

Your facts, your dates, maintained by you

Once your business is claimed and verified you get an API key. It lets you keep the structured facts on your operator page correct, and tell us about your next tour, without emailing anyone. This page is the whole contract: every endpoint, every field, and every field that will be refused.

Independent. No bookings. No money from tour operators.

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Getting started

Three steps, in this order. The middle one involves a person, so it is not instant.

1 Claim the business

Send your proof of identity to `POST /api/v1/claim-my-business`. This is the one endpoint that needs no key, because you do not have one yet.

2 We check it, by hand

Someone reads every claim. If it holds up, your business is marked as claimed and we email you a key. If it does not, we email you about that instead. Nothing on your page changes in the meantime.

3 Use the key

Send it as `Authorization: Bearer <key>` on every request after that. You can then correct your facts and post your next tour whenever you like.

Your key

A key looks like this — the prefix `sct_` followed by 43 characters:

```
Authorization: Bearer sct_7hQ2xVn4Ld8sKpR1yTgW0cAeJm6BuZfHo3iN5vXqDwE
```

It is 32 bytes from a cryptographic random source, so it is not guessable and there is nothing in it to work out. Treat it exactly as you would a password.

We cannot tell you your key. We store only a SHA-256 hash of it, so after the email that delivers it, no copy exists on our side. If you lose it, email hello@supercars.tours and we will revoke the old one and issue a new one. Revoking is instant, and a revoked key stops working on its very next request.

Keeping it safe

- **Server-side only.** Never put the key in a web page, a mobile app, or anything a browser downloads. Anyone who can read it can edit your listing.
- **Not in your git repository.** Use an environment variable or your host's secret store.
- **One key per system.** If you want your website and your booking system to both post dates, ask for two keys. Then a leak in one can be revoked without breaking the other.
- **Tell us if it leaks.** Straight away, at hello@supercars.tours. There is no penalty, and a revoke-and-reissue takes a minute.

Every request is logged against your key, and every change you make is recorded against your page as operator-supplied, with the date. That log is how we can tell your corrections apart from our own.

Rate limits

Counted per key, per hour, per endpoint — not per address, so you are never throttled by another operator sharing your hosting. Going over returns `429` ; wait and retry.

ENDPOINT	PER HOUR	COUNTED BY
POST <code>/claim-my-business</code>	5	your IP address (no key exists yet)
PATCH <code>/update-my-details</code>	120	your key
GET <code>/my-next-tour</code>	600	your key
PUT <code>/my-next-tour</code>	60	your key
POST <code>/tour-dates</code>	60	your key

These are generous for the intended use, which is a handful of writes when something changes. If you need more, tell us what for.

Errors

Every failure has the same shape — an `error` string, plus an `errors` array when individual fields are at fault:

```
{
  "error": "Nothing was saved.",
  "errors": [
    { "field": "price_band", "message": "One of: lt4k, 4-8k, 8-15k, 15k+. Or null to clear it." }
  ]
}
```

CODE	MEANING	WHAT TO DO
400	The body is not valid JSON, or not the multipart form the claim endpoint expects.	Fix the request. Retrying will not help.
401	No key, or a key we do not recognise. A revoked key and a made-up key get the same answer.	Check the header. If it was working yesterday, ask us whether it was revoked.
403	The key is valid, but the business is not verified as claimed yet.	Wait for the claim to be approved.
404	No operator with that slug.	Check the slug in your page's URL.
405	Right URL, wrong method.	The message names the method to use.
422	We understood the request and refused it. Nothing was saved — not even the valid fields.	Read <code>errors</code> , fix every entry, send again.
429	Over the rate limit.	Wait, then retry.
503	Our end failed. Your request was fine.	Retry in a few minutes. Safe to repeat — see idempotency below.

A 422 is all-or-nothing. If you send eight fields and one is wrong, none of the eight is saved. This is deliberate: a half-applied update is harder to reason about than a rejected one.

