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Guided cycling Tour Barcelona to Tourmalet on road bike

Cycle from Barcelona to Col du Tourmalet. Cycling Catalonia and the Spanish/French Pyrenees. The Pyrenees mountain range on the border between France are well known among all cycling fanatics. This unique road cycling trip starts in Barcelona and goes across Catalonia through Andorra and the Spanish Pyrenees all the way up to the summits of many iconic mountains of the Tour de France. You'll ride from the Mediterranean sea to an altitude of more than 2000 meters high. From Spain to France and Andorra. You sleep in villages with history and bike through gorgeous landscapes. If you like to bike with other people sharing emotions, if you want to see spectacular landscapes and sleep in towns with centuries of history… this is your route! Cycle Port d'Envalira (highest asphalted col in the Pyrenees) and conquer Col de Peyresourde, Col d'Aspin and Col du Tourmalet.

Cycle from Barcelona and finish on one of the most famous Col of the Tour de France : The Col du Tourmalet

- Delicious Spanish food and wine
- Breath taking scenery are home to the mountain ranges of the Pyrenees
- Cycle famous cols like Col de Peyresourde, Col d'Aspin and Col du Tourmalet.
- Les Guilleries mountain range, will lead you to Coll de Condreu, leaving behind one of the nicest villages in Catalunya: Rupit.
- Col du Tourmalet is one of the most famous climbs in cycling world. No doubt at all. It is not the most difficult climb, not the most steep. It is not the highest. Not even has the best scenery. Not sure other climbs have more history.....It is the combination of it all, that makes Tourmalet so special!
- The Pyrenees is a real cycling paradise for every keen cyclist, you will experience one of the most challenging routes and mythical climbs
- 7 stages to cycle

Itinerary

Day 1

Check in

You'll meet the crew at your hotel. For those who want to have an airport pick up please contact us. The briefing will be at 18.00. Dinner will be provided. There will be a briefing and explanation for the coming activities and itinerary for this Barcelona – Col du Tourmalet trip in the Spanish and French Pyrenees.

Day 2

Distance to cycle - Approx 84km

Barcelona-Montseny. About 100 km to get out of Barcelona taking the bike lane beside river Besos, and afterwards leading to Montseny area, where you will climb the nicest col in the area: Coll Formic. Solitaire road, great views, ideal for cycling. Distance to cycle - Approx 84km

Day 3

Distance to cycle - Approx 94km

Montseny-Joanetes. After crossing Les Guilleries range of mountains, you will lead to Coll de Condreu, leaving behind one of the nicest villages in Catalunya: Rupit. Afterwards you will get the vulcanic area of La Garrotxa which capital Olot. Distance to cycle - Approx 94km

Day 4

Distance to cycle - Approx 110km

Joanetes-Puigcerdà. Today you will climb a precious col, not very known, although Volta a Catalunya pro race has been there several times. Coll de la Creueta, an espectacular mountain road with great views. Afterwards we will get to Collada de Toses, a long, beautiful and not very steep climb. Arrival to Puigcerdà, capital of Cerdanya area. We are already in the Pyrenees. Distance to cycle - Approx 110km

Day 5

Distance to cycle - Approx 104km

Puigcerdà-Rialp. This is not a very long stage, from the pretty Puigcerdà to Rialp climbing a serious 1st category climb: Coll de Cantó. Wide, nice road, but also steep! Stop at Rialp, but on the way you will cross Sort town (translation: “Luck”). Maybe it is worth stopping to buy some lottery? Distance to cycle - Approx 104km

Day 6

Distance to cycle - Approx 102km

Rialp-Bagneres de Luchon. This is really high mountain. Port de la Bonaigua is one of the classic climbs in the Pyrenees, reaching over 2000 mts. With a ski resort at the top, Bonaigua is the first road to be closed for snow in winter and the last one to be open in spring. Amazing lanscape. On arrival to Bagneres de Luchon, the strongest riders may climb to Superbagneres, a true hors category climb included in Tour de France several times. Distance to cycle - Approx 102km

Day 7

Distance to cycle - Approx 80km

Bagneres de Luchon-Campan.The classic approach to Tourmalet would be climbing Peyresourde and Aspin. This stage is a bit longer including Peyresourde, also Val Louron-Azet (the climb where Miguel Indurain started to win the 1991 Tour de France) and finally the very nice and solitaire Hourquette d’Ancizan instead of the more known Col d’Aspin. Distance to cycle - Approx 80km

Day 8

Distance to cycle - Approx 85km

Campan-Col du Tourmalet-Campan. This is D day. You will conquer Col du Tourmalet from Sta Marie de Campan. At the top, it is worth to spend some time at the souvenir shop and at the bar, with big pictures of the old times, with old bikes hanging from the ceiling. If weather is fine and you are strong enough, we recommend to descent to Luz St Sauveur and climb also from the other side. Tourmalet: a dream come true. Distance to cycle - Approx 85km

Day 9

Departure day

Departure day…..Time to say goodbye. We wish you a good flight back home or else a pleasant stay in Spain. Airport transfers on request.

Airport

- The most important gateway to/from Barcelona is the international airport 'L' Aeroport del Prat'. With over more than 25 million passengers per year, Barcelona airport has the second biggest airport in Spain after Madrid.
- The second airport in Catalonia is Girona airport. Girona aiport “Costa Brava “is a very important hub to the Pyrenees and the nearby tourist destinations like Malgrat de Mar, Blanes, Lloret de Mar & Rosas. Girona airport is situated approximately 100 km away from Barcelona.

Trains

- Barcelona railway station. Every half hour trains leave to the main stations in Barcelona. Take the RENFE train line that leads you to Plaza Catalunya, Arco de Triomf or Clot-Arago. Mostly the stations have connections to other metro stations.
- Giorona doesn't have a rail way station. The best option is the bus. The bus ride takes you in one and a half hour to downtown Barcelona. In front of the arrival hall you can find the bus stop. There are three options, you can leave to: Girona, Costa Brava resorts or Barcelona.

Busses

- From Barcelona airport. Every 15 minutes the Aerobus A1 leaves from terminal A & B to the centre of Barcelona. In terminal B you will find other bus lines leaving to many cities nearby Barcelona. From 23.00 to 04.15 you can take the night bus 106 to Barcelona.

Booking Information

- All prices are based on double rooms

- For bookings & inquiries: send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com

Extra Information

1. Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com
2. We tend and try to send all over within 48 hours.
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Included

- 3* and 4* Hotels The hotels are a mix of 4-star and 3-star accommodations
- Accommodations are based on half board breakfast and dinners
- Transfer to/from Barcelona airport
- Refreshments: food and drink each day during the route
- Informative dossier of the route and places of interest
- Cue sheets and elevation profiles
- 1 Cycling guides per 10 persons
- Support vehicles during the tour
- First aid kit and basic spare parts - taxes

Not Included

- Airfares & Taxi fares
- Road bike rental €260
- Insurance
- Single supplement €350
- Drinks