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Isle of Wight 2026



*Transaid's new
cycle challenge!*

14 - 17 MAY 2026

Information pack

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The Challenge

Our 2026 Transaid European Cycle Challenge begins on the outskirts of London in Dorking, right at the foot of the legendary Box Hill. We'll loop around and over this iconic climb before meandering through the scenic lanes of the Surrey Hills and on towards the rolling beauty of the South Downs National Park. The day finishes with a final ascent up Portsdown Hill, where stunning coastal views hint at what's to come next: a bucket-list ride around the Isle of Wight!

The Isle of Wight loop is one of the UK's most celebrated cycling routes — a full circumnavigation of the island offering breathtaking sea views, charming seaside towns, and exhilarating climbs. This coastal circuit has become a rite of passage for cyclists, promising a mix of rugged coastline, peaceful countryside, and rewarding descents that make every pedal stroke worth it. It's the perfect combination of challenge and beauty - a true highlight of the Transaid challenge experience.

Please take note that the route is best suited to **road bikes** and **gravel bikes**.



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4 days away



2 days of cycling



217 kilometres



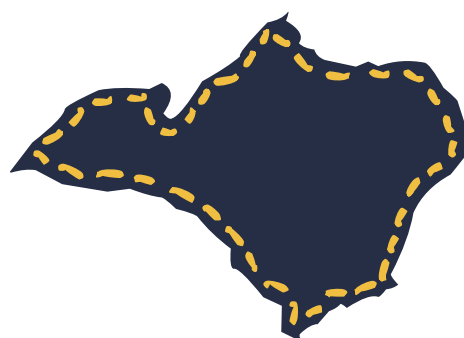
2650 metres elevation



Registration fee: £149



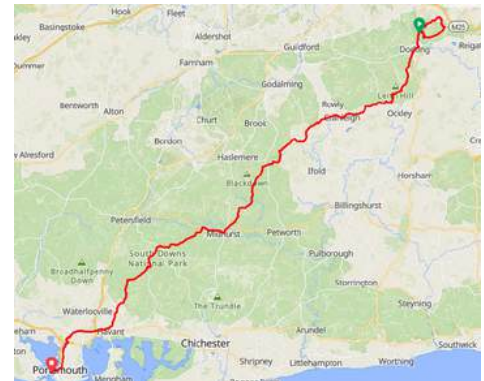
Fundraising pledge: £1,550



The route

Day 1 of cycling (15 May)

As has become tradition, we'll kick things off with a climb, and what a start it is! Our first challenge is the iconic Box Hill, made famous during the 2012 London Olympics. It's the perfect way to begin the adventure, offering both stunning views and a real sense of achievement. While Olympic riders took it on nine times, we'll only be tackling it once, making it the ideal setting for our first group photo at the summit.



From there, we'll wind our way through the beautiful Surrey Hills, taking in a few more renowned climbs, including Leith Hill, before heading south through the South Downs National Park. As the landscape opens up, we'll descend towards the South Coast, ready to board the Portsmouth to Fishbourne ferry. Once on the Isle of Wight, it's a short, gentle ride to our hotel, which will be our home for the next two nights.



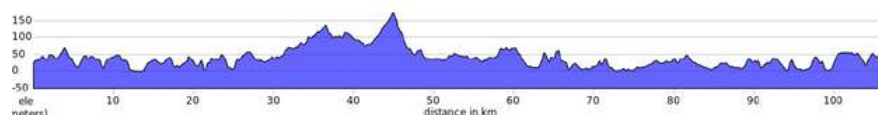
Day 2 of cycling (16 May)

The Isle of Wight loop has become a true bucket-list challenge for cyclists from across the UK and beyond, ever since the launch of the annual Isle of Wight Randonnée in 1985.

Covering 106 kilometres of rugged coastline, the route delivers everything a cyclist could wish for: testing climbs, sweeping descents, and a constantly changing backdrop of seaside villages, chalk cliffs, wooded glens, and historic landmarks. Every turn offers another reason to fall in love with the island's charm and natural beauty.



We'll take on the full circumnavigation of the island from our base in Wootton Bridge, riding clockwise to experience the best of the coast before returning to the hotel in the evening. There, we'll celebrate our incredible achievement with a well-earned group dinner and toast to the journey.



N.B. The distances and elevation are approximate and subject to change following the route recce.



