

LONDON TO BRUGES BIKE RIDE



An amazing 2 day cycle ride from London through the Kent countryside and on to Belgium. We finish in Bruges, the historic city centre and a prominent World Heritage Site of UNESCO.

CHALLENGE HIGHLIGHTS

- Long weekend challenge event
- Stunning Kent countryside
- Cycle through French villages.
- Cross the border to Belgium and enjoy the Flemish region.
- Explore Bruges before catching the Eurostar home.

OVERVIEW

- **Best Time to Go:** April-June or September - October
- **Cycle Days:** 2 days (3 days in total)
- **Level:** Challenging
- **Accommodation:** Hotels
- **Minimum Number :** 30 participants
- **Maximum Number:** 80 participants

DETAILED ITINERARY



Day 1

London – Dover – Calais

120km approx.



We set off from London at around 9am across the streets of south east London. By late morning we reach the open countryside of Kent, the Garden of England. It is home to numerous pretty villages, oast houses, historic castles and stately homes. By lunch time we will have got the bulk of the day's cycling under our belt. The final push takes us to Dover where we board an evening ferry for the short hop to Calais where we overnight.

Day 2

Calais – Dunkerque – Bruges

100km approx.

Our route today takes us through the Nord Pas de Calais *département* of France. The sights and monuments here bear witness to the region's rich history: abbeys, churches and chateaux abound. We pass through the port of Dunkerque famous for the wartime evacuation of British, French and Allied troops in 1940. As we cycle ever closer to the border with Belgium, the Flemish influence is evident in the area's architecture and the names of its towns. The picturesque countryside consists of forests, meadows, and rolling hills. Roughly halfway through the day we cross the border into Belgium. Our destination is Bruges, Europe's best-preserved medieval city, often described as Venice of the north due its network of canals. Tonight there will be chance to explore the town, spend a final night together after this memorable journey and perhaps sample some of Belgium's famous Trappist beer.



Day 3

Bruges – Lille - London

Transfer to Lille to catch Eurostar back to St Pancras where we are reunited with our bicycles.

Please note this is a complex itinerary which is subject to change.

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