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Tour guide Graham Geater is a well known Rotorua Cyclist who has experienced "Le Tour". His son Craig is a cycling mechanic and known as team mechanic for LanceArmstrong in 2011.

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On this trip, you can bring your own bike, or we give you the opportunity to hire one of our bikes. You can also choose not to bike and come along for the ride and the atmosphere. Every Cyclist needs a supporter!

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FULL ITINERARY JULY 2012

Saturday 7th July Auckland-Paris

Sunday 8th July

Arrive Paris. Transfer to hotel, where we shall spend the night on B&B basis.

Monday 9th July

After breakfast you will be able to load your bike onto the special bike trailer. We shall leave Paris and travel to the French Alps and the lakeside town of Annecy, where we shall spend the next 4 nights on Dinner, Bed & Breakfast basis.

Tuesday 10th July

Annecy is such a beautiful place we thought we'd have an extra day here to enjoy the town, the lake and the beautiful rides it has to offer. After breakfast the day is yours for riding, sightseeing etc etc.

The climbs of the Colombiere, Aravis are within reach of Annecy, but you may want to settle for a beautiful ride round the lake (site of the TDF time trial in 2009).

Wednesday 11th July

The riders enter the Alps with the 1st high mountain stage of the 2012 Tour de France, a 194km stage that will take them from Macon to Bellegrade sur Valsérine. After breakfast we shall travel to see the stage.

Those with bikes will have the choice of riding to either Col du Grand Colombier, Col de Richemond or the finish in Bellegrade, whilst those without bikes will be taken to the Col du Grand Colombier to see the stage.

Thursday 12th July

The Tour de France's 2nd mountain stage in the Alps is a short 140km over some classic climbs (Madeleine, Croix de Fer and Mollard before the final climb to the finish in La Toussuire). This is where Act 1 of the 2012 Etape du Tour will take place. After breakfast we shall leave on the bus and travel to the town of St Jean de Maurienne where those with bikes will have the choice of riding and seeing the stage on either the Col de la Croix de Fer, Col de Mollard or the final climb to the ski station of La Toussuire.

Those without bikes will be able to walk from St Jean de Maurienne onto the lower slopes of the final climb to La Toussuire. Alternatively, those with bikes may want to ride from Annecy (alongside the lake) to Albertville to see the stage start, then ride back to Annecy and see the stage on TV. After seeing the stage, we shall return to our base in Annecy.

Friday 13th July

The riders leave the Alps for the hills above the Rhone Valley with a long 220km stage from St Jean de Maurienne to Annonay-Davezieux. At the beginning of the stage, the riders face two very hard climbs in the Alps, the Col du Grand Coucheron and the Col du Granier. The bus will park up at the foot of the Col du Granier and those without bikes will be able to walk onto the lower slopes of the mountain.

Those with bikes will be dropped off enroute from Annecy to the Col du Granier and they will be able to ride to the climb. After seeing the stage, we shall all regroup at the bus, reload the bikes and travel to the beautiful city of Avignon where we shall spend the next two nights on Dinner B&B basis.

Saturday 14th July

The sprinters get their chance again with a 215km flat stage from St Paul les 3 Chateaux to le Cap d'Agde, situated on the mediterranean coast.

Depending upon the final routings of today's stage, we'll decide where to see the stage. Our location in Avignon gives us the opportunity to ride the famous Mont Ventoux (Giant of Provence). Those with bikes will have the opportunity to ride the mythical Mont Ventoux, whilst those without bikes will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful city of Avignon, that's on theatre festival through the month of July.

Sunday 15th July

After only one flat stage, the Tour de France returns to the mountains and enters the Pyrenees with a mountain stage between Limoux and Foix. Enroute the riders will have to face the difficult climbs of the Port de Lers and the Mur de Peguere. The Mur de Peguere has 14% grades towards the summit.

On our arrival in Foix those with bikes will have the opportunity to ride onto the stage route and see the stage, whilst those without bikes will have some time at leisure in Foix before seeing the stage finish. Following the finish of the stage, we will travel to the city of Toulouse where we shall spend the night.

Monday 16th July

Another day for the sprinters as the Tour de France heads to the city of Pau with a 160km starting from the small town of Samatan. We will travel to the city of Lourdes where we shall spend the next 4 nights.

Tuesday 17th July

As the Tour de France riders spend their 2nd rest day in the city of Pau, it gives us the chance to ride and explore some of the mythical climbs of the Tour de France. You will be able to ride the Col du Tourmalet, Col d'Aubisque, Luz Ardiden and Hautacam just to name a few. For those without bikes, you will be able to spend the day at leisure in the city of Lourdes.

Wednesday 18th July

Today is without doubt the hardest stage of the 2012 Tour de France. Starting from Pau the riders traverse the Pyrenees mountains on a 197km stage that takes in the mythical climbs of Col d'Aubisque, Col du Tourmalet, Col d'Aspin and Col du Peyresourde before a descent finish to the spa town of Bagnères de Luchon.

It's an absolute classic Pyrenean mountain stage, that is not to be missed. You will be able to ride to any of the 4 climbs (Aubisque, Tourmalet, Aspin or Peyresourde). For those without bikes, there will be an excursion to see the stage at either of these climbs or the finish in Bagnères de Luchon. After seeing the stage we shall return to the hotel in Lourdes.



Thursday 19th July

The final Pyrenean stage of the Tour de France finishes at the ski station of Peyragudes (above the Col du Peyresourde) and prior to that it takes in the super hard Port de Bales. After breakfast we shall travel to Bagnères de Luchon, from where we will be able to see the stage start and afterwards those with bikes will have the choice of seeing the riders on either the Port de Bales or the final climb to the ski station of Peyragudes. Those without bikes will be able to walk from Luchon onto the lower slopes of the Col du Peyresourde, which forms the final climb to Peyragudes.

