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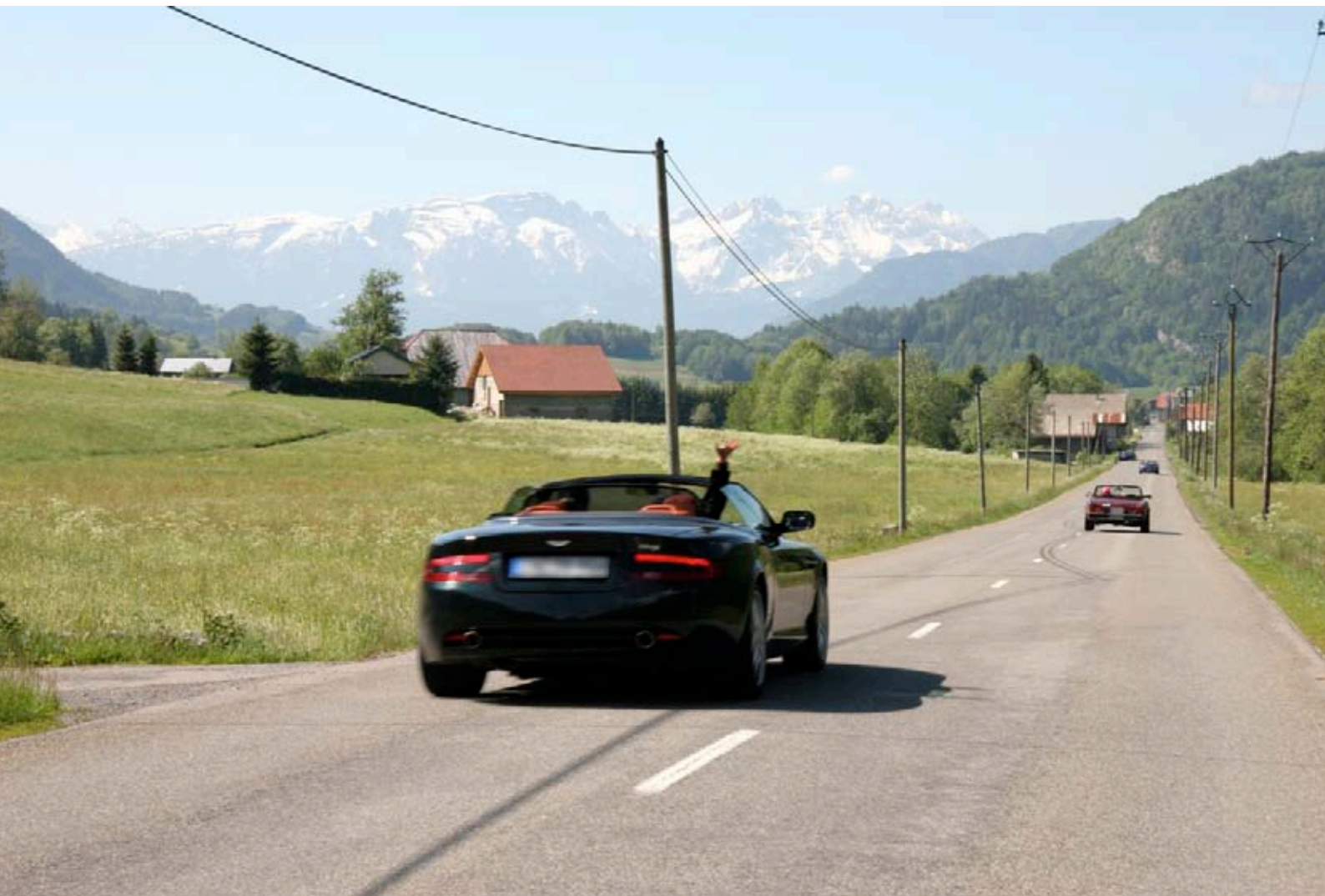
Tour des Niveaux 2010

## Start



On the first morning the “Tour des Niveaux” immediately leads into the mountains of the “French Calcareous Alps” and close to the main ridge of the Alps. We travel the regions of “Aravis” and “Beaufortain”.

