

Tour Grading

The Guide to Fellow Velo Cycle Tour Grades



Easy

Mostly level or gently undulating riding; you will feel like there has been more downhill freewheeling than uphill pedalling. Any little hills will be on gentle gradients – always remember, hills can be your friend! More than 90% of the cycling will be along quiet lanes, dedicated cycle paths or hidden tracks.

Average daily distance less than 20 miles.

Maximum daily distance less than 30 miles.



Moderate

A mixture of level and undulating riding that will mostly feel like our Easy Grade but, may be a little more undulating for a few miles at a time. On some uphill sections you might want to take a little rest or, on short steeper bits, just push your bike to the crest of the hill before freewheeling into the distance. More than 80% of the cycling will be along quiet lanes, dedicated cycle paths or hidden tracks.

Average daily distance less than 30 miles.

Maximum daily distance less than 40 miles.



Adventurous

Longer daily distances or some more sustained hills on a couple of days make up the majority of our Adventurous routes.

Most of the riding will still be on a mixture of level or undulating terrain (and pushing for a short distance is always an option on more challenging hills). More than 80% of the cycling will be along quiet lanes, dedicated cycle paths or hidden tracks.

Average daily distance less than 40 miles.

Maximum daily distance less than 50 miles.



Stars

Some tours have a star added to the overall grade. One or more particular sections of the tour will be just above the overall grade. For example, a hill that is longer or steeper than usual, some rougher surface terrain or, a slightly awkward area where we suggest that you dismount and push your bike. Starred sections are all about getting you to great locations or unlocking the key for a special route.