

The challenge of a lifetime...  
...for the charity of your choice

# London to Paris Tour de France Edition

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# Cycle

**Route  
Two**



**Slip into your lycra, hop on your saddle and follow in  
the tyre tracks of the greats!**



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**Four days, two hundred and ninety nine miles  
two capital cities, one awesome ride in the tyre  
tracks of the cycling greats, then watch the  
finale of the Tour de France!**

## Your cycle challenge...

Our 299 mile, 4 day bike ride takes us through the beautiful Kent countryside to Dover, before crossing the Channel to Calais. Our route takes us along quiet French country lanes, through traditional market towns with views of the rolling, green fields of Northern France, passing the war memorials and cemeteries of the Somme. The pièce de résistance of this cycle challenge will be the final cycle up the Champs Elysées to the Arc de Triomphe, following in the tyre tracks of the cycling greats, before watching them cycle the same route the next day in the finale of the Tour de France!

## Your itinerary... Route 2

### Day 1 London to Calais

After registration at the start point in Croydon we start early at approx. 7am to avoid the hustle and bustle of the London traffic. It's not too long before we're past the outskirts of London and hitting the countryside of Kent, before we arrive at our lunch stop south of Maidstone near Chart Sutton.

It's a long day today but upon reaching the port of Dover and witnessing its famous white cliffs, we'll experience a great sense of achievement. We then board the ferry to Calais and have dinner whilst on board. Upon reaching Calais we cycle to our hotel where we have a much deserved rest and get our heads down for the night.

**Cycling distance –  
approx. 84 miles**

### Day 2 Calais to Amiens

Following breakfast at our hotel, we start cycling 'French style', remembering to stay on the right! A long day awaits us today. We cycle through traditional French countryside, with views of green meadows as Calais is left behind us. We ride through the Somme region heading immediately south – depending on your cycling speed, why not stop off at the many cafés en route! We then ride into the picturesque city of Amiens where we overnight after a triumphant day in the saddle.

**Cycling distance –  
approx. 101 miles**





**Day 3  
Amiens to Creil**

A shorter day awaits us today after the challenging ride yesterday. After breakfast we continue with our cycling challenge as we head south following tree-lined avenues that wind their way through traditional market towns. We soon reach our overnight stop in Creil, situated in the Picardy Region. One of the most significant historical events to occur in Picardy was the series of battles fought along the Somme during World War I.

**Cycling distance –  
approx. 64 miles**

**Day 4  
Creil to Paris**

The final day of our European cycling adventure! Leaving Creil behind us we venture immediately south towards the majestic capital of Paris. Cycling is the national sport of France and it's normal to see locals cheering and waving us on. We will stop at the Louvre for the group to re-assemble before reaching the Champs-Elysees, then we ride through as a group finishing our challenge beneath the most famous landmark of Paris – the Eiffel Tower. This evening we celebrate our achievements at our celebratory dinner.

**Cycling distance –  
approx. 50 miles**

**Day 5  
Watch the finale of the  
Tour de France!**

After breakfast at our hotel, we are free to enjoy the sights and sounds of Paris. The Tour De France will be reaching its climax today as it races through the streets of Paris, so ensure you grab your place on the Champs-Elysees to see some of the action.

In the early evening each participant will be responsible for getting themselves to Gare du Nord in order to catch the Eurostar back to St Pancras. Bicycles will be transported back to London and upon our arrival back in the UK, we take a short transfer back to the starting point for farewell and goodbyes. Alternatively, participants are free to travel home directly from St Pancras and we can arrange for your bicycle to meet you there.

(Itinerary correct at time of printing  
and strictly subject to change)



**See the ENTIRE finale of the Tour de France!**

We are offering an extension package to enable you to soak up the atmosphere, watch the grand finale of the Tour de France and spend an extra night in the beautiful capital city of Paris!



