



Discover the Pyrenees mountains and Camargue on a motorcycle

From Bordeaux to Marseille : 6 unforgettable riding days through the most beautiful roads in the south of France, which will allow you to discover some of the greatest Pyreneans passes of the “Tour de France”, as well as other treasures of our natural and historic heritage.



Your motorcycle tour in short

Type of tour	Self-Guided Tour
Period	June – July – August – September
Departure / Arrival	Bordeaux / Marseille
Duration	8 days, 7 nights
Journey	Total distance: 1450 km, 900 miles Daily distances: 180-290 km, 112-180 miles The number of kilometers traveled each day correspond to an average distance which can vary. The itinerary, as well as the hotels indicated can be modified in the case of unexpected events.
Accommodation	*** or **** Hotels, breakfast included
Difficulty	Medium
Included Insurance	GOLD - <i>Deductible for Damages: 1 000€ or 1 500 CAD</i> - <i>Deductible for Theft / Fire : 1 000€ or 1 500 CAD</i> - <i>Deductible for Flat tire / Towing : 100€ or 150 CAD</i>
Security Deposit	1 000€ or 1 500 CAD



Explore the most beautiful roads in the South with Universal Riders

Have you always dreamed of crossing the south of France on motorcycle, or discovering **the Pyrenees** and their famous **Tour de France passes**? Bordeaux, La Dune du Pilat, Biarritz, le Pic du Midi de Bigorre, Carcassonne, Avignon, Marseille... Are you excited to discover all the mythical places that compose **France's rich heritage**?

Then look no further, thanks to Universal Riders and our **motorcycle tour from Bordeaux to Marseille**, you will have the opportunity to roam the most beautiful roads of the South West of France on a prestigious motorcycle. From June to September, this **summer trip** will delight history buffs and nature lovers, leaving you with the most spectacular memories!

Go to your [local Universal Riders agency in Bordeaux](#) to get more information or to book a spot for this **exceptional ride** to Marseille, France's oldest city. Our team is at your disposal and will be happy to help you choose your future ride. You can then sit back, follow our roadbook and take in all the wonders this **8 day motorcycle trip** has to offer.



Day 1 – Beginning of the tour in Bordeaux (0 mi)

Bordeaux, its reflection pool, wine museum and historical city-center listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site await with open arms. It's no surprise that we chose to begin our **motorcycle tour through the Pyrenees and Camargue** in this beautiful city: it is really worth the visit!

So, don't waste a minute and chose **your prestigious motorcycle** now. Once all the formalities are taken care of by our Bordeaux team, you will have the opportunity to explore the city at your leisure.

Finally, please know that if you arrive by train or plane, a free Universal Riders shuttle will pick you up and bring you to our offices and your hotel.

1 night in Bordeaux.



Day 2 : Bordeaux – Biarritz (152 mi)

A first day full of discovery. Travel toward the South-West of France for a first stop at **Arcachon**. Following a quick visit of this very popular seaside resort, located South of the Arcachon Bay, you will head to the famous **Dune du Pilat**, which is Europe's most massive dune with a height of 115 meters.

Then, you will travel along the Silver Coast, through the **Landes de Gascogne Forest**, to discover some of the great Atlantic beaches: Biscarosse, Seignosse, Hossegor...

You will arrive in **Biarritz** in late afternoon. You will then be free to settle at the hotel before roaming this peaceful city nicknamed "Queen of the Beaches". Walk through the **Old Port** and enjoy the locals' **gentle lifestyle**.

1 night in Biarritz.



Day 3 : Biarritz – Argelès-Gazost (165 mi)

For the 2nd day on the road, you will ride through the **Basque Country** and up the Pyrenees mountains on roads frequently used by cyclists.

You will travel toward **Saint-Jean-de-Luz** on the beautiful “**Route de la Corniche**”, which links Ciboure to Hendaye. The stunning cliffs on the way offer an exceptional view of the Ocean, the Spanish coast and the Rhune mountain.

A brief excursion in Spain is planned in the late morning. You will then travel East toward **Saint-Jean-Pied-de-Port**. The itinerary will then take you through several winding roads until you reach the **Pyrenees National Park**. After a brief detour through the **Ossau Valley** and the “**Vultures Cliff**”, you will reach your destination at **Argelès-Gazost**.

1 night at Argelès-Gazost.



Day 4 : Argelès-Gazost – Andorre la Vieille (180 mi)

A rather athletic day awaits you on this 4th day of the trip: you will drive through the **Pyrenean passes**, which were **made famous by the Tour de France**.

You will travel toward Barèges, where the sinuous Tourmalet road begins. Peaking at 2115 meters, the notorious **Tourmalet pass** is one of the highest passes of the Pyrenees. It offers **spectacular views** of the surrounding area.

You will then be able to admire the **Pic du Midi de Bigorre**. Located 2 865 meters high, the view is truly worth the trip! If you are up to it, you can even take the cable car all the way to the top to visit the **Observatory**.

At the end of the day, we will arrive in **Andorre-la-Vieille**, the Principality's oldest city.

1 night in Andorre-la-Vieille.



