Join Transaid in 2023 as we set out to ride from London to Paris!

We will leave from Greenwich Observatory and head to Newhaven where we will catch the ferry across to Dieppe, before spending two days edging our way ever closer to the iconic Eiffel tower and a victory dance!

What better way to mark 25 years of Transaid than with such a big challenge!

Join us and other like-minded individuals from across the transport and logistics industry in fundraising to support Transaid’s work in sub-Saharan Africa, providing safe and sustainable transport solutions where they are needed most.

In September we will be cycling 187 miles (climbing 8,200ft) across three days, from London to Paris. Participants will have the opportunity to experience magnificent English countryside and picturesque French rural landscapes, all from our saddles!

The route comprises a mixture of on-road and traffic-free sections, running primarily on quieter rural roads, with some busier sections as we leave London, and arrive in Paris. We will be making use of the "Euro Velo" network where available whilst in France. The terrain throughout the challenge is relatively flat with some rolling hills that make the ride challenging but very much accessible to everyone!

21-25 SEPTEMBER 2023

DURATION: 5 DAYS
CYCLING: 3 DAYS
DISTANCE: 187 MILES
REG FEE: £149
FUNDRAISING PLEDGE: £1,800

REGISTER HERE

Contact us: anna@transaid.org / +44 7310 909 580
UK Registered Charity No: 1072105 | Patron: HRH The Princess Royal
DAY 1: FRIDAY, 22 SEPT | LONDON TO DIEPPE
65 MILES, 3,800FT

We'll set out from Greenwich Observatory after an early start before weaving our way out of England’s Capital. As we venture further south, the roads will quieten and become leafier as we pass through the High Weald AONB and the far Southern tip of the South Downs National Park before eventually meeting the coast and onto the ferry at Newhaven. We will end the day on French soil in Dieppe, ready for our first taste of cycling on French roads in the morning!

DAY 2: SATURDAY, 23 SEPT | DIEPPE TO BEAUVAIS
70 MILES, 2,000FT

We begin today with 3 miles on the road before finding our way onto one of France’s many dedicated cycle paths — wonderful traffic free tarmac which gets us nicely out to Northern France’s farmland! Today is relatively flat with gentle rolling hills and 90% cycle path as we arrive at our day two destination of Beauvais!

DAY 3: SUNDAY, 24 SEPT | BEAUVAIS TO PARIS
52 MILES, 2,400FT

Our final day will take us through more farmland and various small towns as we weave our way across and down to the outer suburbs of Paris! We'll ride along the bank of the mighty River Seine before navigating the Paris road network towards our final destination, the Eiffel tower! We'll have a much-deserved celebratory dinner and spend the night in Paris.
Package, Fundraising & Costs

What is included:
- 4 nights’ accommodation (based on a twin share)
- Ferry crossing Newhaven to Dieppe
- 4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners
- Refreshment stops on riding days
- Vehicle and ride support
- Luggage transfer
- GPX files for route guidance
- Return bike transfer to London

What is not included:
- Drinks with lunch and dinner
- Dinner on the ferry at the end of Day 1
- Travel insurance
- Travel to and from the challenge
- Return to London

Return to London is at participants’ discretion.

Optional expenses:
- Solo occupancy room: £175 supplement (limited availability; first-come-first-served basis)
- Car parking space at Blackheath Hotel (if needed): £100 between 21-25 September (limited availability; first-come-first-served basis)

REGISTRATION FEE: £149 (non-refundable)

MINIMUM FUNDRAISING TARGET: £1,800 (excluding Gift Aid and registration fee)

£1,080 (60%) DUE TEN WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE (15.07.2023)

BALANCE OF £720 DUE WITHIN A WEEK AFTER THE CHALLENGE (02.10.2023)

Of the total fundraising target of £1,800 a total of £945 will cover your core costs on the challenge. Some participants may choose to cover some or all of the core costs personally, meaning that more funds will come directly to Transaid. Please contact Anna should you wish to do this.

Most participants find it much easier to meet their target than they expect, however we will be providing fundraising support throughout and are always available for a chat if you need any ideas, tips or reassurance!

Your employer may be willing to sponsor your registration fee or the core cost. If not, be sure to enquire about match funding as it will be very helpful in smashing your target.

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