

Grand French Frolics Friday 18th to Sunday 27th June 2010

Organisers: Robert & Melanie Every

This is your chance to combine a Mini cruise with riding your Harley through the Pyrenees but bring your cowboy hats! We'll leave Portsmouth late on Friday evening for a cruise to Bilbao in northern Spain which will take two nights and a day. On board you'll have a cabin and a choice of three restaurants; the buffet meals are recommended! During the day you can relax with a book, sunbathe, have a swim, a sauna or do a bit of Dolphin spotting as we cross the Bay of Biscay.

Arriving in Bilbao on Sunday morning around 8:00 am we will head up the coast to Biarritz before turning inland to start a ride through the Pyrenees. Sunday's ride will take us for 250 miles through stunning views in the National Park to Lourdes before going on to our hotel at Tarbes where you can ease your muscles in or around the swimming pool before dinner. On Monday we will continue with another 250 miles through the Pyrenees to Andorra and on to the winter ski-resort of Axe-les-Thermes visiting the hot sulphur springs before turning towards the town of Carcassonne. We shall spend two nights near this beautiful Medieval City. Tuesday can be a day rest sightseeing locally or the more adventurous may like to do a day ride down to Perpignan or up to the splendid Millau Bridge.



A scenic ride on Wednesday will take us in the afternoon to the Hotel Felix at Castelsarrasin where we will stay the night. This Hotel is built like an old fashioned Wild West town with a gaol, a saloon bar and a restaurant which is often used for rock & roll gigs.

On Thursday we'll make an early start so we can have a leisurely 300 mile ride along French 'D' roads to Tours in the Loire Valley where we will stay for two further nights. After doing a bit of wine tasting on Friday we will ride along the Loire Valley to Chenonceaux for a short river cruise under the arches of the Chateau before returning to Tours for our evening meal. A late breakfast will be enjoyed on Saturday before riding up to the coast to catch the overnight ferry with cabin accommodation from Caen back to Portsmouth. If you'd prefer to arrive home on Saturday then it's a 325 mile ride to the Channel Tunnel at Calais.



Costs for a rider and pillion will be around £400 for the ferries and £400 for the hotels depending on exchange rates. Single riders will pay a bit less.

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