FAQ

Visas & Passports

When applying for a Schengen Visa in order to travel to one or more of the Schengen Zone countries there are some requirements one has to establish prior to the application. If you are planning to travel to more than one Schengen country its best if you apply in the Embassy/ Consulate of the country you will be staying at the most, regarding the residing days. Once you are issued a multiple entry visa you are able to travel to all of the Schengen Zone countries for the time permitted on the visa. Visa & Passports

What to bring/wear during our Cycle Classic Tour?

First of all of course you'll need a good quality Helmet
For Clothing we recommend this;

- Cycling Jersey (2 – 3)
- Cycling Jersey long sleeve (2)
- Cycling shorts (2)
- Cycling Long –Tights (1 - 2)
- Cycling Gloves (1) Fall/Winter
- Thermal shirts long sleeve (2)
- Thermal shirts short sleeve (2)
- Cycling socks (4 - 5 pair)
- Gore-Tex waterproof jacket
- Windproof Jacket
- Lightweight rain Jacket
- Cycling sun glasses
- Cycling Shoes
- Cap/Balaclava/Warm hat

Cycling in the mountains?

In the high cols your average speed will be much lower than on the flat. The time gained during the descents will not compensate for the time ‘lost’ going uphill. Mountains can be very long so the most important rule is to start gently. Try to find your own speed and balance. This is the perfect mood to relax and enjoy the fantastic landscape!

Weather in the mountains

Be aware that conditions can change rapidly in the mountains. It can be very cold, expect a 1C/33F decrease in temperature for every 100 meter rise in elevation.

What must be my fitness level?

For our self guided tours in Italy, France and Spain you don’t need to be a professional cyclist.

Mostly the rides are on flatter terrain sometimes you have short steep climbs. If you do regularly exercises you would be able to follow the tracks, these rides present a moderate challenge to someone of average fitness. The tracks in the hilly Lake District in North Italy, Sardinia, Corsica and Sicily are for fit riders who like some challenges. These Tours include some long daily distances and some though climbs. The rides in the Alps are for for well-trained riders who can do more than five or six hours of riding in the mountains. It involves long daily distances with many challenging climbs. These tours are advisable for someone with a high fitness level.

Do I need to bring my own bike?

It isn't easy to travel with a bike box on trains and planes. First of all air companies will charge you way too much. Secondly, a common occurrence is that bicycles may get damaged on or during the journey. You are on holidays and to have to worry about your bike, it’s not worth it and therefore it’s not worth bringing your own bike. So what now? You may ask…..Just Relax! Let Cycle Classic Tours arrange your bike as we are glad to provide you with one of our Trek racing bikes. It avoids stressful situations and a lot of hassle during your holiday trip. Even though it’s always possible to bring you bike but be aware that you are responsible for your own bike.

Travel insurance?

Cycleclassictours recommends you to arrange a good personal insurance before leaving your country. We are not responsible for theft or loss of personal properties.

What kind of weather we can expect?

During the spring classics in Belgium, Holland and North France the weather can be unpredictable. Belgium weather is maritime and usually mild. Flanders is on the same level as southern England, so the climate is comparable. In fact the month with the driest weather is March with 52 mm (2.0 in) of rain but always being prepared for rainfall!

Spring Classics March and April

Weather in Belgium/Holland/North France	**min**	**max**	**average**	**rainfall**	**wet days**	**sunhours**
March	2C/37F	10C/50F	6C/43F	52 mm	11	3.8
April	4C/39F	13C/57F	9C/48F	54 mm	12	5.3

Italian Lake district.
The climate is Mediterranean which means the summers are long and winters are short and mild. Summer conditions begin around May when the average daily highrises to about 20°C. Once you move into June the highs reach 24°C, before peaking at 26°C in the hottest month of July.

