



Mammoth Journeys

The Culture Vulture

London to Paris; via Amsterdam and Brussels

The Vulture epitomises cycle touring at its finest. A great chance to experience Europe's great cycle trails and explore some must see capitals. Each leg finishes in an iconic European city and arrival is made even more special as you have arrived under your own steam. An air of superiority over the coach loads of tourists slouching their way across Europe viewing it all through the safety of their luxury reclining bus seat.

Distance: 785 km / 490 miles

Duration: 11 Days

Countries: UK, Holland, Belgium and France





Leg 1: London to Amsterdam Distance: 215km / 135 miles Duration: 3 days

Arrival into London the day before departure for a brief of the Journey, kit check, questions and most important; pre-Journey photos.

An action packed short leg as we head north-east out of London into the Essex countryside for a long first day riding towards Harwich. Recharging the batteries on the ferry before arriving into the Hook of Holland. Going via The Hague on our way to Amsterdam we make full use of our time in Holland. With a shorter second day it gives us a good opportunity to visit some sights in the Hague and arrive into Amsterdam in good time. This shortened second day will hopefully mean we are fresh to utilise our rest day in Amsterdam and visit it's many must-see attractions.

Day 1: London to Harwich 130km

Day 2: Hook of Holland to Amsterdam 80km

Day 3: Rest day Amsterdam

Leg 2: Amsterdam to Brussels Distance: 240km / 150 miles Duration: 3 days

To balance the hectic scenes of Amsterdam we head to the smaller southern town of 's Hertogenbosch. Using the infamous Dutch cycleways makes our route in Belgium very pleasant. Passing through Tilburg and Turnhout taking in their iconic medieval moated castles, cathedrals and market squares. A full day riding into Brussels makes you appreciate your celebratory Belgium beer at the end of a tough second day. Riding throughout Holland and Belgium is quieter and easier than UK and France; enjoy this time of solitude.

Day 4: Amsterdam to 's Hertogenbosch 100km

Day 5: 's Hertogenbosch to Brussels 140km

Day 6: Rest Day Brussels

Leg 3: Brussels to Paris Distance: 330km / 205 miles Duration: 4 days

The quaint towns continue as we leave Belgium into France. Stopping in Chimay, the birthplace of the famous Belgium beer, and Soissons, one of France's most ancient cities and also a World War 1 battle site. With manageable distances each day it will allow plenty of opportunity to explore the famous cathedrals, abbeys and museums along our route.

As we head closer to Paris roads become busier so it's important not to switch off in that final day, so close to the end it's easy to get complacent.

All of our hard work and many pedal rotations culminates with our arrival into Paris. Little over a week ago leaving the iconic Big Ben we arrive at the Eiffel Tower. An incredibly productive 'holiday' the celebratory champagne toast at the end signifies a 10 day stretch like no other, and perhaps, the start of a new lifestyle.



Day 7: Brussels to Chimay 100km

Day 8: Chimay to Soissons 120km

Day 9: Soissons to Paris 110km

Day 10: Rest Day Paris

What's Included?

- 11 nights accommodation, including the night in London for the Journey brief.
- 11 Breakfasts and 5 Dinners
- Support vehicle for luggage transport, mechanical assistance, and tired cyclists
- Cycle guide daily
- Advice and help on any pre-Journey kit purchases
- Mammoth Journeys Cycle top
- Bike transport back to England

What's not included?

- Insurance
- Airfare to the start or your Journey
- Bike hire
- Any tours, tips/gratuities, or meals outside of the described Journey
- Any in-hotel purchases e.g. phone bill, laundry, room service etc