

Easter Newsletter



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Happy Easter to all our Fellow Velo Customers and to All

Fellow Velo Holiday Competition Winners



The latest addition to the Fellow Velo fleet is our extra little backup vehicle which means we're able to support more simultaneous tours, speak down some of the even heavier demands on us in other words, give the occasional rest to Jean-Claude.

Fellow Velo Photo Competition

For our 2017 cycling season, we are introducing a photo competition open to all our customers during the year. Just send us an entry with the three photos that best capture the experience of your Fellow Velo holiday.

The best adult entry prize will win a 5% discount on the price of any Fellow Velo tour taken in the 2018 and/or 2019 racing seasons (at a maximum booking of two seasons). The best younger entry prize will receive a £25 voucher for any outfit of their choice. (Prize and conditions apply and will be read out at the end of the tour and booked accordingly.)

Congratulations to Abby, who won our Provence Holiday Competition. We hope that she and Mark have a great cycling break when they come to join us for five days in October. Though their dates are close to the end of our cycling season, early bookings in Provence can provide for cycling days to match any throughout the year.

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Our Pre-Season Break

We've just back into the office from a wonderful pre-season break in Scotland, which coincided as our 25th Wedding Anniversary. As we planned for 15, a March trip to the Highlands and Islands doesn't always feel like it would be the best of ideas but at the potential it held for wind and rain but, no more stress of an inevitable weather for most of the time.



The roads were so quiet that we barely had to remember to cycle on the left as opposed to the right one, and such fast preparation for our return to France.



The weather was very glorious and, our tour on both Uist and Oranair the Barra, could not have been more perfect. We had peace and tranquillity and, found fantastic windy beaches that we rarely had to share with another soul.

We will always be drawn back to France and Provence in particular but, there's no doubt that we would want to return here for some more great cycling days in the future. After a brief nap on Skye, we then headed to Inverloch on the Morven Peninsula which, though on the occasion, felt just as remote as our stay on North Uist. A mile long sand track, being small there lead to our cottage on the loch shore.

Pedaling Poetry or Prose

So the French say it all in one word: *bonheur*. Do not miss your first winter holiday!

The other day I got a kick in the pants!

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Holiday Competition Short-list

Fellow Velo – Provence Cycle Holiday Competition

Our holiday competition closed to entries on 20th February and we have now chosen the 21 entries that will be put into the hat for the winning draw. Alliteration, phrases, a smattering of french and a little evidence of following Fellow Velo online seems to have been the way to go to be closer to winning the 5 Day Cycling Holiday. The names going into the hat are; Wayne, Piers, Claire, Richard, Sophie, Marilyn, June, Mark, Stella, Debra, Michelle, Vaghela, Laurence, Julie, Jo, Chloe, Abby, Natalie, Moriah, Nikki, and Kevin. We will email the short-listed entrants by the end of today to confirm their place in the hat and, will draw the winner tomorrow.

Thank you to the hundreds of people who entered the

competition online and at recent shows.



Valentine's Day Newsletter

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Cycle... Friendly... France

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Happy Valentine's Day to all our Fellow Velo Customers and to All

Catignan and Lognon, staying in some of our more beautiful surroundings. We will tailor the cycling days to your own ability and wishes. Of course you could add more days to the tour and more food for friends and family to join you on the holiday. Just please let us know your wishes to be taken to the full competition details; your full week's competitive cycling holiday. All it really requires is the three words that you would be so associated with: the experience of cycling in Provence. So here's one on the 29th February and the winners will be notified by email by the end of the month - Good Luck!

LONDON BIKE SHOW
20 FEBRUARY 2017
HILLTOPS

The Perfect Pedaling Present for Valentines
Win a Fellow Velo five day cycling holiday for two in Provence in Autumn 2017. Start with a spectacular ride along the coast and descend to the sea from the Massif des Maures, looking out across to the islands of Port-Cros and Le Levant. Then transfer into Provence Verte for four more great cycling days between the villages of Barbier.