Lake District	min	max	average	rainfall	wet days	sunhours
April	08C/46F	15C/59F	12C/53F	110mm	14	10
May	12C/54F	20C/68F	16C/51F	128mm	16	11
June	15C/59F	24C/75F	20C/67F	134mm	14	11
July	18C/64F	26C/79F	22C/72F	98mm	12	12
August	18C/64F	26C/79F	22C/72F	97mm	13	11
September	14C/57F	22C/72F	18C/65F	105mm	10	9

Italian Alps and Dolomites based on Bolzano

The region has a humid continental climate with warm summers and no dry season. The alpine valleys between 900 and 1400 metres, with a typically Humid continental climate , covering the largest part of the province. Summers are mild/warm with averages between 14 and 19°C. It is a very snowy climate; snow may occur from early October to April or even May.

Cycle Classic Tours Trips: Dolomites self-guided - Dolomites guided - 5 star Italian Alps

Itaian Alps & Dolomites	min	max	average	rainfall	wet days	sunhours
April	09C/48F	18C/64F	14C/57F	53mm	7	6
May	14C/57F	23C/73F	19C/66F	82mm	8	7
June	19C/66F	27C/81F	23C/73F	80mm	10	7
July	20C/68F	29C/84F	25C/77F	92mm	9	8
August	20C/68F	28C/82F	24C/75F	91mm	9	7
September	15C/59F	24C/75F	20C/68F	68mm	6	6

Sicily

Mediterranean which means the summers are long and winters are short and mild. Summer conditions begin around May when the average daily highrises to about 20°C. Once you move into June the highs reach 26/27°C, before peaking at 30/31°C in the hottest months July & August.

Cycle Classic Tours trips : Best of Sicily road bike - Cycle Sicily-Mount Etna - Classic Sicily - Mount Etna -Ionic See

Sicily	min	max	average	rainfall	wet days	sunhours
April	8C/46F	17C/62F	12C/53F	35mm	4	10
May	12C/53F	22C/71F	16C/60F	14mm	3	12
June	16C/60F	26C/78F	20C/67F	10mm	1	13
July	19C/67F	29C/84F	22C/72F	10mm	1	14
August	19C/67F	30C/86F	22C/72F	17mm	2	13
September	17C/62F	26C/78F	21C/69F	28mm	3	11
October	13/55F	22/72F	17C/63F	48mm	7	9

Sardinia

Sardinia boasts a beautifully warm Mediterranean climate with long hot summers and coastal temperatures averaging 28.5 degrees (83F) in July and August. The island is renowned for its six month summer which means that the sea can be warm enough for swimming from May until October.

Cycle Classic Tours trips : Trans Sardinia road bike - North Sardinia - Sardinia road bike - South Sardinia

Sardinia	min	max	average	rainfall	wet days	sunhours
April	09C/48F	18C/64F	14C/57F	42mm	5	7
May	12C/54F	22C/73F	17C/63F	20mm	3	9
June	16C/61F	26C/79F	21C/70F	12mm	2	10
July	19C/66F	29C/84F	24C/75F	10mm	2	12
August	19C/66F	30C/86F	25C/76F	18mm	2	10
September	17C/63F	26C/79F	22C/71F	40mm	5	8

Corsica

Corsica has a beautifully warm Mediterranean climate with long hot summers and coastal temperatures averaging 28.5 degrees (83F) in July and August. The island is renowned for its six month summer which means that the sea can be warm enough for swimming from May until October.

Cycle Classic Tours trips : North Corsica - South Corscia - Guided Road Bike Corsica

Corsica	min	max	average	rainfall	wet days	sunhours
April	8C/46F	17C/62F	12C/53F	35mm	4	10
May	12C/53F	22C/71F	16C/60F	14mm	3	12
June	16C/60F	26C/78F	20C/67F	10mm	1	13
July	19C/67F	29C/84F	22C/72F	10mm	1	14
August	19C/67F	30C/86F	22C/72F	17mm	2	13
September	17C/62F	26C/78F	21C/69F	28mm	3	11
October	13/55F	22/72F	17C/63F	48mm	7	9

Tuscany & Umbria

The climate in Tuscany & Umbria is very mild. The coast and valleys tend to have hotter summers than the hills or mountains although the coast benefits from breezes off the sea for cooler temperatures. April and May as well as September and October are good months to visit Tuscany: sunny days, with some rainy days as well. July and August can be hot.

