

Family Friendly Newsletter – Aug/Sept 2017

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Our Fellow Velo Summer started hot and then... got hotter!



Cycling holidays for families, especially ones with very young children, might seem like a more difficult option but, with some careful planning and a cycling company that is more than happy to design a tour around your needs, there's no reason why great adventures on two (and even three) wheels can't be experienced by the whole family.

We have had more family tours this summer than ever before and a few pictures of just two of those families are featured in this newsletter: that's Chanty and George above riding through the lavender fields of Haute Provence on the Winchou. George is our youngest Fellow Velo rider so far, at two years old and, providing he had a ready supply of sultanas in his Winchou side pocket, he loved being out on the trail.

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To make the logistics a little easier for some families, we plan their tour from a single accommodation base and then, design a series of day rides for which we can provide some extra support. So you could be cycling on a loop from your base, cycling away from breakfast to a planned pick-up later in the day or, being transported to a highpoint in the landscape for a spectacular ride back to your Chambers d'Hôtes for a quick shower and a dip in an inviting pool. You could even opt for a child on a great family friendly compatible and, have a self-catering tour to help your budget stretch a little further.

For families with children who are ready for a slightly longer adventure than, the more traditional longer distance cycling holiday tour is still an option, whether in the easier terrain of the great canal based tours or a carefully charted course through the rolling countryside of Provence.

We have had some pretty impressive customers so far this summer: there have been the long distance solo leavers, the Mont Ventoux climbers and the Anglo-Dutch-Australian team that flew through Provence at an incredible pace, leaving us in awe as they descended the Gorges du Verdon but, at all these cyclists and more that we have seen on Fellow Velo tours, our standard performance has come from 8 year old Freddie who, on a small 20" bike, completed a tour along the Canal de Caronne with cycling days of up to 28km (that's greater than the average daily distance of most of our cyclists).




If, like the Tour de France, we had a White jersey to award to the best young rider then, there's no doubt that Freddie would be on the podium (in the foreground of the bottom right photo in the collage above).

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Mont Ventoux



The Challenge of Mont Ventoux

Kory and Nick haven't been our only customers to take on the challenge of Mont Ventoux this season but, we felt that they deserved a special mention in our newsletter. They were a lovely and wonderfully engaging couple; one long-term committed cyclist sharing his passion with his partner and, the partner desperate to see that committed cyclist have his dream of climbing Mont Ventoux come true (whatever the pain she had to endure to be there with him to see it through).

If we had a Queen of the Albaniere Jersey...



Next Time...

We already have a huge variety of day and much (much) longer tours in France and particularly in Provence but, we're already looking at new routes and bespoke ideas for next season. Look out for news on Valleys and Vineyards of the Var and much more in our next newsletter. Happy Cycling

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