

# Lakes & Lochs Tour

10th- 13<sup>th</sup> June 2011

**This journey is about the unseen beauty of this country, the joy of riding the roads that wind through it and the company of friends old and new.**

Back in October, after a lemonade or two, I had the idea that we should do a ride, a BIG ride. One that was open to all Victory riders and their friends regardless of where you live in the country. Well this is going to be that ride!

I've used some of the best roads in the country, running through stunning locations to produce a route that takes in some fantastic new Victory dealers and gives everyone a chance to join and leave the trip wherever in the country is best for them.

This journey will take four days, on some of the most beautiful roads and countryside imaginable. You'll cover about three hundred miles a day at your own pace with fuel stops every hundred miles and three over night stops in some fantastic locations.

**You are responsible for booking your own accommodation, insuring you know the route (full route details available by email), riding responsibly and that you have adequate breakdown cover.**

**Day one.** Starting out here at Blade Motorcycles Swindon we'll be taking stops at Silverstone Motorcycles, Matlock Bath and Charnock Richard services as we work our way up to the Yorkshire Dales taking in some beautiful and quite famous biker roads as well as some lesser known little gems. As we pass through the English countryside you can see the vistas change from rolling fields, through the natural beauty of the peak district into the rugged farm land of Northern England where we'll have our first night's stop at Skipton. This is a pretty little town set in beautiful countryside. Both Skipton and the surrounding area offer plenty of accommodation ranging from country B&B to luxury hotels.

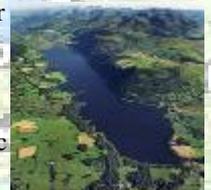


**Day two.** Heading up from Skipton we'll stop at Scotch corner services and Newcastle Motorcycles on our way to Loch Lomond. We leave Skipton on a road through the dales passing the sort of little villages that look like they've been there so long the hills have had to grow up around them. From the on it's fast flowing roads out of Yorkshire and up to the spectacular landscapes and forests of Northumbria before crossing the border into Scotland. Once into Scotland we pick up the old road to Edinburgh before changing tack and heading cross-country over the top of Glasgow to our second night's stop at Arrochar & Tarbet. These two villages are separated by no more than a few miles and are situated on the shores of Loch Long and Loch Lomond. If riding in Scotland doesn't stir your soul you don't have one!

**Day three morning- Glencoe.** For those who want to there will be a morning ride up and around the breath taking landscapes of Glencoe. If however you'd rather have a break from the bike, a bit of a lie and explore Loch Lomond then we'll meet back up in Arrochar for midday.

**Day three Afternoon.** The PM will see us heading down to the Lake District with a stop at ATV Extreme and Nether Abington services. From Nether Abington we will pick up a seldom-used A-road that runs parallel to the motorway and then down to our final night's stop in Pooley Bridge on the shores of Lake Ullswater.

**Day four.** Day four and it's a case of saving the best till last! The Lake District crams in the most spectacular views and riding possible so every twist and turn takes your breath away. We'll spend the morning working our way down the Lakes stopping at Ambelside for a spot of playing tourist. From the Lakes we'll cut back into Yorkshire and stop at the popular bikers meet of Devils Bridge for a brew then it's on to an old childhood favourite of mine, a tiny little road that runs down through the Forest Of Bowland. This road is a perfect tarmac roller coaster that runs almost all the way to Preston. From Preston there is nothing left to do but jump on the motorway and head home.



I did this journey in November and it was an exceptional experience. The main points are over a thousand miles, four days, three nights, nine fuel stops and the best roads in Britain!

If you think you'd like to do it then drop me an email,

**EVERYONE'S WELCOME!!!!!!!**

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