The package

Included

- Three nights' accommodation (one in Dorking, two on IoW)
- Cyclist ferry crossing from Portsmouth to Fishbourne on 15 May
- Lunch and refreshments on cycle days
- Dinner on all 3 nights of the challenge
- Vehicle and cycle support
- Luggage transfer
- GPX files for route guidance
- Coach transfer from hotel on IoW to Dorking hotel
- Bike transport from IoW to Dorking after completion of challenge

Not Included

- Drinks with lunch and dinner
- Travel to/from the starting point
- Travel and bike insurance

Optional expenses:

The tour price is based on twin-share accommodation for three nights. Should you prefer more privacy or want to bring a guest, you can choose one of the optional upgrades below:

1- Solo Occupancy Room – £295 per person: enjoy your own private room for all 3 nights of the challenge.

2- Plus One Package – £500 total: bring a guest to share your room for the 3 nights. Includes dinner (3), breakfast (3), use of hotel facilities, and access to a preferential rate for a ferry crossing for their car. Your guest will need to organise their own transport and ferry crossing to the Isle of Wight.

Bicycle rental - pricing to be confirmed.

We kindly ask that the above supplements are paid directly to Mellow Jersey.

Parking at Box Hill Burford Bridge Hotel: 20 parking spaces available for the 3 night duration of the challenge for those wishing to travel to / from the challenge by car (alternatively there is easy access to the hotel via train). These need to be prebooked via Transaid and are on a first come first served basis. Payment to be made directly to the hotel on arrival.

Accommodation

Box Hill Burford Bridge Hotel - Dorking

Lakeside Park Hotel & Spa - Isle of Wight

Fundraising



Registration fee (non-refundable): **£149**



Minimum fundraising pledge: **£1,550**
(excluding reg fee and Gift Aid)



First fundraising deadline: **£930 (60% of pledge) due by Wednesday 1 April 2026.**



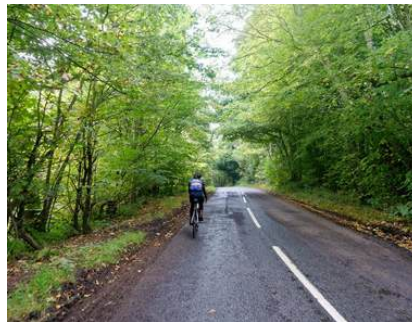
Second fundraising deadline: **£620 (40%) due by Friday 22nd May 2026.**

Of the total fundraising target of £1,699, a total of £1,000 will cover your core costs on the challenge.

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

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





TERMS & CONDITIONS BETWEEN TRANSAID AND PARTICIPANTS

1. In return for a place on Transaid's Isle of Wight cycle challenge, and as an indication of your serious fundraising intent, we require a non-refundable registration fee of £149 (payable on registration) and a commitment to raise at least £1,550 for Transaid.

2. **STAGE ONE PAYMENT:** £930 of this sponsorship must be paid to Transaid a minimum of 6 weeks prior to the departure date (by 01.04.2026). Failure to do so means that you must make up the balance yourself. If you have not raised the required amount by the stage one payment deadline then your place will be forfeited unless you advance the balance yourself. A personal advance can only be made in accordance with the conditions below:

A personal advance is made when a refund is intended. Refunding of the advance will only be made after the event's minimum sponsorship target has been reached (excluding the amount advanced and registration fee). The refund will not be made later than four weeks after the return date of the event. You will need to request a refund of your personal payment in writing (including email).

Please note the £1,550 target does not include your registration fee of £149 or any Gift Aid that your donations incur.

THE BALANCE OF YOUR TARGET (£620) is to be paid within one week of completion of the challenge (by 22.05.2026).

3. If you have registered as a team and a member of your team withdraws within 8 weeks from departure (i.e. on or after 19th March 2026), the minimum amount of sponsorship that must be raised by the remaining members will not be reduced.

4. **Booking transfer to another person:** You can transfer your existing booking to another person subject to agreement by our suppliers.* Notice must be received in writing from the person who made the booking at least 6 weeks before departure. (i.e. by 2nd April 2026). The replacement traveler must satisfy and fulfil any conditions that apply to the challenge, and all costs of the original booking.

*If you are unable to travel, you may wish to check whether cover is provided for your cancellation within the terms of your travel insurance policy as this may incur less cost to you.

