

TOUR DES ALPES

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30 JUNE - 9 JULY



Lac Cheserys @ Mont Blanc, France

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Experience le Fantastique Tour des Alpes Francaises

This ride includes places you may have never heard of, but at the end will hold magnificent memories for you.

Some of the highlights include:

1. MILANO
2. AOSTA/PIEDMONT
3. CHAMONIX
4. MONT BLANC
5. LAVENDER FIELDS
6. PROVENCE
7. CÔTE D'AZUR
8. ITALIAN RIVIERA

TOUR DATES

30 June - 9 July 2024

START/FINISH

Milan (Monza), Italy

DURATION

9 days / 10 nights

DISTANCES / RIDING TIME

The distances for each day range between 170 - 350km. Total distance on tour of around 2,250km. On average, riding time is likely to be 5-7 hours including stops.

You will be truly spoiled, guaranteed...

HIGHLIGHTS

Our route from Italy through Southern France takes in some world famous alpine passes and landmarks featuring:

- Ride the some of the most amazing European alpine passes including - Col d'Izoard, Col de la Bonette (highest in Europe), Col de la Madeleine, Col du Galibier and more!
- Ride the latest model Ducati motorcycles including the Multistrada V4, Multistrada V2 or DesertX. Or perhaps a BMW R1250GS or R1300GS might be more your style. Other brands or models available on request.
- Many overnight stops are two nights so time has been allowed to explore some of the iconic tourist destinations and savour the luxury accommodation.
- Diverse luxury accommodation each night ranging from boutique hotels and ski lodges up in the mountains to drop dead gorgeous views by the Cote d'Azur & Italian Riviera.
- Breakfast & dinner included every day.
- Enjoy the ride with your Australian tour guides Nick and Trudi, who adore the European Alps and are excited to share their favourite destinations with you.
- Opportunity to take a cable car to Mont Blanc - the highest peak in the European Alps at 4,805 metres.
- Witness the iconic spectacle of the Provence lavender fields in summer bloom.
- For an Australian travelling to Europe and riding the Alpine passes it is mind blowing. The scenery is stunning and the roads are incredibly twisty and fun to ride.

RIDE OVERVIEW

Our European tours are all on-road but that will be adventure enough! Nick loves nothing more than studying maps and researching the hell out of locations to make for the most interesting riding routes you can imagine.

We begin in Milan and head east, towards the ski valley of Aosta in northwest Italy. Castles and forts are dotted through this valley with the tallest peaks of the Alps looming large.

You think Australia has mountains? Nah ah! At over 4,800 metres Mont Blanc is the highest peak in all of the European Alps and your reference point of "mountain" is likely to be changed after this tour.

We will tick off many famous passes like Col d'Izoard or Col du Galibier which if you've ever watched the Tour de France you will see at lot of familiar signs & graffiti at the mountain passes.

If you've done any research of riding through Southern France you've probably seen images of the incredible "balcony roads" where the road clings to the side of mountains and every now and then punches through the side of the mountain with a mass of rock towering over the road. We will ride through Gorges du Verdon region where you will get to ride several balcony roads with impressive views.



Dreaming of sweeping mountain passes?

Mention Provence and most people will probably conjure up visions of neat rows of purple lavender stretching over the hills with quaint villages steeped in history. Our timing in early summer gives us the best chance for you to grab that Insta-worthy shot amongst the rows of lavender.

