



Explore the Vosges, the Jura and the Alps on a motorcycle

The 8 day long self-guided tour has a few surprises in store to make sure you will have an unforgettable holiday in Europe! From Alsace to the Mediterranean Sea, all the way through the Vosges mountains, the Swiss Jura, the Alps and the « Gorges du Verdon » canyon, you will have the opportunity to ride a high-end motorcycle on the most beautiful roads of eastern France.



Your motorcycle tour in short

Type of tour	Self Guided Tour
Period	April – June – July – August – September - October
Departure / Arrival	Strasbourg / Marseille (or Marseille / Strasbourg since you can ride the tour in both directions)
Duration	8 days, 7 nights
Journey	Total distance: 1 570 km, 976 miles Daily distances: 230-300 km, 143-186 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	Hard
Included Insurance	GOLD - <i>Deductible for Dammmages: 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

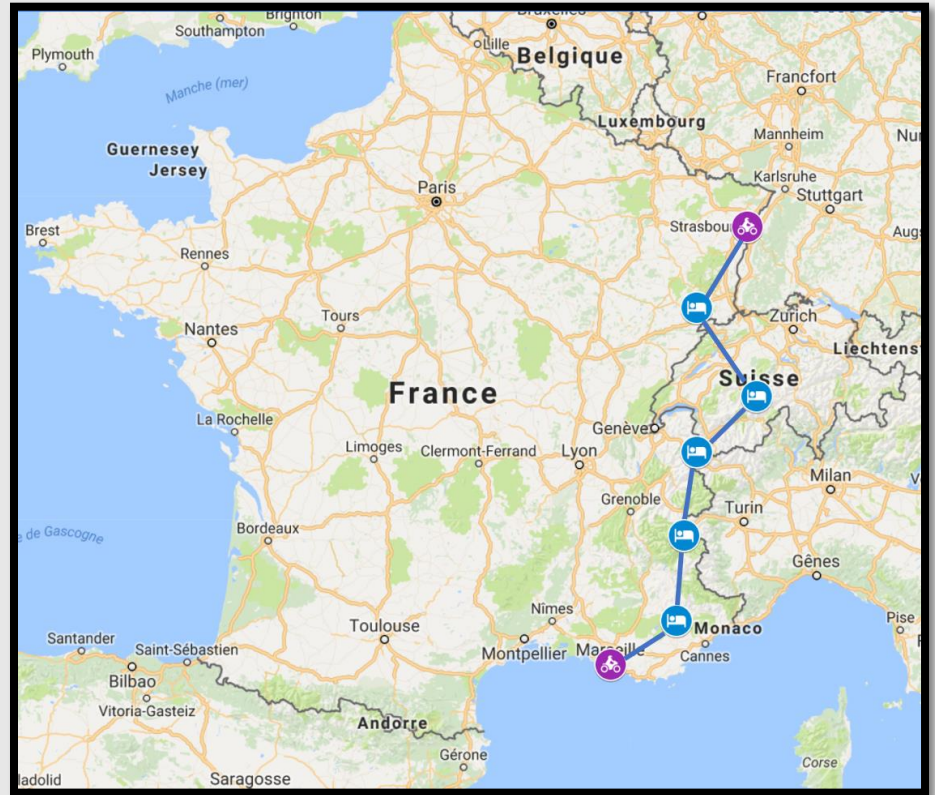


Discover the most beautiful roads of eastern France with Universal Riders

Alsace and its vineyards, the Vosges mountains and their natural park, the Alps and their winding roads with the most impressive hairpin turns, the fantastic Gorges du Verdon canyon... Thanks to this **self-guided motorcycle tour from Strasbourg to Marseille**, Universal Riders invites you to discover the **most beautiful roads of eastern and southern France** on a luxury motorcycle.

This **8 days self-guided tour**, to do one way or the other, will also ride you through the beautiful landscapes of the Swiss Jura and have you **create many memories**, both cultural and gastronomic. Then, open your eyes and take full advantage of the trip: this route is **to do at least once in your life as a biker**.

Tempted? Do not hesitate to contact us for more information on this tour, and **choose your new high-end motorcycle** among our Harley Davidson, Indian, BMW or Triumph models.



Day 1: Discover Strasbourg

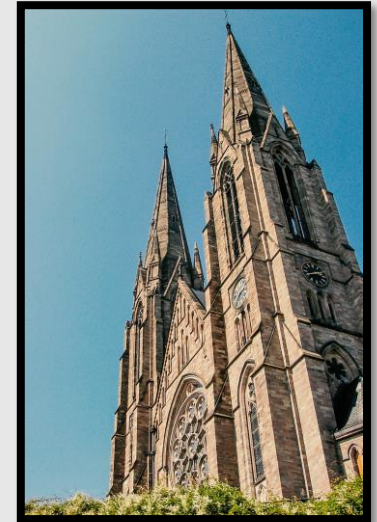
You decided to begin this **self guided tour** from Strasbourg? Then head to our Universal Riders agency to finalize the last details of the trip.

After meeting with your new ride, you'll have time to explore Strasbourg, which historic heart, **the Big Isle**, has been **declared World Heritage by UNESCO**. At the heart of this neighborhood you may like to admire the **magnificent Strasbourg Cathedral**, with its 142 meters height.

Fans of timbered houses, do not miss the **neighborhood of Petite France**, located along the Isle. It will offer a real panorama of the Rhenish Renaissance.

Finally, if required, be aware that a free shuttle can pick you up at the station or the airport.

Overnight in Strasbourg.



Day 2: Strasbourg – Belfort (240 km – 150 mi)

The tour begins in the vineyards: in the morning you will drive across several towns and villages on the “Route des Vins d'Alsace” like Obernai, Ribeauvillé, Colmar...

