVATION	HOTEL
01	Bienvenue en France!	19 km	559 m	Hotel Pic Blanc
02	21 switchbacks to Alpe d'Huez	30 km	1,144 m	Hotel Pic Blanc
03	Pas de la Confession	44 km	1,281 m	Hotel Pic Blanc
04	Oz!	25 km	694 m	Hotel Carlina
05	<del>Private Race-Viewing: Marthe Courtin Col du Tour du Mont Blanc</del> Official Ride over the Finish Line & Podium Photo Op	32 km	1,411 m	Hotel Carlina
06	LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Tribune at the Stage Finish in Morzine	36 km	1,210 m	Hotel Carlina
07	LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Departure Village in Les Gets - OR - Ride on the Race Route	41 km	1,172 m	Hotel Carlina
08	Au revoir!			

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# Sport Itinerary

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## Day 1

DISTANCE

19 km

ELEVATION

559 m

Bienvenue en France!

Your trip starts at Geneva Airport where our staff will meet you before the transfer to your hotel in Alpe d'Huez.

After a brief orientation meeting, lunch and bike build-up, you'll head out on our warm-up ride which takes you up the short climb to the Col de Sarenne before heading back to the hotel in Alpe d'Huez. Pray for clear skies today as the Col de Sarenne offers incredible views of the surrounding Grandes Rousses Massif mountain range.

CLIMBS

Col de Sarenne  
from Alpe d'Huez

7.9 km 329 m 4.2%

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## Day 2

DISTANCE

30 km

ELEVATION

1,144 m

21 switchbacks to Alpe d'Huez

Today is your opportunity to test yourself on the most famous of all climbs – the 21 switchbacks that lead to Alpe d'Huez!

You'll start the day by descending the famous 21 switchbacks to Bourg d'Oisans. Stop in Bourg d'Oisans to visit the local bike shop which has a great range of Alpe d'Huez cycling clothes and merchandise. Enjoy a coffee in the main square of this cycling-passionate town then head out to conquer this most famous of all cycling climbs.

CLIMBS

Alpe d'Huez

from Bourg d'Oisans Roundabout

14.6 km 1,131 m 7.7%

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## Day 3

DISTANCE

44 km

ELEVATION

1,281 m

### Pas de la Confession

Your longest ride of the trip so far, with a total distance of 44 km and 1281m of elevation gain. The ride starts easy enough with the 14km descent to Bourg d'Oisans. However, this time you won't stop in Bourg d'Oisans – you'll continue along the valley floor for a further 8km to Rochetaillée.

In Rochetaillée you'll take a right turn and start the beautiful climb to Pas de la Confession, the back-way into Alpe d'Huez. Enjoy the spectacular views of the valley floor, 800m below the panoramic road that leads to Pas de la Confession.

CLIMBS

Alpe d'Huez  
from Allemont

19.7 km 1,195 m 6.1%

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## Day 4

DISTANCE

25 km

ELEVATION

694 m

Oz!

A short ride today to the wonderfully named village of Oz! You'll start the ride with a descent to switchback #5 from Alpe d'Huez where you'll turn off on to the spectacular road through Vilard-Reculas. Make sure you stop at the Pas de la Confession for some stunning views of the Alpe d'Huez switchbacks. The descent continues to the reservoir in Allemond where the climb of Oz-en-Oisans begins. The ride will end in Oz where you'll grab the cablecar that takes you back over the mountain to Alpe d'Huez.

After the ride, we'll have lunch at the hotel then transfer to our next hotel in the famous ski town of La Clusaz, in the Haute-Savoie mountains.

CLIMBS

Oz-en-Oisans  
from Lac de Verney

7.9 km 565 m 7.2%

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## Day 5

DISTANCE

32 km

ELEVATION

1,411 m

LIVE Race-Viewing on the Col du Grand Colombier: Private Hospitality Marquee on the climb - plus Official Ride over the Finish Line & Podium Photo Op

Bastille Day and the first mountain stage in the Alps. You'll have the unique experience of riding your bike across the Official Finish Line just a few hours ahead of the peloton – followed by a photo shoot on the Official Podium. We'll round off an amazing Tour de France day by witnessing the race, live on the mountain, from the comfort of our Private Race-Viewing Hospitality Marquee close to the summit.

Your ride will start in Seyssel, 15km before the start of the Grand Colombier climb. The Grand Colombier last featured in the Tour de France in 2020, when Tadej Pogacar won the stage.

