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This self drive family friendly trip is sure to awaken your senses as you absorb the beauty of the Italian Alps. The trip encompasses fantastic views, journeys through old military tunnels and to the highest driveable point in Europe. All based from the Val di Suza in Italy.



Situated in the Alps region of Italy, Val di Suza is one of the longest valleys of the Italian Alps and is a popular winter destination for skiers and snowboarders. Whereas throughout the summer, it plays host to down hill mountain biking and 4x4 travel all set against the stunning backdrop of the alpine region.

As a young family ourselves, we have created this family friendly adventure to balance the amount of driving with other activities that are sure to keep your little ones entertained.





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Our itinerary



Day 1 & 2 - Saturday & Sunday

The tour meets in Folkestone in preparation for our channel crossing using the Euro Tunnel. Using the tunnel allows us to enjoy a speedy crossing (only 35mins) and join straight onto the French motorways to continue our journey through France. Splitting the journey into two days allows for an overnight stop in France where there will be the option to join us for an evening meal and the chance to get to know the rest of the group. Before departing for Italy, we will provide you with a continental breakfast at the hotel.

Day 3 - Monday

Our first day in Italy starts with the Strada Dell'Assietta, a 34km dirt road. The road is almost entirely above 2000 meters altitude and so is only open during summer months. It runs along the ridge that separates the Val Chisone and Val di Susa. The road was built in the late 1800s for military purposes and the ruins of several forts still remain.





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Day 4 - Tuesday

To break up the driving, we set aside the second day for you to explore the area and its many historical landmarks. We can advise on a variety of locations to visit based on your interests.



Day 5 - Wednesday

Our second day of trail driving will travel the Strada Militare 79, which was built in 1886. During this day, we pass many abandoned forts and pass through through the Galleria del Seguret, a long, unlit tunnel. During the day, we will reach an altitude of 2805m above sea level at Monte Jafferau. Motorised traffic on this route is heavily regulated and it is only open to motorised vehicles on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Day 6 - Thursday

Either spend the day relaxing or exploring the local area or join us as we head further into France. As we head into France, we will head over the Col de Vars (2108m) high pass before traversing the unsurfaced Col du Parpallon pass, rising 2637m above sea level. Just below the summit there is a tunnel built by the French army in 1891.





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Day 7 - Friday

Our final day in the alps we take the tolled road (€5) to the summit of the Col del Sommeiller (2993m above sea level). This is one of the highest drivable points in Europe. This route has it all, hairpins, alpine dams, a lake at the summit and spectacular views.

Day 8 & 9 - Saturday & Sunday

We begin our journey back to the UK. Again breaking the journey into 2 days allows us to have an overnight stop in France with an optional group meal on the Saturday. The Sunday morning will start with a continental breakfast before heading to the Eurotunnel for a quick journey back to England before heading our own ways home.

Cost for 1 vehicle and up to 2 adults - £2495

Additional child supplement - £250

Additional adult supplement - £350

What's included in the price:

- Fully supported tour from Folkestone, UK
- Female and Male tour operators for the whole duration of the trip
- Assistance in booking additional activities during your stay
- Advice on obtaining a French motorway toll pass
- Cross channel tunnel travel using Euro Tunnel for your vehicle and passengers
- 2 overnight stops in France at a Motorway hotel in an en-suite room with complimentary breakfast
- 6 nights' accommodation in a hotel in Sauze d'Oulux with complimentary breakfast



What's not included in the price:

- Fuel
- French motorway tolls (approx. £200)
- Meals other than breakfast
- Any excursions/ additional activities you wish to book.



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Suppliers we use



Eurotunnel Le Shuttle

With a crossing time of only 35 minutes from Folkestone to Calais, Eurotunnel Le Shuttle offers the fastest Channel crossing with your car. Its reliable service operates round the clock, 365 days a year,

taking the hassle out of travelling to the Continent. Choose from up to 4 departures an hour during peak periods - no other cross-Channel operator offers you more choice. With its own motorway junction (11a M20), access to the Passenger Terminal couldn't be simpler. Prior to boarding the shuttles, you will pass through both UK and French frontier controls which means on arrival in France, you simply drive off the shuttle and onto the European motorway network.

Whilst on board, relax in the comfort of your own car during the short crossing. The Eurotunnel experience is simple and hassle free - no wonder they are the preferred choice for over 1 million motorists each year.

B&B Hotels

With free secure onsite parking and easily accessible from the motorway network throughout France. B&B Hotels offer simple but well maintained double, triple and family rooms.

Whilst relaxing in your non-smoking, air conditioned room, you can enjoy some TV or freshen up in your own en-suite before heading out for a bite to eat in one of the many food outlets located nearby meaning there's a dining option to suit all travellers.

Departure from the hotel is quick and simple with a continental breakfast buffet before we leave serving fresh breads, condiments, tea and coffee, cereals, eggs and bacon.





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Hotel La Torre

Hotel La Torre is a 4 star hotel in Sauze d'Oluxe and boasts an adjoining spa. The hotel offers free onsite parking and is a central location for all daytrips across the mountain passes and local roads. All rooms are equipped with satellite LED TV, free wi-fi internet connection, safe, private bathroom, hairdryer, complimentary products and a kettle.

As well as the amenities in your room, there is a large Wine Bar open 24 hours a day, which offers a wide selection of wines, spirits, liqueurs and aperitifs to all guests. The charming restaurant offers breakfast and dinner service offering typical Italian and continental dishes, aiming to satisfy any type of request from the customer, combining the dishes with a wide selection of wines.



Off the Beaten Track 4x4 excursions

As part of your trip, Off the Beaten Track 4x4 will provide a guide service from the Eurotunnel departure terminal in Folkestone to Italy. Whilst in Italy, Off the Beaten Track 4x4 will provide a maximum of 4 off tarmac driving days throughout your holiday. All off-tarmac driving days will be subject to weather and track conditions due to health and safety reasons. These days will run from 9:30am till approximately 4pm and will encompass as much off-tarmac driving as possible.

