

## High Wales Motorcycle Tours run by Colin and Marianne Walford of Trail Rides Wales

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We introduced adventure bike tours during the summer of 2021, and they have proved to be very enjoyable! If you do not have your own adventure bike, you may hire one of our Honda CRF250Ls. You may be surprised to learn that riders on the Honda 250Ls, 300Ls and Rallies find the tour less tiring than those on bigger bikes! This is because we ride many narrow single track lanes and the big bikes can be a bit of a handful.



Most popular are three day tours, with a choice of route, although we offer two, four and five days too. Our all tarmac tour is aimed at owners with GS1200s, Guzzi Stelvios, Multistradas, V-Stroms, Crossrunners, etc. Riders on smaller bikes who prefer to stay on tarmac are welcome to join this tour. There are some tricky hairpin corners and bendy narrow steep hills up and down which some riders with short legs and big bikes struggled with, so please be aware of this. The big bike green road option includes one or two gravel roads and grass if dry, which can be ridden on road or dualsport tyres.



The Green Road route is mainly for middle and lightweight adventure bikes although a confident rider can do it on a GS. It includes several gravel and grass roads, as well as a lot of single width lanes where the tarmac is in poor condition. This tour is suitable for novice trail riders on smaller bikes such as Honda CRF250 or 300L and Rally, or Himalayan, and more experienced trail riders who are happy on bigger bikes such as Triumph Tiger, KTM Adventure, Yamaha Tenere, Africa Twin and GS, etc. Knobby tyres such as Continental TKC80s or Pirelli MT21s will be required.





For experienced trail riders, we have a More Green Road option, although there is still a greater amount of tarmac riding than you would expect on a normal trail riding day.

Currently we offer a choice of starting in South Wales, not far from Caerphilly, or in or near Machynlleth, Mid Wales, apart from the two day tour which will always start in the Machynlleth area. We meet at about 9.15 ready for a 9.30 start, so most people have an overnight stay at or nearby our meeting place. If you come in a car and trailer or van, safe parking is available. Usually we ride for 1½ or 2 hours and then have a morning coffee stop. After another couple of hours, we take lunch at a pub or cafe. If the weather is bad or there is a request, we can stop for afternoon tea. If we get delayed or riders are becoming tired, we may choose to finish the day on main roads.

We are happy to discuss a bespoke tour for two or more riders. If you are on your own and join a group, the fee for four riders will apply. We are flexible with the plans and routes, and are happy to change things if the group wish us to. The normal route does provide a long day's riding. Typically we don't finish until around 6pm, except on the last day when it is 4 to 5pm, but we are happy to plan a shorter route with earlier finish on request.



We offer you a choice of camping, glamping or bunkhouse, or hotel or B and B with safe parking. The glamping/bunkhouse is four to eight people sharing and may be self catering. The hotel or B and B is single occupancy or twin/double room. We prefer a minimum of four people to run the tour. We do not provide baggage transfer, but can look into this if you wish. We assume that you will travel light.

For prices, please see the spreadsheet. Accommodation is not included: allow approximately £10 a night if camping, £35 a night if sharing a room, and between £65 and £100 for single occupancy hotel room.