Friday 20th July

With a road transfer out of the Pyrenees to Toulouse, today's stage starts from Blagnac (outskirts of Toulouse) and after 215km and an undulating stage through the valleys of the Lot & Dordogne, finishes in the city of Brive la Gaillarde. Because of the huge distances we have to travel today, there will not be any bike ride options available. After seeing the stage, we shall travel to the city of Orleans, where we shall spend the night on Dinner, B&B basis.

Saturday 21st July

The penultimate stage of the 2012 Tour de France is a 52km Individual Time Trial between Bonneval and Chartres. Those with bikes will be dropped off in the village of le Puiset and they will have the choice of riding to the start in Bonneval, onto the stage route or to the finish in Chartres. After the stage has finished we shall travel to Paris where we spend the final 2 nights on B&B basis.

Sunday 22nd July

After a relaxing breakfast and packing up your bike, we shall make our way to the Champs Elysees for the final stage of the 2012 Tour de France. We can offer a variety of grandstand seats and hospitality packages on the Champs Elysees (see below for supplement prices) For those who want to finish off the tour with a special evening we can offer an option of a dinner dance cruise on the River Seine, aboard a typical Parisian River Boat.

Monday 23rd July

After breakfast we shall leave Paris.

Wednesday 25 July Arrive Auckland.



OPTIONS FOR VIEWING THE FINAL IN PARIS:

Tour de France Champs Elysees Hospitality VIP Packages & Grandstand seats. We are able to offer you a range of VIP Hospitality packages on the Champs Elysees, from where you will see the final stage of the 2012 Tour de France and see cycling's current heroes cross the finish line.

These will range from a basic Tour de France Grandstand seats to Hospitality packages with a gastronomic lunch and some of the most prestigious grandstand seats available so you can see your cycling heroes cross the finishing line. Many of these Tour de France VIP packages were completely sold out in recent years.

In terms of timings, you will take your seat either late morning or early afternoon, according to the nature of your Tour de France Hospitality package. The publicity caravan is expected to arrive on the Champs Elysee around 2.30pm, with the first lap of the riders around 4.00pm. The finish is programmed to be around 5.00pm, with presentations around 5.30pm. Please note, timings are approximate and can easily change on the day, so do not take these as definite.

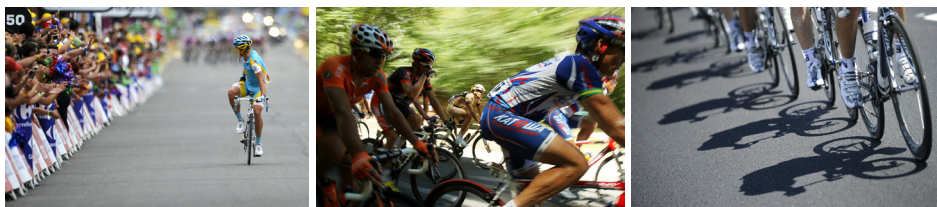
Tour de France Grand Palais Package

- A personal welcome by Tour de France hostesses, with the opening of the area from 1.00pm
- Grandstand seats in the official tribune "Grand Palais" located between the Finish line and the Place de La Concorde on the opposite side to the finishing straight, giving you a great view of the cyclists speeding up and down the Champs Elysee on their famous circuits of one of the World's most famous streets at the end of an unforgettable three weeks of cycling in the Tour de France.
- Soft drink refreshments throughout the afternoon.
- An official "Tour de France" gift.
- **Price: ONLY £199 per person.**

Tour de France Triomphe Package

- A personal welcome by Tour de France hostesses, with the Espace Triomphe opening around 12.30.
- Cocktail buffet, with aperitive cocktail.
- Plasma TV screens inside the area so you can keep up with the progress of the day's stage, plus some entertainment inside the area.
- Refreshments served throughout the afternoon.
- Grandstand seats in the official tribune "Triomphe" located at the lower end of the Champs Elysee on the opposite side to the finishing straight.
- Champagne served to celebrate the arrival of the riders for the final circuits of the Champs Elysee.
- A official "Tour de France" gift.
- **Price: £449 per person.**

Bike hire is £300 for the trip.
Optional river boat cruise in Paris is £125 per person.





Tour de France 2012 Escorted by Graham Geater Booking Form

(Galaxy Travel contact – Jo Corbett | joanna@galaxytravel.co.nz | 07 349 7441 (direct dial))
Please complete this booking form and return with deposit & copy of passport.

Title: _____
Full Name: (as per passport): _____
Address: _____

Telephone Home: _____ Business: _____
Mobile: _____ Email: _____

Passport No: _____ Nationality: _____
Expiry Date: _____ Date of Birth: _____

(Please scan a copy of your passport to Jo)

Airline Frequent Flyer Details: Emirates _____

Special Meal requirements (if any): _____

Preferred Room Type: Single Double (1 bed) Twin (2 beds)

Emergency contact information: _____
(Name, Relationship to you & Phone Number)

Biking Information: Cyclist Non-Cyclist
 Bringing own bike Hiring bike (£300)

Travel Insurance: (if no: name of Insurance company: _____)

(please advise if you have any pre-existing medical conditions)

**Bikes are only covered while being transported in a proper bike box. Note they are not covered while in use. They will be covered while on tour if they are in a lock up situation. The total value covered is \$1,500 but can be increased up to \$10,000 for an additional payment & valuation certificate (contact Jo for further clarification).

Optional Extras ('Hospitality in Paris')

Grand Palais £199 pp Triomphe £449 pp Dinner/Dance Cruise on the River Seine, Paris £125 pp

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Final payment is due 2 April 2012

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