Claim your business

POST /api/v1/claim-my-business

NO KEY NEEDED

Send `multipart/form-data` with a document that shows you are who you say you are — a company registration, a letterhead, a domain-ownership screenshot, anything a person can check.

FIELD	REQUIRED	RULES
slug	yes	The last part of your page's URL, e.g. <code>alpine-drives</code> .
name	yes	Your name. Up to 120 characters.
email	yes	Where the key goes if the claim is approved. Up to 200 characters.
role	no	Your role at the company. Up to 120 characters.
message	no	Anything you want the reviewer to know. Up to 4000 characters.
proof	yes	One file, under 8 MB. PDF, or a photo as PNG, JPEG, WebP, AVIF or GIF.

```
# One request. The slug is the last part of your page's URL.
curl -X POST https://supercars.tours/api/v1/claim-my-business \
  -F "slug=alpine-drives" \
  -F "name=A. Director" \
  -F "email=ops@example.com" \
  -F "role=Operations" \
  -F "message=Company registration attached." \
  -F "proof=@registration.pdf"
```

202 Accepted means it is queued for a human, not that it is approved:

```
{
  "claim": 41,
  "operator": "alpine-drives",
  "status": "new",
  "note": "A person reviews every claim. If it checks out you will receive an API key by email;
nothing on your page changes until then."
}
```

Notes worth reading before you send

- **Your document is not public.** It is stored under a private prefix that our public media route refuses to serve. It cannot be reached by guessing a URL.
- **We identify the file by its contents**, not its name or the type your client declares. Renaming a `.exe` to `.pdf` is rejected. **SVG is refused outright** — it can carry script.
- **Both halves of the validation come back together.** If the form and the file are both wrong, one `422` tells you about both, so you are not fixing one problem per round trip.
- **Five claims an hour per address.** Enough for a typo or two, not for scanning.

What you can change, and what you can't

This is the most important section on the page, so it comes before the endpoint that uses it.

You are the best possible source for the structured facts of your own tours — whose car, how long, what it costs, how many cars run together. You are the worst possible source for whether our author enjoyed driving with you. So the API accepts the first kind and refuses the second, by name, with a reason.

Yours to change

Send any of these to `PATCH /update-my-details`.

FIELD	TYPE
website	http(s) URL, max 300 chars
car_policy	<code>own</code> · <code>hire</code> · <code>both</code>
length_min_days	whole number, 1–60
length_max_days	whole number, 1–60
price_band	see accepted values
convoy_size	text, max 120 chars
group_vibe	see accepted values
open_to	see accepted values
hotel_level	whole number of stars, 1–5

Ours to keep

Send any of these and the whole request is refused, with this reason.

FIELD	WHY NOT
is_published	Publishing is decided here, not by the API.
toured	Whether we have toured with you is our record, and cannot be set.
verified_on	That date records our own check of your website.
style_score	The luxury -to-driving position is our editorial judgement.
style	Derived from the style score.
teaser	Editorial text is written here.
website_facts	"What they say" is our dated transcription of your site.
who_for	Editorial text is written here.
who_not_for	Editorial text is written here.
field_notes	Field notes are the author's own and cannot be set.
slug	Changing it would break every link to your page.
name	A rename is an editorial change. Email us.
country	Your base country is part of how you are indexed.
logo_url	Send us a logo; it is not set through the API.
claimed_at	A claim is granted after verification, never self-set.

This is not just a rule in our code. The database account that serves the API has permission to write those nine columns and no others. If we shipped a bug that tried to let you publish your own page, the database would still refuse it. We mention this because you are trusting us with your listing, and a promise backed by a permission is worth more than a promise.

If something in the editorial text is factually wrong, that is worth telling us about — email hello@supercars.tours and we will check it and re-date it. We correct facts. We don't take copy.

