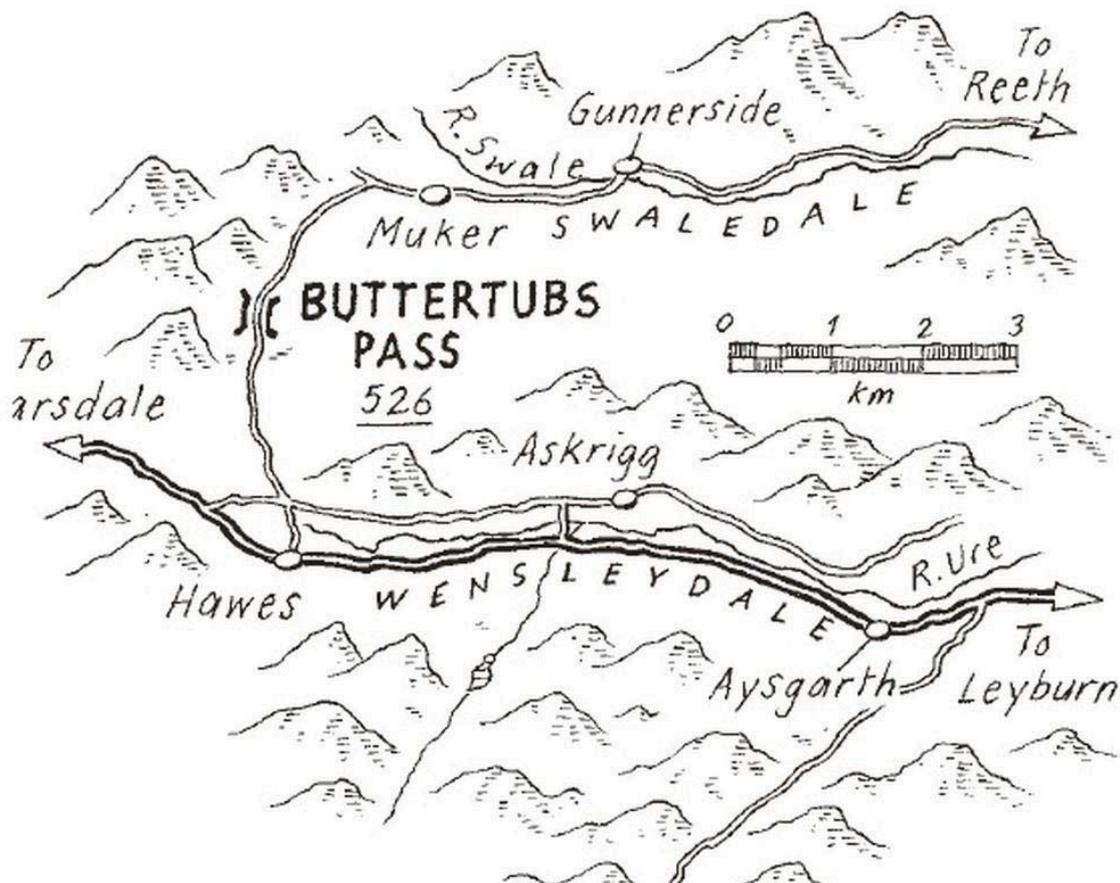


# 2019 UCI WORLDS

Yorkshire, UK (Sept 2019)



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## YORKSHIRE



## 2019 UCI World Championships – Yorkshire, UK!

Following the resounding success of the 2014 Tour de France Grand Depart, elite cycling will once again return to the outstanding scenery and relaxing atmosphere of the Yorkshire Dales. Come and join us for a full week of cycling through what is the mecca of UK cycling whilst also rubbing shoulders with the top female and male cyclists as they strive for time trial and road race GOLD!

Allan Davis, ex-pro Australian cyclist, will join us as a special chaperone during the week and with 9 UCI World Road Race appearances under his belt there will be plenty of 'intel' for you all! Allan knows full-well what it takes to be at the pointy end of the worlds with three top 10 finishes and a podium finish during the 2010 UCI Worlds to Thor Hushovd.

