



EURO CITIES BIKE RIDE



DAY 3

AMSTERDAM – TURNHOUT

105 MILES

Today is the longest day in the saddle of this challenge - so we wake and breakfast early before leaving Amsterdam, along the beautiful canal side cycle ways that lead south out of the city. As we journey along the flat terrain gradually pick up speed and cover a lot of ground before stopping for a picnic lunch at a quiet countryside village. Our route then passes alongside De Biesbosch National Park, and through beautiful nature reserves, along winding countryside roads until we reach our destination for the evening, the small town of Turnhout. Exhausted after this tough day of cycling, we secure our bikes for the evening and have a leisurely dinner.

DAY 4

TURNHOUT – BRUSSELS

70 MILES

Today is the most challenging cycle terrain of the journey so far. Heading into Belgium leaving behind the flat low-lands of the Netherlands we come across the first hill climbs of the cycle so far. We stop for lunch at the Castle of Westerlo, constructed in the 14th Century and surrounded by 12 hectares of landscaped gardens, which were inspired by those at the Palace of Versailles, Paris. There is an opportunity to pose with our bikes and get some great photos against the backdrop of the Castle before embarking on our final leg of the challenge. The route into Brussels cycles south of Leuven as we take the quieter roads into the city. There is a short regroup at the Bois Cambre Ter Kamerenbos, with a final rest stop before we all cycle together in convoy onto the Grand Place - where we join the celebrations of the Brussels Beer Festival and raise our glasses in celebration to the end of the challenge! Tonight we dine on a fantastic Belgian feast finished off with waffles, chocolate and beer taking in the full atmosphere and vast selection of Belgium beers that the festival has to offer.

DAY 5

RETURN LONDON

There is a full morning today to relax and enjoy Brussels at leisure – either on foot or in the saddle. Transferring early afternoon to the Eurostar Terminal for the easy hop back to London arriving late afternoon at St Pancras.



LOGISTICS

COSTS OF CHALLENGE

From £849 per person

Minimum number 30 participants

TOTAL DISTANCE

Approximately 317 miles

RATING

Moderate

FITNESS

This challenge requires a good level of fitness to cycle the route.

NOT INCLUDED

Bike and bike equipment

Alcoholic drinks

Travel insurance

Single supplement

Fuel supplement

WEATHER

April to October has suitable weather. Avoiding the busy summer months is advised. The weather in the UK and northern Europe can be changeable so wet weather gear should be packed.

ABOUT ACTION CHALLENGE

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INCLUDED

Ferry crossing

Eurostar return

ACUK rep (s)

Challenge Medic (s)

Bike Mechanic (s)

All accommodation

All meals, except in free time

All baggage transfers

Snacks + water along the route

ACCOMMODATION

En-suite twin/quad berths on ferry and good 2/3*.hotel and hostel accommodation. Our last night in Amsterdam is in a well-located, central Brussels Hotel

FOOD

Breakfasts will be at the accommodation, lunch en-route and a generous evening meal at our accommodation or in a local restaurant. On the final night, a gala dinner will be provided at a local restaurant or hotel.

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