



### TOUR 410 - FRANCE - Vosges Mountains

25th - 29th June 2010



The eastern tip of France is covered by a low, green rounded massif of mountains called the Vosges. Popular for hiking, cycling and of course motorbikes it is an area of spectacular natural beauty, filled with pine and silver birch forests, waterfalls and streams and high rounded peaks.

Following an early morning Euro Tunnel crossing we make a quick transit through Northern France reaching Reims, the capital of the Champagne region by lunchtime.

Continuing on directly through the vineyards we will pass some of the big name Champagne producers of the region such as Bollinger and Laurent-Perrier. Tonight's luxury three star hotel is located close to the town of Troyes in the heart of the regional natural reserve of the Forêt d'Orient and the Champagne-Ardennes lakes.

Day two and using the quiet back roads, we see the terrain becoming more mountainous and forested as we head into the Vosges Mountains.

Our hotel for the next two nights is located directly on the lake at Gerardmer and is perfectly placed for our ride into the mountains. The next day sees us ride the fantastic Route des Crêtes, a spectacular road which follows the main ridge of the Vosges including the highest peak of the range, the Grand Ballon.

The Route des Crêtes was originally constructed as a supply route for the First World War and its strategic location meant that several important battles were fought among these staggering peaks. With abundant twists and turns and long open sweepers the Route des Crêtes is a must for any biker and today's ride-out will ensure you take in the absolute best that this area of France has to offer.

The next morning we head north along the Route D Epinal and visit the Ossuaire De Douaumont. This monument was built in remembrance of the 130,000 unknown soldiers whose remains lay at rest below this building.

Leaving the battlefields we continue north and arrive at our overnight stay in an idyllic country town located in the Ardennes region of Belgium. The hotel boasts a fantastic restaurant and bar which overlooks the River Semois.

Day five and with all the twisty roads behind us we ride the rural roads of Northern France and return to Calais for our mid afternoon ferry crossing to Dover.

**Daily Mileage: 180 – 260 mile**



#### **INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE**

Euro Tunnel outbound  
Calais - Dover Ferry Return  
Four Nights B&B + Two Evening Meals  
Route Plans and Maps  
Full Daily itinerary  
GPS coordinates (Garmin)  
Fully supported by Tour Guide  
Fully edited DVD of your tour

#### **TOUR PRICE**

One Person	One Bike Shared Room	<b>£395</b>
One Person	One Bike Single Room	<b>£515</b>
Two Persons	One Bike Shared Room	<b>£720</b>