

The Grand Tour of Scotland is a 2000km Audax event. What you'll get is a 2000km ride around Scotland, lots of scenery, some stunning views, food at event controls and weather! Probably a great variety of weather.

It is NOT a race, it is an endurance challenge with a time limit. Riders will have just over 200 hours to complete the route. This includes any time taken to rest or eat. There will be a minimum speed limit of 10km/h

The event is run under Audax UK and LRM (Les Randonneurs Mondiaux) rules. There are also some additional specific event rules and conditions.

The event is not intended for anyone who is a fast rider and intends to try and ride this as quickly as possible. If you are, and intend to do this, then you're welcome to enter but you need to be aware that the event controls will have limited opening hours and a fast rider not stopping much may get ahead of the control opening schedule (See controls below). If you do get ahead of the control opening times then you're on your own and you have two choices, fend for yourself or slow down and wait until the controls open. It's also not a tour, it's an Audax and there is a minimum speed limit of 10kph which includes all time off the bike, stopping, eating or resting.

Riders are expected to be self sufficient but due to the remote and exposed nature of the route there will be a number of event controls where riders can rest/sleep and where we'll also offer some limited food options. Generally the infrastructure cannot cope unless we did this and even then, outside of 9-5 hours, you will struggle to find anything. There are some other controls where there are no event facilities (more information about these will be sent in final details). There will be a limited bag drop service to some of the controls, see event website FAQs

You need to be aware that most of the route is in very remote areas. There are very limited facilities for other accommodation and food, any commercial options are likely to be very busy and often relatively expensive. You are, of course, very welcome to book other accommodation in hotels, hostels or B&B's along the route and eat at cafes, shops or other places. You will need to make sure your bike is in very good condition and ready for 2000km. It's a long, tough ride and there are very few bike shops or repair facilities along the route.

## **Route**

The event will start in Dumfries on Monday 31 July 2028.

Start times are expected to be between 5pm and 9pm

The provisional draft route is here [2028 \(DRAFT\) Grand Tour of Scotland 2000km · Ride with GPS](#)

The route will be provided in sections to riders nearer to the event. There will be comprehensive event information sent to riders nearer the event.

The minimum speed is 10kph which means you have just over 200 hours to complete the event subject to the final route.

There are two ferry crossings. The first is from Gourock to Dunoon (Hunters Quay) using Western ferries at 205km. We expect ferries to start from about 6.30am in the morning and then a loop around Argyll.

The second ferry crossing is at Corran at 510km. The event is planned so that riders will not cross on the Corran Ferry until the Wednesday morning. If you do manage to get there and cross on the Tuesday night then you're on your own.

After this there are no more ferries so it's follow the route. The route takes in many stunning sections around Scotland with lots of single-track roads, fantastic views and some hills. There's also quite a few A roads but they're generally not busy. The majority of the route is on good tarmac roads. There are two gravel sections through the forest between Fort William and Invergarry, about 15km in total which are rideable on a road bike as long as you're sensible. There are some other rougher sections of road and cycle paths and, like anywhere in the UK, there are potholes and other things to be careful of but generally the route is on quiet roads with a good surface.

## **Controls**

The below is the provisional list of controls. Most are confirmed and to be honest there isn't really a lot of other options for most of the route. The event controls are mainly small to medium village halls with an occasional larger facility. In addition to this, there will be some 'information' controls where you will have to answer a question or other checkpoints without event facilities. There may be one or more 'secret' controls but these will just be checkpoints. It is planned that E-Brevet will be available as an option but you will still need to visit each of the controls in order. It makes sense to visit the event controls when they are open as that's where there will be food and you can rest. If you're outside the control opening times then you can still complete the route as long as you finish in time. The control opening times have been designed to accommodate most riders, particularly 'full value' riders to enable them to finish in time.

Subject to final entry numbers we may add some additional controls, particularly in the first 3 days to accommodate the numbers. This will very much depend on the budget available and final entry numbers. We won't have fewer controls but there may be a few more.

Grand Tour of Scotland 2000km  
 Start Monday 310728 - 5pm-9pm  
 Control opening times and facilities

(Note the below are subject to change and final confirmation)

