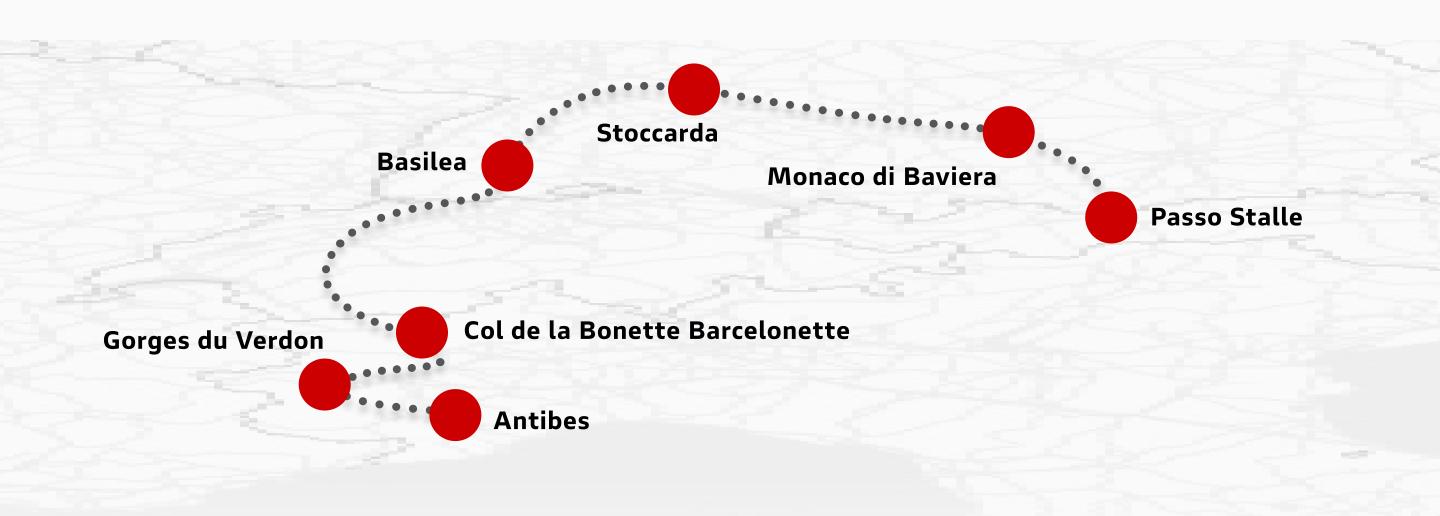


### Multistrada 1260 S Grand Tour

### A journey across Europe



### Useful information



#### Andrea Rossi tells us:

"Our journey took place during the first week of October and lasted **six days**, taking in **five countries**, namely France, Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Italy, and **fifteen different towns** for a total of **2004 kilometres**.

Personally, the places I enjoyed the most and where I would have liked to spend more time were the most isolated and immersed in nature, like the Verdon Gorge, Col de la Bonette, the Black Forest and Staller Saddle for example. In those places, I would have liked to visit the small towns you find when seeking out authentic experiences, perhaps meeting some of the locals and sharing some life stories.

### Useful information

There were no really challenging sections, but perhaps **the hardest stage** was the third, 580 km in length, because it's long if you're not used to riding a bike for many hours. You need to **be aware of the temperature changes** that come with the changes in altitude during the journey, adjusting your clothing as appropriate. I suggest you set off with the **desire to explore**, experience, and even get lost. Every time I get lost, I always discover the best places".



OFFICIAL LANGUAGE Italian French German



DOCUMENTS
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BLOOD ALCOHOL LIMIT 0.5 g/litre



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SPEED LIMITS
50 km/h city
90 km/h state roads
130 km/h motorways



VARIOUS
Buying a "vignette"
on the motorway:
5.20 euro for 10 days
34.70 euro for a full year

### **BIKE CHECK**



Oil level check
Filter check
Tyre wear and pressure check
Chain tension check
Brake pad check

#### **CLOTHING**



Three-layer technical touring gear
Technical undershirt
Back protector and protections
Waterproof outfit
Comfortable waterproof boots

### **ESSENTIALS**



Credit card
Navigator with handlebar attachment
Multitool pliers
Headlamp

### THE JOURNEY



STAGE 1 - FRANCE From Antibes to Verdon Gorge 114 km

STAGE 2 - FRANCE
From Verdon Gorge
to Col de la Bonette
185 km

STAGE 3 - FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND From Barcelonnette to Basel
580 km

STAGE 4 - SWITZERLAND AND GERMANY
From Basel
to Stuttgart
310 km

STAGE 5 - GERMANY From Stuttgart to Munich 280 km

STAGE 6 – GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND ITALY From Munich to Staller Saddle 236 km

