

The Pyrenean Raid

The legendary challenge by road bike

6 days – 5 nights including 5 days of cycling, Transfer there and back included, Option: Self-guided cycling with assistance vehicle

Level: 3/5



The Pyrenean Raid is a legendary circuit, crossing the Pyrénées by road bike. Established in 1952, this route of 5 stages, climbing 11000m and linking the Atlantic Ocean to the Mediterranean through beautiful landscapes, has become an internationally renowned challenge for amateur cyclists.

Starting in Hendaye, the challenge is to reach Cerbère in less than 100 hours of cycling, covering 710km and conquering 18 acclaimed mountain passes (cols). You will follow legendary Tour de France routes and pass over notable mountain passes to cross 5 Pyrenean departments. Ride from the lush, green summits of the Basque Country to the peaks of the Hautes-Pyrénées, crossing vast forests in Ariège, weaving between the Corbières' vineyards before finally arriving at the beaches of the Mediterranean coast.

After validating your race, your medal and certificate await you; a just reward for this unmissable cyclo-sporting feat!

Strengths

- Experience the Tour de France following a triumphant challenge
- The most beautiful landscapes of the Pyrénées: cols, forests, gorges, plateaus
- Accommodation on a half-board basis with transfer (there and back) included

SCHEDULE

Day 1: Cerbère :

Meeting at Cerbère and immediate transfer to Hendaye in the assistance vehicle.

Preparation of the bikes and equipment. Dinner and night in Hendaye.

For arrivals by train or plane: meet directly in Hendaye or at Biarritz airport.

Day 2 : From Hendaye to Lurbe-Saint-Christau : 165 km – Elevation: + 2500 m

Departure at 9am for the first stage of cycling. Leave the Atlantic Coast and head through typical Basque landscapes to reach the Pyrenean foothills. The Raid route encourages you to stretch your legs by passing first over the Col de St-Ignace (169m), then the Col de Pinodieta (176m), the Col d'Ipharlatze (328m) and, finally, the Col d'Osquich (392m). You are required to pass through control points in Espelette and Tardets.

Night on a half-board basis in Lurbe Saint Christau.

Day 3 : From Lurbe-Saint-Christau to Sainte-Marie-de-Campan : 131 km – Elevation: + 3550 m

Start the day with a quick warm up of your thighs and a climb to Arudy. During the descent, you'll be able to take in views over the countryside around Laruns before starting your climb up the Col d'Aubisque (1709m) and refuelling with a lunch break. The spectacular descent takes you on to the Col de Soulor (1466m), before reaching the station at Argelès-Gazost. Next, it is on to the legendary Tour de France stage of the Col du Tourmalet (2115m), your final climb for the day, and with a well-earned break at the top. Descend to Saint Marie de Campan where you will spend the night on a half-board basis.

Day 4 : From Sainte-Marie-de-Campan to Massat : 163 km – Elevation: + 2000 m

This stage starts with a climb of the Col d'Aspin (1489m), followed by the Col de Peyresourde (1569m). You then cross over a series of linked peaks starting with the Col des Ares (797m), then the Col de Buret (599m) before climbing the Col de Portet d'Aspet (1069m) where you can take a moment at the memorial to cyclist Fabio Casartelli. The end of the stage involves a descent towards Saint-Girons, through the Gorges de Ribaouto, to arrive at your accommodation. Night on a half-board basis in Massat.

Day 5 : From Massat to Prades : 168 km – Elevation: + 2650 m

A beautiful stage tackling the famous Col de Port (1249m), before a ride through the thermal valley of Ax-les-Thermes to start your ascent of the Col du Puymorens, which sits right on border with Andorra. The return through the valley includes two climbs – the Col de Rigat (1485m) and Col de Perche (1581m). A fantastic descent takes you straight to the entrance of the hotel. Night on a half-board basis in Prades.

Day 6 : From Prades to Cerbère : 82 km – Elevation: + 300 m

Last stage on the Pyrenean Raid – with no more cols to tackle, the roads wind through the hills. The challenge has to be finished before 1pm by reaching the Mediterranean and crossing the beautiful village of Collioure. Having completed the Raid in less than 100 hours, and having successfully collected all of the control point stamps, you receive your medal and official certificate ! You then have a free afternoon to relax and recover on the Mediterranean beaches.

End of trip.

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RATES

Formula with assistance vehicle

Registration for 8 people	730€
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Package with assistance vehicle and luggage storage - hotel

Registration for 8 people	870€
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GENERAL INFORMATION

How to subscribe ? :

No, no automatic forms!

At LaRébenne, we prefer to keep in touch with our travelers. We like to talk to you about our travels, and we want to maintain this relationship with you. Exchange, sharing and pleasure remain our ambition for LaRébenne travels.

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The registration is effective when we receive your registration form with your acceptance of the general terms and conditions of sale, accompanied by the deposit of 30% of the tour price. You will then receive an acknowledgement of receipt of your registration.

100% secure payment
You can pay by credit card (faster) or bank transfer.


Payment of balance

The balance must be paid one month before the departure date. You will find your invoice on your My LaRébenne space, as well as a payment link to the balance of your stay.

Invitation to depart

On receipt of payment of the balance, your travel diary will be available in your customer area on My LaRébenne, where you will find all the information you need for your trip, as well as your invoice.

Insurance :

In accordance with regulations, each participant in a LaRébenne trip must hold individual civil liability as well as individual multi-risk cover to protect themselves against incidents or accidents that may occur before or during the tour or bike trip.

Assistance mainly covers search and rescue, repatriation and medical expenses. It comes into play as soon as a medical report makes it possible to decide on repatriation. Repatriation, known as "premature return", can also be arranged for reasons other than the insured's own, such as the death of a family member (see cases in the insurance booklet). Beforehand, in regions far from medical facilities and difficult to access, you must agree to the organization of first aid using local resources (4X4, porters, horses, etc.).

This contract also covers loss, theft or delayed delivery of baggage, as well as interruption of stay.

The insurance protects against the financial risk of cancellation. It is very important to have this type of insurance in case of cancellation due to a health problem or for professional reasons.

We suggest you take out one of the five policies we have selected, bearing in mind that we only act as an intermediary between you and the insurer. Any additional insurance is invoiced per person and must be taken out on the day of booking:

- "Multirisque" contract (4.5%), minimum premium 15 euros:
Repatriation assistance + tour interruption + luggage + cancellation.

[See the complete contract](#)

- "Cancellation" contract (2.5%), minimum premium 10 euros:
Cancellation only.

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- "Repatriation assistance" contract (1.6%), minimum premium of 10 euros:
Repatriation assistance + tour interruption + luggage.

[See the complete contract](#)

As far as "civil liability abroad" is concerned, only French residents are covered.