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Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift

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DEPARTURES

July 22nd 2023

PRICE FROM

AUD \$10,995

DURATION

10 days / 9 nights

NON-RIDER FRIENDLY

Yes

RENTAL BIKE

From AUD \$700

Experience the 2023 Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift with the Premier Official TDF Tour Operator

LIVE race-viewing of 6 stages including the Opening Stage in Clermont Ferrand, Stage 7 on the Col du Tourmalet and the Final Stage Time Trial in Pau.

FEATURED CLIMBS

COL DU TOURMALET, COL D'ASPIN, COL DE PEYRESOURDE

Our trip to the 2023 Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift will feature a unique blend of LIVE race-viewing and challenging riding.

The trip starts with an incredible day of racing in Clermont-Ferrand where you'll witness both the Stage Departure and Finish as a VIP. From Clermont-Ferrand you'll follow the race through the Auvergne and Aveyron regions of France witnessing another 3 stages and riding parts of the race route ahead of the peloton. After witnessing the departure of Stage 5 in Onet-le-Chateau, you'll head down to the Pyrenees mountains for the final 4 days of the trip.

In the Pyrenees you'll conquer several legendary climbs including the Col de Peyresourde, the Col de Val Louron-Azet and the iconic climb to the ski station in Pla d'Adet. Ride ahead of the peloton on the race route of Stage 7 over the Col d'Aspin and Col de Tourmalet, then watch the pros battle it out, live on the mountain-side from the luxury of our Private Hospitality Marquee, complete with LIVE satellite TV feed, catering and drinks. You'll round off an amazing trip with the unique experience of witnessing the final Time Trial, live from the VIP Tribune at the Finish in Pau.

Join our all-female staff for an incredible week of race-viewing and spectacular rides. No one does the Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift like Thomson!

TOTAL DISTANCE

481 km

TOTAL ELEVATION

12,012 m

DAILY AV. DISTANCE

69 km

DAILY AV. ELEVATION

1,716 m



Itinerary



DAY	DESCRIPTION	DISTANCE	ELEVATION	HOTEL
01	Bienvenue en France	29 km	832 m	Hotel Panorama Le Mont Dore
02	LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 1 VIP Start & Finish			Hotel Panorama Le Mont Dore
03	LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 2 Finish	97 km	1,679 m	Grand Hotel de Bordeaux
04	Our Queen Stage	126 km	2,652 m	Hotel du Parc
05	LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 4 Private Hospitality Marquee on the Côte de Moyrazès	84 km	1,838 m	Hotel du Parc
06	LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 5 Start in Onet-le Chateau			Hotel Mercure, Saint Lary Soulan
07	Col de Val Louron-Azet & Col de Peyresourde	63 km	1,845 m	Hotel Mercure, Saint Lary Soulan
08	LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 7 Private Hospitality Marquee on the Tourmalet	53 km	2,173 m	Hotel Mercure, Saint Lary Soulan
09	LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 8 VIP Finish	29 km	993 m	Hotel Mercure, Saint Lary Soulan
10	Au revoir!			

Itinerary

Day 1

DISTANCE

29 km

ELEVATION

832 m

Bienvenue en France

Your trip starts at Lyon St Exupery Airport where our staff will meet you before the transfer to your hotel in Mont Dore, close to Clermont-Ferrand.

After a brief orientation meeting, lunch and bike build-up, you'll head out on your first ride in France. The warm-up ride follows a magnificent route through the mountains to the east of Mont Dore and includes the climbs to the Col de la Croix Morand and the Col de la Croix St Robert.

CLIMBS

Col de la Croix Morand from Le Mont Dore	6.9 km	359 m	5.2%
Col de la Croix St Robert from Chambon -sur-Lac	7.0 km	415 m	5.9%



Itinerary

Day 2

LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 1 VIP Start & Finish

Today you'll witness the Opening Stage of the 2023 Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift. Mingle with the pro riders and celebrities in the VIP Departure Village before witnessing the riders set off from the start line. Enjoy lunch in Clermont Ferrand then head over to the VIP Guest Area at the Finish Line for a fun afternoon with catering, drinks and live TV race coverage as you await the final sprint of this opening stage.