If you are looking for a stunning holiday, cycling 'uphill and down dale' as the expression goes, visiting beautiful villages and crossing wonderful landscapes (heather moorland & dramatic limestone scenery) then this 2019 UCI Worlds cycling tour package is just for you!

## ITINERARY

### DAY ONE – Monday 23 September 2019 – Leeds (Yorkshire), UK

We will be available to meet you at the Travelodge Leeds Bradford Airport Hotel Reception or Leeds Bradford International Airport between 10:00 - 11:00 am.

From the airport there is a 30 minute transfer to our Manor House hotel for the week. Following a tour briefing, setting up the bikes and a bite for lunch there will time to enjoy an afternoon loop ride which includes visiting nearby Harrogate and the UCI Race Village. This evening the tour group will enjoy a welcome dinner and find out more about tomorrow's UCI individual time trial (ITT) action.



**Meals:** Dinner included

**Destinations:** Harrogate

**Today's Ride:** 60km cycling

**Accommodation:** Aldwark, Yorkshire (UK)

## DAY TWO – Tuesday 24 September 2019 – Stage 1 of 2014 TDF

Today the U23 and Elite Women's ITT action starts from Ripon and in the morning you will ride an amazing loop route from this small yet impressive cathedral township. The cycling route follows the three most important climbs used during the 2014 Tour de France Stage 1 race:

1. Kidstones Moor (3km, ave. 6.3%, max. 16%)
2. Buttertubs Pass (4.5km, ave. 6.5%, max.20%)
3. Grinton Moor (4.5km, ave. 5.2%, max. 17%)

For good measure climb Tan Hill to make sure you ride up to Great Britain's highest pub at 528m elevation. Along the way there will be time to also explore the Buttertubs which are a fascinating fluted limestone depression.

Back in Ripon the excitement of the UCI Worlds will take hold as the access to the elite women preparing for ITT glory will be first-class. Move around from 'country to country' as you watch your favourite riders warming up. In 2018 the podium was all orange as the Dutch took the clean sweep (1. Annemiek Van Vleuten / 2. Anna van der Breggen / 3. Ellen van Dijk)!



**Meals:** Breakfast

**Destinations:** Yorkshire Dales National Park

**Today's Ride:** 90km cycling

**Accommodation:** Aldwark, Yorkshire (UK)

## DAY THREE – Wednesday 25 September 2019 – Elite Men ITT

Cycling from the hotel the ride moves north in search of Northallerton which is home of the Elite Men ITT departure. Along the way the riding crosses the Howardian Hill Area of Outstanding Beauty. This parkland includes rolling wooded farmland, iconic country houses and designed parklands and is one of the UK's most protected landscapes. This cycling route has been designed to give you some quality kilometres but over gentle terrain considering yesterday's heroics in the Yorkshire Dales!

A major highlight will be cycling to the Castle Howard and marvelling at this private mansion and its immense landscaped gardens. Any non-cyclists in the group will have time to enter this magnificent monument and enjoy a tour of its 18<sup>th</sup> Century ornate interiors.

On arrival to Northallerton the crowds will be flocking to get up close with the likes of Rohan Dennis, Tom Dumoulin and Tony Martin. During 2018 Rohan Dennis claimed his first rainbow jersey in scintillating fashion and he will need to pay special attention to hometown contenders, such as, Chris Froome and Geraint Thomas!



**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner included

**Destinations:** Northallerton

**Today's Ride:** 80km cycling

**Accommodation:** Aldwark, Yorkshire (UK)

## DAY FOUR – Thursday 26 September 2019 – Scarborough

For those looking for a rest then today is the perfect chance to recuperate before tomorrow's attack on the Elite Women Road Race course. Our hotel accompanies a golf course so perhaps some might like to even play a round!

There is no UCI Worlds racing today as the transition from time trial to road race action takes effect. The cycling route on offer takes advantage of the UCI pause to ride east to the Yorkshire coastline. Scarborough is one of North Yorkshire's favourite coastal towns and its rugged rocky headland and medieval castle are real highlights. The ride will finish with lunch on Scarborough's award winning sandy North Bay – how does fish and chips sound everyone?



