



France - Blue Provence

3 days / 2 nights / 3 stages / 615 km

Traveling off the beaten path, this excursion offers a generous insight into an array of unimaginable landscapes. The itinerary chosen immerses itself into the deepest areas of this renowned region allowing the traveler to discover a secret Provence.

As if flirting with the sky, a dreamy road dances its way across and around seemingly infinite mountain ridges, almost touching the Alpine foothills and making the most of the clearest and purest air. Once again, Trail Rando allows the traveler to delight in a motorcycle tour that unfolds in total harmony with its surrounding landscape.

FOCUSING ON ENJOYMENT

As if bathed in surreal light, a gateway opens onto a new dimension....

From the very first spin of the wheels and the first change of gears, this spell-binding excursion sets off joyously into a land of majestic grandeur. Slowly at first but later gathering speed, the traveler takes off to a biking Nirvana...

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Day 1 / Stage 1 - 215 km

Our lodging sits elegantly at an altitude of 635m, and offers a 180km panoramic view, taking in 3 geographical departments.

This will be the center from which our three loops set off to discover the different stunning aspects of Provence.

Scattered along the itinerary, a string of remarkable and peaceful villages to visit and enjoy. Entrecasteaux, Villecroze-les-Grottes or Collobrières hold a series of historical and architectural treasures that are well worth a visit.

Right from the start, our itinerary plunges towards a series of wooded slopes; then after a prancing through a vineyard, it continues to dance around and through clumps chestnut and eucalyptus trees, cork oaks, green oaks and other species...

Set in the very heart of an immense, thick, scented forest, Collobrières is renowned for exporting edible chestnuts and cork.

Niched in a cove of River Réal-Collobrier, it also features an abundance of megalithic sites, ancient chestnut trees, an active monastery, among other interesting highlights! An ancient stone bridge spans the river's transparent waters. Scattered across the village, small squares offer the visitor a spot to rest in the shade of the ubiquitous chestnut trees. Narrow cobblestone streets take the visitor through the oldest parts of town. The lookout at Notre Dame des Anges offers a sumptuous view onto the surrounding land and a glimpse of the Mediterranean sea. A crocodile floats on the ceiling of the chapel!

Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 2 - Day 2 / Stage 2 - 230 km

You will reach the village of Ampus before the early mist has risen!

This village sits at an altitude of 600 m on the Canjuers plateau; time seems at a stand-still as one walks under and through its many arches and vaulted passageways. A visit to the local cheese stop is a must before hitting the road again!

After a short ride, you will find yourself within the walls of yet another medieval city, dangerously perched on the very edge of



cliff, on the Nartuby gorges. Chateaudouble is very aptly nick-named “Eagle nest” and one can often observe the majestic flight of the royal eagle.

The itinerary continues through typical olive plantations. A network of secondary roads allows the traveler to enjoy the ride and make the most of a variety of landscapes and colors before climbing towards the heights and swerving through prestigious plateaus and their ruin-like rock formations.

Heading back to the hotel, the fun driving is not over as the bikes cling to the surface of the Verdon Gorges cliff roads!

Overnight stay in the hotel.

Day 3 - Day 3 / Stage 3 - 170 km

Today's loop can only make the traveler's heart smile as the colorful impressions of one of France's most beautiful regions continue to impress. The bikes prance easily from hill to hill. An infinity of sweet smelling lavender fields cover the expanse of the Valensole plateau.

Additional information

TARIFFS

1355 € per pilot, 1290 € per passenger

Single room supplement. : 190 €.

INCLUDED

- Lodging:
 - o hotels, in twin rooms,
 - o from the evening of the first stage, to the morning of the last stage
- Food:
 - o Breakfast, lunch and dinner,
 - o from the morning of the first stage to midday of the last stage,
- The GPS device with the trip's complete track ,
- Support:
 - o a Trail Rando staff member on his own bike.

NOT INCLUDED

- Transportation :



- o To and from tour start,
- o Vehicle transportation to and from tour start,
- Beverages

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

This tour is comprised of a network of picturesque roads, sometimes windy, sometimes straight and easy-going making it accessible to all bikers and all bikes, alone or two-up. However, a powerful sports motorcycle might not be the best choice given the number of bends and curves you will encounter.

GUIDE AND LUGGAGE

A Trail Rando staff member will accompany you on his own motorbike.

ACCOMMODATION

We have chosen a fantastic hotel with spectacular views (subject to availability):

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EQUIPMENT TO TAKE

RIDER'S EQUIPMENT

You should think carefully about saving space and reducing weight.

For riding

In addition to the normal motorcycle gear:

- Helmet
- Goggles (clear and tinted)
- Gloves
- Leather boots
- Motorcycle trousers and jacket
- Any protective equipment required to ride a motorcycle on any type of track

When riding, we advise you to carry a small backpack containing the following:

- Sun cream
- Lip balm



- Baby-wipes
- Scarf
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Waterproofs, to keep up morale during bad weather
- A change of gloves, to set off in a good mood after a rain shower
- A sweet snack tucked into a pocket (a life saver) will give you energy and takes up less room than a tin of spinach
- Water, vital to quench your thirst
- Survival blanket
- Swiss Army knife
- Pocket torch or head torch
- Optional camera
- Mobile phone (and charger!)

When you're dressed for riding, there should only be a few things remaining in your bag (please do not bring suitcases but rather a duffel bag, sports bag or rucksack without a frame).

For the evening

- Tee-shirts
- Socks
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Jumper or sweatshirt
- A change of trousers and shorts
- Swimwear
- Lightweight shoes
- Towel
- Toiletries
- Personal medication

A concentrated miracle: travel light, choose a tube of detergent!

For navigating

- Small notebook and pen to note down the briefing instructions each day
- Batteries for the GPS

Tools and spare parts

Carry basic tools and spare parts in your rucksack (levers, quick-release clips, clamps...) to remain self-sufficient along the route.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

- Valid Driving license



- Insurance policy
- Personal vehicle registration documents and insurance

Mandatory !!!

REPATRIATION INSURANCE

If you are already insured, check with your provider to ensure your policy is valid:

- In the country in question
- For the type of activity you will be undertaking

If required, we can provide you with repatriation insurance