Cycle Classic Tours trips : Classis Tuscany - Lucca to Florence - Lucca to Pisa - Tuscany & Umbria road bike - Umbria road bike trip

Tuscany & Umbria	min	max	average	rainfall	wet days	sunhours
April	10C/50F	15C/59F	13C/55F	74mm	7	7
May	14C/57F	19C/66F	17C/63F	62mm	5	8
June	18C/64F	24C/75F	21C/70F	49mm	3	9
July	20C/68F	27C/81F	24C/75F	23mm	2	10
August	21C/70F	27C/81F	24C/75F	38mm	3	9
September	17C/63F	23C/73F	20C/68F	54mm	5	8
October	14C/57F	19C/66F	17C/63F	96mm	9	7

Puglia

The spring comes early and is generally warm and sunny, with temperatures rising up to 20C by

the end of April. The summer is long, hot and dry and lasts from the end May through to the end of September. Temperatures typically rise to around the 30°C mark in July and August, with the occasional hotter week here and there. Autumn remains generally warm with temperatures only really dropping out of the 20s towards the beginning of December.

Cycle Classic Tours trips ; South Italy self-guided - Puglia and Basilicata

Puglia	**min**	**max**	**average**	**rainfall**	**wet days**	**sunhours**
April	09C/48F	18C/64F	14C/57F	47mm	5	8
May	13C/55F	22C72F	18C/64F	37mm	4	9
June	17C/63F	26C/79F	22C/72F	32mm	3	9
July	19C/66F	28C/82F	24C/75F	27mm	2	10
August	19C/66F	28C/82F	24C/75F	39mm	4	10
September	16C/62F	25C/77F	21C/70F	62mm	5	9
October	13C/55F	21C/70F	17C/63F	65mm	6	8

French Alps

Late summer early autumn is the best season to explore the Alp regions. End of August and beginning of September are the perfect months for exploring this beautiful region. In the summer time the Alps high cols can be very busy and also we want to avoid the extreme temperatures. Therefore we offer our trips in August and September. Also the temperatures are not that high anymore. Be aware that conditions can change rapidly in the mountains. It can be very cold, expect a 1C/33F decrease in temperature for every 100 meter rise in elevation.

weather in Annecy	**min**	**max**	**average**	**rainfall**	**wet days**	**sunhours**
August	15C/59F	26C/79F	21C/70F	62mm	10	7
September	11C/52F	23C/74F	17C/63F	42mm	10	6
weather in Grenoble	**min**	**max**	**average**	**rainfall**	**wet days**	**sunhours**
August	13C/55F	26C/79F	19C/67F	3.7mm	11	8.4
September	11C/52F	22C/72F	17C/63F	3.9mm	11	6.6

South France
The best months to cycle in the South of France are May, September and October. Traffic would be considerably less outside the peak period and still there are many hours of sunshine.

weather in Nice - Provence	**min**	**max**	**average**	**rainfall**	**wet days**	**sunhours**
May	13C/55F	20C/68F	17C/62F	68mm	8	8,8
September	16C/61F	25C/77F	21C/70F	77mm	7	8,8
October	12C/54F	21C/70F	17C/63F	124mm	9	6,5

Costa Brava - Costa Daurada - Catalonia
The climate of Costa Brava is typically Mediterranean, mild and temperate, characterised by hot, dry summers and moderately cold winters. The annual average temperature ranges from 7

to 28 °C, while the highest temperatures are recorded in the months of July and August. The Costa Brava, is characterized by warm to hot, dry summers and mild to cool, wet winters. Because the region is beside the Mediterranean sea, temperatures are generally moderate with a comparatively small range of temperatures between the winter low and summer high.

