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## *Cycle in Style*





**“ My wife and I truly enjoyed our Deluxe Cycle Tour. Gary and his team take care of all the dirty work (accommodation, luggage transfer, snacks, directions, lunch & dinner reservations) so all you have to do is enjoy the ride. We cycled the Dordogne route which offered a fantastic variety of scenery and tourist attractions such as Vineyards, Castles, Landscape Gardens and the Lascaux Caves. I would strongly recommend a Deluxe Cycle Tour to anyone seeking a taste of the French countryside at a leisurely pace. ”**

**Stuart & Natalie – NSW, Australia**





# Fully-guided cycling in France

**Deluxe Cycle Tours is an independent enterprise providing our customers with the ultimate fully-guided cycling tours in France. Our selling point is being able to offer the same as the more expensive companies, but with more of a personal touch and at a more attractive price. We offer you the chance to get to know our owners and guides and to liaise directly with those who will be leading your tour. Paying more doesn't necessarily mean you get the best. Please take a look at our comparison page on our website to see for yourself how well we perform against our competitors.**

Our philosophy is that a cycling vacation can and should be a deluxe experience; it is where style and sophistication meets rest and relaxation. Submerge yourself in the French way of life on one of our deluxe, fully-guided cycle tours in France.

## The ultimate fully-guided cycling in France

You can expect:

- Breathtaking hotels and chateaux
- High-quality, light-weight, fully-equipped Trek bicycles
- Easy-going, idyllic routes
- Daily transfer of luggage and delivery to rooms
- Local and traditional French gourmet cuisine
- Daily half a bottle of wine per person included
- Local rail and airport transfers
- Experienced bi-lingual guides riding with you





# Our tours...

We present a portfolio of meticulously designed French cycling tours to three of the most stunning and spectacular of all the French regions; each a journey guaranteed to give our customers an authentic French experience.

## A Prehistoric and Medieval Cycle Tour

Join us on our leisurely cycle tour through the Dordogne and at a pace that you control. We endeavour to use only the most tranquil of roads on our route as we follow the River Dordogne to visit the enchanting castles and picturesque medieval villages that make this one of the prettiest departments in France. The chateaux and hotels which we use on this cycle tour are chosen for their superb surroundings and refined interiors. Take time to browse the local shops and sample the local produce. Spend the evening with new-found friends and enjoy some of the best cuisine and wine in France.

Concentrating our cycle tour Dordogne on two of the département's most interesting areas, the trip optimises the abundance of history and stunning geography found close to the river's banks.





## The Roman Experience Cycle Tour

Discover romantic Provence at a pace that allows you to absorb the atmosphere and take in the magnificent scenery. Our cycle tour visits the most attractive towns that Provence has to offer, where the local produce can be sampled and the local life observed. Our tranquil route steers us away from the traffic and through sleepy towns and villages that inspired Van Gogh. Take time to explore the Roman history that remains. Speed is definitely not on the agenda as your guide will lead you to your charming accommodation with plenty of time to relax before the evening gourmet meal accompanied by fine local wine.

This varied region has just about every type of terrain imaginable for a varied cycling tour in France; rocky and rugged mountains of the Alpilles, the Luberon and Mont Ventoux to the East; marshlands of the Camargue in the South and fertile plains of the Rhône Valley in the West.



## The Garden of France Cycle Tour

Our Loire Valley Cycle Tour takes in a great number of the spectacular chateaux that line the banks of the River Loire. Allow our guides to lead you through the traffic-free lanes to Chateau d'Ussé, the inspiration behind Sleeping Beauty, and Clos Lucé, the temporary residence of Leonardo da Vinci. If you don't fancy the challenge of the odd hill then this cycle tour is for you with its almost flat sunflower-filled landscape peppered with beautiful towns and villages. The end of the days bring stunning accommodation in beautiful locations accompanied by gourmet traditional food and local wine.

The Loire Valley climate is temperate, ideal for cycling, with few extremes. Average daytime summer temperatures are in the high twenties and low thirties centigrade though it is much warmer at the height of the midday sun.





# What's Included On Your Deluxe Cycle Tour

**Deluxe Cycle Tours provide the ultimate fully-guided cycling experience. Our philosophy is that a cycling vacation can, and should be, a deluxe experience. We offer a vacation where every detail has been planned to maximise your comfort and style both on and off the bike; it is where style and sophistication meets rest and relaxation.**

Our highly motivated and intensely committed team are resolute in their determination to ensure that your vacation is unforgettable.

## 6 Nights Accommodation – Double or Twin

All our accommodation is vetted by ourselves before being selected for inclusion in our itineraries. We try to choose those with swimming pools and those with that extra special wow! factor.

We want you to be wooed by the traditional French charm of the selected chateaux and luxurious hotels. We feel that they're fabulous and have every confidence that you'll be bowled over, but don't just take our word for it!

## Meals

Evening meals, including half a bottle of wine per person and coffee, are provided each day. The meal is three, four or occasionally five course and is usually taken at the hotel's gourmet restaurant. We try to select our wines from the local vineyards to ensure a totally authentic French experience. Each morning starts with breakfast ranging from continental to buffet style and gives you a chance to take in your fuel for the day. Lunches and up to two glasses of drinks per person from our suggested venues are included each day.

## Arrivals and Departures

Collections and drop-offs are made from local railway stations and airports. For more specific details on each tour please see the individual tour itinerary.



**“ We'll definitely be back for one of the other tours. ”**

**Maurice and Valerie  
New York, USA**



## Bikes and Helmets

We have a fleet of 27 speed aluminium hybrid bicycles with detachable handlebar bags and map holders. Each bike is individually set up for the client and comes complete with a basic tool kit and puncture repair kit, although the Guides will always be on hand to give you assistance should you need it. We also have helmets and basic waterproof coats on our support vehicle should we be unfortunate enough to sample the local rain, although we do find that a lot of our customers pack their own coats just in case, and sometimes prefer to bring their own helmets.

## Baggage Transfers

Our support vehicle will transfer all luggage not needed for the days ride onto the next hotel. Should anybody want to do a spot of souvenir shopping then the vehicle will always be on hand to convey those larger objects. The support vehicle is also present throughout most of the day to replenish water-bottles, offer light snacks and generally look after your needs. The vehicle is also there to offer a lift to those feeling the strain or not wanting to climb the next hill, although fines for this will be payable in refreshments later in the evening!

## Guides and Maps

Detailed maps and instructions are provided for each day of your tour, although the two bi-lingual Guides are always about to shepherd you through any difficult spots. Remember, it's not a race (unless you want to stretch your legs of course) and the Guides will always stick with those wanting to take a more leisurely pace. Both Guides will be contactable by mobile phone, which everybody will be given the numbers of.

## Fun and Enjoyment

No extra charges are made for this and these tours are designed for your pleasure. Some parts of the rides can be demanding, but the support vehicle is always on call to pick up those weary travellers requiring a rest.





## **Contact us:**

If you wish to make a tour reservation or if you have any queries about our tours then contact us by either using the form opposite or emailing us direct. We look forward to hearing from you.

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