



Dates

From May 02nd to 06th, 2022

From May 09th to 13th, 2022

From September 26th to 30th, 2022

Informations

720 km (447 miles)

5 days – 4 nights

Riding level: Average

Full board accommodation (and luggage carrying in our support vehicles).

English-speaking tour leader.

Tarifs

2 550€ (\$2.890) per customer (with your motorcycle)

3 375€ (\$3.810) per customer (BAAK Interceptor Trail motorbike included)

Trip itinerary

On dirt tracks and asphalt road, discover the Provençal hinterland and Haute-Provence, setting off from Nice. This adventure is great if you're an intermediate rider who wants to experience the joys of off-road riding on your own trail bike or a hire one. Together with your expedition leader, you'll follow the GPS routes sent at the beginning of the trip. With cicadas as your soundtrack, you'll ride on stony tracks across olive groves, vineyards and oak groves that take you to Haut-Verdon's mountain tracks until you reach the Alpine passes. During the day, you will either dine in restaurants selected by the team or enjoy a packed lunch picnic prepared by our chef in the countryside. As evening falls, expect a well-deserved rest in exceptional natural settings thanks to our portable campsite. Our private chef will serve delicious meals that we'll enjoy together around the campfire as we watch the sun set. We'll sleep under the stars in the comfort of our cotton tents heated by wood burners.

STAGE 1:

From Nice to Caille – 125 km / 100% tarmac / 3h ride – RDV at the camping Les Cents Chênes at 10am

We'll meet at the entrance of Les Cent Chênes campsite. You'll be given your rental trail bikes prepared by BAAK and be briefed on the rules of off-riding in nature. We'll set off mid-morning and get to grips with our hire bikes, spending the whole day on tarmacked roads in the heart of the Préalpes d'Azur Natural Park. We discover the hidden wonders the Niçois hinterland has to offer with its gorges and cliffside roads. Mid-afternoon we make the most of a well-deserved rest in Pont d'Aiglun and enjoy a spot of wild swimming in the Esteron River's natural pools. We leave the Niçois hinterland behind us and end the day at our first campsite in the Caille plains.

STAGE 2:

From Caille to Valensole – 150 km / 20% offroad, 80% tarmac / 5h ride

We set off early for a whole day in the heart of Verdon Regional Park where we'll spend the morning on accessible tracks and picture-perfect roads take us to Castellane for lunch. In the afternoon, we descend the Verdon gorges on the Route des Crêtes between turquoise waters and rock formations to Sainte-Croix Lake. This 15-mile panoramic road takes us on a tour of all of the gorges' ridges, hence its name. The 14 Belvédères (or lookouts) showcase Verdon's legendary cliffs and offer breathtaking views over the Grand Canyon. After a dip in the lake, we end the day on the Valensole plateau via farm tracks across lavender fields and arrive at our camp near Valensole.

STAGE 3:

From Valensole to Majastres – 150 km / 70% offroad, 30% tarmac / 5h ride

After washing down our bacon and eggs with a good coffee, we leave our camp and continue our adventure across the Valensole plateau, where we ride along farming tracks. Our Provençal getaway continues in Haut Verdon, far away from tourists, along mountainous tracks bordering forest industry woodlands, which take us above Majastres, one of the smallest villages in France with just 4 inhabitants. Our camp awaits at 1,200 m altitude set against a stunning backdrop.

STAGE 4:

From Majastres to Saint André Les Alpes – 120 km / 30% offroad, 70% tarmac / 4h ride

We set off mid-morning and begin our descent to Castellane on mountain tracks between rocky grounds and pastures at 1,400 m altitude. We get back on tarmacked road along the Route Napoléon until Castellane, where we stop for lunch. We head towards Castillon Lake taking a road alongside Chaudanne Lake and spend the afternoon relaxing. We end the day climbing La Sapet's tracks to reach our last camp.

STAGE 5:

From Saint André Les Alpes to Nice – 170 km / 20% offroad, 80% tarmac / 5h30 ride

We set off mid-morning for our last day of riding. We head directly onto white tracks lined by grasses and thyme bushes all the way up to Thorame. We spend the rest of the morning on Haut-Verdon's mountain roads towards Val d'Allos climbing the Verdon to Colmars-les-Alpes. After lunch, we start to ascend the Champs pass, which culminates at more than 2,000 m altitude. We continue through Provence on roads that lead us to Guillaumes, the gateway to the Gorges de Daluis and its red rocks, believed to be more than 260 million years old! We end the day on narrow cliffside roads – only wide enough for one car at a time – and arrive back at our meeting point, Les Cent Chênes campsite, where our adventure ends.