



RIDE EUROPE

ROUTE 1. STAGE 2. DAY 3.

GAP TO CHAMONIX FRANCE

APPROXIMATELY 180 MILES (290KM)

Leaving Gap behind, your journey takes you to Briançon. Perched at an impressive 1,350m above sea level, it's the highest city in France. Its historic upper town, the Cité Vauban, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site famous for the massive fortifications.

The road then follows the sweeping Vallée de la Guisane, a spectacular glacial valley. The route climbs steadily to Col du Lautaret mountain pass at 2,068m. From here you will head north and climb even higher over the formidable Col du Galibier (2,642m) where breathtaking alpine panoramas await. Finally, begin your descent into the lively, authentic resort of Valloire.

Continuing north, you arrive in Albertville. The area is nicknamed "Crossroads of the Four Valleys," as it sits at the confluence of the Isère and Arly rivers, serving as the gateway to four of France's most celebrated Alpine valleys.

Your final stretch leads to the legendary Chamonix-Mont-Blanc. Close to the borders of France, Switzerland and Italy, this iconic mountain town lies at the foot of Mont Blanc (boasting the highest peak in the French Alps at 4,805m). Take the cable car from the town centre at 1,035m to the Aiguille du Midi summit at an incredible elevation of 3,842m. Here, the "Step into the Void" glass box offers 360-degree panoramic views to the Swiss mountain peaks and Punta Helbronner, where vast glacier fields straddle across the Italian border. Wrap up your adventure with a delicious serving of Savoyard fondue at one of the local restaurants, a fitting finale.

WHERE TO STAY

Several campsites around Chamonix

Camping Les Arollesé – closest to Chamonix at just 0.8 miles (1.3km)
Camping de la Mer de Glace – just 2 miles (3km) from the centre of Chamonix.

Recommended hotels:

Chamonix has more than 1,400 types of accommodation to suit every budget.

Hotel Le Morgane

145 Av. de l'Aiguille
du Midi, 74400
Chamonix-Mont-
Blanc, France

[morgane-hotel-
chamonix.com](http://morgane-hotel-chamonix.com)



Accor Group manages several popular boutique spas and budget options in and around Chamonix, or check out a hotel booking site for alternatives.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Briançon and Cité Vauban
- Vallée de la Guisane
- Col du Galibier
- Albertville
- Chamonix and Mont Blanc



ROUTE MAP



Scan the QR code or click here to view the route

DEPART FROM GAP

	Road	Direction
Pick up and follow	N94	Savines-le-Lac/ Embrun/ Briançon
In Briançon, pick up and follow	D1091	Villeneuve
Continue to follow Along the glacial valley to the Col du Lautaret at 2,068m	D1091	Col du Lautaret
At the Col du Lautaret, pick up and follow (summer only) If Col du Galibier at 2,642m is closed in winter, follow Then follow	D902 D1091/A51 A4143	Col du Galibier/ Valloire/ St. Michel de Maurienne Grenoble Albertville
In St. Michel de Maurienne, pick up and follow OR For short motorway run (with toll), pick up and follow	D1006/D1090 A43/A40	Albertville Albertville
In Albertville, pick up and follow	D121	Ugine
Then pick up and follow	D1212/D909 & N205	Chamonix

Disclaimer: These are suggested routes only and we cannot be held responsible for the condition of the roads, the weight of traffic or any detours. Fuel stations can be few and far between in some rural areas of France and Switzerland. Make sure you start each day with a full tank and top up when you can.

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