

Distance

1,195 miles (1,920 kilometers)

Category

Weeklong adventure

Terrain

Hilly, but entirely road, so fairly easy going

Ride Season

March to October

Level of Skill

Beginner

Highlights

The valleys, passes, and gorges of the British Isles: Cheddar Gorge, Elan Valley, Winnats Pass, Honister Pass, Duke's Pass—the list goes on.

Essential Gear

The route is best enjoyed bouncing between BnBs and hotels, taking pleasure in the local food and drink without having to drag camping gear around. This also cleverly avoids the biggest issue—rain! Pack plenty of warm, waterproof gear.

Resupply

Resupply is easy apart from the most northern sections of the route—Ullapool to John o' Groats. There are unstaffed, 24-hour fuel

stations around, but they cannot be relied upon. Instead, plan to stop wherever fuel is available, just in case.

Info on Riders

The route was ridden by Jordan Gibbons on a BMW R 18, alongside friends who rode a mixture of custom and classic bikes. Each year, a new cadre sets out on a similar route as part of the Great Malle Rally—often on a wild collection of inappropriate machinery.

Similar Routes

From John o' Groats, it's easy to continue further south on the well-trodden North Coast 500. However, it lacks the wilder aspects of the first route.



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