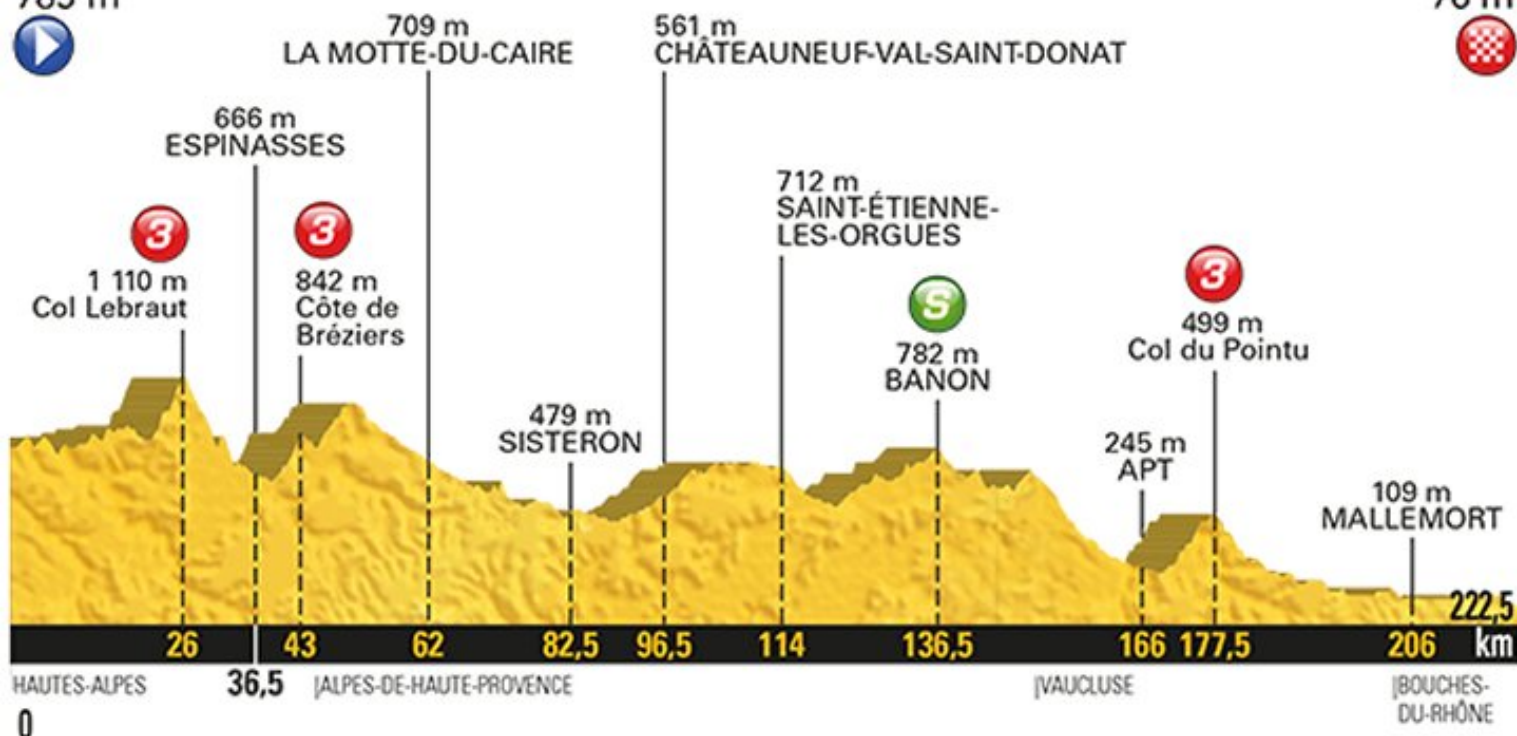


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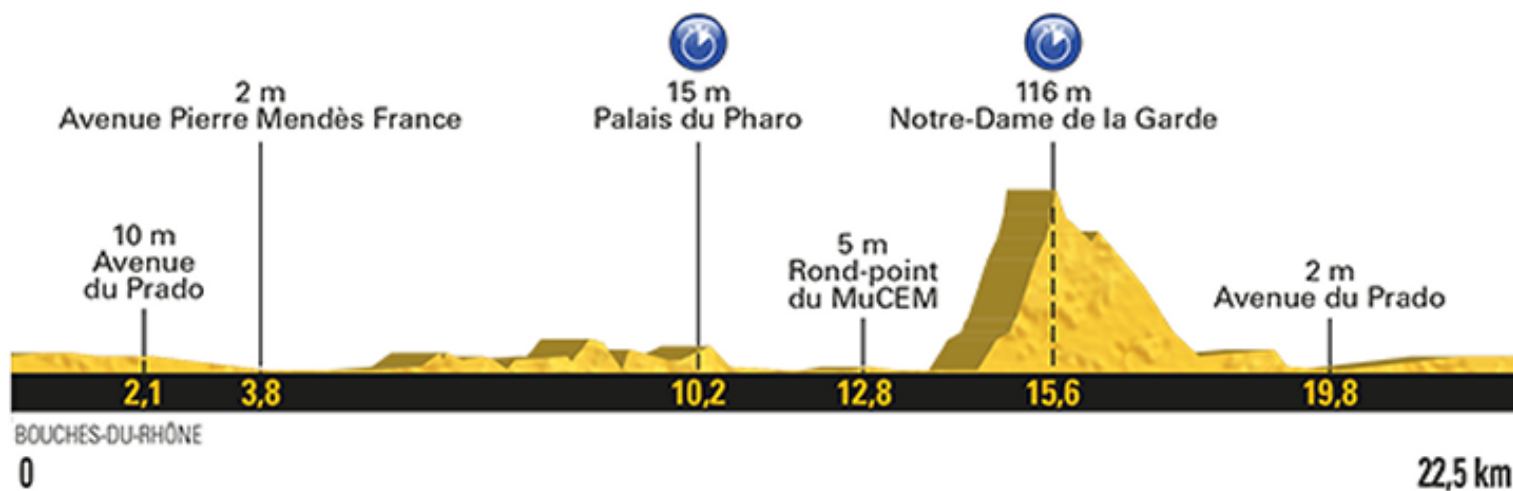
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TO SUMMIT UP...