| LOCATION            | ADDRESS                                                     | DISTANCE | SIZE S/M/L | OPENING      | CLOSING      | FOOD       | SLEEPING | DROPBAG | SHOWERS |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|--------------|------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Registration        | Crichton Central, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TA            | Start    | L          | 11:00 310728 | 20:00 310728 | from 16:30 | N        | N       | Y       |
| Start               | Crichton Central, Bankend Road, Dumfries DG1 4TA            | Start    | L          | 17:00 310728 | 21:00 310728 | from 16:30 | N        | N       | Y       |
| Doach               | Checkpoint - B736, Palnackie to Castle Douglas Road         | 38       | N/A        | 18:00 310728 | 23:00 310728 | N          | N        | N       | N       |
| Kirkmichael         | Community Shop and Cafe, Patna Road, Kirkmichael KA19 7PJ   | 117      | M          | 21:00 310728 | 04:00 010828 | Y          | N        | N       | N       |
| Inverkip            | Inverkip Community Hub, PA16 0FZ                            | 199      | M          | 21:00 310728 | 09:00 010828 | Y- Limited | N        | N       | N       |
|                     | Gourock - Hunters Quay Ferry - service starts 06:30         | 205      |            |              |              |            |          |         |         |
| Strachur            | Strachur Memorial Hall PA27 8DG                             | 238      | M          | 07:30 010828 | 12:00 010828 | Y          | N        | N       | N       |
| Tarbert             | Tarbert Village Hall, Campeltown Road, Tarbert, PA29 6TX    | 332      | M          | 11:00 020828 | 20:00 020828 |            |          |         |         |
| Kilberry            | Information Control only - no event facilities              | 355      | N/A        | N/A          | N/A          | N          | N        | N       | N       |
| Craighish           | Craighish, PA311 8QN                                        | 411      | M          | 15:00 020828 | 07:00 030828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
| Duror and Kentallen | Duror and Kentallen Community Centre, PA38 4BS              | 495      | M          | 17:00 020828 | 14:00 030828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
|                     | Corran - Ardgour Ferry - service starts 06:30               | 510      | S          |              |              |            |          |         |         |
| Kilchoan            | Kilchoan Community Centre, Pier Road, PH36 4LJ              | 580      | S          | 09:00 020828 | 20:00 020828 | Y          | N        | N       | N       |
| Ardnamurchan        | Checkpoint - Ardnamurchan Lighthouse                        | 590      | N/A        | 11:00 020828 | 20:00 020828 | N          | N        | N       | N       |
| Glenelg             | Glenelg Hall, PH38 4NG                                      | 653      | S          | 12:00 020828 | 09:00 030828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y       |
| Glenegarry          | Glenegarry Village Hall, PH35 4HG                           | 742      | M          | 17:00 020828 | 20:00 030828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
| Dornie              | Dornie Community Hall, IV40 8DY                             | 807      | M          | 19:00 020828 | 08:00 040828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y- one  |
| Kyle of Lochalsh    | Information Control only - no event facilities              | 820      | N/A        | N/A          | N/A          | N          | N        | N       | N       |
| Torrif              | Loch Torridon Community Centre, IV22 2EZ                    | 891      | M          | 09:00 030828 | 15:00 040828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y       |
| Poolawe             | Poolawe Village Hall, IV22 2LD                              | 948      | M          | 10:00 030828 | 19:00 040828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y       |
| Braemore (N)        | Braemore, IV23 2RT                                          | 1014     | S          | 14:00 030828 | 07:00 050828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
| Lochinver           | Assynt Leisure Centre, Culag New Pier, Lochinver, IV27 4JP  | 1076     | L          | 17:00 030828 | 10:00 050828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y       |
| Durness             | Durness Village Hall, IV27 4QA                              | 1162     | M          | 21:00 030828 | 18:00 050828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y       |
| Strath Halladale    | Halladale Hall, KW13 6YT                                    | 1257     | S          | 07:00 040828 | 07:00 060828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
| Rosehall            | Rosehall Village Hall, IV27 4EU                             | 1373     | M          | 10:00 040828 | 13:00 060828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
| Braemore (S)        | Braemore, IV23 2RT                                          | 1447     | S          | 14:00 030828 | 21:00 060828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
| Kirkhill            | Kirkhill Community Centre, St Marys Road, Kirkhill, IV5 7NX | 1515     | M          | 17:00 040828 | 07:00 070828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y       |
| Duffus              | Duffus Village Hall, IV30 5 AL                              | 1593     | M          | 20:00 040828 | 13:00 070828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y       |
| Tullynessie         | Tullynessie and Forbes Public Hall, AB33 8QN                | 1680     | L          | 09:00 050828 | 20:00 070828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
| Braemar             | Braemar Village Hall, AB35 5RF                              | 1751     | M          | 11:00 050828 | 07:00 080828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y       |
| Bridge of Cally     | Bridge of Cally Village Hall, PH10 7JL                      | 1796     | M          | 13:00 050828 | 10:00 080828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
| Strathmiglo         | Strathmiglo Village Hall, KY14 7QL                          | 1855     | M          | 16:00 050828 | 15:00 080828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |
| Symington           | Symington Tinto AFC, Main Road, Symington, ML12 6LL         | 1954     | L          | 21:00 050828 | 22:00 080828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | Y       |
| Bankend             | Hutton Hall Community Centre, Bankend, DG1 4RP              | 2046     | S          | 22:00 050828 | 16:00 090828 | Y          | Y        | Y       | N       |

## **GPX files**

The route will be provided in sections nearer to the event.

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## **Live Tracking**

It is planned that trackers will be mandatory for all riders. These will be included in your entry fee. There are two reasons for this, primarily for safety, much of the route is in very exposed and remote areas at times without a mobile phone signal. Also for event management to allow us to try and manage the flow of riders and demand on controls.

Tracking information will be provided nearer the time

FAQs – see event website [Grand Tour of Scotland - 2,000km Audax Cycling Event in Scotland](#)

## **Enter**

Entries will be through the Audax UK website. You will need to be a registered user of the site. Registration is free. We would suggest you register in advance of trying to enter. If you are not a paid member of Audax UK you can still enter but will have to pay a £3 temporary membership fee

More information on how to enter nearer the time.

There are no pre-qualifying or qualifying requirements

Contact - [event@grandtourofscotland.com](mailto:event@grandtourofscotland.com)

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