

Long-Distance Tour Euroride
May 16 – 30, 2009

Anniversary tour
10 years Euroride

Long-Distance Tour Euroride – one highlight after the other



Euroride participants 2008 before starting.



Euroride–Calpe (ESP)–Berne (CH) May 16–30, 2009

Living like a Tour-de-France champion

The crowning event to end the spring season in Spain is the Euroride, which will once again challenge all the sportive tour-cracks amongst you. Our experienced team will accompany you along over the 1900 km from Calpe, along the Spanish coastline, through France all the way to Switzerland. The route across the French Alps will fill the heart of every Tour-de-France fan with pleasure – Mont Ventoux, Col d'Ornan, Col du Glandon, Alpe-d'Huez, Col de la Croix de Fer, Col de la Madeleine – that is pure fascination for a cyclist! Both women and men feel comfortable with us and can enjoy the cycling in groups or can take a day's break in the escort vehicle.

We will stay in upper middle-class hotels providing appropriate catering. Additionally each participant will get the exclusive and popular Euroride jersey!

Treat yourself with this unique experience, which you can be proud of for the rest of your life!

The Possibilities

Possibility 1: You can individually book your trip to Calpe, Hotel Esmeralda (plane or bus), arrival-date May 19, 2007 and be ready to start Euroride on Sunday.

Contact us and we will book your journey by plane or bus.

Possibility 2: You can decide to spend a week's holiday at the Costa Blanca with GustiZollinger.ch and prepare for the start of Euroride on Sunday, May 20.

Rental-bikes for Euroride are available.

Top Support

Experienced tour guides will lead you carefully from stage to stage in groups of different speed levels. Two escort vehicles will accompany us. Your baggage transport and the organisation of lunch-breaks (of course pasta) are up to our always cheerful **Hanspeter**, whereas **Peter** will accompany the groups throughout the whole day and provide drinks and snacks. Of course it is also possible to take a day's break and enjoy the tour by bus.

Groups

Our philosophy is 10 guests per tour guide, so that our groups are even and harmonious.

Groups:

Fitness Group	↔↔	round 23 km/h
Claudia	↔↔↔↔	round 24 km/h
Sports Group	↔↔↔↔	round 26 km/h
Andi	↔↔↔↔	round 28 km/h
Sports Group	↔↔↔↔	round 26 km/h
Peter/Mechanic	↔↔↔↔	round 28 km/h
Power Group	↔↔↔↔	round 28 km/h
Gusti	↔↔↔↔	round 28 km/h
Luggage Transport	Hanspeter	
Sports Director	Peter	

The Route

We will start in Calpe and will cycle along the Costa Blanca in direction Costa del Azahar and Costa Dorada and continue up the Ebro river to Catalonia. We will leave the coast and pass Barcelona before coming to the Costa Brava. Over the outskirts of the Pyrenees we will then reach France, where we will enjoy a well deserved day's rest at the coast. After crossing the Languedoc we will reach the mountains, first of all the legendary **Mont Ventoux**. To take a short breather we will cycle along some lakes and rivers before starting the queen's stage with its alpine passes including the **Col d'Izoard**, Col du Lautaret, **Col du Galabier** (the top of the tour with 2647 a.s.l.) and **Col du Telegraph**. We will reach Switzerland via the **Col de la Madeleine**, Megève and Chamonix and our finishers will be greeted by a large welcoming committee in the town of Aarberg in the canton of Berne/Seeland.

Price from Calpe 15 days/per person

CHF 2795.-/€ 1735.-

Our Top Services:

- 14 nights in a double-room (partner will be allocated) (no single-rooms available)
 - breakfast and dinner
 - tour guides (1 guide per 10 guests)
 - escort vehicles/luggage transport
 - «Sportvital» drinks will be provided on the tour
 - drink-bottle
 - snacks on the tour
 - repair service
 - Euroride jersey
 - remembrance gift + certificate
- book early – limited number of participants**

Services that are not included

	CHF	€
• bike rental incl. cleaning	330.–	210.–
• lunch		
• transportation of personal bicycle packing material to Aarberg (CH)	90.–	55.–
• annulation and assistance insurances		
• bicycle transport on plane or bus		
• journey to Calpe (contact us)		

Heading north.



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Brigitte on the Col de la Madleine.

Euroride, May 16–30, 2009 The Schedule

SPAIN

Saturday

Arrival of all participants, preparations, if necessary adjustment of rental bikes, dinner, welcoming speech and information and overnight stay at the hotel Roca Esmeralda in Calpe.

1st Stage Sunday

Calpe – Sagunt 160 km, 150 m alt
Start at about 9.30 a.m.

The flat route will lead us along the picturesque Costa Blanca through the natural preserve «L'Albufera» by Valencia to Sagunt.

