

Dare to Dream . . . Our Latest Newsletter



Dare to Dream . . . Newsletter Issue: June/July 2021



On so many levels, so many of us are starting to dream . . . trying to look back to the time of the Tour de France and, even more so than the Tour, Mark Cavendish to look! There's someone in the cycling world who is chasing the rewards of daring to dream . . . back on the start line - stage winner - back to Green - and daring to dream of the record that must not be broken!

To keep it all, for a not just about performance! And, for less 'personality' to burn as well. Look up the podium celebrations from this year's stage wins and just listen to how the leader groans as his team mates for what they have achieved together!

Even when he's on the podium, he's still a race star. This year's Stage 11 was a particular gem for the spectators, with the double ascent of Mont Ventoux but, not understanding the time pressure to play in the Tour, Mark Cavendish shifts his helmet in honour of Tom Simpson as he approaches the summit of the Queen of Provence! Let's get on our bikes and dream a little for ourselves as well!

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Whether you have taken the opportunity during this last year to get back into cycling or, you've always kept your cycling legs burning, if you have the idea of sharpening those cycling legs a little further, effort perhaps to a level that is, in Provence then, and I love to help you make those dreams come true!

We can plan your tour from start to finish, building the routes around your own cycling abilities or interests such as vineyard visits. We'll provide you with the best routes, with well-timed breaks so that you feel fresh at the beginning of your cycling days and, can relax at the end of a great day in the saddle!

All you have to do is enjoy your riding and all that you find along the way, we'll be on hand to move your luggage, arrange repairs on-site with a spare on, prep up for a (very rare) puncture for you. Heavily Cycling . . .

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Fellow Velo Spring Newsletter



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Spring – It's not just about the bikes! Newsletter Issue: May 2021

Pedaling Priority or Priority ...
"Vive, c'est lui le qui vive au secours!"
Ephraïm Tesson

It really is starting to feel like spring has arrived and, after an understandably quiet 2020, we are beginning to look forward to a better and brighter 2021. We have been getting to plenty of local cycle and, while we're riding along, what has been turning to our hopeful thoughts for this summer in France. It often ends up connecting about understanding customers and that usually leads us much to their adventures and experiences "off the bike" as much as those in the saddle.

A great cycling holiday is so much more than an extended bond of exercise. For Fellow Velo customers, it's picnic along the trail, impromptu cafe stops, packing up a bike to take a dip in the sea, wine tasting at intimate independent vineyards, immerse in a beautiful and varied landscape, eating drinking and shopping (buying extra bags for their purchases is more common than you might imagine).

If you want to "make a memory of your dream", we'd love to help. ... In the meantime, we'll just let the pictures speak for themselves.

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Of course, the bikes still enjoy the adventure too ...

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**Your bike needs love too –
Happy Valentine's Day**



Through Fields to Provence

Our Autumn 2020 Newsletter





I wasn't quite the cycling season that we were expecting and hoping for but, it had its moments . . . and to quote Seamus Heaney . . . 😊

Fellow Velo 2020 Holiday Competition

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has entered our 2020 Competition.

However, in the light of the Covid 19 Crisis, we will be postponing our 2020 Competition – even being hopeful of a late season opportunity is beginning to feel somewhat optimistic and, we also want to be fair to the position of our Chambres d’hotes partners in France. We have every intention of holding the competition again in 2021 and, would be very happy to carry your entry over until next year.

We wish you well in whatever your current circumstances at this difficult time and, hope that cycling opportunities

return before too long.

Best wishes to all from Fellow Velo

Covid 19 Coronavirus – Contingency

We fully understand that in uncertain times, holiday planning (and especially for those with plans already in place) can and will be more challenging.

In that regard, for both customers who have already booked with us and anyone currently considering a holiday booking, we will aim to add greater flexibility to our arrangements than would normally be the case in our standard Terms and Conditions.

We still want to help to fulfill cycling holiday dreams and, to work with our great like-minded small business partners in France.

Win a Cycling Holiday

Win a Cycling Holiday in 2020



Win a Cycling Holiday in Provence

Win a Fellow Velo four day cycling holiday for two in Provence in Autumn 2020.

From your local arrival in Eastern Provence, we will transfer you into Provence Verte for up to four great cycling days between the villages of Tourtour, Cotignac and Lorgues, staying in some of our very favourite chambres d'hotels.

We will tailor the cycling days to your own ability and wishes and, they can be built around your local arrival and departure timings. Of course you could add more days to the tour and even book for friends and family to join you on the holiday.

How to Enter

Simply email info@fellowvelo.com telling us which three words spring to mind when you think about cycling in Provence.

You should include 'Win a Cycling Holiday' in the subject of your email and, provide your full name and a contact telephone number. Entries close on the 31st March 2020 and, we will draw the winner from the twenty entries that most inspire us.



The Holiday Includes

Three nights B&B in chambres d'hotels accommodation on a room sharing basis.

Bike hire and any cycling luggage you may need.

Your luggage transfers between accommodation.

Self-guided maps and notes to navigate your rides.

Support vehicle on-call for any emergencies.

Local transfers within Provence at the start and finish of your holiday.

The winner will be contacted by the 4th April and the package needs to be confirmed by the end of April 2020. (See our website for [Terms and Conditions](#).)

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Newsletter Issue: Feb/Mar 2020



Red Roses may be the traditional flower for the coming celebrations on Valentine's Day and, we confess that we don't yet have a cycle tour through fields of roses but, when the lavender fields of Provence are in full bloom, there's little to compare with the incredibly intense mix of sights, sounds and smells. If you are there as harvest has just begun, some of those senses can become even more heightened.

