PORTUGAL N2 2027

The price for 2027 is £1600 per person

This tour will be running with approx 12 riders from 9th-17th October 2027

WHAT THE PRICE INCLUDES

* 8 Nights' accommodation in twin rooms in hotels

* Breakfasts x 8

* Baggage transfers for the duration of the trip

* Vehicular support for the entire cycle including back up vehicle carrying spares, mechanical support and use of spare bike should you need it

* Overnight bike storage

WHAT THE PRICE EXCLUDES

* Bike and helmet hire

* Personal clothing and equipment

* Transport for luggage/bikes to Portugal

* Insurance

* Lunches and evening meals

PAYMENT

I take a £200 deposit per person to secure your place on a tour – this is non-refundable unless I can find a rider to take your place then the deposit can be refunded should you need to cancel. The balance of payment is due 12 weeks prior to the trip departure date - 17/07/27

DAILY

9th - Arrive Chaves

10th - Chaves - Lamego - 68 miles

11th - Lamego - Viseu - 50 miles

12th - Viseu - Gois - 61 miles

13th - Gois - Alferrarede - 73 miles

14th - Alferrarede - Montemor-o-novo - 75 miles

15th - Montemor-o-novo - Castro Verde - 74 miles

16th - Castro Verde - Faro - 60 miles

17th - End of tour

*Daily mileages can sometimes vary due to road closures, route deviations etc and also due to slight changes in accommodation

TRANSPORT

Out – You will need to fly to Porto and then I am looking to provide transfers to Chaves where the N2 starts for the evening of the 9th October.

As of 2026 due to customs restrictions now taking effect it doesn't look to be an option for me to take other people's bicycles out of the UK and into the EU in a commercial vehicle. It may be something I can get around over the winter but on booking this trip take it that you will have to fly your bike out with you. I am looking to work with suppliers on getting deals on bike box hire and will have a couple of boxes to rent from myself.

I can no longer unfortunately take luggage abroad (not even just this little bag Carl? Sorry No).

Home - Once you have reached Faro I will remain available to you to get you and your bikes to the airport and back to the UK.

ACCOMMODATION

The accommodation provided on the trip is a of mainly 4 star independent hotels with a couple of 3 star. They vary due to nature of our locations each night and are based on 2 people sharing a twin room.

NAVIGATION

I have recommended routes available in GPS format and these will be sent out to you in the weeks before the ride. You will need a Garmin/Wahoo etc to navigate this ride.

BIKES AND EQUIPMENT

For the N2 I would recommend a high volume tyre road bike or a gravel bike. The tarmac in certain areas of the trip is in quite bad condition.

If you are not familiar with the mechanics of your bike it would pay to take it to a cycle shop for a service prior to the trip.

Bike choice – Please be aware that decent bike shops are few and far between in Portugal so please bring a bike that can be repaired by yourself at the side of the road. Di2 and Hydraulic brakes and people running tubeless that don't know how to repair it when it goes wrong have become the absolute bane of the tour – if it cannot be fixed at the side of the road please do not bring it. 4/5 years ago the spare bikes went seasons without being used – now days they go out on almost every trip to people not heeding my advice. Leaking brakes and Di2 that wont charge are the reasons that people have used a £300 spare bike to complete over a 7 days of a trip – not being able to ride your own bike because you cannot charge your gears?!? Absolutely absurd. (I had 5 Di2 failures in the 2025 season – one of which was while someone was climbing Col de la Madeleine – a Hors Categorie climb) Bring what you want but you have been warned.

Water bottles – You would be advised to have 2 x 750ml bottles on this trip and would recommend insulated ones. If you run out of water on a 34oC day because you have got a single 500ml bottle you have got no one to blame but yourself.

It is recommended that you bring a few spares for your bike (derailleur hanger, chain links, spokes, inner tubes) I have a certain amount for sale on board the support vehicle, please understand however that it is not possible to stock for every single bicycle.

You are responsible for your own routine maintenance throughout the trip (it is your bike after all) but I will help out in any way that I can. I will have track pumps and you do not need to bring your own.

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE

You will need to show passports when checking into the hotels on this trip so I cannot put bags in the rooms like I used to. Bring what you like as it will be you dragging it up the stairs 😊

PREPARATION

Treat yourself to some new gear cables, or while the bike is in for a service ask your bike shop to do this, after punctures a snapped gear cable is the most common breakdown on these trips (well, Di2 packing up is but we won't mention that) they can be brought for as little as £3 each and replacing them pre ride can save you a whole world of hassle! (Cables replaced by me on a trip are now charged at £35)

Make sure you are clued up on the problems that come with riding a tubeless bike, I have no interest in getting covered in sealant.

Bottom brackets – a good day in the wet will bring out all of the gremlins so pop a new one in now instead of scratting around trying to find one in Portugal (many before you have had bottom brackets and headset bearings disintegrate after days of rain and had to reach the last hotel on the spare bike).

SUPPORT

The support vehicle will always be on hand should you need assistance at any time during the trip. In the van is a tool kit, spare wheels and spare bikes. I will always be close to the riding group and will get ahead of you now and again for you to fill up water bottles and have a sit down. Whether you need a break, have bike trouble or just need emotional support getting up a big hill, I will do what I can to keep you going.

FOOD

Breakfast is provided by your accommodation and is almost always continental - cereals, yoghurts, fruit, toast and fruit juices, tea and coffee.

Lunches – we found some great spots on this years trip or feel free to leave snacks in the van.

Evening meals and drinks are not included in the price. Evening meals are available at most accommodations or we are close to pubs/towns with selections of eating places.

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