5. If you withdraw from the event on or after the 19th March (i.e. 8 weeks before departure), then you will still be liable to pay at least the amount due as stated in the registration pack, whatever the circumstances of your withdrawal. We would ask that you speak to your sponsors and ask if they are still comfortable making their donation, if not then this must be returned to them.

6. All funds raised in the name of Transaid must be paid as soon as is practical to Transaid.

7. You must be over 18 by the date of departure.

8. Your participation to the event is accepted on the understanding that you accept:

ENHANCED RISK: Cycling tours are active events; participants engage in the sport at their own risk. We cannot guarantee rider safety as rides use public roads, and the event can include groups of varying abilities. Participants are personally responsible for complying with all road traffic regulations and wearing a helmet is obligatory.

By participating in the event, participants must accept that they could get injured and that their equipment could get damaged. It is the participants' responsibility to ensure that they are sufficiently fit and healthy to complete the event.

By signing up to the event you accept that the Transaid and the Mellow Jersey teams have the authority to prevent participants from engaging in any part of the event should they have reasonable concerns about:

- a) their ability to safely partake in an activity or
- (b) their physical ability to complete an activity in the required timescale.

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On any ride it is necessary that participants abide by the authority of the leader/guide(s), who represent/s Mellow Jersey and whose decision is final.

Any information given by Mellow Jersey in regard to climate, clothing, special equipment, etc. is done so in good faith and must be rechecked by participants prior to relying on it.

9. MEDICAL NEEDS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: Mellow Jersey welcomes people with restricted mobility, medical or particular care requirements or a disability, and aims to ensure that their services are as accessible as reasonably possible to all. However, in order that they may consider the possibility of making reasonable adjustments, it is important that we are fully informed of any needs, requirements and conditions of participants prior to the event.

Mellow Jersey guides can only provide general first aid.

You should inform us immediately, if within 4 weeks prior to the commencement date or during the event, you have, or develop an infectious or contagious medical condition. If so, we have the right to:

refuse to accept a participant; cancel the event; or ask any participant to leave immediately, should we, in our reasonable discretion, consider it necessary to protect the health of others.

10. INSURANCE DISCLAIMER: You understand and accept that taking part in an event organised by Mellow Jersey and Transaid is at your own risk.

You need to be sufficiently fit and not suffering with any illness that could be exacerbated by the types of activities undertaken on the event.

You are required to have sufficient travel insurance to cover all medical expenses, loss of earnings, cost of care, any loss or damage to baggage and equipment, any liability you may incur against a third party and cancellation/curtailment of the trip should they need it. Failure to arrange adequate insurance is at the participants' own risk.

You hereby agree that except in respect of death or personal injury caused by negligence of Mellow Jersey, neither Mellow Jersey nor its employees or agents will have any liability for any loss, damage, injury or death participants may suffer in connection with any event organised by Mellow Jersey.

This includes but is not limited to theft of bicycles, injury as a result of cycling, and in particular injuries sustained as a result of personal equipment which has not been adequately maintained or serviced or for failure by participants to wear a cycle helmet. In addition, Mellow Jersey shall not be liable for losses suffered related to any business of yours such as lost profits, lost data, loss of contracts, etc, or any other business loss that you may incur as a result of any breach of these terms and conditions. Except for those matters for which we do not seek to exclude our liability to you, our total liability to you is limited to £100,000.

Mellow Jersey will transport bikes from the IOW to Dorking at the end of the challenge.

Participants should ensure that bikes are insured - whilst due care will be taken when transporting the bikes, neither Mellow Jersey or Transaid accepts any liability for damages resulting from the loss of or transit of bikes.

11. DATA PRIVACY: Any data collected during the course of this event will be stored securely on Transaid's and Mellow Jersey's computers. We will not share participants' details with any third party except as required by law or regulation.

12. PHOTOS: Photographs, likenesses or images of participants taken during the event may be used without remuneration in all media for bona fide promotional or marketing purposes. Consent will be obtained by Transaid as part of the event booking process for use of photos which they feature in or take on the tour.

13. LEGAL AND BINDING AGREEMENT: This Agreement is legal and binding upon registration to the challenge.

Please get in
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any questions.

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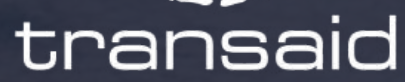


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