CLIMBS

Col du Grand Colombier  
from Culoz

17.6 km 1,274 m 7.2%

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## Day 6

DISTANCE  
36 km

ELEVATION  
1,210 m

LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Tribune at the Stage Finish in Morzine

Second mountain stage in the Alps between Annemasse and Morzine and you'll be there to witness all the action LIVE on the roadside. A magnificent ride takes you from Chatillon-sur-Cluses to the Col de Joux Plane. The steep slopes of the Joux Plane had Lance Armstrong in serious difficulty on Stage 16 of the 2000 Tour de France, with Lance going on to describe it as "the hardest day of my life on a bike". Hopefully you'll enjoy a better day on the Joux Plane! From the summit you'll descend into Morzine where you'll witness the Stage Finish, live from the VIP viewing tribune.

### CLIMBS

Col de Joux Plane from Samoens	11.8 km	987 m	8.4%
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## Day 7

### DISTANCE

41 km

### ELEVATION

1,172 m

LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Departure Village in Les Gets - OR - Ride on the Race Route

The Tour de France continues in the Alps with another mountain stage from Les Gets to Saint Gervais. Today you'll have a couple of options to choose from:

Option 1: head over to Les Gets to experience the start of the Tour de France stage. You'll have privileged access to the VIP Departure Village, a great place to mingle and meet the teams and individual riders as they prepare for the start of their time trial.

Option 2: join our ride leaders for a fantastic ride covering a section of today's TDF race route. After a 10km descent from the hotel, you'll meet up with the race route, which you'll follow for the next 20km, over the Col de la Croix Fry.

### CLIMBS

Col de la Croix Fry from Thones	11.3 km	824 m	7.3%
Col des Aravis from Les Etages	4.4 km	263 m	6%





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# Sport Itinerary

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## Day 8

Au revoir!

Sadly, your Tour de France trip in the Alps has come to an end.

Our private shuttle will drop you off at Geneva Airport.



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# Climbs

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CATEGORY	CLIMB	DAY	DIFFICULTY	LENGTH	ELE. GAIN	AV. GRADE
3	Col de Sarenne from Alpe d'Huez	01	31	7.9 km	329 m	4.2%
HC	Alpe d'Huez from Bourg d'Oisans Roundabout	02	117	14.6 km	1,131 m	7.7%
HC	Alpe d'Huez from Allemont	03	98	19.7 km	1,195 m	6.1%
1	Oz-en-Oisans from Lac de Verney	04	70	7.9 km	565 m	7.2%
HC	Col du Grand Colombier from Culoz	05	120	17.6 km	1,274 m	7.2%
HC	Col de Joux Plane from Samoens	06	117	11.8 km	987 m	8.4%
1	Col de la Croix Fry from Thones	07	90	11.3 km	824 m	7.3%
3	Col des Aravis from Les Etages	07	40	4.4 km	263 m	6%





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# What's Included

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## TOUR DE FRANCE VIEWING

TDF Stage 13: VIP ride across the Finish Line, Podium photo op, and access to our Private Race-Viewing Hospitality Marquee

TDF Stage 14: access to the VIP Tribune at the Stage Finish in Morzine

TDF Stage 15: access to the VIP Departure Village in Les Gets

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## ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

8 days / 7 nights fully accompanied trip

All accommodations

All breakfasts

All dinners

3 x lunches

4 x picnic lunches during the rides

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## TRANSPORTATION

Pick-up & Drop-off at Geneva Airport

All transportation during the trip

All luggage & bike box transfers

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## CYCLING SUPPORT

1 x Support Van & 1 x Ride Leader per 8 guests (approx.)

Overall Staff to Guest ratio: 1 to 3

Experienced bike mechanic

Park Tools Toolkit

Daily ride gpx files provided

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## NUTRITION DURING THE RIDES

Energy bars, gels and sports drink

Variety of snacks and local specialties for picnic lunches

Bottled water

Post-ride recovery food

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**MERCHANDISING**

Tour de France Gift Bag

Special Discount card for Official Tour de France stores

Thomson Bike Tours S/S cycling jersey

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## What's Not Included

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Airfare

Travel and personal insurance

Additional hotel expenses i.e. phone charges, mini-bar, gratuities

Staff gratuities

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## Pick-up/Drop-off Info

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PICKUP LOCATION	TIME	DROPOFF LOCATION	TIME
Geneva Airport	July 10th at 8:30am	Geneva Airport	July 17th at 9:00am
OR			
Holiday Inn Express Geneva Airport	July 10th at 8:30am		

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## Rental Bikes

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RENTAL FEE  
AUD \$700

OPTIONAL INSURANCE  
AUD \$95



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# Hotels

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Hotel Pic Blanc



Hotel Carlina





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We hope this itinerary has whetted your appetite for a trip with Thomson Bike Tours.

Our best-in-class service starts from the moment you get in touch, so please feel free to drop us a line with any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you for an experience you will never forget.

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