

Our April-May 2022 Newsletter

Fellow Velo
Cycle... Friendly... France


Spring spring early for Fellow Velo Newsletter Issue: April/May 2022



It's not often that our French cycling season starts so early... our first customers of the new season were a lovely father and daughter who braved the Gorges du Verdon in March. Far from being our first such combination, they were though, a little more intrepid than some... the thermometer read 2°C as they started to ride from 1500 metres in a very light flurry of snow. We've been in this locale so many times and, in temperatures much lower than that but, never with Fellow Velo customers on bikes. The Gorges du Verdon still never fails to reward though and, they had a fantastic ride all the way through to Moustiers-Sainte-Marie, one of France's Plus Beaux Villages... more of Moustiers to follow. Just like us and our current customers, Provence is definitely waking up for Spring.

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A little Spring collage from the Gorges du Verdon and Moustiers-Sainte-Marie, including an evening Venetian Procession at Easter.



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Moustiers-Sainte-Marie at Easter

Like so many of the France's villages throughout the year, small and charming festivals and fairs abound. Our current customers are on a 10 day tour that started in the Gorges du Verdon and, they're slowly winding their way through the Val de Durance along the Provence coast to Saint Tropez and Santa Margu. The timing of their tour meant an overnight stay in the beautiful village of Moustiers on Easter weekend. While they were there that meant an opportunity to take in a fine Venetian concert in the church of Notre-Dame-de-Visitation on the Saturday evening, followed by a candle lit Venetian Procession through the narrow village streets. Music was piped through the village as the procession travelled serenely on its way. Once it reached the little square by the church, the costumed members of the procession (both young and old from the gathered congregation) to dance until dawn.

We'll recall that Sunday night, our customers were then up for an atmospheric Easter Sunday Mass before they were back in the saddle and gliding across the Valenarde France.



Peddalling Poetry or Prose

A Spider bought a Bicycle
And had it painted black,
He started off along the road
With an arrow on his back.
He saw the perfect round on feet
He travelled all the day,
Then he took the string off
And put the bike away.

By: Phyllis Flowerdew (1913-1984)



Our weather Deflator

Over 90% of our tours are bespoke to some degree and that can also mean that we will modify our bikes to suit each customer's needs. Delphine (above) has recently become a kind of Dutch style cross-country hybrid bike.

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