



## Countless sanctuaries in a wild and preserved environment!

The heart of Auvergne is dominated by volcanoes. From soft cones to rugged rock needles, the landscape offers a paradise for cyclist enthusiasts. The vast highlands of the Margeride and the Aubrac have a very special charm with their pasturages, miles of stone walls and sheep and cattle herds. The green volcanoes at the gates of Clermont Ferrand, the blacksmiths in Laguiole, the famous Rocamadour cheese, the mysticism of St. James' way and the Allier gorges – all this and much more can be discovered there. Physical exercise in a wonderful landscape – this is pure relaxation!

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### DIFFICULTY



### RIDING TIME/DAY



### SIGHTSEEING



11 days vacation  
9 day riding route

- DAY 1:** Arrival in Clermont-Ferrand  
Please arrive at the hotel before 4pm for our welcome get-together.
- DAY 2:** Clermont-Ferrand - La Chomette  
We will receive our bikes in Brassac-les-Mines. Here the upper stretch of the Allier pines its way through the southern Velay. We will cycle along the Allier gorges, which is partially hundreds of meters deeps. Brioude is a lively town and has a rich, architectural heritage with nice streets and squares. It is the center of the salmon observation.  
[distance: 63 km, uphill: 770 m; 39 miles, uphill: 2526 ft]
- DAY 3:** La Chomette - Le Puy-en-Velay  
Today we are welcomed by the Allier Valley. Thereafter we will leave the river behind us. Only the tourist train enters through this narrow canyon. Langeac is an authentic market spot on the Allier. Le Puy, which means 'the summit', will mesmerize us with its peculiar rocky needles, around which many legends are told. We are in the Central Massif. The landscape is volcanic and characterized by gentle hills, forests and pasture land.  
[distance: 52 km, uphill: 820 m; 32 miles, uphill: 2690 ft]

<b>START/FINISH:</b>	Clermont-Ferrand / Clermont-Ferrand
<b>NEAREST AIRPORT:</b>	Aéroport de Clermont-Ferrand
<b>DURATION:</b>	10 nights
<b>ROUTE:</b>	safe and well-maintained cycle paths, forest roads and streets
<b>ACCOMMODATIONS:</b>	charming and carefully selected hotels
<b>HIGHLIGHTS:</b>	Allier gorges, Church of Monbonnet, blacksmiths in Laguiole, Forge de Laguiole, Chateau le Bousquet, Abbatiale St-Foy in Conques, Figeac, Rocamadour
<b>MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS:</b>	6 Please note paragraph 4.2. a) of our terms and conditions of travel to find out more about the cancellation of tour through Edelweiss Bike Travel when the minimum number of participants is not reached - <a href="#">Terms and Conditions</a>

Prices start at \$ 3.410,-

per person

## Tour dates

2019

12.09. - 22.09.

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Inquire your private tour date for you and your friends.

2020

10.09. - 20.09.

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**DAY 4:** Le Puy-en-Velay - Bigose  
Today's stage will take us to the solitary plains of Margeride and the southern volcanic complexes of Auvergne. The traditional food is very substantial. Hard cheese, the Tomme, honey and herbs are usually offered in the local markets. The flora of the natural highlands is absolutely worth seeing. Saugues is situated in a gentle valley, as best described in the story of the beast 'La Bete du Gevaudan'.  
[distance: 67 km, uphill: 1380 m; 42 miles, uphill: 4528 ft]

**DAY 5:** Bigose - Laguiole  
It is almost unnoticeable as the solitary mid-mountain landscape of the Margeride massif changes over into the region of the southernmost volcano of Auvergne. The local houses of gray basalt stone show the century-old architecture of the region. We meet the Road of St. James. Laguiole is the centre of the blacksmiths. A factory is located right at the entrance to the village, where we can watch local blacksmiths do their work.  
[distance: 60 km, uphill: 910 m; 37 miles, uphill: 2986 ft]

**DAY 6:** Laguiole - Vieillevie  
'Le premier sourire du midi' - the first smile of the south that is what the pilgrims of the Road of Santago called the Valley of the Lot. Characterized by authentic villages, medieval castles, Romanesque churches and historic town centers. The well-known Aubrac cattle graze on the local pastures. Though it is hard to reach, we are now heading towards Conques, which is located in a side valley of Lot. It is well-known for the Abbey church of Saint Foy, 'Abbatiale Ste-Foy', a historical work of art well worth a visit.  
[distance: 56 km, uphill: 850 m; 35 miles, uphill: 2789 ft]

**DAY 7:** Vieillevie - Figeac  
As we pedal west we will ride along rich wines on the river beds. The river was a main traffic artery, which connected Auvergne and Cahors with the wine trading city of Bordeaux. When we will reach the mysterious stone pillars on the hills of Figeac we almost reached our goal for today.  
[distance: 47 km, uphill: 610 m; 29 miles, uphill: 2001 ft]