# Your questions answered...

## Is this trip for me?

ABSOLUTELY! This bike ride is suitable for people of all ages (minimum 18 years old). The one thing everyone will have in common is a great sense of adventure and the desire to help their favourite charity. Most people will sign up as individuals meaning you will all be in the same situation!

## How fit do I need to be?

This cycle ride has been designed to be challenging, but achievable by anyone as long as you fitness train before hand. Remember, you are cycling for 4 consecutive days, covering approximately 299 miles so expect to be in the saddle for about 7-8 hrs per day – the fitter you are the more you will enjoy this challenge. Cycling training tips can be found on the Global Adventure Challenge website to put you in the right direction.

## Where will we stay?

We will stay in local hotels en-route, from 2\*-3\* – remember, this is a challenge! All accommodation has washing facilities available. Rooms are normally twin share, but there may be the use of some triple rooms too.

## Do I need specialist kit?

We will supply you with a kit list of what to take once you register to take part. Each participant will need to bring their own bicycle for this challenge and items such as cycling shorts, cycling helmet and cycling gloves – other than this, you do not need any specialist kit.

## Do I have to carry my own luggage?

No. All luggage will be transported from accommodation to accommodation by our vehicles. You will need a small day pack/bum bag/'camel bak' while cycling to carry items such as camera, sun-screen, energy snacks, etc.

## Food matters...

All meals will be provided with the exception of breakfast on day 1, the evening meal on the Ferry crossing from Dover to Calais and lunch and dinner on day 5. Lunches will be open air buffets. We cater for all dietary requirements so long as we know in advance – just fill in the appropriate section on your registration form.

## What's included?

Ferry crossing from Dover to Calais, Eurostar ticket from Paris to London, all accommodation with the exception of the evening prior to the start of the challenge, meals as detailed above, water/snack stops, support vehicles, route markers, English speaking guides, mechanic and medical support, transfer of bicycles back to start venue in London, transfer back to start venue from St Pancras. Basic spare bike parts will be taken but please note, we cannot cater for every eventuality, therefore it is vital that participants ensure that their bike is in full working order and in good condition. You will be billed for any spare parts used in repairing your bike.

## What's not included?

Alcoholic drinks and tips, bicycle hire – it is requested that all participants bring their own bike – road bikes are highly recommended, bicycle insurance, travel insurance.

## Can I stay in Paris after the challenge?

Yes. We are able to offer you an extension package to return the following day and this will enable you to see the entire finish of the Tour de France. Alternatively you can of course make your own arrangements to return at your convenience and stay in Paris as long as you wish, but remember you will need to keep your bicycle with you too.

## What sort of back-up is there?

There will be a strong support team with professional Global Adventure Challenges leaders from the UK. Full, comprehensive medical kits will be taken and we are never too far away from hospitals if needed. A support vehicle with medic and mechanic will follow the group providing support if needed.

## What happens if I get tired?

There will be regular rest stops for drinks and snacks after approximately every 20 miles of cycling – there is no problem if you need to take more rest stops. A support vehicle will be bringing up the rear of the group on the cycle ride ensuring no-one is left alone – remember though, this is not a race!

## How do I go about raising the sponsorship?

Once you have signed up you will receive a fundraising pack from your chosen charity in order to make your fundraising as easy as possible. You will also receive a few tips and ideas from Global Adventure Challenges to help you on your way.

## I'm interested... what do I do now?

Places are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis, so try to register as soon as you can! You can register online at [www.globaladventurechallenges.com](http://www.globaladventurechallenges.com) or fill in the enclosed registration form and return it to Global Adventure Challenges, along with the registration fee - all costs and payment options are explained on the enclosed information sheet. Once your registration is received, Global Adventure Challenges will write to you, sending you further information on what to expect from this awesome adventure! Your charity will also be in contact with you to discuss your fundraising.

## 4 days, 299 miles, 2 capitals... Ready to ride?

**Register online today!**

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