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THE FRANCE SHOW 2017
27-29 January | Olympia, London
The best of France is a day
www.thefranceshow.co.uk

Thank you to all our visitors at the France Show, Olympia a couple of weeks ago and to all the friendly contributors and organisers. We hope to be back next year when a more successful show attempt is sure to be made on Riverside. Talk from Amanda's Language Kitchen (the best package a more coordinated seasonal distribution from Best and the best).

Monaco Grand Prix Ride and More

We are really looking forward to riding with our general group heading to this year's Monaco Grand Prix (and where the photos in a future newsletter, if the sort of cycle tour is for you then why not plan ahead for 2018... next year it may not just be the Monaco F1 Race, we hope to add the Monaco Harbour Grand Prix and possibly a ride to the former Paul Ricard Circuit for the return of the F1 race Grand Prix.

River Cycle Tour Ideas for 2018
We are already looking ahead to the first additions which we would bring to our programme for 2018. Here are some to whet your cycling appetites:

- Provence Gourmet Cycling Trips - Michelin Star restaurants with accommodation to match.
- Mountains to the Sea - ride from the Côte de la Mer to the coast sea.
- Provence Trips to Tracks and Trails - discover Provence through its more extensive off-road lanes - what one of our customers called "Chemin des Bicycles".

or send us your ideal tour theme and we'll build a tour just for you.

Pedalling Poetry or Prose... for Valentines...

To ride a bicycle properly is very like a love affair - clearly it is a matter of fact: before you do it and the thing is done, done, and for the life of you, you cannot let it go.

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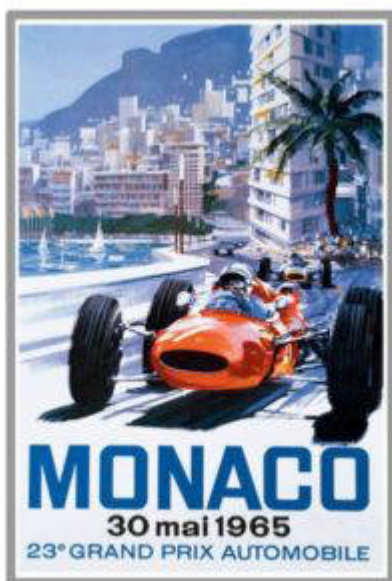
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Win a Cycling Holiday in Provence



Fellow Velo are offering an opportunity for two people to win a five day cycling holiday in Provence in Autumn 2017. Full details for entry into the competition can be found on this page of our website – good luck and we will possibly see you in Provence later this year.

Cycle to the Monaco F1 Grand Prix



We have added a special new tour to our 2017 season; if you

France Show 2017



We are thrilled to be at the France Show again next year, come and see us at Stand L47 for a cycling chat, come to our “Provence by Pedal Power” talk in the Language Theatre, and enter our exciting competition.....details coming soon....

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We are currently working hard on next year's exciting range of

tours...keep watching the website and our Facebook page.

October/November Newsletter



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Provenca in Late Summer - "You and Your Ukulele"

Provenca can be great for cycling all year round but, it is in the early and later summer months that it is perhaps at its best for long sunny days but without the highest temperatures of late July and August. Most of our customers come as couples, families or groups of friends but, we occasionally have lone cyclists, on the trail to explore the landscape and perhaps to discover something more about themselves.

At the beginning of the year, we had Bert with his accordion riding a Fellow Velo bike at the France Show, and last month one of our cyclists arrived with their ukulele, ready to hit the cycling trail. Each day we would catch up with Jacqueline to hear news of where and for whom she had been recommending the previous day, in myrtle, village houses, and the valleys of Provenca. We're all treated to the gentle sound of the strings...



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Carry on Through the Camargue

We are now just preparing for our last customer cycling tour of 2016, covering the Camargue of Provenca. The ride will be starting just west of the Camargue, before cycling through the wild beauty of the National Park and then, travelling across Provenca to end in a field by the sea in the Var.

Pedaling Poetry or Prose...

There's no better combination and there's no better time to write!

Diary Date
Fellow Velo will be back at the France Show of Olympic year 2016
27-29 January
Come and see us for a chat over a glass of wine

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Ukulele Cyclist Tours Provenca



Our cycling ukulele playing customer entertaining passing cyclists in the Massif des Maures. Jacqueline even composed songs along the way while riding through Provence.