

Tour Summary

Sunday 8th August 2021 (Day 1 - Lands End to St. Austell 60 miles) a tough first day in the saddle cycling through the rugged Cornish countryside, crossing the River Fal and spending Sunday evening in St. Austell.



View to St Micheal's Mount from Marazion Beach in Cornwall.

Although it is not a particularly long day, this first day of the tour is possibly one of the hardest of the entire journey. The Cornish hills are not particularly steep but they are numerous and those riders who have put in the training miles should find the ride a challenge but enjoyable.

The following day, **Monday 9th August 2021 (Day 2 – St. Austell to Moretonhampstead 71 miles)** We will be bowling along the Cornish coastline, passing through Looe, Plymouth and via ferry enter the Plym Valley before heading out to Yelverton and ascending onto the rugged splendor of Dartmoor to Moretonhampstead where we where we will stay for the evening.



Boats in Looe Harbour

Tuesday 10th August 2021 (Day 3 – Moretonhampstead to Wookey Hole 83 miles) features a further period of cycling through the Devonshire lanes, which again will involve some more short climbs and quick descents. We will eventually find flatter ground in Somerset, cycling through Glastonbury, parts of the Somerset Levels and visit the historical town of Wells before the short ride to our overnight accommodation at Wookey Hole.



The stunning Wells Cathedral.

Upon leaving Wookey Hole on **Wednesday 11th August 2021 (Day 4 – Wookey Hole to Hereford 78 miles)** we will cycle towards Bristol along flat lanes and cycle paths; traversing Bristol can be a little challenging due to some tricky navigation. However, we will eventually cross over the Severn Road Bridge on the dedicated cycle path and make our way into Wales. The afternoon will be spent cycling alongside the course of the River Wye. This is a truly glorious part of the tour. We will be stopping for the evening in Hereford.



Crossing the River Severn Bridge.

Leaving Hereford the following morning, **Thursday 12th August 2021 (Day 5 – Hereford to Shrewsbury 67 miles)**, we will be taking quiet roads and lanes as we wend our way towards Shrewsbury where we will stay for the night.



Views across to Wales and the Blackdown Mountains.

On **Friday 13th August 2021 (Day 6 – Shrewsbury to Leigh 65miles)** we will have an easy day's cycling. The highlight's of the ride are the quiet lanes, canal paths and the lush countryside on the flattish terrain towards Leigh in Lancashire. Our accommodation is scheduled for the Leigh and marks almost the halfway point of the tour.



Brew stop in Hanmer.

The following day, **Saturday 14th August 2021 (Day 7 – Leigh to Carnforth 69 miles)**, is a long day has some of the most difficult navigation of the entire journey. Clients will need to be aware that there are numerous 'lefts and rights' to be negotiated as we navigate through the busy industrial landscape of the northwest and then the route gets very hilly as we ascend along the spectacular lane out to the Cross of Greet and onwards to Carnforth where we will stop for the evening.



Stunning view from the summit at The Cross of Greet.

As we depart from Carnforth on **Sunday 15th August 2021 (Day 8 – Carnforth to Gretna 76 miles)** the urban sprawl of Bolton and Blackburn will quickly become a distant memory as we encounter the stunning landscape and head north into the Lake District.

We will be passing through Grasmere and Keswick and pushing onwards to spend the night in Gretna Green. Cycling between Carnforth and Gretna is probably on a par with the first day in Cornwall; the scenery is spectacular, the hills are just as hard and the day's ride is a little longer.

However, once we arrive in Gretna clients should feel a quiet sense of satisfaction having conquered the cycling challenges presented by the Lake District and crossed the border into Scotland.



Amazing Lakeland views

On Monday morning, **Monday 16th August 2021 (Day 9 – Gretna to Larkhall 76miles)**, we will be leaving Gretna and pushing on into Scotland. The cycling is relatively easy and later in the day we will be stopping for the evening in Larkhall.



Stunning scenery of the Scottish Lowlands

On the following day, **Tuesday 17th August 2021 (Day 10 – Larkhall to Tyndrum 79miles)** will find us leaving Larkhall and negotiating the traffic-free River Clyde cycleway as we traverse Glasgow and head out towards Balloch, a popular tourist town on the banks of Loch Lomond.

The cycle path through Glasgow is a great way to see this vibrant Scottish city, with numerous traces of its ship building history still visible.

The distinctive modern architecture of the inner city, slowly gives way to traditional tenements and these cultural landmarks make the Glasgow leg a tremendous day's cycling. From Balloch the LEJOG route follows the cyclepath which runs along the western shore of Loch Lomond, going through Luss and Ardlui before we arrive at our evenings stop at Tyndrum.



The River Clyde cycle way as we traverse Glasgow.

Wednesday 18th August 2021 (Day 11 – Tyndrum to Fort Augustus 79miles) is a tough day on the road. We will be cycling from Tyndrum onto Rannoch Moor and through the magnificent Pass of Glencoe before dropping down into Glencoe village and pushing onwards through Fort William before finally stopping for the evening in beautiful Fort Augustus situated at the head of Loch Ness.



Stunning views of the mountains in Glencoe

The next day, **Thursday 19th August 2021 (Day 12 – Fort Augustus to Invergordon 62miles)** First thing in the morning we will be stretching our legs on the toughest climb of the entire tour when we ascend onto General Wades Military Road before heading towards Inverness, the capital of the Highlands. Having passed through Inverness we will cross the Kessock Bridge and with some great views across the Cromarty Firth before ending at Invergordon for the evening.



Smiles after completing the climb up General Wades Military Road

Friday 20th August 2021 (Day 13 – Invergordon to Bettyhill 77miles) The morning starts with a long and steep climb onto the 'Struie' where we will be rewarded with some epic views of the Kyle of Sutherland and the Carbisdale Castle at Invershin followed by a long exhilarating downhill ride to Bonar Bridge. We should then be in fine form to cycle through the village of Lairg alongside Loch Shin and ascend to the finest pub in the British Isles, the incomparable Crask Inn. We may have time for a coffee at the Crask Inn before we descend to Altnaharra.



The Famous Crask Inn at the Heart of the Scottish Highlands

This stretch of cycling is an hour of pure joy, downhill cycling set in the majesty of the far north of Scotland under the shadow of the towering Ben Klibreck. The route takes us on the single-track road that runs alongside the River Naver, famous throughout Europe for its salmon fishing and then a quiet undulating road brings us to Bettyhill where we will be staying for the evening.



View at Betty Hill our final stop before hitting JOG

Saturday 21st August 2021 (Day 14 – 50miles Bettyhill to John O’Groats) is the last cycling day of the tour, at the start of the day there are a couple of steep hills between Bettyhill and Strathy which will test our weary legs for the final time and nearby Thurso marks the last town of any size. The final few miles to John O’Groats are relatively flat. We are expected to finish around 1pm in front of the famous signpost where a champagne celebration awaits all our clients.

And Finally...

We hope all this information answers many of the questions you may have had, your likely now to have more, if so then please do not hesitate to contact us.

What I am sure of is that it will heighten the anticipation for the trip.

With careful physical preparation and a well-maintained bike the Land’s End to John O’Groats challenge is a fantastic achievement and we aim to facilitate a fun, memorable & rewarding tour with many happy memories to cherish.

Best of Luck with training and see you soon!!

Regards.

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