We will be back in those fields again this summer and, best of all, sharing a little of that time with customers who will be experiencing their cycling adventure through the lavender for the first time.

As well as returning to the lavender, we are looking forward to the return of customers who feel like they have become friends. Our season bookings already appear to have a family friendly theme with both new and returning families coming to Provence and across France. We love to share in the experience of families with young children, discovering that cycling holidays really don't need to be too challenging an adventure and so, our wonderful Weehoo (pictured above) will definitely be seen out on the trail in 2020. If you would like help in planning a family adventure then, just give us a call.

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Entries close on the 31st March 2020

See the entry details here;

www.fellowvelo.com/win-a-cycling-holiday

Good Luck!

Fellow Velo Holiday Availability

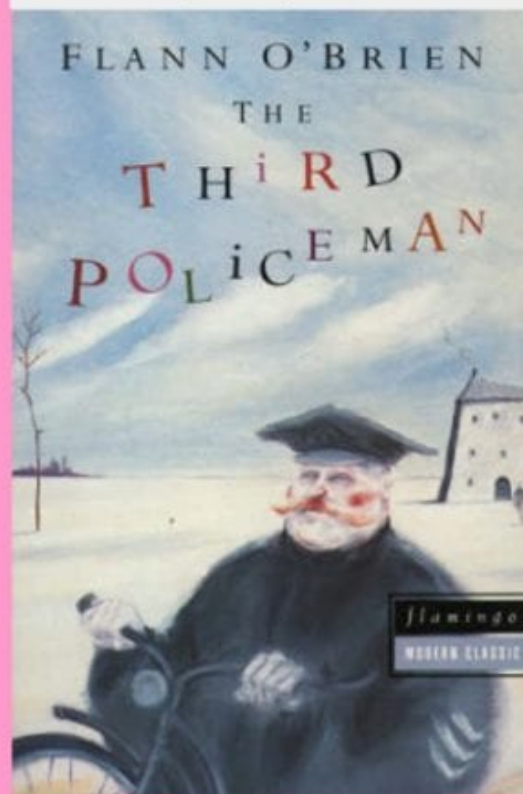
Our cycling season calendar is booking up but, we still have some dates available, particularly in Provence in September and October.

If you are thinking of a cycling holiday in France this summer (and don't want to leave it to winning our holiday competition), just give us a call or send us an email.

Jane and Andy,
Fellow Velo



Pedalling Poetry or Prose . . .



Everything about *The Third Policeman* is mysterious, in the words of the first policeman, Sergeant Pluck, "That is a great curiosity, a very difficult piece of puzzlement, a snorter".

In the great central scene where the policemen take the narrator to eternity, which is up a country lane and deep underground, accessible only by lift, a labyrinth of metal chambers and passageways punctuated by doors like those of ovens or safe-deposit boxes, with many wires and pipes overhead and on the walls many clocks, gauges, levers and wheels. When the narrator sarcastically suggests that cycling would be the only way to get round this place, Sergeant Pluck smiles, as though at a child, and opens one of the oven doors to reveal a brand-new bicycle with a three-speed gear.

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Fellow Velo Christmas 2019 Newsletter



Merry Christmas from

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Newsletter Issue: Christmas 2019

Merry Christmas to all our 2019 Fellow Velo Customers and to All



Thank you to all those who chose to cycle with us during the year, for the company, the fun and, some great memories.

And, our best wishes to all who we know we will see in 2020 and, to those who may be thinking of joining us too.

*From Jane and Andy
@Fellow Velo*

Competition Coming Soon!

News of the 2020 Fellow Velo Cycling Holiday Competition will be released soon so, watch out for an email or see the updates that will appear on social media.

It's a great opportunity to win a short cycling break in Provence; the lucky winners will get to choose the kind of cycling experience they would like, whether it's easy-going trails between villages and vineyards or, a more challenging adventure through some of Provence's more dramatic landscape. Our 2019 winners, Bridget and Steve, were able to mix the two, culminating in an ascent of Mont Ventoux.

As usual, entering the competition will be much easier than climbing Mont Ventoux!



'On and Off the Bike'
Just a few of our 2019 Season memories in pictures.





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Out in the Autumn

After our main cycling season in France, we returned to our UK base for the autumn; we'll freely admit that there was a little weather shock in store for us but, before the Fellow Velo fleet was tucked up for winter, we had a cycling 'Warwickshire Weekend Taster' to deliver!

We had been contacted earlier in the year by a group of friends, to explore the idea of a bigger cycling holiday with us in France but first, they wanted a taster experience closer to home to see if we were a good choice to bring their cycling plan together. So, with a wonderful group of people we ventured into the 'wilds' of Warwickshire – the collage above tries to encapsulate the weekend and hopefully their future cycling adventure with us in France.

If a weekend taster event would help with the plans for your cycling dream, just give us a call!

Pedalling Poetry or Prose . . .

“To possess a bicycle is to be able first to look at it, then to touch it.

But touching is revealing as insufficient; what is necessary is to be able to get on the bicycle and take a ride.

But this gratuitous ride is likewise insufficient; it would be necessary to use the bicycle to go on some errands...

Finally, as one could foresee, handing over a bank note is enough to make a bicycle belong to me, but my entire life is needed to realise this possession.”

Jean-Paul Sartre

The France Show

Sadly there is no Show in 2020!



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