## Into the Alps!



### The “Chablais“

First day’s central spot will be the “Mont Blanc“. We bypass the “Top of Europe“ in a semicircle and drive “Col des Saisies“, “Col d’Aravis“, “Col du Pré“ and the exciting “Cormet de Roselend“. Each Col with spectacular views of the Mont Blanc, good weather conditions presumed.

## In the clouds



Crossing the Alps is always a little hazardous. There are days, you don't see much more than the tail light of the car in front of you. In the higher regions you have to face the risk of snowfall, even in midsummer. Here an impression of "Col du Pré", close to "Lac de Roselend". A breath taking scenery. Really! We had a visibility of less than 30 meters. It was an experience.

## Views



But, the weather is not always bad! Here the same position as the image before. But, slightly different weather conditions.

## Resting



“Col d’Aravis“

Who actively engages in motoring the Alps, earns a little resting time every now and then.

## The View of Mont Blanc...



... and finally above the clouds. If the “Col d’Iseran“ is still in Winterstop, “Tour des Niveaux“ will lead You over the “Col de la Madeleine“, quite exactly 2000 meters above sea level decorated with a fabulous last view on the “Top of Europe“.

## The Summit



The Peak of the ride over the Alps.

Surrounded by the snow covered giants of the French High Alps "Col d'Iseran" is the highest alpine mountain pass with its 2770 m above sea level. Beautiful, breath taking landscapes and mountain roads.

## Villa Morelia, Jausiers



What a nice parking lot.

## Sea Alps (Col d'Allos, northern ramp)



We take suitable variants of the official “Route Des Grades Alpes“. Here, the ascent to “Col d’Allos“, a highly attractive alternative to the “Col de la Cayolle“. “Col d’Allos“ (and immediatly ensuing the “Col des Champs“) in June promises – with a high probability – 60 to 80 km of remote mountain roads without seeing any other vehicle.

## Above the Rooftops of Nice



Finally, the South! Having done more than 700 km of alpine roads through the most remote regions of Central Europe we scrape “Nice“, one of the biggest cities of France and go for our destination “Eze“, via the beautiful “Moyenne Corniche“.

## Eze



Our home at the “Côte d’Azur“

The “Château De La Chèvre d’Ôr“ is located behind the church, facing the sea.

## Parking Lot, Chateau De La Chèvre D'Ôr



Your vehicle might like to spend one or the other day around here (and You Your days and nights in the rooms of the Chateau).  
Under the watchful eyes of the parking lot attendants the cars enjoy a spectacular view into the vastness of the Sea.

## La Grande Corniche



The three famous roads between Nice and Menton are called the “Corniches“. “La Grande Corniche“ is situated on top of the cliffs and offers the most spectacular views of the three variants.

## Winetasting



In “Gio’s” wine cellar

“Bellet” is an Appellation of mikroskopic smallness in the Hinterland of Nice. The produced amounts are tiny, the quality is respectable. In single cases great. Joseph Sergi (Gio) is a stroke of luck for us. His bottles are being offered in famous restaurants (La Bastide, Grasse; La Pinede, St-Tropez). To receive an allocation is hard, no wonder with a yearly production of less than 14.000 bottles.

## Eze during the night



## Fullmoon on Cap Ferrat



## Itinerary „Tour des Niveaux“

Day 1 Zürich – Sciez (approx. 160 km)

Ascent to Hotel Chateau de Coudrée in Sciez direct at Lake Geneva.

Day 2 Sciez – Bourg-St-Maurice (approx. 210 km)

Semicircling the Mont Blanc.

Day 3 Bourg-St-Maurice – Jausiers (approx. 260 km)

Via „Tour de France-Giants“ to Briançon. One of them the “Galibier“, with the legendary ascent, called “the black hell of Galibier“.