Itinerary

Day 3

DISTANCE

97 km

ELEVATION

1,679 m

LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 2 Finish

The peloton leaves Clermont-Ferrand and starts the journey south towards the Pyrenees with a hilly stage especially in the last 50km with several short, steep climbs to test the riders. Your entire ride today will take place on the actual race route so expect to be cheered on by thousands of passionate fans. You'll witness the race at the summit of the final climb, the Côte de Trébiac, which comes just 1km from the Finish Line, and will no doubt see numerous attacks from the GC contenders.



Itinerary

Day 4

DISTANCE

126 km

ELEVATION

2,652 m

Our Queen Stage

We'll skip today's flat stage of the TDFFAZ (Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift) and head out on a spectacular ride through the mountains of the Auvergne and Aveyron regions of France. The ride heads south towards the Aubrac Natural Park and the magnificent Truyère and Lot river valleys. You'll ride along the Lot river to the beautiful village of Estaing, a UNESCO world heritage site and classified as one of the most beautiful villages in France. From Estaing a series of short climbs and quick descents leads to your next hotel in the village of Cransac which sets us up nicely, close to the next 2 stages of the TDFFAZ.



Itinerary

Day 5

DISTANCE
84 km

ELEVATION
1,838 m

LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 4 Private Hospitality Marquee on the Côte de Moyrazès

The TDFFAZ returns to hilly terrain today with the 177km stage from Cahors to Rodez, and you'll be there to witness all the action LIVE on the roadside, on the toughest climb just 20km from the Finish Line.

Our Logistics Team will have set up our Race-Viewing Hospitality Marquee close to the summit of the Côte de Moyrazès climb. With an average grade of almost 6% over 5km, and with the summit coming just 15km from the finish, this climb will blow the field apart. From the hotel in Cransac, you'll ride 40km to Lanuéjols where you'll join the race route. You'll follow the race route through Rignac and over the Côte de Colombières before reaching the Côte de Moyrazès. Enjoy the race atmosphere from the comfort of our Private Hospitality Marquee. Food, drinks, and satellite TV race coverage will keep you entertained as you wait for the race to approach.

CLIMBS

Les Albres from Viviez	7.1 km	371 m	5.2%
Peyrusse-le-Roc from Naussac	5.5 km	275 m	5%
Côte de Colombières from Pont Neuf	6.6 km	296 m	4.5%
Côte de Moyrazès from L'Aveyron River	4.6 km	262 m	5.7%



Itinerary

Day 6

LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 5 Start in Onet-le Chateau

After breakfast you'll head over to Onet-le-Chateau to experience the start of Stage 6 of the TDFFAZ. Meet the teams and the pro riders as they prepare for the start of today's stage.

Once the peloton takes off on their 126km flat stage to Albi, enjoy lunch in Onet then we'll transfer to St Lary Soulan in the heart of the Pyrenees mountains where you'll stay for the next 4 nights.



Itinerary

Day 7

DISTANCE
63 km

ELEVATION
1,845 m

Col de Val Louron-Azet & Col de Peyresourde

The TDFFAZ has another flat stage today, a 122km dash from Albi to Blagnac, but there’s nothing flat about your ride. Riding from the hotel in St Lary, within a couple of km you’re already climbing the lower slopes of the iconic Col de Val Louron-Azet. Pray for clear skies today as the climb to Val Louron-Azet has stunning views of the highest peaks in the Pyrenees that form the border with Spain. Next up is the legendary Col de Peyresourde which has featured 61 times in the Tour de France, making it one of the most visited climbs in the Tour. Enjoy a crepe at the famous creperie at the summit of the Peyresourde before the long descent back to the hotel in St Lary.

CLIMBS

Col de Val Louron-Azet from St Lary Soulan	10.7 km	765 m	7.1%
Col de Peyresourde from Avajan	9.9 km	701 m	7.1%



Itinerary

Day 8

DISTANCE
53 km

ELEVATION
2,173 m

LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 7 Private Hospitality Marquee on the Tourmalet

The Queen mountain stage of the Tour de France Femmes and you'll be there to witness all the action LIVE on the roadside, on the final climb to the legendary Col du Tourmalet.

With an average grade of almost 7.3% over 17km, the Tourmalet will blow the field apart, and will most likely decide who will be in yellow at the end of the 8-day race. Riding from the hotel, after a 12km warm-up you'll join the race route just after Arreau, at the bottom of the Col d'Aspin. Take it easy on the Aspin, the massive climb to the Col du Tourmalet lies just up the road. Our Logistics Team will have set up our Race-Viewing Hospitality Marquee close to the summit of the Tourmalet. Food, drinks, and satellite TV race coverage will keep you entertained as you wait for the race to approach the summit of this legendary climb.