### **FIRST STAGE**

**FRANCE** 

# From Antibes to Verdon Gorge 114 km



### **SECOND STAGE**

#### **FRANCE**

# From Verdon Gorge to Col de la Bonette 185 km



#### **THIRD STAGE**

FRANCE AND SWITZERLAND

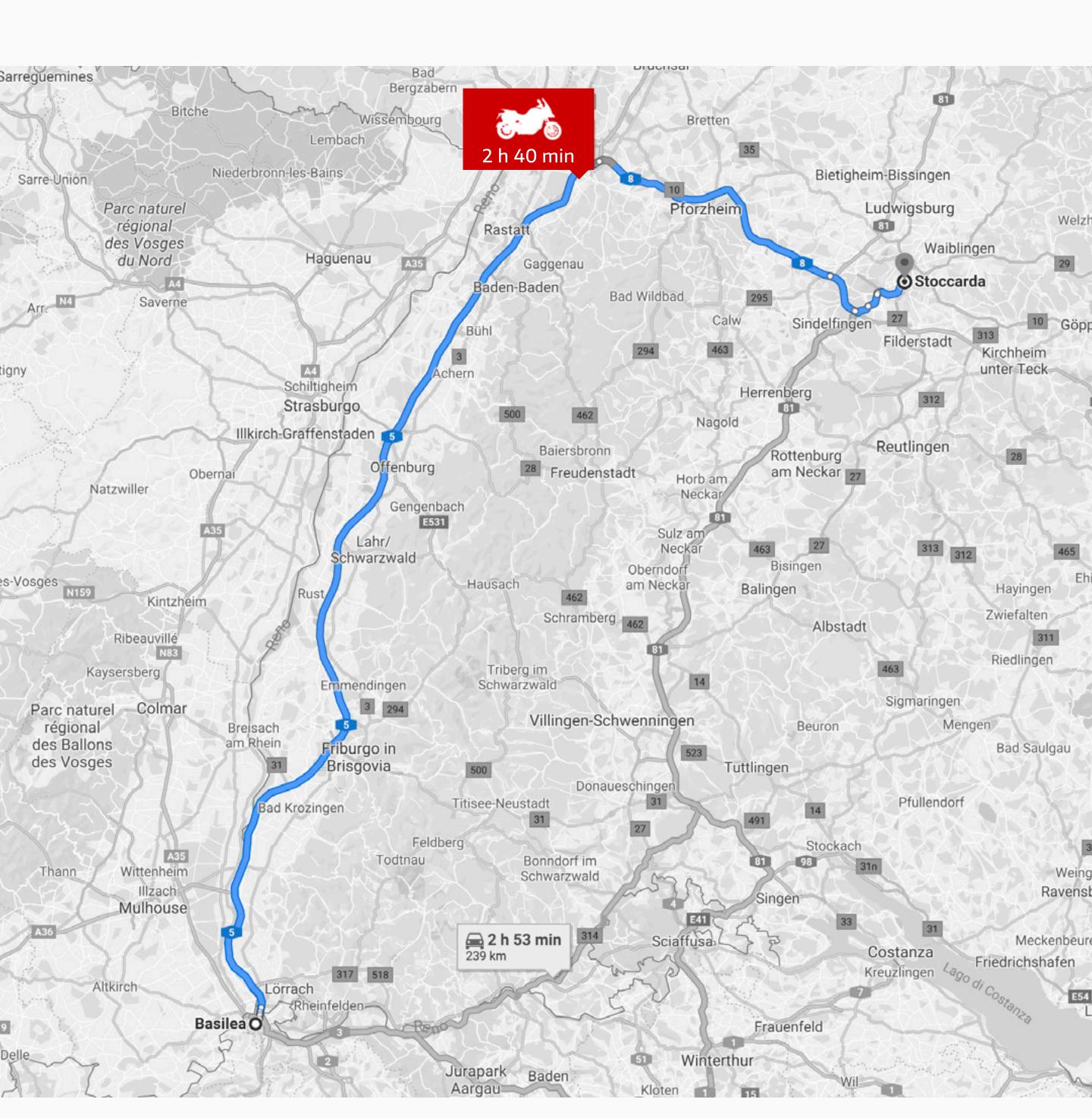
### From Barcelonnette to Basel 580 km



### **FOURTH STAGE**

SWITZERLAND AND GERMANY

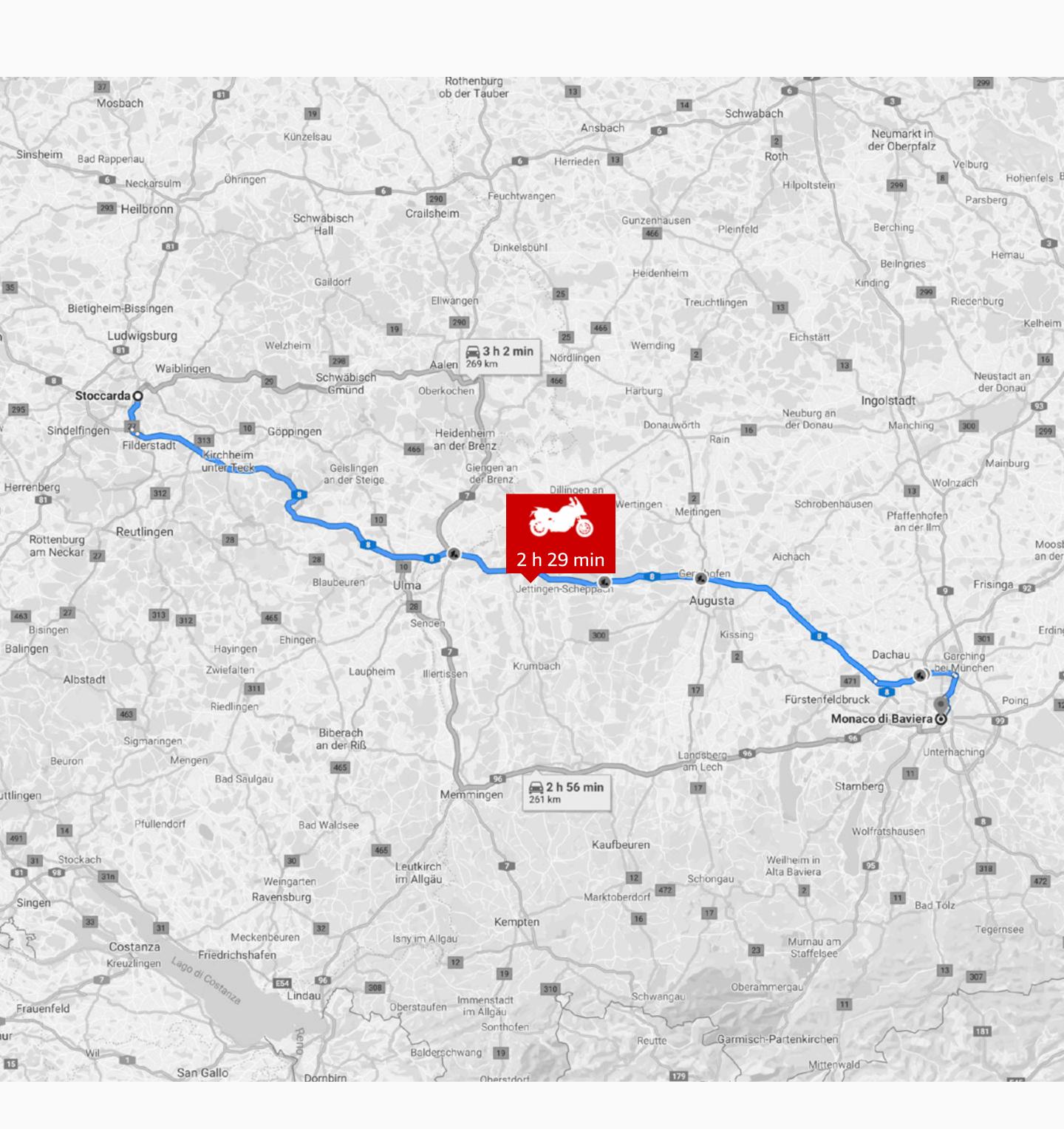
# From Basel to Stuttgart 310 km



### FIFTH STAGE

**GERMANY** 

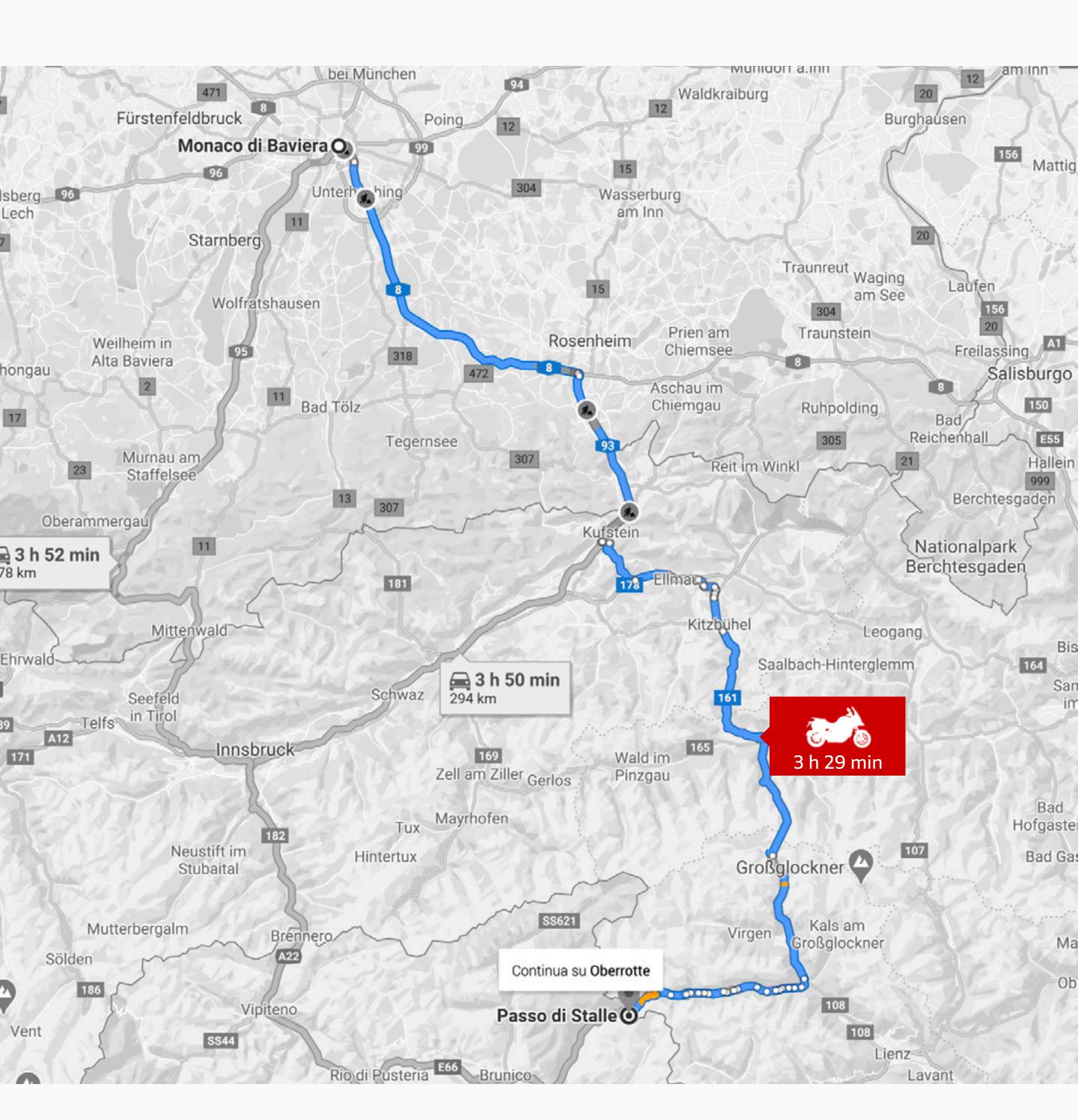
# From Stuttgart to Munich 280 km



### **SIXTH STAGE**

GERMANY, AUSTRIA AND ITALY

### From Munich to Staller Saddle 236 km





Reaching the Verdon Gorge at first light and enjoying the natural flow of the road that overlooks it, with its twists and turns, ascents and descents, is an emotional experience for any rider.

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Located at the point where Lake Annecy meets the river Thiou, this warm and hospitable Alpine town is the ideal place for a break during the trip. Take a relaxing walk and get lost among the cobblestone streets, winding canals and pastel coloured houses that characterise the old town.