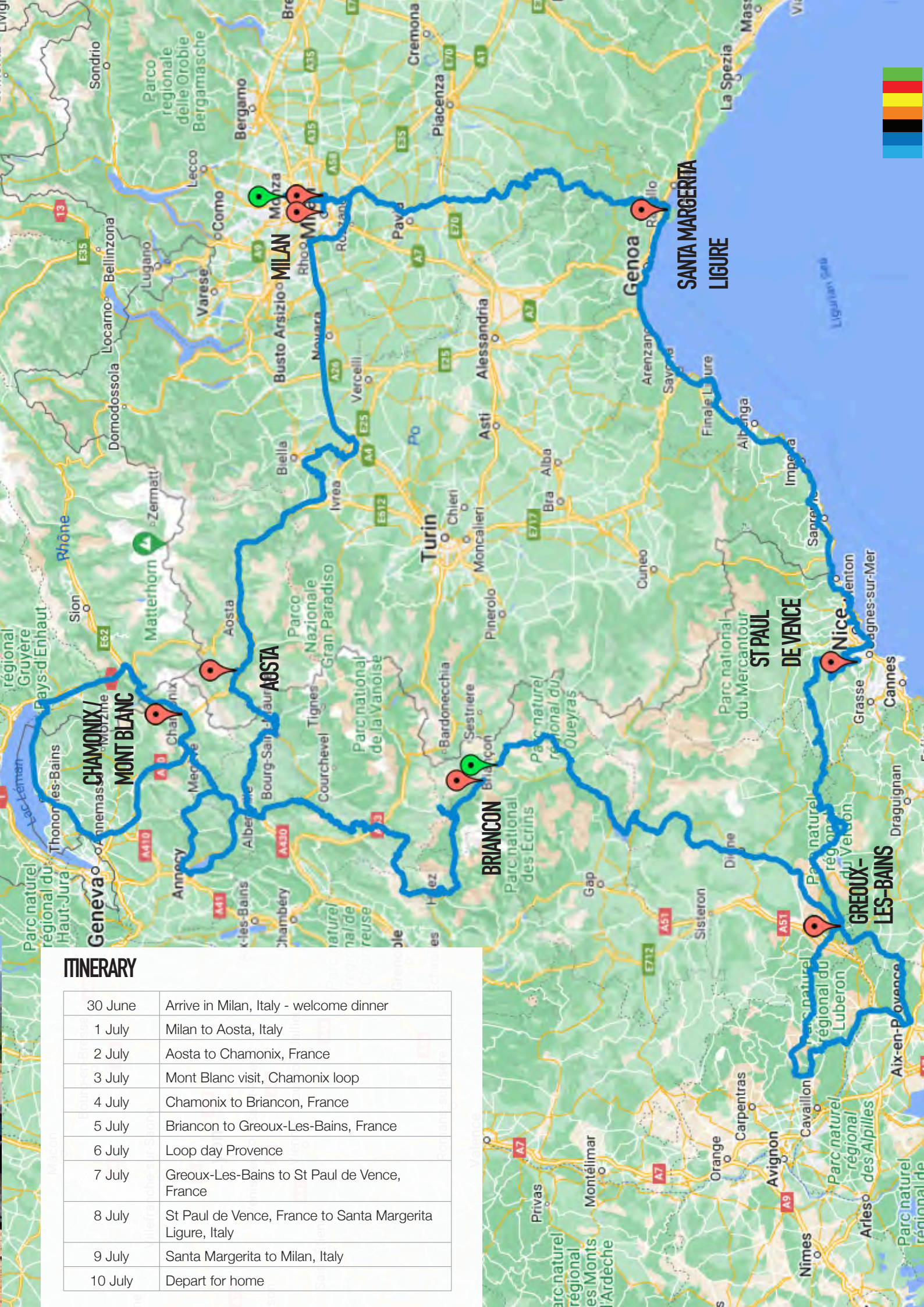
Heading south to the Cote d'Azur will drown you in more gorgeous views that demand your attention. Most of our time on tour is spent away from the big touristy destinations but you will get a taste some of them on our tour.

Monaco and Portofino are two prime destinations for the rich & famous that we will show you. A boat trip to Portofino is on the agenda to give us one of the best views of this unique town.

This is a small group ride, and pillions are most welcome. As we are travelling through multiple alpine passes, the riding will be challenging in places with many extreme twisty hairpins and some longer days in the saddle. However this will be mixed up

Lavender fields of Provence





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30 June	Arrive in Milan, Italy - welcome dinner
1 July	Milan to Aosta, Italy
2 July	Aosta to Chamonix, France
3 July	Mont Blanc visit, Chamonix loop
4 July	Chamonix to Briançon, France
5 July	Briançon to Greoux-Les-Bains, France
6 July	Loop day Provence
7 July	Greoux-Les-Bains to St Paul de Vence, France
8 July	St Paul de Vence, France to Santa Margherita Ligure, Italy
9 July	Santa Margherita to Milan, Italy
10 July	Depart for home

with loop days, so if you'd like to have rest off the bike, then that's fine too. Although we will be on sealed roads you should be an experienced rider because the alpine passes will test you.

All arrangements on tour including motorcycle hire in Milan will be organised by us. All you have to do is book your flights, turn up and we will take care of the rest!

