



# BIG BATTLEFIELD BIKE RIDE 2019

FRANCE • CYCLE • YELLOW 2

## ABOUT THE CHALLENGE

Our exciting cycle challenge takes us from Cherbourg through northern France to Paris, visiting some of the region's most significant World War 2 battle sites, including Pegasus Bridge and the Normandy Landing Beaches. It also commemorates many other aspects of the war in France, including medical evacuation, the role of women and of the resistance. We have some long days in the saddle as we pedal through this historic region, but we stop to pay our respects at many sites, and our tired bodies seem a small price to pay for the sacrifices made by the armed forces in WW2 and more recent years.

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### Day 1: Portsmouth – Cherbourg

Meet in Portsmouth, morning ferry (0900hrs) to Cherbourg; transfer to hotel in Cherbourg. Evening dinner and briefing.

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## Day 2: Cherbourg – Sainte-Mere-Eglise - Bayeux

Transfer to Sainte-Mere-Eglise for the start of the ride; cycle to Bayeux via Omaha beach, a focus on the American involvement.

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## Day 3: Bayeux – Caen

Our first stop is the Bayeux War Cemetery before the focus moves onto the D-Day Landings on Gold and Juno beaches, plus a poignant ceremony at Arromanches.

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## Day 4: Caen – Lisieux

An undulating day, with an emphasis on the airborne involvement. We visit Pegasus Bridge, site of the first house to be liberated from the Germans in June 1944.

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## Day 5: Lisieux - Evreux

Today's focus is the resistance and the impact on French civilians and the local countryside. We visit picturesque Bernay, liberated by the Canadians in August 1944.

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## Day 6: Evreux - Paris

A hilly morning's ride, flatter in the afternoon with stops at La Roche-Guyon, site of Rommel's HQ, and Vernon. We finish in Paris before a celebration meal to mark our achievements!

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## Day 7: Return to London

Free morning in Paris; return to London by Eurostar

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## CYCLE TRAINING WEEKENDS

**£180 Special Offer - Only when you book at the same time as registering for your main challenge**

Discover Adventure Cycle Training Weekends take place in and around the valleys and ridges of the chalk downs around Salisbury. They are designed to gauge your fitness so that you can be confident you are well prepared for the challenge ahead!

## GRADE | CHALLENGING (1)



Trip grades range from Challenging (1) to Extreme (5).

CHALLENGING trips involve full days of activity, and are designed to be challenging for those of good health and fitness, but are achievable for most people with a commitment to training and a can-do attitude.

See [Trip Grading Explained](#).



Discover Adventure reserves the right to change the route or itinerary for safety reasons should local conditions dictate.

Please note: This document was downloaded on 13 Dec 2018, and the challenge is subject to change.