**DAY 8:** Figeac - Rocamadour  
The village of Rocamadour is located on a limestone rock. It majestically towers above the Canon of Alzou. To reach the churchyard and the seven sanctuaries we have to climb 216 steps, the "Grand Escalier". Rocamadour is also world-famous for its goat's milk cheese.  
[distance: 47 km, uphill: 590 m; 29 miles, uphill: 1936 ft]

**DAY 9:** Rocamadour - Aurillac  
Along small villages we will arrive at Le Rouget. There we will enter the train to Aurillac and approach the Monts du Cantal. These are the remains of an enormous volcano that spread its basaltic lava within a radius of 70 km to form basalt organs and towers.  
[distance: 62 km, uphill: 1160 m; 38 miles, uphill: 3806 ft]

**DAY 10:** Aurillac - Clermont-Ferrand  
The little river Jordanne, north of Aurillac, cut the Valle de Mandailles into the volcano rock. We now approach the "Pyramid of the Auvergne", the Puy Mary. Is this really our last day? In Murat

we will return our bicycles, enter the train to go back to the Michelin city of Clermont Ferrand. [distance: 56 km, uphill: 1120 m; 35 miles, uphill: 3675 ft]

**DAY 11:** Departure from Clermont-Ferrand  
We will be happy to take you to the nearest train station or airport. We wish you a pleasant journey home.

## Tour prices 2019

### Price for rider in double room

Own Bike	\$ 3.410,-
Riese & Müller Nevo	\$ 3.790,-
Single room supplement	\$ 400,-

## Included services

- All overnights (comfortable middle-class hotels) during entire tour
- 10x breakfast
- 10x dinner
- 2x picnic
- Bicycle helmet during all riding days
- German and English speaking tour guide on e-bike
- Tour guide in luggage van
- Support van for luggage transportation (1 piece per person), spare batteries and space for passengers (limited) on entire tour
- Snacks and drinks while on tour
- E-bike EDELWEISS COVER ALL insurance
- Tour information package including safety tips, details about hotels, route and sights in German or English
- Visitor's tax and entry fees to museums, churches as per itinerary
- Guided City Tour through Clermont-Ferrand on arrival evening
- Train ride from Le Rouget bis Aurillac
- Train ride from Murat to Clermont-Ferrand

## Services not included

- All services not mentioned as included and all items of a personal nature.

## Optional Services

- Premium e-bike with continuous variable gears, luggage system for daily luggage and GPS during all riding days
- Global travel health and cancellation insurance

## Please note

- This tour is not suited for people with limited mobilities.

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\* Please note that the dates and prices for 2020 are not confirmed yet. The dates shown on our website are preliminary dates for 2020 and might change. Also, for this tour there are yet no prices confirmed for 2020. If the tour price differs more than 5% from last year's pricing you can cancel your participation until October 31, 2019 without any cancellation fee.

**CUSTOM TOURS:** For custom tour bookings please refer to the pricing included in the special tour offer for your tour. If having any questions please contact our service team at [customtours@edelweissbike.com](mailto:customtours@edelweissbike.com)!

# Testimonials

## A real equalizer!

” Viva the electric bike. It is a real equalizer. I am reasonably fit for my age, but I was worried about keeping up with a much younger group. I am happy to say that I did fine. I had an amazing time. I really appreciate the expertise and support from our tour guides. “

*Betsy Kutumbos, USA*

## I fell in love!

” I loved the tour. The countryside was fantastic. It has been such a great tour for me. I have fallen in love with France. The food had been excellent. The route was super and I NOW LOVE E-BIKES! “

*Cynthia Jenkins, USA*

## Great!

” Great trip. Many thanks for a job well done! “

*Marie Monroe, USA*

## Well done!

” Ursula was a delight, so helpful and so patient. Plus she was very fun to be around. This tour was a blast, very, very fun! WELL DONE EDELWEISS! “

*Jill Baker, USA*

## So beautiful

” The riding was a wonderful pace and variety-up and down-and beautiful. Tourguides were terrific, good attitude, always positive, helpful and very attentive. “

*Janice Simpson, USA*

## Thank you for everything!

” Very fun to see a place you would probably never visit on your own. Beautiful scenery and different every day. Thank you for everything. Great tour! “

*Drucie Haddock, USA*

## Perfect, quiet, beautiful!

” This was a first rate trip. Our tour guides took great care of us. I was surprised to have my luggages always in my room. What a nice treat! The route was perfect, quiet and beautiful! “

*Carolyn Francis, USA*

## Great combination!

” I love the combination of cycling (exercise) and sightseeing. Thank you! Hope to see the Edelweiss crew again! “

*Tamara Barron, USA*

# Impressions