You will have a couple of hard pannier or top boxes to carry your gear for 9 days. If the group size is large enough we will also have a luggage van providing support for our group. Our route will be provided as a GPS file but we will ride mostly as a group.

Your guides are English speaking Aussies that speak just enough Italian and French to order you a vino at the end of the day or an espresso to get you fired up in the morning!



Pavia curves, Italy

RIDE GRADING

As we are travelling through some of the most famous Alpine passes, think twisty!! This means there are some very narrow roads, lots of tight switchbacks and massive drops with little barriers to stop you.

Also, remember they drive on the right hand side of the road over there too! There will be heavy traffic in some of the cities we pass through, and the Italians are notorious for not obeying every road rule, so you'll need to be particularly vigilant. Also to the uninitiated, European roads can be impossibly narrow!

Each riding day we will cover around 170-350km on the bikes which is plenty far enough in the Alps. This equates to around 5-6 hours riding.

So, basically we don't recommend this ride for inexperienced riders. You should have several years riding experience along with your passenger (if you bring one) being comfortable with endless twists and turns.



Michelin starred French cuisine, St Paul de Vence, France

ACCOMMODATION

If you like a little bit of luxury in your life then you will love the accommodation we present you with on our tours. Typically at least 4 stars, each property is carefully selected to wow you in some way; whether its location, views, food or just straight up pampering.

We have some exceptional accommodation lined up. We've kept the theme of villas and small hotels throughout the trip so whilst we're travelling through the regions, you get to experience the food, the people and the landscapes.

Some of the locations we stayed at on our previous tours and have survived our stringent quality standards to be included here!

MEALS

All breakfasts and dinners are included as part of the tour.

Breakfast will typically be at our accommodation each day.

The only meal you will need to cover the cost of each day is your lunch. We don't want all the meals on tour to be 100% pre-planned because you never know what delicious surprises we might find along the road.

Dinner will either be at our accommodation or we'll take you to some of the great local restaurants that we have visited before. We like to show you some variety and explore the local specialities.

TOUR PRICE

Couple	Single
€14,780	€9,990

Pricing includes rental of a **Ducati Multistrada V2, Ducati DesertX or Honda Africa Twin, accommodation and meals**, as outlined in this document. Other motorcycle models are available to rent which may increase tour price depending on model selected.

PLEASE NOTE: We have prepared pricing in Euros. Please refer to payment information for details.



St Paul de Vence, France

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

We have planned space in our tour schedule to be flexible with our route and allow for some time off the bike, or to really soak up the quality accommodation. Perhaps some walks, take a cable car to a mountain summit or a boat cruise?

Some of these activities are included, others are extra depending on weather conditions and rider preference. See our inclusions list for a better understanding of what is included.

INCLUSIONS

- Tour guides x 2 - Nick & Trudi Selleck
- 10 nights of luxury 4-5 star accommodation
- 9 days bike rental - Ducati Multistrada V2 (or similar)
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Bike parking each night, city tax
- Boat trip to Portofino and cable car to Mont Blanc (weather permitting)
- Maschine tour merchandise (shirt or similar)
- Support vehicle with 3rd guide if group size exceeds 10

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

A \$2,000AUD per person non-refundable deposit is payable at the time of booking on our website, is all that's required to reserve your place due to the limited numbers available for the tour.

At the time of booking, please confirm the motorcycle you wish to rent for the tour as this needs to be reserved for you immediately. Please note bike preference is allocated by order of entries. First in best dressed!

Then balance of tour fees (payable in Euro) is due in two further payments in February and April.

Of course if you prefer, you can always pay in full at any time before that date.

Please note: the minimum number of riders to run the tour is 5. We have capped the tour at a maximum of 15 riders.



Ligurian Sea

HOW DO I PAY IN EURO?

We will provide you with our foreign currency account details when our invoice is sent to you. All you will need to do is direct deposit the funds into our foreign exchange bank account.

All major banks have the facility in their internet banking to enable you to do this and is very simple to do. We can assist with this process should you need it.



Portofino, Italy



Greoux-Les-Bains, France

CANCELLATION POLICY

You may withdraw from the tour at any time by notifying us in writing via email. In case of withdrawal, a cancellation fee calculated by reference to the tour and hiring fees is payable as follows:

- 0% if 60 days or more notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour
- 50% if 31-60 days notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour
- 75% if 15-30 days notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour.
- 100% if 14 days or less notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour.

