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Tour de France VIP Spectator Tour – Mini Alps

TOUR DE FRANCE **OFFICIAL PREMIUM TOUR OPERATOR**

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DEPARTURES

July 13th 2023

PRICE FROM

AUD \$5,695

DURATION

5 days / 4 nights

The All Mountain mini package!

Mystical peaks, painted roads, tired legs, tactical teams, steep climbs, Mont Blanc – welcome to the Magnificent Alps.

Join us to see 3 epic stages, in fantastic locations, on the 2023 Tour de France in the Alps, where our guides live year-round! A real insider's mini package in the mountains, with unimaginable scenic VIP viewings of a start, a mid view and a finish!

Discover the area and stages with minimal hassle as we stay in one Hotel on beautiful Lake Annecy.

Official Premium Tour Operator – Thomson Bike Tours is one of only 3 Official Tour Operators awarded “Premium” status to the Tour de France. Our partnership with the race organizers allows us to provide the ultimate insider Tour de France experience, complete with exclusive VIP hospitality and unprecedented race viewing opportunities.



Itinerary



DAY	DESCRIPTION	HOTEL
01	Bienvenue en France!	Hotel Rivage & Spa Annecy
02	LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Relais Etape in Culoz	Hotel Rivage & Spa Annecy
03	LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Departure Village in Annemasse and mid view	Hotel Rivage & Spa Annecy
04	LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Finish Line Tribune Saint Gervais	Hotel Rivage & Spa Annecy
05	Au Revoir	

Itinerary

Day 1

Bienvenue en France!

Our staff will meet you at Geneva airport. From here we'll transfer you in our private shuttle to our hotel in Annecy. After checking in we'll have lunch where you'll get a chance to meet your fellow Tour de France fans. Then it's a short orientation meeting where we'll run through the plans for the upcoming week. After lunch we will head out on an hour's cruise of this beautiful Alpine Lake, fed by glacial waters and you will also have time to explore the quaint old town.



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Day 2

LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Relais Etape in Culoz

Today we'll witness the thrill of a mountain stage! In the morning we will drive to the base of the mighty Col du Grand Colombier, a beast of a climb that last featured in 2020. There is a buzz and excitement as the organisation, media and fans all roll into town and your guide is good friends with Phil Liggett so hopefully he will have time to say hello, pre commentary! Today we will be in the Relais etape, situated at the foot of the climb. This exclusive area offers a 3 course meal, a free bar, live coverage and commentary, plus entertainment! Even better news is they LOVE Thomson Spectators and spoil us rotten. The premium roadside location will offer amazing opportunities to get some great stress free shots of the riders as they pass by on their way to their gruelling finish. Back to the live coverage to see who conquers this legendary climb! As it's too steep to allow large vehicles, the riders will descend to their team coaches after the race, which are situated nearby.



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Day 3

LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Departure Village in Annemasse and mid view

As an Official Tour Operator, we have secured a visit of the 'Team Paddock' and Departure Village stage start. The Departure Village allows you to see sponsors and gain VIP entry, perhaps even meeting past winners of the race. Then (Covid allowing) it's onto our favourite – the paddock is where all the cyclists and teams congregate pre-race. The area offers fantastic opportunities to get up-close to the riders and Tour celebrities, as well as getting a first-hand view of the inner workings of the Tour de France. This is the place to get those all-important autographs and pictures with the Tour celebrities and riders. As our guide lives in the Alps she will also find an amazing spot where you can watch the race pass by later on in their journey, before they tackle the last brutal climb! A double whammy day!



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Day 4

LIVE Race-Viewing: VIP Finish Line Tribune Saint Gervais

Today the race will pass above the shores of Lake Annecy, towards the Col de Forclaz, col de Croix Fry and Aravis and over towards Saint Gervais, nestled under the towering 4810m snow capped peak of Mont Blanc. We will arrive early and we will head up to the finish by a gentle cable car ride, with stunning views. There's heaps of atmosphere on the mountain and you can grab lunch from one of the cafes. To complete a hat trick of VIP experiences, we will be viewing from our exclusive VIP area – the Izoard! It's, a 3-tiered viewing area offering a magical experience. As we await the riders, we take advantage of the free bar, canapes and live race coverage, until we see them with our own eyes, having climbed the brutal Bettex with its steep gradients.



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Day 5

Au Revoir

After all that excitement it's time to say goodbye and we will drop you off at Geneva airport. If you're staying for the Alps and Paris you can just chill in the morning, by the beautiful Lake, until we return with new guests at lunch time. We hope to see you back in the future. Join us on a Thomson Spectator Trip to La Vuelta, Spring Classics, or Giro D'Italia





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What's Included



ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS

5 days / 4 nights fully accompanied trip
All accommodations
All breakfasts
All dinners
2 lunches

TOUR DE FRANCE VIEWING

TDF Stage 13: Entry to the VIP in Culoz
TDF Stage 14: Entry to the VIP Departure Village and Team Area in Annemasse
TDF Stage 15: Entry to the VIP Finish Line Tribune Saint Gervais

TRANSPORTATION

Pick-up at Geneva Airport
Drop-off at Geneva Airport / Train Station
All ground transportation
All luggage transfers

SUPPORT

Services of our experienced guides
Snacks and drinks on the coach

MERCHANDISING

Tour de France Gift
Tour de France Roadbook – in Digital Form
Special Discount card for Official Tour de France stores
Thomson Bike Tours T-Shirt, Cap and Lanyard

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Lake Annecy Cruise

What's Not Included



Airfare

Travel and personal Insurance

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

Staff gratuities

Pick-up/Drop-off Info



PICKUP LOCATION	TIME	DROPOFF LOCATION	TIME
Geneva Airport	10:00	Geneva Airport	09:30
OR			
Holiday Inn Express	10:15		

Hotels



Hotel Rivage & Spa Annecy





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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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