Update your details

PATCH /api/v1/update-my-details

KEY

VERIFIED CLAIM

Send JSON containing only the fields you want to change. It is a **PATCH** rather than a **PUT** on purpose:

- **Leave a field out** and it is untouched.
- **Send `null`** and it is cleared.

Those two are different, so there is no way to wipe a value by forgetting to mention it.

```
curl -X PATCH https://supercars.tours/api/v1/update-my-details \
-H "Authorization: Bearer $SCT_KEY" \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{
  "car_policy": "both",
  "length_min_days": 3,
  "length_max_days": 7,
  "price_band": "8-15k",
  "hotel_level": 5,
  "convoy_size": null
}'
```

```
{
  "operator": "alpine-drives",
  "updated": ["car_policy", "length_min_days", "length_max_days", "price_band", "hotel_level",
"convoy_size"],
  "note": "Recorded, and logged against your page as operator-supplied. Editorial text and the
toured label are unchanged."
}
```

The **updated** array is what actually changed. Compare it with what you sent if you want to be certain.

Things that will be refused

- **An empty body.** `{}` is a **422**, not a success. A client sending nothing has a bug, and "200, nothing changed" would hide it.
- **An unknown field.** Named in the error rather than silently dropped, so a typo does not look like it worked.
- **A backwards range.** `length_min_days` above `length_max_days` is two individually valid numbers that are jointly wrong.
- **A non-http URL.** `javascript:` and `data:` are rejected, because `website` is rendered as a link.

Check your next tour

GET

/api/v1/my-next-tour

KEY

Returns the next tour we hold for you, **including one still waiting for moderation**. A read that only showed published rows would answer "nothing" to an operator whose submission is sitting in the queue, which is the least useful true answer available.

```
curl -H "Authorization: Bearer $SCT_KEY" \
https://supercars.tours/api/v1/my-next-tour
```

```
{
  "operator": "alpine-drives",
  "next_tour": {
    "title": "Stelvio & Gavia, four days",
    "start_date": "2026-09-14",
    "end_date": "2026-09-17",
    "destination": "alps-dolomites",
    "url": "https://example.com/tours/stelvio-2026",
    "price_from": 6400,
    "currency": "EUR",
    "external_ref": "stelvio-2026-09",
    "status": "pending"
  },
  "note": "Held as \"pending\" — a person reviews every date before it appears."
}
```

With nothing on file, `next_tour` is `null` and the note says so. Finished and archived tours are never returned — "next" means next.

`status` is `pending` while it waits and `published` once it is live on your page. Poll this if you want to know when it went up; a few times a day is plenty.

Post your next tour

PUT /api/v1/my-next-tour

KEY VERIFIED CLAIM

One tour per request. Send the whole thing; this replaces rather than patches.

FIELD	REQUIRED	RULES
title	yes	Up to 160 characters.
start_date	yes	YYYY-MM-DD .
end_date	yes	YYYY-MM-DD , not before start_date .
destination	no	One of the nine codes.
url	no	Must start http:// or https:// . Max 300 chars.
price_from	no	Positive, up to 99,999,999, two decimal places.
currency	with price	Three uppercase letters, e.g. EUR . Required whenever you send price_from — a number without a currency is not a price.
external_ref	no, but do	Your own identifier, up to 80 characters. See below.

```
curl -X PUT https://supercars.tours/api/v1/my-next-tour \  
  -H "Authorization: Bearer $SCT_KEY" \  
  -H "Content-Type: application/json" \  
  -d '{  
    "title": "Stelvio & Gavia, four days",  
    "start_date": "2026-09-14",  
    "end_date": "2026-09-17",  
    "destination": "alps-dolomites",  
    "url": "https://example.com/tours/stelvio-2026",  
    "price_from": 6400,  
    "currency": "EUR",  
    "external_ref": "stelvio-2026-09"  
  }'
```

```
{  
  "operator": "alpine-drives",  
  "inserted": 1,  
  "updated": 0,  
  "status": "pending",  
  "note": "Received. A person reviews every date before it appears on your page."  
}
```

Always send an external_ref . It is your own identifier for the tour, and it makes the request idempotent: send the same ref twice and the second request updates the first row instead of creating a duplicate. That is what makes a 503 safe to retry, and what lets you re-post the same tour after a price change without ending up with two of them. Without a ref, every request creates a new row.