If the tour does not proceed because the minimum number of participants is not reached, your deposit will be refunded in full.

INTERNATIONAL DRIVERS LICENCE

Aside from a passport, please make sure you obtain an international drivers licence before you leave! It is a mandatory requirement to ride in Europe and the bike rental company will require this as well.

BIKE RENTAL

Bike rental will be for 9 days with pickup/dropoff in Milan. We will transfer via taxi to and from our hotel. We have arranged to leave suitcases/gear bags at the bike rental company whilst on tour with a smaller overnight bag to be carried in our van.

Tour price includes the rental of a Ducati or BMW adventure bike as listed below including hard luggage cases. A range of Ducati and BMW models are available to choose. If the model you prefer isn't listed here, please contact us and we will organise it for you (pending availability). We can also arrange



Col d'Izard, France

*Go on, do it.
You won't regret it*

accessories such as low seat, GPS etc. on request.

Hire fee includes insurance, unlimited kilometres and luggage. There is the option to take out excess reduction insurance should you wish.

The models listed below are based on current availability and change frequently. There are very limited numbers of each model, so it will be first in best dressed.



Ducati Multistrada V4



Ducati Multistrada V2

Ducati DesertX	Ducati Multistrada V2	Honda Africa Twin	Ducati Multistrada V4
Inc. In Tour Price	Inc. In Tour Price	Inc. In Tour Price	+ EUR 200
BMW R1250GS	BMW R1300GS	Other Models Available	
+ EUR 170	+ EUR 350	Contact Us!	

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Meals outside of those stipulated as part of the tour package (ie. lunches)
- Alcohol
- Additional activities you participate in during the tour
- Public transport or taxi fares (except transfer to/from bike rental depot)
- Flights
- Fuel, fines, some minor road tolls
- Travel insurance
- Visas (if required). Please check your individual circumstances



Ducati DesertX



BMW R1300GS

ARRIVAL INTO MILAN / MONZA

We will begin with welcome drinks, riders briefing and official welcome dinner on Sunday 30 June so you need to arrive in Milan by lunchtime that day at the latest. We will pickup our bikes on the morning of Monday 1 July and leave Milan directly from the rental depot. We will be able to leave large gear bags or suitcases at the rental depot for the duration of our tour.

We can arrange transfers through our hotel to and from the airport should you require it. Some airlines also offer this service for free, so check with them at the time of booking your flights.

If you require additional nights accommodation either pre or post tour at our hotels we are happy to arrange that.

FLIGHTS TO AND FROM MILAN

If you are arriving into Milan direct from Australia we advise you to arrive into Europe a day or two before 30 June so you can have some time to adjust your body clock.

There are a number of Airlines that fly to Milan - Qantas, Singapore, Etihad and some of these arrive early in the day which can help with the adjustment.

If you intend on leaving immediately after the tour finishes (Wednesday 10 July), there are morning & afternoon flights available.



BMW R1250GS

Ask us about other models available to rent!

NOT FROM AUSTRALIA, BUT WANT TO JOIN US?

Whilst this tour is being run by a group of Aussies we more than welcome riders from other countries to join us. Join an English speaking Aussie tour group with experienced guides - you're guaranteed to have lots of fun :-)

ABOUT MASCHINE

We are an adventure motorcycle tour company based in New South Wales, Australia. We have been organizing motorcycle tours in Australia and abroad since 2011.

We have established ourselves as one of the most well known and respected names in the business. Over the years being trusted with managing events for Ducati, KTM and BMW shows the depth of experience and knowledge to deliver events that exceed customer expectations year on year.

We are the masters in creating an unforgettable bespoke, luxury experience for small intimate groups of riders that you can't find anywhere else in the world.

You can be sure that after riding with us, it will be a tour that will remain in your memory for years to come.

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real adventures.**

HOW DO I BOOK?

To book, go to maschine.com.au and click on Adventure Tours where you will find a list of our events. You can secure your place by purchasing the Deposit online and then we will look after the rest.

Or, you can give Nick a call on +61 428 023 057.

We look forward to you joining us on this amazing journey.

*Cheers,
Nick and Trudi*

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Hotel Villa Castellane, France



Les Messugues, St Paul de Vence



St Paul de Vence, France



Italian Riviera coastline



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