Nestled among the mountains of South Germany are dense forests and picturesque towns that have become famous the world over thanks to the fairy-tale settings they evoke. A bike trip across the Black Forest offers memorable sensations, from the scents of the undergrowth to the colours of the trees and a unique climate, owing to the presence of the trees.



From Col de la Bonette a tarmacked road climbs to an altitude of 2802m and winds around the mountain top. This road is considered one of the highest tarmacked roads in Europe, the perfect destination for the touring motorcyclist.

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From Col de la Bonette, Route B500 is the road that crosses the Black Forest, running from Freudenstadt to Baden Baden past pine forests, fields, valleys and green mountains. This perfect strip of asphalt is around 60 km long and fluctuates between about 600 and 1000 metres in altitude.



This alpine pass connects Austria to Italy. The pass offers enchanting scenery and a very pleasant section of road. In summer, the green of the fields really stands out, while the pure valley air allows you to inhale the freedom of the ride.

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#### **TYPICAL FOODS**

On the first stage of the journey we were overwhelmed by the strong, bold flavours of Haute-Savoie, an abundance of Local cheeses and wines brought to the tables of the characteristic local bistros.

During the second part of the trip, once parked up, we allowed ourselves a few beers.

Bavaria in particular is an entire world of beers to explore, with a great many types and a real culture surrounding the hops-based drink.



#### **ACCOMMODATION**

The freedom to choose what to do and where to go was the leitmotif of this Grand Tour.

Europe offers us the possibility to stay connected and this allowed us to choose a new destination each morning and book a room in a hotel at our destination point that same day.

























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