Day 4 Jausiers – Côte d'Azûr (approx. 225 km)

Trough the Sea Alps to the Mediterranean. Col de Turini!

Day 5 At the Côte d'Azûr

A guided tour through “La Vieille Nice“ the old town of Nice. In the afternoon we will visit the perfume-manufacturer "Fragonard" in Eze.

Day 6 A Roundtrip through the “Alpes des Haut Provence“ (approx. 160 km)

Tiny remote roads “departmentale“ in the Hinterland of Grasse, through the “Alpes des Haute Provence“, hopefully without oncoming traffic. The "Clues de Haut Provence" built a breath takingly beautiful frame for this excursion through “Rallye Monte Carlo Country“.

Day 7 Departure time

After the final breakfast on the terrasse of the Chateau we go back to Zurich.

## The Stage Destinations

### Chateau de Coudrée

The history of Coudree stretches back over the last 1000 years. The architecture of the moated castle and much of the period décor have remained virtually intact. Many of the open fireplaces, gobelins, wooden ceilings, panelings and paintings originate from old Italian palazzi. Combined with the antique furnishing they create an atmosphere as authentic as it is luxurious. The room in the tower is most remarkable for its lofty ceiling, more than 20 meters high.

Chateau de Coudrée has been owned for years by the family Reale-Laden. If you prefer personal touch to standardized anonymity of the big luxury hotels, you will love Chateau de Coudree. Catherine Reale-Laden is the boss. Her twins Caroline (hotel) and Marina (chef of the gourmet-restaurant) lead the daily business.



## Hotel L'Autantic, Bourg-St.Maurice



In June the region Les Arc – Val-d'Isère is in „hibernation“. After the rush of the skiing season most of the restaurants and all of the luxury accommodations are closed for all summer. All the happier we are about having found the Hotel L'Autantic in Bourg-St-Maurice. This hostel is being led in a very personal and charming way. And when the owners husband is around and in one of his good moods, he will present us the treasures of his unique garage. As soon as he starts the engine of his `29 Bugatti (in original racecondition: 2.3l kompressor, 200hp, the optional co-driver will burn his behind from the heat of the pipe), all the guests who might still be sleeping will fall out of their beds. In my opinion it's worth it. What a sound! Monsieur does it only on my passionate request, since his wife is not so happy about it.

## Villa Morelia, Jausiers

During the early 19th century many French emigrants left this part of the country for emigration. They mostly went to Mexico where a lot of them obviously made a fortune. A little older, really rich and a little homesick some came back to retire and built manorial villas in "mexican" style. Villa Morelia was one of them. In 2001, Marie-Christine and Robert Boudard rather accidentally stumbled over the Villa. It was in an awfully bad condition, since nobody had lived here or taken care for many decades. But Marie-Christine and Robert saw then already, what everybody can see now: a lovely, high-class hide-away.

After remodelling the house they bought furniture on Antique Markets all over Europe and re-arranged the surrounding wilderness into a beautiful park. Now they are improving their jewel "Villa Morelia" year after year.



## Château de la Chèvre d'Ôr, Eze



The first impression while stepping on to the grounds is overwhelming: jasmin!  
Blossoming torrents fall from the rocky cliffs of the medieval Eze Village into the terraced gardens of Chateau de la Chèvre d'Or. The second impression not one bit less spectacular: the Sea. Where ever you gaze: the ocean! The Hotel is part of an ancient "village perché", an eagle's nest on top the rocky cliff of Eze. Restaurants, terrasses and rooms just know one single direction: the Sea and the morning sun.



## Culinaric Itinerary

The *Tour des Niveaux* is also a journey through the French (high-)kitchen. We cover young chefs, like *Laurent Lemal* and *Marina Real Laden*, who are aiming for their first star Michelin. And the Master *Alain Ducasse*, himself, who has been keeping his many and highest awards for decades now. During the day we stop off at restaurants close to the route and enjoy hand-picked delicacies of regional kitchens for lunch or coffee break.