Everything lands as pending . Nothing you send can publish itself. A person reads every date before it appears, usually within a day or two. If a date is wrong after it is published, just send it again with the same external_ref .

Sending an unrecognised `destination` returns `422` with the offending value named, rather than a server error. Leave it out if none of the nine fits.

Sync a whole calendar

POST

/api/v1/tour-dates

KEY

The same rules as `PUT /my-next-tour`, but up to **200 tours** in one request. Use this if your season is already in a system that can post to us; use `PUT` if you are updating one date by hand.

```
curl -X POST https://supercars.tours/api/v1/tour-dates \
-H "Authorization: Bearer $SCT_KEY" \
-H "Content-Type: application/json" \
-d '{ "tours": [
  { "title": "Spring Alps", "start_date": "2026-04-10", "end_date": "2026-04-14",
    "destination": "alps-dolomites", "external_ref": "alps-2026-04" },
  { "title": "Dolomites Summer", "start_date": "2026-07-02", "end_date": "2026-07-06",
    "destination": "alps-dolomites", "external_ref": "dolo-2026-07" }
] }'
```

It is one transaction and one validation pass: if any tour in the batch is invalid, **none of them is saved** and the errors are indexed so you know which. An `external_ref` must be unique within a single request as well as across requests.

```
{
  "error": "Nothing was saved.",
  "errors": [
    { "index": 1, "field": "end_date", "message": "The end date cannot be before the start date."
  }
]
```

Because every ref is an upsert, re-posting your full calendar is safe and is the simplest way to keep us in step. Nightly is fine; the limit is 60 an hour.

Accepted values

These are keys, not labels. We translate them into English and French ourselves, so send the key exactly as written — never a translated string. Any of them accepts `null` to clear the value.

FIELD	VALUES	WHAT IT MEANS
car_policy	own hire both	Whether guests bring their own car, drive one of yours, or either.
price_band	1t4k 4-8k 8-15k 15k+	Typical per-car cost. 1t4k is "less than 4,000".

FIELD	VALUES	WHAT IT MEANS
group_vibe	couples-friendly mixed young-fast	Who the group tends to be, so readers can self-select.
open_to	all-qualifying single-brand members	Who may join: anyone with a suitable car, one marque only, or members of a club.
hotel_level	1 – 5	Stars, as a whole number.

The luxury-to-driving position on your page is derived from a score we set, not from any of these. That axis is our editorial judgement and is not settable — see what stays ours.

Destination codes

Nine codes, and only these nine. Anything else is a 422 naming the value you sent. If none of them fits your tour, leave `destination` out entirely and tell us at hello@supercars.tours — a genuine gap is worth a new code.

CODE	COVERS
alps-dolomites	The Alpine passes and the Dolomites, whichever country the road is in.
france	France, outside the Alps.
italy	Italy, outside the Dolomites.
uk	Great Britain and Northern Ireland.
spain-portugal	Iberia.
scandinavia-ice	Nordic tours, including ice driving.
other-europe	Anywhere else in Europe.
usa	North America.
event	Built around a fixture — a race weekend, a concours, a rally.

Reading the public data

`GET /api/v1/tours` returns the published directory and needs no key at all. It is the same data any reader sees, so you can check how your listing appears without authenticating. Everything in it is public by definition; nothing private is exposed there.

Questions, a lost key, or a factual correction: hello@supercars.tours.

We are independent. We take no bookings and no money from tour operators, which is why this API lets you correct facts but not write copy — and why a listing cannot be improved by asking. Operator API v1.

The current version of this document is always at supercars.tours/operator-api.html — check it against this copy before building against anything here.