

## **20160525 The Road to Lisbon**

### **Objective:**

A group of Celtic Fans with a lifetime ambition to cycle from Celtic Park to the Nacional Stadium in Lisbon to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lisbon Lions winning the European cup.

The key objectives of the project are to make a safe cycle to Lisbon, making cycle accessible for as many folk as possible, raise awareness for the Celtic foundation and raise tens of thousands for the foundation and potential partner charities also.

### **Starting point:**

Celtic Park, Glasgow, Scotland – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017 08:00 hrs departure

### **Final Destination:**

Stadio Nacional, Lisbon, Portugal – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 18:00 hrs arrival

### **The Initial plan:**

The initial plan is to leave Celtic Park on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2017 , taking the cycle in the direction of Portsmouth, St Malo, west coast of France, through northern Spain and south westerly into Portugal. The cycle is expected to take 19 days, with an average of 100 miles per days for 16, with 3 shorter days towards the end, arriving into Lisbon on the 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

<http://ridewithgps.com/routes/11829710>

### **Provisional - Evening stop overs:**

6th - Carlisle

7th - Wigan

8th - Stourport

9th - Swindon

10th - Portsmouth (ferry crossing)

11th - Segre

12th - Niort

13th - Montendre

14th - Mont - de - Marson

15th - Orthez

16th - Pamplona

17th - Logrono

18th - Burgos

19th – Valladolid

20<sup>th</sup> – Salamanca

21<sup>st</sup> – Ciudad ridrigo

22<sup>nd</sup> – Fundao

23<sup>rd</sup> – Tomar

24<sup>th</sup> – Lisbon

## Support Vehicles:

### Day 1-5 Celtic Park to Portsmouth (6<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> May)

We will be supported by friends who had volunteered to drive support vehicle allowing for luggage transfer, spare kit, water, and subsistence stops enroute

### Day 5- 19 Portsmouth to Lisbon (10<sup>th</sup> May to 24<sup>th</sup> May)

We will be supported by a professional cycling tour company, allowing for luggage transfer, spare kit, water, subsistence stops along route. Riders will be provided with Garmin's and iPhone users will be tracked by the support vehicle periodically.

European leg is based on 12 cyclists, we can arrange to increase this to around 30 with additional staff/vehicles supporting

### Day one – Gala Day

On day one there is a large interest in folks making the first 100 miles cycle to Carlisle. There are is also a considerable interest in folks making a smaller family cycle of the first 20-30 miles - destination enroute to be confirmed during late summer. On the first day we anticipate that additional support vehicles will be required.

### Bespoke legs:

Recognizing the challenge of being able to take three weeks holiday, we welcome interest from folks who may wish to take part in all or some of the legs across the 19 days- please get in touch

### Pre trip information packs:

Pre trip information packs will be emailed out providing a guide on the typical things to bring

Travel home:

Travel home would be at your own arrangement / cost, at present our team is spread all across UK, Ireland and France, it would be worth comparing notes when booking flights.

## Costings:

### Portsmouth/Lisbon

- Based on a group of 12, the following costs are anticipated:
- Support vehicle costs including ferry £400-£450 per head
- Accommodation £50 per night per head x 14 nights (based on 2 sharing)

### UK Costs:

- Estimate £50 per night per head x 5 nights (Premier inn style and based on 2 sharing)
- Support vehicle costs (Fuel and volunteers accommodation) to be split across cyclists—  
Estimated at £50 per head

## Charities involved:

The main charity is The Celtic Foundation, with partner charities Solving Kids Cancer and Children in cross fire benefiting

One of the team pages as follows: <https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/theroadtolisbon>

## Corporate Sponsorship/Jerseys/Logistics:

In order to help contribute towards logistics costs and or subsidence (gels, snacks, water, tablets) we welcome the opportunity to work with corporate companies to considering sponsoring our event, with names on jerseys, sponsors banner/vehicle.

### **Volunteers:**

We are a small team who have both day and night jobs, we welcome support/volunteers to help us deliver this project and make a successful once in a life time cycle, if you can offer any help please feel to get in touch

### **Social Media:**

Regular blogs via web site are planned, during the event individual live GPS tracking available per cyclist on web also.

URL: <http://theroadtolisbon.com/>

Twitter: @theroadtolisbon

Email: [theroadtolisbonmay2017@gmail.com](mailto:theroadtolisbonmay2017@gmail.com)

Facebook: To follow

### **Next stages:**

We aim to make an initial first draft finalisation of the European leg during June and anticipate providing deposits to travel company during late June/early July.

