ROAD CYCLING FROM SAUZE D'OULX







The many mountain passes over the Alps in this northwest corner of Italy make this area a hidden gem for cyclists.











The numerous iconic passes from both the Giro d'Italia and the Tour de France keep even the most avid cyclists amused for days.









Sauze d'Oulx (1530m) - Colle di Sestriere (2035m) -Sauze d'Oulx (1530m)





3h10 Ascent 1420m

Max height 2035m

Difficult

51 km

Minimum height 1100m

Sestriere was the first mountain pass above 2000m to be included in the Giro d'Italia, way back in 1911.





Sauze d'Oulx (1530m) - Colle delle Finestre (2195m) -Sestriere (2035m) - Sauze d'Oulx (1530m)





6h39

Ascent 3010m

Max height 2197m

Minimum height 675m

The climb of the Colle delle Finestre has appeared four times so far in the Giro d'Italia with the first being in 2005. This is the only route that is partly on a compact dirt track (7.5km).







Sauze d'Oulx (1530m) - Lac du Mon Cenis (2096m) -Sauze d'Oulx (1530m)







6h35

Ascent 2920m

Max height 2096m

102 km

Minimum height 656m

Susa-Moncenisio is a stunning climb with the last part, the Gran Scala, particularly challenging. It was stage 15 of the Giro d'Italia in 2013 Cesana - Col du Galbier.





Sauze d'Oulx (1530m) - Col de Montgenevre (1848m) -Sauze d'Oulx (1530m)





2h50

Ascent 1250m

Max height 1848m

Minimum height 1100m

Montgenevre is at the top of one of the most important Alpine passes, connecting Italy to France. It has appeared in the Tour de France 10 times so far.







Sauze d'Oulx (1530m) – Col de l'Echelle (1762m) – Col de Montgenevre (1848m) - Sauze d'Oulx (1530m)





(2) 4h19

Ascent 1700m

Max height 1856m

Difficult

76.5 km

Minimum height 1080m

Neither the Giro d'Italia nor the Tour de France have ever covered this mountain pass, which is the lowest connecting Italy to France. It will never be forgotten by the cyclists that have completed it, though, for the stunning views they enjoy from the last stretch.





Briançon (1530m) – Col du Lautaret (2058m) – Col du Galibier (2603m) - Briançon (1530m)

Ascent 1450m







-) 73.6 km

Max height 2603m

Minimum height 1308m

Distance from Sauze d'Oulx to Briançon: 36km (approx. 45 minutes by car)

The Col du Galibier has been crossed 31 times and the Col du Lautaret 40 times since 1947 by the Tour de France, although their first appearance in the race dates back to 1911.







Briançon (1530m) – Col d'Izoard (2362m) – Briançon (1530m)







2h45

Ascent 1310m

Max height 2362m Minimum height 1214m

Distance from Sauze d'Oulx to Briançon: 36km (approx. 45 minutes by car) The otherworldly, lunar landscape of the Col d'Izoard has ignited fierce debate since the roads construction in 1897. Some have called the Izoard beautiful, others diabolical. One thing for certain is that the Col d'Izoard and its Casse Déserte vista is an iconic mountain and one to be ridden.



Oulx (1100m) - Montgenevre (1848m) - Briançon (1530m) – Col du Granon (2380m) – Montgenevre - Oulx

Ascent 2680m





5h55

91.8 km



Max height 2380m

Minimum height 1090m

Distance from Sauze d'Oulx to Oulx: 6km (approx.10 minutes by car)

The Col du Garnon is reached by a narrow tarmac road that winds steeply up the southern approach. It hosted the highest ever mountain-top stage finish in the Tour de France in 1986. This was then beaten in 2011 with the Col du Galibier. The stretch from Saunt Chaffrey is a relatively short but very tough climb with an unrelenting gradient repaid by the beautiful views on the way up.