### Day 1: Sciez

Menu in the “young” Gourmet Restaurant *François 1er*. Chef Marina Réale-Laden, daughter of the house, learned her trade under the aegis of none other than Alain Ducasse. Very talented. Her first year was awarded with 15 pts, Gault Millau.

### Day 2: Lac de Roselend / Bourg-St-Maurice

Lunch: Spécialités Savoyen and a breath taking view Mont Blanc and Lac de Roselend. Dinner menu in the restaurant *L'Arssiban*, Bourg St-Maurice. Where the locals dine.

### Day 3: Col d'Izoard / Jausiers

Lunch in the idyllic *Refuge Napoleon, Col d'Izoard*, 2100 m sea level. Dinner Menu in the restaurant *Le grand Siècle, Villa Morelia, Laurent Lemal*. Disciple of Alain Ducasse develops his own hand and aims at his first star.

### Day 4: Valberg / Eze

Lunch at the route. Menu in the restaurant *La Chèvre d'Or, Philippe Labbé* (2 stars, Michelin). A cuisine prone to creative experiments and surprising experiences on top-level – Labbé has his sight firmly set on his third star

### Day 5: Nizza / Beaulieu-sûr-mer

Lunch at *La Merenda, Dominique Le Stanc. Der Feinschmecker*, THE German gourmet-magazine: „Celebrity-chef is celebrity-chef: after conquering the hearts and palates of his guests in the Grandhotel „Negresco“, *Dominique Le Stanc* is now doing the same in his small, typical “Bistrot provençal“. Cuisine niçoise on “starred level“) Menu in the restaurant *Les Agaves, Beaulieu sûr mer*. Straightforward cuisine provençal.

### Day 6: Bellet / Monaco

Lunch with a degustation of wine- and olive-oil in the vineyards of *Clos St. Vincent*, a little north of Nice in the region of *Bellet*. Dinner: THE culinary peak. Menu in Monacos *Louis XV: Franck Cerutti* performs magic. A very decent man, he conjures perfect delicacies on the plates and persistent smiles on the faces of his guests. Three stars Michelin. Real stars.



## Services Included

The travel event "Tour des Niveaux" by Loeven SportwagenTouren contains:

- 6-day thrilling trip in a sportscar, owned or rented by the customer
- small group. Max. five couples.
- 6 nights with breakfast, hotels as described in the travel description
- rooms mainly in Superior- or DeLuxe categorie with sea- or lakeview
- 6 lunches incl. all non alcoholic drinks
- 6 dinner menus incl. all non alcoholic drinks
- div. transfers
- regional taxes
- German, French and English speaking travel guide
- Information materials
- Real map with route planner

This travel event can also be booked by closed-groups or as a corporate incentive.

It can be customized for an extra charge

Preis: 6.200,- €p.p. in double occupancy, without wine



## Upgrades

Surcharge for single occupancy for the 6 nights	1650,-	€ per Person
Surcharge for single occupancy for Sciez	200,-	€/night/person
Surcharge for single occupancy for Bourg-St. Maurice	90,-	€/night/person
Surcharge for single occupancy for Jausiers	220,-	€/night/person
Surcharge for single occupancy for Eze	380,-	€/night/person

### Suites

Junior Suite in the Chateau de Coudrée	230,-	€/night/person
Garden Suite in the Villa Morelia	130,-	€/night/person
Junior Suite the Chèvre D'Ôr	260,-	€/night/person
Suite im Chèvre d'Or	430,-	€/night/person

Winepackage	1000,-	€ per person
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### Notes relative to the winepackage:

The winepackage is an advance payment in order to cover the expenses for aperitives, wine and digestives. At the end of the travel, when all aperos, wines and digestives have been consumed, we calculate. Too much payed money goes back to you. If a thousand Euro do not cover the expenses, the missing amount is to be paid then. A thousand Euro per person are a realistic amount, if the guests take my suggestions into account, Which is usually the case.

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