

## Southend Wheelers to Paris 2024

### Route and itinerary\*

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#### Overview

Day	Route	Mileage
1 – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Southend – Calais	76.9 miles
2 – Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Calais – Amiens	100 miles
3 – Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Amiens – Paris	84 miles
4 – Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Explore Paris / Travel home	
5 – Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Travel home	

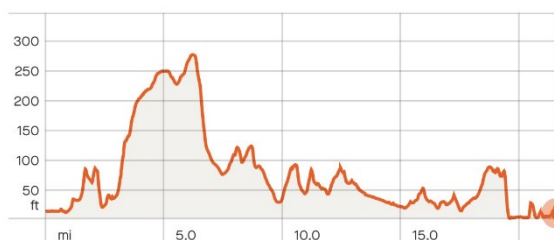
#### Detailed route and itinerary

##### Day 1 – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

We begin our journey from Southend Seafront aiming to leave at 8am, cycling Southwest for 22 miles towards Tilbury ferry Terminal where a couple of crossings will cross us to Gravesend, our first rest point being a perfect location for breakfast, ahead of the next 53 miles to Dover! Heading off from Gravesend, we arrive at our first great climb in Chatham, taking us up towards Gillingham and onwards to Sittingbourne for our next stop. (18 miles) Departing Sittingbourne we are in the saddle for another 18 miles passing through Faversham, onwards to Canterbury for our final stop before the last stretch to Dover. Just 17miles to our early evening Ferry, where we recommend eating on board ahead of arrival in Calais. A short 1.9-mile cycle to our hotel for a well-earned beer and to re-energise for Day 2!

- Southend to Tilbury Ferry 22 miles, 1<sup>st</sup> stop and wait for group to catch up after Ferry Crossings
- Gravesend Ferry Terminal – Sittingbourne 18 miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stop Lunch
- Sittingbourne – Canterbury, 18 miles 3<sup>rd</sup> stop
- Canterbury – Dover Ferry Terminal, 17 miles, board ferry
- Dover Ferry Terminal – Calais Ferry Terminal, 90mins dinner onboard
- Calais Ferry Terminal – Campanile Calais, 1.9 miles

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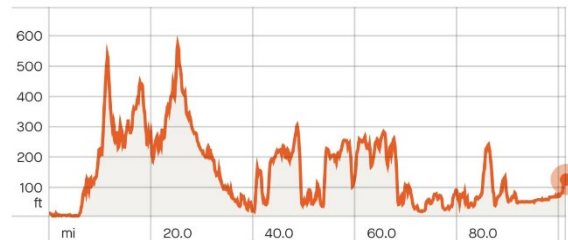


## Day 2 – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Another early start, breakfast included at the hotel and a departure time of 8am. Heading out of Calais, we begin our first leg of the day, cycling 23 miles to the town of Lumbres. Our first rest stop point, before making our longest cycle of the day, 34 miles to Frevent for our halfway point of Day 2, being a great spot for lunch! From there, 29 miles later we will arrive in Amiens for our overnight stay.

- Breakfast in Hotel Campanile Calais
- Campanile – Desvres 23 miles, 1<sup>st</sup> quick stop
- Desvres – Montreuil 16 miles, 2<sup>nd</sup> stop lunch
- Montreuil – Abbeville 31 miles 3<sup>rd</sup> stop
- Abbeville - Amiens 30 miles
- Hotel – Ibis Styles Amiens Centre
- Dinner in Hotel

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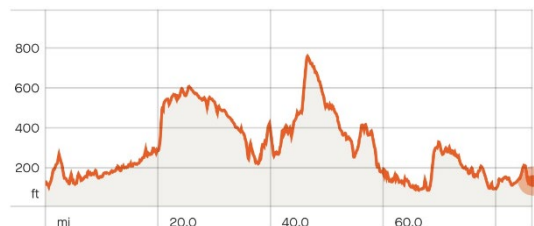


## Day 3 – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Starting day 3 with breakfast in our hotel again, we set off at 8am for our final day of cycling. Leaving Amiens, we continue south towards Breteuil, our first rest point, 21 miles. Another 18 miles and we arrive at our halfway point at Bresles, stopping for lunch. Onto our final rest point, L'isle Adam 24 miles outside of Paris, where we'll re-group and cycle the last 21 miles as a full group to the finish line, the Eiffel Tower! We'll snap some finish line photos and enjoy a glass of Prosecco, before heading to our hotel and out to a restaurant for dinner!

- Breakfast in Hotel
- Amiens – Breteuil 21 miles 1<sup>st</sup> stop
- Breteuil – Bresles 18 miles 2<sup>nd</sup> stop, Lunch
- Bresles – L'isle Adam, 24 miles 3<sup>rd</sup> stop
- L'isle Adam – Eiffel Tower, 21 miles Finish

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## Day 4 – Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June

Our hotel offers breakfast, however you're welcome to lie in today!

For those opting for the 4-day trip

Riders will have the chance to enjoy the morning, and head for a midday train leaving Paris headed for Kings Cross. Make your way home via train to bring you back to Essex. You will have to meet us the next day when the bikes return tomorrow, but for now, Southend to Paris completed!

- Head to train station for train home to London Kings Cross
- Head to train station for travel back to Essex.

For those opting for the 5-day trip

Sunday is a free day for you, Oscar from CyCool will be offering an optional cycle tour of Paris in the morning, visiting Paris' landmarks, and finding a great spot to stop for Brunch. After returning to the hotel, we can relax and later all head to a restaurant for a final dinner together and a few drinks to finish the weekend! Cycles will be loaded onto the trailer either this night, or in the morning and the support vehicle(s) will make an early departure from Paris heading back to the UK.

- Breakfast in Hotel
- Optional cycle ride of Paris
- Final dinner in chosen restaurant.

## Day 5 – Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

Riders will have the chance to enjoy the morning, and head for a midday train leaving Paris headed for Kings Cross. Make your way home via train to bring you back to Essex, where if all goes well, we will all arrive together to unload luggage and cycles! Southend to Paris completed!

- Head to train station for train home to London Kings Cross
- Head to train station for travel back to Essex.