**Meals:** Breakfast included

**Destinations:** Scarborough

**Today's Ride:** Rest Day or 100km cycling

**Accommodation:** Aldwark, Yorkshire (UK)

## DAY FIVE – Friday 27 September 2019 – Norwood Edge & Lofthouse

Here is the perfect chance to ride critical kilometres from the Elite Women's road race course a day before the peloton actually races for gold! The two peaks the women need to contend with are called Norwood Edge & Lofthouse and you too will have the chance to tick these off the must-do list of Yorkshire Dale climbs:

1. Norwood Edge (1km, ave. 8%, max. 10%)
2. Lofthouse (3km, ave. 9%, max. 17%)

During the late afternoon there will be a 30 minute transfer to historic York where the ancient walls hide stories of Roman roots and a Viking past! Not to mention York Castle which was used during the filming of Braveheart! There will be time to enjoy a relaxed walk through the old town before sitting down to a tour included dinner in one of York's vibrant eateries.

**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner included

**Destinations:** Trapping Hills & York

**Today's Ride:** 90km cycling

**Accommodation:** Aldwark, Yorkshire (UK)

## DAY SIX – Saturday 28 September 2019 – Elite Women Road Race

Another great day on the bikes is in store with most of the riding taking place on the southern border of the Yorkshire Dales National Park. Setting off from the hotel and after detouring Harrogate the ride passes through several small towns such as, Otley and Ilkley which all provide their own gateway to the 'Yorkshire Dales'.

There will be a lunch stop in Bradford, the starting town for the Elite Women Road Race, where you will be able to feel the pre-race nerves building! Following the race departure your ride will continue to Harrogate where the all important sprint finish will be decided. Who will be crowned the Elite Women World Champion in 2019?

**Meals:** Breakfast included

**Destinations:** Bradford

**Today's Ride:** 90km cycling

**Accommodation:** Aldwark, Yorkshire (UK)

## DAY SEVEN – Sunday 29 September 2019 – Elite Men Road Race

The real entertainment for the fans will begin as the peloton summits Buttertubs Pass at approx. Km 100. During the 2014 TDF the scenes on Buttertubs were electrifying and you will witness all the live action on this major climb. As the peloton rolls-on our ride heads back to Harrogate through the national park. The peloton has a further 190km still to ride so back in Harrogate there will be plenty of time to watch the finishing circuits and Elite Men Road Race sprint finish.

Marcel Kittel won Stage 1 of the 2014 Tour de France in a bunch sprint but the seven short finishing circuits with multiple ramps and tight turns is more likely to favour a one day classics rider. Alejandro Valverde (back to back?), Peter Sagan (title number 4?) Julian Alaphilippe, Michal Kwiatkowski, Greg van Avermaet, Philippe Gilbert and Michael Matthews are our top picks right now!



**Meals:** Breakfast & Dinner included

**Destinations:** Buttertubs Pass

**Today's Ride:** 80km cycling

**Accommodation:** Aldwark, Yorkshire (UK)

## DAY EIGHT – Monday 30 September 2019 – Goodbyes

Following breakfast the guides will be available to transfer the group to Leeds Bradford International Airport by 10:30am.

**Meals:** Breakfast

## TRIP DETAILS

**REGION:** Yorkshire, UK

**LEVEL:** BEGINNER +

**TOUR DATES:** 23 – 30 SEPT 2019

**HOTELS:** Aldwark (x7), Manor House

**DURATION:** 8 DAYS / 7 NIGHTS

### PAYMENT:

**Option 1:** In Euro to our nominated Spanish bank account (via international bank transfer)

**Option 2:** In \$AUD to our nominated Australian bank account.

### INCLUDED

Arrival & Departure transfers (Leeds Airport)  
7 nights accommodation including breakfast  
4 dinners with beer & wine included  
7 guided cycling stages with van and mechanic  
Food & drinks during cycling stages  
Commemorative Sierra cycling jersey

**PRICE:** 3150 € p.p. (twin share)

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS:

Single Supplement: 650 €

Carbon Road Bike Hire: 450 €

### NOT INCLUDED

Airfares  
Pre or post Tour Accommodation