**MOUNTAINS AREN'T JUST
FUNNY**

THEY'RE HILL AREAS

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In "Thank You for Smoking," Big tobacco lobbyist Nick Naylor (Aaron Eckhart) and his 12-year-old son Joey are having a conversation as they walk through a Santa Monica amusement park.

"So, you go to an office, then you go on TV to talk about cigarettes. Then you fly out to L.A. to talk to some guy who works with movie stars. What is that?" asks Joey.

"That's my job. I'm a lobbyist," Nick answers.

"I know, but did you study to do that?"

"No, I just kind of figured it out."

"Then can't anyone just do that?"

"No, it requires a moral flexibility that goes beyond most people."

A sick cyclist decides to discontinue because he doesn't want to take advantage of drugs which would be legal for him, but not for others. A doctor gives prescriptions for sickness, which allow his patients to take otherwise banned medicine, sick or not. A therapeutic treatment is given,

When moral questions arise, is it easier to live as a believer or as a non believer? Hmm.

Guilt is a feature of many moral codes, but is not exclusive to religion. Guilt, or guilty feelings, are meant rather to have us acknowledge our weaknesses and faults, put them behind us, and move on. It is wonderful when that can take place in a Sacramental context, as I have often experienced. Civil codes, trials, punishments, are meant to take that place, as well. The intent of all of our laws is to bring wrongdoers

to punishment, sometimes to penitentiaries, so that they may reform, straighten up, and fly right.

These days (or decades) in the cycling world, we might ask ourselves, what is a wrongdoer?

The athletic codes under which pro sports operate, at least outside of the USA, also exhibit some flexibility, if not moral flexibility. The list of banned substance is so long, it seems that every substance, including caffeine shampoo, is banned, if it is taken in sufficient amounts. On the other hand, a doctor's note opens the doors to almost anything, as long as it could be considered to treat some illness or other. What is legal or made legal is good, what is banned or interpreted as banned is bad. Regulations make something morally right or wrong, or would seem so to do.

Classic moralists would distinguish between legal and illegal, and moral and immoral, or in a different sense, whether something is intrinsically evil, or a prohibited "evil." Some laws or regulations might prohibited those things considered evil in themselves, or they might prohibit things which are morally neutral or good.

So, speeding is illegal, but it might not be immoral, as long as the person speeding is safe, and willing to pay the civil penalty if caught. The same goes for jaywalking, which when I was in college in Milwaukee came with a stiff fine, but it is not immoral. Gossip is not illegal, but it can be immoral in some circumstances. Taking a banned prescription drug, or other substance, to increase performance is probably not immoral, but is definitely illegal.

On the other hand, not to take some medicine is a personal choice. I can certainly understand someone who doesn't even want to give the appearance of wrongdoing, even if that is one correct and legal way to proceed. I think we can all understand not wanting to tempt oneself by using an otherwise banned substance for a time, and the fear of

wanting to return for another bite of the apple. Worse things have happened. Sometimes moral flexibility is just flexibility, sometimes it is, indeed, a moral code.

Today our brave cyclists will ascend the heights of Notre Dame de la Garde, and then descend, hopefully, feeling that their peccadilloes have been shriven, and in search of new miracles....

Enjoy the Tour.



Étape 19 : Embrun • Salon-de-Provence
Classement étape provisoire

1	Edvald Boasson Hagen		DDD	5h06'09"
2	Nikias Arndt		SUN	+ 5"
3	Jens Keukeleire		ORS	+ 17"
4	Daniele Bennati		MOV	+ 17"
5	Thomas De Gendt		LTS	+ 17"
6	Sylvain Chavanel		DEN	+ 17"
7	Elie Gesbert		TFO	+ 17"
8	Jan Bakelants		ALM	+ 17"
9	Michael Albasini		ORS	+ 19"
10	Pierre Luc Perichon		TFO	+ 1'32"