Tour of the Highlands 2023 Road Ride

May 25th - 31st 2023

Welcome to the outline for the 2023 Tour of the Highlands. The trip will follow the now familiar format of a point-to-point trip with riders being supported on the road by a van(s) that will carry the luggage. Support driving duties will be shared amongst the riders on the trip.

The rides are all quite long so you need to be confident that you can handle at least 4 days back-toback rides of 70+ miles. There are no really challenging hills, but each day does have a few punchy climbs and there are a few longer ones to negotiate along the way.

We are limited to 18 people on the trip.

The Masterplan:

25th May: Drive to Pitlochry in the heart of Perthshire

26th – 30th May: Up to 5 days riding.

31st May: Drive home.

The rides:

Day 1. 26th May.

Pitlochry to Fort William. 79 miles / 3700 ft of ascent

Day 2. 27th May.

Fort William to Ballachulish via Glenfinnan, Lochailort and the Corran Ferry. 79 miles / 5300 ft of ascent

Day 3. 28th May.

Ballachulish to Aberfeldy via Glencoe, Rannoch Moor and Loch Tay 78 miles / 4733 ft ascent.

Day 4. 29th May.

Aberfeldy to Pitlochry via Schiehallion, Loch Rannoch and Loch Tummell 69 miles / 4531ft ascent

Day 5. 30th May

Either: Choice of road loops in Perthshire. 59 miles / 75 miles

Or: Drive home if you are time constrained.

31st **May:** Those who chose to stay on to ride day 5 drive home.

The rides:

Day 1: <u>Routes · Ride with GPS</u>

Day 2: <u>Routes · Ride with GPS</u>

Day 3: <u>Routes · Ride with GPS</u>

- Day 4: <u>Routes · Ride with GPS</u>
- Day 5: Options available. 59 miles / 75 miles

Cost:

Accommodation will cost c£500pp for a 6-night trip. In addition, a kitty deposit of £100pp is required to cover on the road expenses and some initial costs.

Hotels are booked on a B&B basis with two people sharing a twin room or double room for any couples (if possible). You will pay for your evening meals and café stops each day although we may run a mega kitty for this

Travel costs to and from Scotland will be split by car sharing arrangements.

As we are limited to 18 places on the trip your kitty deposit of £100 is required to secure a place on the trip.

Payment:

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