You will also take a little altitude at **Mont Sainte-Odile** (764 m), where you will discover the **Mont Sainte-Odile Abbey**, a place of pilgrimage. Another building is also a must for history and architecture lovers: the **castle of Haut-Koenigsbourg**. This medieval fortress is located on a rocky outcrop between the plain of Alsace and the **Regional Natural Park of Ballons des Vosges**.

Finally you will ride near the **Hohneck** (1,363 m), the highest point in the Vosges region. The **winding road of the Ballon d'Alsace** (D465) will take you to **Belfort**. Consider visiting this city and its **Vauban citadel** before a night of well deserved rest.

Overnight in Belfort



Day 3: Belfort – Lauterbrunnen (240 km – 150 mi)

Be prepared to **discover Switzerland** for the third day of this motorcycle trip. Ride to the skies in the **Jura Mountains**, and drive to nearby Mount Raimeux (1,302 m), located south of Delémont.

Later in the day, you will be able to visit the **medieval town of Burgdorf** and its impressive castle. For a gourmet break, feel free to **enjoy a big piece of the local cheese**: emmental, most commonly known as “**Swiss Cheese**” outside Europe.

The road continues to the south, to **Interlaken** located between Brienz and Thun lakes. Then reach **Lauterbrunnen** where you can, from the Kleine Scheidegg ski resort, take the train to **the Jungfrauoch summit** (3,471 m). Located between the Jungfrau (4,158 m) and Mönch (4,107 m) peaks, it offers **breathtaking views** of the surrounding alpine landscape.

Overnight in Lauterbrunnen (Switzerland).



Day 4: Lauterbrunnen – Chamonix (230 km – 143 mi)

On this fourth day, head west to the canton of Fribourg. You will discover the **Castle of Gruyères** and its medieval village, one of the **most beautiful Swiss villages**. Make a stop at a cheese factory to taste a sample **authentic Gruyère Cheese**.

Then head south, via the **regional park of Gruyère Pays d'En-Haut** to reach the city of **Aigle**. You will be able to visit the castle, which is hosting a museum of Vine and Wine, or the Hervé Foundation and its classic car collection.

Later in the day, at the bottom of **Mount Arpille** (2,085 m), take the **Route de la Forclaz** and its numerous hairpin turns before crossing the border at Chatelard. You will finally reach **Chamonix** to enjoy, from the top of the **Aiguille du Midi**, a **breathtaking view of the Mont Blanc** and the Mer de Glace.

Overnight in Chamonix.



Day 5: Chamonix – Briançon (290 km – 180 mi)

Another crazy day to come... To start, go around Mont Blanc on its west side and cross the **Col des Saisies** (1,633 m) and the **Cornet de Roselend** (1,968 m). Then continue toward **Bourg-Saint-Maurice**. Its ski resort, Les Arcs, is popular with skiers.

You will then follow the road to Tignes, the **Col de l'Iseran** (2,764 m), and **Telegraph pass** (1,566 m). You will see **Mount Thabor** (3 178m) before reaching the impressive **Col du Galibier** (2,642 m).

This will allow you to rally in the late afternoon, the **town of Briançon**, considered as the **highest town in France**. Do not miss its Vauban citadel: a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Overnight in Briançon.



Day 6: Briançon – Castellane (270 km – 168 mi)

In the morning, head south-east through the winding D902 and cross the **Col d'Izoard** (2,361 m), before entering the **regional park of Queyras**. You will then cross the Gorges du Guil and the towns to Guillestre, Vars, and Jausiers before entering the **Mercantour National Park**.

After a good dose of switchbacks, you will reach the **Col de la Bonette**, the highest pass in Europe (2,715 m). The road continues through Saint-Sauveur-sur-Tinée, and then heads west to a **new series of tight turns** in the direction of Guillaumes.

From here, you will drive down towards the **lake of Castillon**. If you wish, you can stop for a swim on one of the beaches of **Saint-Julien-de-Verdon**. This charming, **picturesque Provencal village** also deserves to be visited before reaching Castellane.

Overnight in Castellane.



Day 7: Castellane – Marseille (270 km – 168 mi)

The objective of the final day drive: the **Gorges du Verdon**, considered as one of the most beautiful places in France, as this park offers truly **unique landscapes**.

After many turns, you will get to **Moustiers-Sainte-Marie**. Nestled at the bottom of a rocky cliff, this town is known for its **earthenware** and its **stunning gold star**, suspended between two mountains.

Then, you will drive around the **Sainte Croix Lake**, and follow the course of Verdon from the **Corniche Sublime**, cross the Artuby bridge to reach the **Balcons de la Mescla** and enjoy a **breathtaking panorama of the Verdon**.

Arriving in Combs-sur-Artuby you will head south-west through Le Muy and La Ciotat to reach the **Route des Crêtes**, overlooking the **Mediterranean Sea**, to Cassis. You will finally arrive in the early evening in Marseille.

Overnight in Marseille.



Day 8: Visit Marseille

After a good night, you will bring back your bike to our rental Universal Riders agency in Marseille.

Willing to extend the adventure? What about continuing your motorcycle trip through France or Europe? For this, you can either choose between two options: **one way rental** or **another motorcycle tour!**

However, in any case, do not leave Marseille, the **Phocean City**, without taking a little bit of time to visit! Stop to drink a pastis in the **Old Port**, stroll through the streets of **the Panier**, the oldest part of the city, shop on the **Cannebière**, go take a closer look at the **Notre-Dame-de-la-Garde** Basilica... One sure thing, Marseille is full of wonders that you can easily discover the time of a day or a weekend!



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.

To get in touch with our customer service, you can either:

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Available motorcycles for this tour

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