CLIMBS

Col d'Aspin from Arreau	11.9 km	794 m	6.7%
Col du Tourmalet from Ste Marie de Campan	17.0 km	1,272 m	7.5%



Itinerary

Day 9

DISTANCE
29 km

ELEVATION
993 m

LIVE Race-Viewing: Stage 8 VIP Finish

The final stage of the 2023 TDFFAZ features a magnificent time trial in the city of Pau.

Before heading over to Pau to watch the race from the VIP Tribune at the Finish Line, we've lined up an early morning ride for you. Starting just outside our hotel in St Lary is the famous climb to the ski station in Pla d'Adet, where George Hincapie won the Tour de France stage in 2005. Being so close we just couldn't pass up on this opportunity to bag another famous Pyrenean climb.

After the ride you'll head over to Pau to witness all the action of the final time trial and witness the award-winning ceremony at the end of this thrilling 2nd edition of the Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift.

CLIMBS

Pla d'Adet
from St Lary Soulan

11.1 km 857 m 7.7%



Itinerary

Day 10

Au revoir!

Sadly, your Tour de France Femmes trip has come to an end.

Our private shuttle will drop you off at Toulouse Blagnac Airport.

Climbs

CATEGORY	CLIMB	DAY	DIFFICULTY	LENGTH	ELE. GAIN	AV. GRADE
3	Col de la Croix Morand from Le Mont Dore	01	39	6.9 km	359 m	5.2%
3	Col de la Croix St Robert from Chambon-sur-Lac	01	48	7.0 km	415 m	5.9%
3	Les Albres from Viviez	05	40	7.1 km	371 m	5.2%
3	Peyrusse-le-Roc from Naussac	05	34	5.5 km	275 m	5%
3	Côte de Colombières from Pont Neuf	05	31	6.6 km	296 m	4.5%
3	Côte de Moyrazès from L'Aveyron River	05	38	4.6 km	262 m	5.7%
1	Col de Val Louron-Azet from St Lary Soulan	07	82	10.7 km	765 m	7.1%
1	Col de Peyresourde from Avajan	07	78	9.9 km	701 m	7.1%
1	Col d'Aspin from Arreau	08	80	11.9 km	794 m	6.7%
HC	Col du Tourmalet from Ste Marie de Campan	08	126	17.0 km	1,272 m	7.5%
HC	Pla d'Adet from St Lary Soulan	09	97	11.1 km	857 m	7.7%



What's Included



TOUR DE FRANCE FEMMES AVEC ZWIFT RACE VIEWING

Stage 1: VIP Start & Finish in Clermont-Ferrand

Stage 2: Race viewing on the Côte de Trébiac

Stage 4: Private Hospitality Marquee on the Côte de Moyrazès

Stage 5: Stage Start in Onet-le Château

Stage 7: Private Hospitality Marquee on the Tourmalet

Stage 8: VIP Finish in Pau

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

10 days / 9 nights fully accompanied trip

All accommodations

All breakfasts

All dinners

4 x lunches

3 x picnic lunches during the rides

2 x lunches not included (July 23 & 27)

TRANSPORTATION

Pick-up at Lyon St Exupéry Airport

Drop-off at Toulouse Blagnac Airport

All transportation during the trip

All luggage & bike box transfers

CYCLING SUPPORT

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

Overall Staff to Guest ratio: 1 to 3

All Female Staff

Experienced bike mechanic

Park Tools Toolkit

Daily ride gpx files provided

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

MERCHANDISING

Tour de France Femmes avec Zwift Gift Bag

Thomson Bike Tours S/S cycling jersey

Swag from Zwift

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
Lyon St Exupery Airport	July 22 at 8:30am	Toulouse Blagnac Airport	July 31 at 10:00am
OR			
Hotel NH Lyon Airport	July 22 at 8:30am		

Rental Bikes

RENTAL FEE

From AUD \$700

OPTIONAL INSURANCE

AUD \$95



Hotels



Hotel Panorama Le Mont Dore



Grand Hotel de Bordeaux



Hotel du Parc



Hotel Mercure, Saint Lary Soulan

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France™
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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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