



**Recumbent International Distance Event**

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# Operation R.I.D.E

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## Purpose

The purpose of this document is to lay out the scope, logistics and conditions for paying participants (members of the general public) on Pilgrim Bandits Operation R.I.D.E. 2018

## Scope

To Cycle the length of New Zealand, starting at the Bluff on the South Island and Ending at Cape Reinga on the North Island. Operation R.I.D.E includes teams of both Military and Civilian Injured/Amputee participants, utilising specially adapted tandem bicycles. The New Zealand Army will support the operation throughout the duration of the event. Paying cyclists will have the choice to cycle the South Island, North Island or both Islands. Prospective date for the event –25/6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 Departure – Return 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018.

**These dates are not set in concrete yet as the airlines haven't yet released seats.**

## Teams

- 1) There will be 5 teams consisting of military injured persons.
- 2) Teams will consist of 5 members
  - a) 2 x Amputee/Injured members for the front of the Tandem Cycle
  - b) 2 x Able Bodied/Single Amputee members for the back of the Tandem Cycle
  - c) 1 x Driver/Medic/Reserve cyclist (soigneur – providing general assistance to the team)

## Paying Members of the Public

- 1) Members of the Public will be invited to join the Expedition
- 2) 3 options will be available
  - a) Cycle the South Island 6 x individual places available
  - b) Cycle the North Island 6 x individual places available
  - c) Cycle the full Route 6 x individual places available

## Distance and Duration

- 3) Total distance - 1521.84 miles/2448.94 Km
  - a) South Island - 658.14 miles/ 1058.94 Km
  - b) North Island - 863.7 miles/1390 Km

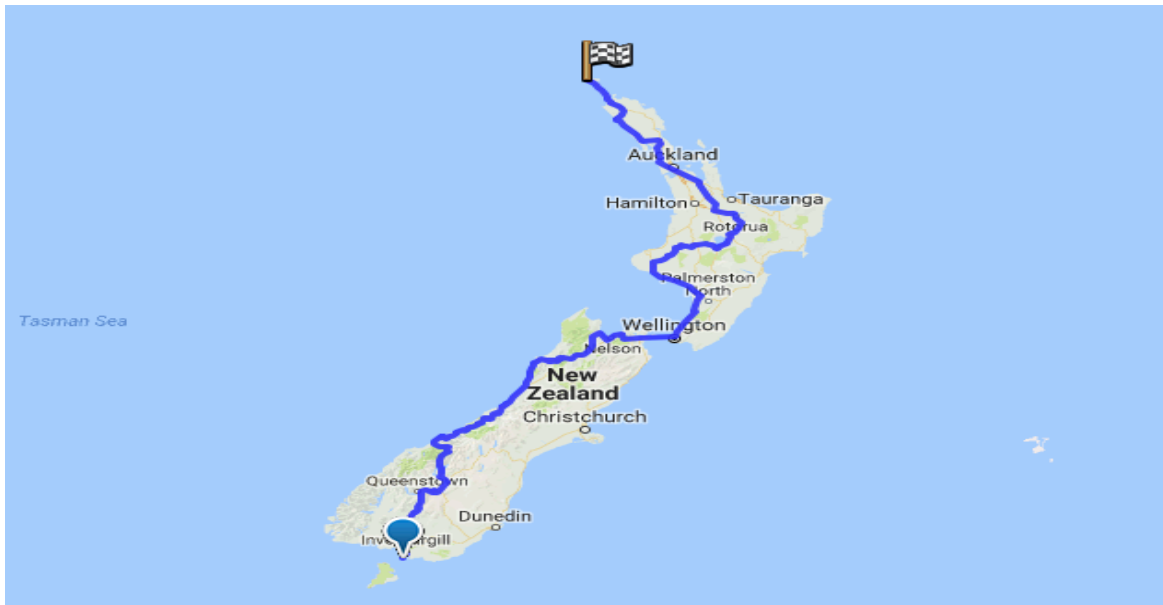
- 4) Total Duration - 26 Days

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- a) 9 Days South Island
- b) 11 Days North island
- c) 2 days' rest in between. Possibly on day 6 and day 13
- d) 4 Days travel (2 days at the start and 2 days at the end)

## Approximate Route



Accommodation as set out in item 4 below.

## How will the Public participant ride work?

- 1) Members of the public can accompany the tandem teams. Riding alongside the tandem teams
- 2) They might also be used as participants in case of injuries to the tandem team members.
- 3) Public participants will be required to bring their own bicycle and spares for the duration of the trip.
- 4) Accommodation can be set up for civilian participants in the form of Winnebago's, however there will need to be 4/6 persons per vehicle, otherwise it will be your own tented accommodation
- 5) South Island:
  - a) Participants will travel to Christchurch New Zealand
  - b) Cycle the length of The South IslandParticipants will be required to return back to Christchurch to return to UK
- 6) North Island:
  - a) Participants will be required to Join the Ride in Wellington, New Zealand
  - b) Cycle the length of the North Island

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- c) Depart from Auckland, New Zealand
- 7) Both Islands:
  - a) Join the Ride in Christchurch, New Zealand
  - b) Cycle both Islands
  - c) Depart from Auckland, New Zealand

## Training.

- 1) Participants will be required to maintain their **own** level of fitness to a suitable level, whereby they will be able to cycle 100 miles per day.

## Public Participants Costs and Expenses

- 1) Participants will be required to arrange their own travel to and from New Zealand including their own bikes unless hiring in NZ
- 2) Participants will also be required to arrange for their own travel to and from starting and finishing points in New Zealand.
- 3) Pilgrim Bandits will supply:
  - a. All meals as supplied to Military members on Operation Ride, there will be rest days when you will have to provide for yourselves.

## Sponsorship

- 1) All civilian participants will be required to raise a minimum of £1000 for the Pilgrim Bandits by using there fund raising portal at Total Giving.

## Terms and Conditions

- 1) Any UK Participant that withdraws from the event in the month prior to departure, will be required to refund Pilgrim Bandits Charity all costs incurred.
- 2) A deposit of £ 750 which is non refundable for entries will secure a place on this expedition.
- 3) We accept that we are responsible for ensuring the safety of all participants on our expeditions as far as is reasonably practical. However, adventure activities are inherently hazardous and cannot be completely risk free. Accidents can happen without any contributory negligence from the charity or its staff. The Charity can accept no responsibility for loss or damage to personal property or personal injury not arising as a result of its own act or default.
- 4) All participants understand that they are representing Pilgrim Bandits Charity and will do nothing to bring the charity into disrepute, if such a situation was to happen the person or persons would be returned to the UK at their own expense.

Please sign and date that you have read and are happy to abide by these terms and conditions. Please then return to the charity along with your deposit.

Name .....

Country which you are Representing .....

Date .....

Please return one signed copy of this whole document

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