Cycle Classic Tours Trips: Barcelona to Girona - Cycle the Costa Brava - Catalonia on road bike - Costa Daurada road bike

Costa Brava - Catalonia- Costa Daurada	**min**	**max**	**average**	**rainfall**	**wet days**	**sunhours**
January	02C/35F	14C/57F	08C/46F	56mm	6	7
February	02C/35F	15C/59F	09C/48F	38mm	4	8
March	04C/40F	18C/64F	11C/52F	45mm	4	9
April	06C/43C	19C/66F	13C/55F	63mm	6	10
May	10C/51F	23C/74F	17C/63F	68mm	7	11
June	14C/58F	27C/81F	21C/70F	62mm	6	12
July	17C/62F	30C/87F	24C/75F	27mm	2	12
August	17C/62F	28C/83F	23C/73F	21mm	2	12
September	15C/58F	26C/78F	21C/68F	39mm	3	10
October	11C/51F	22C/72F	17C/62F	82mm	8	8
November	06C/42F	16C/60F	11C/51F	81mm	8	8
December	03C/37F	13C/55F	08C/46F	45mm	5	7

Costa Blanca

The sunny climate and all year round warm climate makes Costa Blanca one of the best cycling regions in the world!The Costa Blanca has a hot-summer Mediterranean climate and has special micro-climate all year round thanks to the mountains which surround the town. It enjoys some 3,400 hours of sunshine a year and an average annual temperature on the coast of 18°C (15°C in winter and 26°C in summer). The Costa Blanca has been described by the World Health Organisation as among the healthiest regions in the world.

Cycle ClassicTours trips ; Costa Blanca guided road bike - Costa Blanca self guided

Costa Blanca	**min**	**max**	**average**	**rainfall**	**wet days**	**sunhours**
January	05C/43F	16C/59F	11C/54F	42mm	4	6
February	06C/43F	17C/61F	12C/55F	39mm	4	7
March	08C/46F	19C/64F	15C/58F	40mm	4	7
April	10C/50C	21C/66F	17C/60F	37mm	4	9
May	13C/55F	24C/73F	20C/65F	30mm	3	10
June	17C/63F	27C/81F	25C/75F	21mm	2	11
July	20C/68F	31C/85F	27C/78F	17mm	1	12
August	21C/70F	32C/86F	29C/80F	12mm	1	11
September	18C/64F	28C/82F	25C/75F	25mm	4	9
October	14C/57F	25C/75F	21C/70F	54mm	4	7
November	09C/48F	19C/64F	16C/59F	69mm	6	6
December	07C/45F	17C/61F	12C/55F	45mm	5	6

Tenerife based on Playa de las Americas.
The sunny climate and all year round warm climate makes Tenerife one of the best cycling regions in the world. Though Tenerife has a climate that can't be matched anywhere in the world! However the weather can change as quickly and dramatically as it does in the UK. The warmest weather is found on the south and west of the island, while the east is generally windier and the north wetter. What cannot be denied, however, is that Tenerife has the lowest temperature difference between summer and winter of anywhere in the world, with averages of around 15C in winter and 24C in summer!

Cycle ClassicTours trips ; Tenerife Road Cycling Trip - Tenerife Canary Islands Volcano Tour

Tenerife	min	max	average	rainfall	wet days	sunhours
January	15C/60F	21C/70F	15C/59F	32mm	4	8
February	15C/60F	21C/70F	16C/61F	35mm	4	9
March	16C/61F	22C/72F	17C/62F	38mm	4	10
April	17C/62C	23C/73F	17C/62F	12mm	4	11
May	18C/64F	24C/75F	18C/64F	04mm	3	11
June	20C/67F	26C/79F	20C/68F	0.1mm	2	11
July	21C/70F	29C/84F	21C/70F	0.1mm	0	12
August	22C/71F	29C/84F	23C/73F	2mm	1	11
September	22C/71F	28C/82F	22C/72F	7mm	2	10
October	20C/69F	26C/79F	21C/70F	19mm	5	10
November	18C/65F	24C/75F	19C/66F	34mm	7	9
December	17C/62F	22C/72F	16C/61F	43mm	7	8

Itinerary

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