

Our 2010 Tour of Europe by Bicycle



Our Year of Adventure

Ecuador and Peru from January to April

- Mainly by bus and staying in small hotels

Europe from May to November

- 15 countries: Paris to Norway, Germany to Hungary, Italy and southern France
- 6,300 km by bicycle, averaging 60 km/day
- Camping majority of nights
- Train and ferry links
- Lots of transportation insights









Ian

- front & back panniers
- handlebar bag
- gear of 30 kg
- clothes in front (bit heavy)
- 'kitchen', books, extra shoes in rear

Sue

- xtracycle with touring bike
- gear of 15 kg +/- depending on food and drink in stock
- tent
- medium backpack for sleeping bags, thermarests
- small day pack for food
- tools

For next time

- upright handle bars for both
- more gears & better kickstand for Ian
- smart phone with GPS & roaming plan, bike generator???

Key Needs of Touring Cyclists

1. An Interesting Place to Ride
2. Maps & route information
3. Route & directional signage, include accommodation info.
4. Campgrounds/accommodations with:
 - food & drink (for purchase or restaurant), on site or CLOSE by
 - laundry machines
 - WiFi, charging of electronic devices
 - Bike parking (can be at campsite, in room or in secure parking area) A public rack is not acceptable for overnight.





Paris Velib Bikes,
France













Mid-Pyrenees, France



Country Road, Southern France





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