

Mit dem Rennrad quer durch Großbritannien: Land's End - John O'Groats

Reisebeschreibung (engl.)

Day 1

Arrival: Penzance / Land's End

Non Riding Day

You will be met on arrival and transferred to the coastal town of Land's End where we will spend our first evening. For anyone wishing to arrive by car, accommodation details will be provided in advance of the departure date (please note that we will not be transferring back to Land's End at the end of the tour).

A midday/early afternoon arrival will be necessary in order to allow enough time for the group transfer to Land's End and for those bringing their own bikes to rebuild them. We will also use this time to make sure that anyone renting a Skedaddle bike is fitted to one of appropriate size with any necessary adjustments made.

The rest of the day is yours to relax before the evening when we will eat out as a group in the hotel restaurant, an opportunity to get to know the rest of the party and to discuss the programme with your Skedaddle guides.



Day 2

Land's End to Truro

41 Miles / 66 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 1,000 Metres Approx.

We'll start our journey heading along the coast from Land's End to Penzance, before heading inland to test our navigational skills through the Cornish country lanes.

We finish in Truro, one of the smallest cities in England, where we will be staying tonight.



Day 3

Truro to Launceston

55 Miles / 89 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Ascent:** 1,570 Metres Approx.,

Make sure that you have a hearty breakfast today – the route is longer than yesterday's and it's a hilly one! A few miles into our second day in the saddle sees us riding along an incredibly beautiful stretch of south west England's countryside. Onwards and upwards (and of course occasionally downwards!) through Wadebridge we will tick off our first hundred miles! From here we ride inland, towards the small town of Launceston where we spend the evening.

Day 4

Launceston to Tiverton

54 Miles / 87 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 1,270 Metres Approx.

Today is spent cycling through lovely countryside and small villages as we wind our way to our destination for the evening, the town of Tiverton, wonderfully positioned on the River Exe.



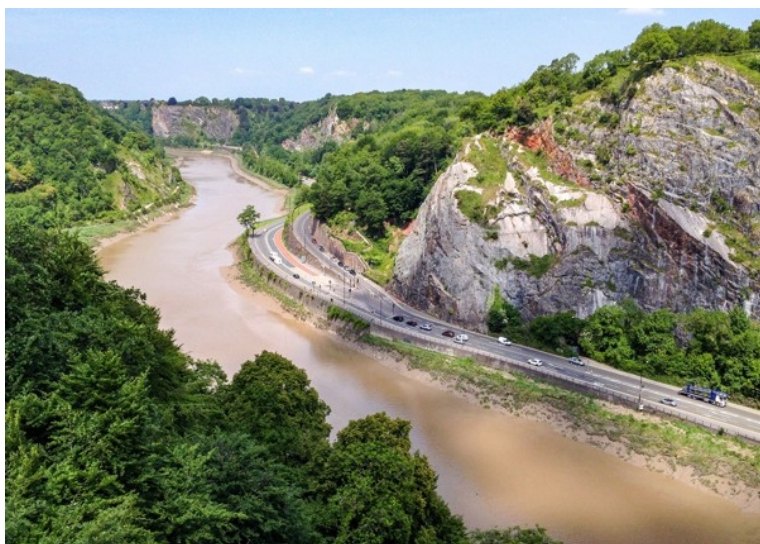
Day 5

Tiverton to Cheddar

63 Miles / 101 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Ascent:** 1050 Metres Approx.

Our last day of traversing cross country before we start chomping our way north. Travelling through the vale of Taunton and Deane we pass over the flat lands, from where we can spot in the distance the imposing and infamous Glastonbury Tor. From here it's on to the large village of Cheddar on the edge of the Somerset Levels.



Day 6

Cheddar to Tintern Abbey
48 Miles / 77 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 1,200 Metres Approx.

Today we head north via the outstanding Cheddar Gorge to the city of Bristol. Here we can take a number of routes through or round Bristol and across the River Severn, and up the Wye Valley to the wonderful Tintern Abbey on the Welsh border, where you will stay for the evening.

Day 7

Tintern Abbey to Worcester
57 Miles / 91 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Ascent:** 1,050 Metres Approx.

From Tintern Abbey we pass through the picturesque and unspoilt Forest of Dean. After a few stiff climbs we skirt the River Severn, then travel east of the Malvern Hills and on to Worcester, with its iconic cathedral.

Day 8

Worcester to Ironbridge
46 Miles / 74 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 1,050 Metres Approx.

Today is a relatively short ride following the River Severn north and passing through the old towns of Bewdly (stopping for a rest and a coffee down by the river) and Bridgenorth – time for further sustenance! We pass through the small town of Much Wenlock, the place famous for the origins of the modern Olympic Games (the London 2012 Olympic mascot was called Wenlock!) Our destination for the day is the ‘birthplace of the industrial revolution’ – Ironbridge.

Day 9

Ironbridge to Northwich
54 Miles / 87 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Ascent:** 800 Metres Approx.

We start by climbing out of Ironbridge, passing the Wrekin and along the line of the Shropshire Union canal. We pass through Nantwich and Winsford to our overnight accommodation in Northwich.



Day 10

Northwich to Garstang

71 Miles / 114 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 1,250 Metres Approx.

Today is a dramatic change in scenery as we pass through some of the more urban and industrial areas of England. This is in great contrast to what lies before us on this epic cycle ride. Tonight's accommodation is in the UK's first Fair Trade town – Garstang. A place also famous for producing the world's biggest Lancashire Hotpot in 2007!