2nd Stage Monday

Sagunt – Tortosa 175 km, 950 m alt

This next flat route leads us along the Costa del Azahar, also known as the coast of orange-blossoms. We will leave the coast and head for the charming town of Tortosa.



Heading down towards the valley on almost romantic routes.

3rd Stage Tuesday

Tortosa – Comarruga 145 km, 1265 m alt

We will follow the Ebro river through the slightly hilly back country to Catalonia.

4th Stage Wednesday

Comarruga – Berga 155 km, 1720 m alt

Today we leave the sea, Barcelona on the right side, and go into the interior direction Pyrenees, right to Manresa. Here we follow the river el Llobregat and arriving in Berga. Today we are in the Hotel, where already Lance Armstrong referred its training camp.

5th Stage Thursday

Berga – Argelès-Mer 165 km, 1800 m alt

The Pyrenees call. In a constant uphill we reach Ripoll. On the Col de d'Ares we reach France and we say «hasta luego Espana/ Bonjour la France». The Departure compensates us for the uphill and it goes again back to the sea after Argelès-s-Mer.



Unter uns gesagt, ein bisschen muss man ja schon verrückt sein ...

FRANCE

6th Stage Friday

Argelès-s-Mer – Cap d'Agde 155 km, 470 m alt

On this last stage before our resting day we will cycle along the coast and pass through the well known holiday destinations of Languedoc-Roussillon. Due to mistral winds this flat stage to Cap d'Agde could possibly be though.

Rest Day Saturday

We will enjoy the day's rest in Cap d'Agde, loosen our muscles an relax.

7th Stage Sunday

Cap d'Agde – Orange 180 km, 550 m alt

On this last flat stage we will cross the Languedoc in the direction of Orange and take a farewell from the ocean.

Our two heavy workers Hanspeter and Peter.



Take a look at our current travel reports on www.gustizollinger.ch

8th Stage Monday

Orange – Sisteron 150 km, 2685 m alt

Today the Mont Ventoux will challenge each participant and everyone will be a real Tour de France champion. Climbing this legendary cycling-mountain is a unique experience. Furthermore the natural beauties of the western Provence will make this day an unforgettable.

9th Stage Tuesday

Sisteron – La Mure 125 km, 1800 m alt

Via «railway crossing» Col de Sarraut we will take lovely small roads towards the Lac de Serre-Poncon, an immense reservoir. We will follow the lake and the Durance river to Guillestre where we will savour the lull before the storm.

A big moment, the finishers arriving in Aarberg.



Many a view is worth a stop.

10th Stage Wednesday

La Mure – St. Jean de Maurienne Queen's Stage 125 km, 2700 m alt

What a stage, even Armstrong & Co. would get jealous. On today's program four alpine passes are listed. First of all the Col d'Izoard with 2361 m a.s.l. Already on the way down to Briançon the ascent begins, leading to the Col de Lautaret. With its 2058m a.s.l. this pass is «only» a stop-over on the way to the top of Euroride – the Col du Galibier with 2647m a.s.l. Amazing! For dessert we will take the Col de Telegraph, from where we can already see St. Jean de Maurienne down in the valley. There many stories will be told to a good glass of cold beer.

11th Stage Thursday

St. Jean de Maurienne – Megève 115 km, 2200 m alt / 130 km, 3170 m alt

We will cycle along the Arge river before the climb up the well-known Tour de France pass Col de la Madeleine towards Albertville and Megève begins. (The Col de Saisies awaits those who need yet another challenge).

Feedback

Ilona, Deutschland: «Fühle mich sehr wohl in der Gustizollinger-Radsportfamilie: Der Mont Ventoux war eine Grenzerfahrung. Nächstes Jahr bin ich wieder bei einem GZR-Anlass dabei!»

Wayne, Australien: «Thank you for a great Tour. This was a fantastic preparation for my racing season in Australia. I will be back cyclone.»



Honouring the ladies for their great achievement.

SWITZERLAND

12th Stage Thursday, Megève – Bex 110 km, 1480 m alt

On the way to Switzerland we will pass Chamonix. Then we only must survive the climb up the Col de la Forclaz, before speeding down to Martigny towards the Lac Léman and to Bex.

13th Stage Saturday, Bex – Aarberg 125 km, 750 m alt

This last stage leads us along the Lac Léman to the vineyards in the direction of Romont through the Bernese «Seeland» to our final destination Aarberg.

We expect to arrive in the small town of Aarberg at about 3.00 p.m., where a big welcoming committee will greet our finishers. Aarberg was built in 1220 and the bicycle friendly town will welcome us with festivities and music. We can then sit together and celebrate together with friends and relatives.

Individual journey home is planned from 5.00 p.m. onwards If necessary we can take you from Aarberg to the railway station in Berne.



A small break and the escort vehicle is always ready.



Bicycle Cowboys.