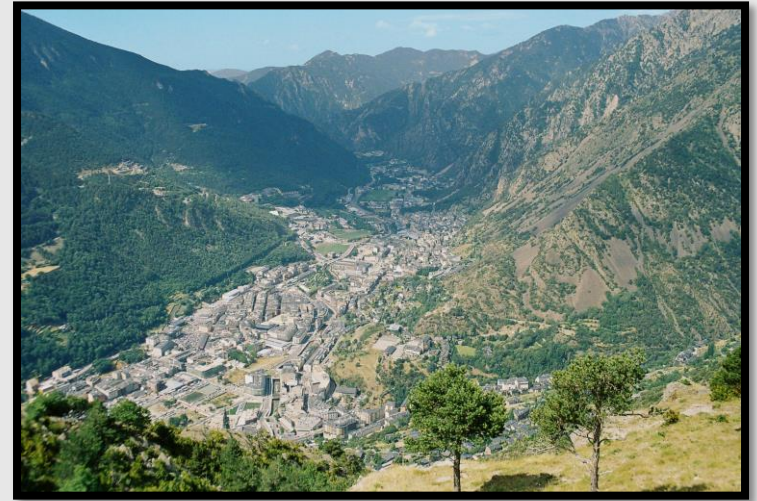
Day 5 : Andorre – Carcassonne (130 mi)

After exploring the **Principality of Andorra**, it will be time to leave the Pyrenees and to take your high-end motorcycles on the small county roads leading to the North-East.

You will cross a number of charming villages in the Ariège and Aude counties before reaching **Carcassonne** early in the afternoon. You will then have the rest of the day off for a well-deserved break, giving you the opportunity to explore the city at your leisure.

Listed as a **UNESCO National Heritage site**, this ancient and well preserved city is full of history and architectural delights that will especially please old stone enthusiasts. Surrounded by a rampart, the **Medieval city** of Carcassonne and its castle will reveal all of their secrets to you!

1 night in Carcassonne.



Day 6 : Carcassonne – Aigues-Mortes (112 mi)

You will only be traveling for 112 miles (180 km) on this 6th day of our motorcycle trip from Bordeaux to Marseille.

You will leave Carcassonne late in the morning and travel North East. You will pass through cities such as Béziers, Agde, Sète and Palavas-les-Flots before reaching another notorious medieval location: **Aigues-Mortes**.

Located in the Gard county, right next to the beautiful Camargue region, the port and rampart of Aigues-Mortes were **built between 1240 and 1272 by Louis the 9th (Saint Louis)**, King of France, who wished to gain direct access to the Mediterranean Sea.

Don't forget to taste the local specialty, the “**fougasse aigues-mortaise**.” This brioche-based pastry can be made salty or sweet and is often part of the 13 Christmas desserts, traditionally served in the Provence region.

1 night in Aigues-Mortes.



Day 7 : Aigues-Mortes – Marseille (146 mi)

Nature lovers will especially appreciate this last day on the road as we will be exploring **3 major nature parks** before reaching Marseille.

Departing from Aigues-Mortes, you will begin by **the Camargue park**, essentially sprawled out between the two deltas of the Rhône river and up to **Arles**.

Heading North, you will then travel along the Rhône and drive through Les-Baux-de-Provence, as well as the archeological site of Glanum, located in the heart of **the Alpilles mountains**, before arriving in **Avignon**, dubbed “the Popes’ City”, for lunch.

Finally, in the afternoon, you will head East and follow the small roads of **the Luberon nature park** before heading down to Marseille at the end of the day.

1 night in Marseille.



Day 8 : End of the Tour – Visit Marseille (0 mi)

After a good night's sleep in a comfortable hotel, head to our [Universal Riders agency in Marseille](#) to return your high-end rental motorcycle.

Still have a little time left before taking the **free shuttle** to the airport or the Saint-Charles train station? Then take the opportunity to explore the **Mediterranean city** and all of its wonders!

If you have not planned to leave Marseille that day, you can ask to prolong your rental and travel at your leisure to another one of our agencies located all over France. You could even partake in **another motorcycle tour**: from Marseille, a number of destinations are offered, such as beautiful Corsica.



Included service for the Self-guided Tour

- Motorcycle rental, with unlimited mileage (*departure from 2:00pm onwards on the first day and return before 12:00pm on the last day*)
- Helmets, both for the pilot and his / her passenger
- Rain suits, both for the pilot and his / her passenger
- 1 security cable
- 1 GPS system, with the entire tour already uploaded
- 1 printed roadbook with suggestions (*about remarkable and historic sites and landmarks to visit, restaurants, cultural spots, etc.*)
- 7 nights in comfortable 3 or 4 star hotels
- 7 breakfasts
- 1 comprehensive insurance with “GOLD” coverage
- Roadside assistance in case of a flat tire, a breakdown or an accident (*roadside repairs and towing of the motorbike*).
- Free shuttle service between the hotel, airport, or train station and our rental location (*limited to 25 kms*).

Non-included services

- Any services not mentioned as “included”, as well as any service or item of personal nature,
- Fuel,
- tolls
- Plane or train tickets,
- Meals and drinks (lunch and dinner)
- Extra hotel fees (telephone, laundry, etc.),
- Travel insurance

Optional services

- Cancellation insurance
- Additional rental options (*additional luggage for the motorbike, jacket...*)
- Additional self-guided motorcycle tour on request and subject to availability (before or after this tour)

Would you like to go on a guided tour?

You are part of a group made up of at least 7 experienced pilots, who would like to travel all together with a professional tour guide?

Feel free to contact us to get more information and determine when you would like to go on this motorcycle tour. Depending on availability, our team should be able to give you a detailed quote and properly organize a guided motorcycle tour for you and your fellow pilots, according to the itinerary described within this brochure.

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