

Brevet de Randonneur des Alpes 2025

25th Edition: Sunday 13th July - Monday 14th July.

The **BRA** is a biennial 2-day alpine randonnée (similar to Audax), starting from Le Bourg d'Oisans, organised by [Cyclotouristes Grenoblois CTG](#). Details are starting to become available. The date is now fixed, and there are some details of the route - depending on options, it is 180km with 4200m climbing. However, this year there are a few changes.

- Unusually, the 2-day option will start on Sunday 13th July. Monday 14th is Bastille Day, a public holiday in France. There is a baggage service to move an overnight bag to a Sunday night hotel (either Valloire or St-Michel-de-Maurienne) and back again.
- The change of start day permits the event, for the first time since 2009, to be run anti-clockwise from Le Bourg d'Oisans, up the Cols de Lautaret, Galibier, Telegraphe and Croix de Fer. This will give it a completely different feel with different climbs and descents.

Caveats:

- The dates are not absolutely final
- Routes are not yet available
- Booking is not yet open

Photos: [from previous years](#)

Bonus options

There are options for some additional days of touring from Le Bourg before the BRA event on Sunday.

- Optional Pre-extension days. Fixed centre tours out of and back to
 - Thursday: [l'Alpe d'Huez](#), with options to go out via Lac de Verrey, Pas de la Confession Villard Reculas (bend 6), and to return via Col de Sarenne, and the Auris Balconies road (above Les Rochers d'Armentier) before returning to Le Bourg - 75km, 2120m
 - Friday: Out and back via [Saint-Christophe-en-Oisans to La Bérarde](#) (maybe, it was badly damaged in flooding in summer 2024), lunch in St. Christophe - 66km, 1252m
 - Saturday: Climb [les Deux Alpes](#). Take the cable car down to Venosc and return to Le Bourg d'Oisans along new voie verte (greenway). An easier day before the main event - 35km, 93m.
- Other Options
 - [Plateau de Matheysin](#) - 100km, 2010m including Col d'Ornon, Col de la Morte (but in reverse)
 - [Oz-en-Oisans](#) - 42km, 732m
- Optional Post-extension day.
 - Oisans Col Series.
 - Every Tuesday morning between July and August, a road or a col is closed to motor vehicles and reserved for cyclists. A different road or col (one of Alpe D'huez 21 bends, Col D' Ornon, Col de Sarenne, Cols du Glandon et de La Croix de Fer, Col du Sabot, Auris en Oisans and Villard Reculas) is closed each Tuesday morning in July and August.
 - The event is free, untimed, and no registration required. Food and drink offered at the top.
 - In case of very bad weather conditions, an event may be cancelled.
 - Details for 2025 are yet to become available - <https://uk.bike-oisans.com/agenda-cycling-mtb-oisans/oisans-col-series/>

Accommodation

- [Hotel Oberland](#), Bourg d'Oisans. Opposite the stop for the bus to/from Grenoble.

Travel Logistics

- Dates
 - Outward from Tuesday 9th July-Saturday 12th
 - Return Tuesday 15th - Wednesday 16th
- Eurostar to Paris
 - Currently the Eurostar registered baggage will only carry a boxed bike.
 - Eurostar booking generally opens four months in advance.
- Train to Grenoble
 - RER between Paris Gare du Nord and Gare du Lyon. It is relatively easy to move a boxed bike. It is just two stops on RER Line D. Both stations have lifts and escalator access.
 - TGV Grenoble. Some TGVs on this line will now carry unboxed bikes.
 - Take regional bus service from Grenoble main station (they will take bikes). Bus stop in Le Bourg is opposite Hotel Oberland.
 - Consider SNCF discount card - 30% discount for holder and accompanying traveller.
 - TGV booking generally opens 3 months in advance.
- Fly to Lyon and take train and road transport as above.
 - Train to Grenoble, bus to Bourg d'Oisans
 - Fly to Lyon and then train or bus to Grenoble, and another bus to Bourg d'Oisans