Day 11

Garstang to Kirkby Lonsdale

43 Miles / 69 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Ascent:** 1,260 Metres Approx.

We break free of the urban areas and head for the stunning open moorland and fells of the Trough of Bowland around Slaidburn and Ingleton (we are approximately halfway through the entire trip now!). We then descend to the beautiful town of Kirkby Lonsdale for a relaxing afternoon stop before passing over 'Devil's Bridge' to get to our accommodation.



Day 12

Kirkby Lonsdale to Talkin
60 Miles / 96 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 1,550 Metres Approx.

A stunning ride through unspoiled towns and villages of the fells. Alongside rushing rivers and rolling hills we head for Talkin, near Brampton, and our quiet overnight stay.



Day 13

Talkin to Peebles
80 Miles / 129 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Ascent:** 1,900 Metres Approx.

One of the most rewarding day's cycling of the trip, over hills, through valleys and forests giving stunning ascents and the bliss of some awesome downhills, before we arrive at our resting place in Peebles for the night and the following day.

Day 14

Rest Day: Peebles

Non Riding Day

- **Meals:** Breakfast

Some time to relax and take in the views or perhaps wander around Peebles and its surrounding countryside. The more adventurous may want to visit either the Innerleithen or Glentress mountain bike centres, or maybe you just fancy a walk alongside the River Tweed. Peebles is a bustling border town with good shopping opportunities for souvenirs. Staying 2 nights here presents a great opportunity for catching up on laundry and also allows us to spend a little time caring for our bikes and, if necessary, pay a visit to one of the well-equipped local bike shops.

Day 15

Peebles to Kinross

54 Miles / 87 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 990 Metres Approx.

Today we travel onwards, through the country borders and onwards to Edinburgh. We cycle through the city, stopping for coffee on the way before meeting up with the support vehicle at Queensferry, with spectacular views of the Forth road and rail bridges.

Refreshed we head off on a challenging little jaunt to Kinross.



Day 16

Kinross to Bridge of Cally
39 Miles / 63 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 740 Metres Approx.

Travelling through rolling countryside we cycle through Perth passing the historic Scone Palace and on to Blairgowrie. We are now in strawberry country – though not a traffic jam in sight! Climbing out of Blairgowrie we head for the Bridge Of Cally, where you will be staying this evening.

Day 17

Bridge of Cally to Tomintoul
60 Miles / 96 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Ascent:** 1,630 Metres Approx.

A memorable ride that you will be proud to have accomplished. With time to stop in Braemar and catch glimpses of Balmoral Castle, today you will have ticked all the boxes. This is a day of classic Highland scenery, and the miles to Tomintoul will fly by with the epic views!



Day 18

Tomintoul to Inverness
51 Miles / 83 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 810 Metres Approx.

We are now in whisky country, crossing Spey Bridge into Grantown-on-Spey. Next we stop at a beautiful little picnic spot at Dulcie Bridge and onto Inverness. Time allowing you may wish to visit Cawdor Castle (Macbeth) and the battle fields at Culloden. Tonight you are free to look round Inverness and take in the sights and flavours.

Day 19

Inverness to Lairg

56 Miles / 90 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast
- **Ascent:** 840 Metres Approx.

Today we take in some spectacular scenery that will bring all your senses to life! With stunning views over the Cromarty Firth we'll then cycle along the banks of the Durnoch Firth to Bonar Bridge and the Kyle of Sutherland. From here we pass the leaping salmon at Shin Falls, riding through forest to our destination, Lairg.

Day 20

Lairg to Bettyhill

45 Miles / 72 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 580 Metres Approx.

Yet more fantastic mountain scenery, open moorlands and awesome views as we head towards the north coast. This afternoon's ride follows a wonderful salmon and trout fishing river so keep an eye out for ospreys! Finishing the day's relatively short ride into Bettyhill gives us an opportunity to reflect on how far we have come and rest ahead of tomorrow's ride.



Day 21

Bettyhill to John O'Groats
51 Miles / 82 Kms Approx.

- **Meals:** Breakfast, lunch
- **Ascent:** 890 Metres Approx.

The final push along the ancient barren coastline passing through Thurso and then John O'Groats. For those with time, a trip to Dunnet Head will gain more brownie points. At John O'Groats we stop for a picture and celebrations, before heading to our accommodation and getting bikes ready for the next day's transfer. Then into the restaurant for a well deserved meal and several pats on the back. Congratulations! You've Skedaddled from Land's End to John O'Groats!

Day 22

Departure: Inverness
Non Riding Day

Enthaltene Leistungen:

21 Übernachtungen in B&Bs, Gästehäusern und kleinen Mittelklassehotels mit Frühstück
7x Mittagspicknick (oder Einkehr bei entsprechender Wetterlage)
Begleitfahrzeug und Radguide (englischsprachig)
Gepäcktransport
GPS – Routendaten für Ihr Navigationsgerät (auf Wunsch ebenfalls möglich: GPS Gerät mit aufgespielten Routen)
englischsprachiges Informationsmaterial zur Reise
Transfer vom Bahnhof Penzance um 16:30 Uhr (Tag 1)
Transfer zum Bahnhof bzw. Flughafen Inverness (für Züge ab 13:30 Uhr / Flüge ab 15:00 Uhr)

Nicht enthaltene Leistungen:

Anreise/Rückreise (gerne machen wir Ihnen ein Angebot)
Radmiete
nicht genannte Mahlzeiten
Getränke
Trinkgelder