Deloitte RAB Bike Transport - FAQs



Who is managing the Deloitte RAB Bike Transport?

European Bike Express (EBE) are managing Deloitte RAB Bike Transport. EBE have years of experience in transporting bikes for both events and cycling holidays so are our trusted and preferred supplier of the event.

Where and when do I need to drop off my bike before the event?

There are a number of designated regional hubs located across the UK for you to choose from. These are as follows, and collections take place at each location on a specific day between Sunday 1st September 2018 and Friday 7th September 2018.

| DATE | DROP OFF | LOCATION | FROM | ТО |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Saturday 1 st September | Stirling, Stirling Services (M9/M80) | One Side Only | 14:30 | 15:30 |
| Sunday 2 nd September | Aberdeen, Central Coaches | Hareness Road, Aberdeen. AB12 3LE | 09:00 | 09:30 |
| Sunday 2 nd September | Edinburgh, Musselburgh Services (A1) | One Side Only | 13:00 | 13:45 |
| Sunday 2 nd September | Newcastle, Washington Services (A1M) | Southbound | 16:30 | 17:15 |
| Sunday 2 nd September | Leeds, Wetherby Services (A1M) | One Side Only | 19:15 | 20:00 |
| Wednesday 5 th September | Nottingham, Donington Park Services (M1) | One Side Only | 08:00 | 09:00 |
| Wednesday 5 th September | Cambridge, Cambridge Services (A14) | One Side Only | 12:00 | 13:30 |
| Wednesday 5 th September | Manchester, Knutsford Services (M6) | Southbound | 12:30 | 14:00 |
| Wednesday 5 th September | North London, South Mimms Services (M25/A1M) | One Side Only | 16:00 | 17:45 |
| Wednesday 5 th September | East London, Thurrock Services (M25 | One Side Only | 19:30 | 20:30 |
| Thursday 6 th September | Cardiff, Cardiff Gate Services (M4) | One Side Only | 07:15 | 08:15 |
| Thursday 6 th September | Central London, Finsbury Square | NCP Car Park | 10:00 | 18:00 |
| Thursday 6 th September | Newbury, Chieveley Services (M4) | One Side Only | 10:30 | 11:15 |
| Thursday 6 th September | South West London, Cobham Services (M25) | One Side Only | 13:15 | 20:00 |
| Thursday 6 th September | Birmingham, Hopwood Park Services (M42) | One Side Only | 17:00 | 18:00 |
| Thursday 6 th September | Bristol, Gordano Services (M5) | One Side Only | 19:45 | 20:45 |
| Thursday 6 th September | Southampton, Rownhams Services (M27) | Westbound | 20:45 | 21:30 |
| Friday 7 th September | Taunton, Taunton Deane Services (M5) | Southbound | 09:30 | 10:00 |



/Do I have to book for return transfer, or can I just book one way?

You can either book your bike onto a bike transfer as a one way or return option.

When will I need to pick up my bike after Deloitte RAB?

Your bike will be returned to the below regional hubs at each location on a specific day between Monday 17th September 2018 and Wednesday 19th September 2018.

| DATE | PICK UP | LOCATION | FROM | ТО |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Monday 17 th September | Aberdeen, Central Coaches | Hareness Road, Aberdeen. AB12 3LE | 12:15 | 12:45 |
| Monday 17 th September | Stirling, Stirling Services (M9/M80) | One Side Only | 13:00 | 13:30 |
| Monday 17 th September | Edinburgh, Musselburgh Services (A1) | One Side Only | 14:00 | 14:30 |
| Monday 17 th September | Newcastle, Washington Services (A1M) | Southbound | 17:30 | 18:15 |
| Monday 17 th September | Manchester, Knutsford Services (M6) | Southbound | 18:00 | 18:45 |
| Monday 17 th September | Leeds, Wetherby Services (A1M) | One Side Only | 18:00 | 18:45 |
| Monday 17 th September | Birmingham, Hopwood Park Services (M42) | One Side Only | 20:45 | 21:30 |
| Tuesday 18th September | Nottingham, Donington Park Services (M1) | One Side Only | 07:45 | 08:30 |
| Tuesday 18 th September | Newbury, Chieveley Services (M4) | One Side Only | 09:00 | 10:00 |
| Tuesday 18th September | Cambridge, Cambridge Services (A14) | One Side Only | 11:00 | 12:00 |
| Tuesday 18th September | South West London, Cobham Services (M25) | One Side Only | 13:00 | 18:30 |
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| Wednesday 19 th September | Southampton, Rownhams Services (M27) | Westbound | 07:00 | 08:00 |
| Wednesday 19 th September | Central London, Finsbury Square | NCP Car Park | 12:00 | 19:30 |

What happens if I cannot make the allocated time slot?

The time slots at each drop off/ pick up point are fixed and cannot be stretched. All the vehicles are running to a schedule and will need to leave at the allocated times. If you are struggling to find a time that suits you, please contact the European Bike Express office Monday – Friday on 01430 422111 between 10:00-16:00 or Tricia on 07903 819463 outside of these hours.

/How do I need to pack up my bike?

You can pack up your bike using pipe lagging (plumbing insulation) – please see diagram below. Your bike will then be placed into the vehicle in a specialised loading system ensuring that your bike is secure and not in any position to touch another bike on the vehicle during transit, thus eliminating any damage.





/Can I use a bike bag, or a bike box?

You do have the option to use your own bike bag or a bike box, however pipe lagging is advised due to the specialised loading system used by EBE within the vehicles. If you do use your own bike bag/ bike box, you will need to pay an additional fee of £24 when booking, to cover the transport of the bag/box from Land's End to JOG. Bike bags and bike boxes will be transported direct from Land's End to JOG and therefore will not be accessible during the Ride at any point (you cannot use these for additional luggage space).

/How should I prepare my bike before I drop it off?

It is essential that you:



- Remove both pedals (you will need to carry your pedals separately in your overnight bag that you bring with you to the Ride).
- Cover all tubular sections with pipe lagging (sold at a hardware store).
- Turn the handlebars through 90 degrees to the right (anticlockwise from above).
- Add your bike number to the front of your bike using the provided colour cable ties (you will receive this bike number and cable ties approximately 3 weeks before the Ride in plenty of time for your bike transport).
- Ideally we would prefer that you also lower your handlebars and saddle to the lowest setting where possible.
- The wheels do not need to be removed.
- We prefer it if you do not lock your bike whilst it is in transit, as the bike lock could add potential for bike damage.

/If I am transporting my own bike down to Land's End and back from JOG, are you able to transport my bike bag/ bike box for me from Land's End to JOG while I'm cycling?

Yes. You can book transportation of a bike bag or bike box even if you are not using the bike transport. This will then be transported up to John O'Groats for you, so you can re-pack your bike at the end of the ride. These items will go direct from Land's End to JOG and will therefore not be accessible during the length of the ride (you cannot use this for additional luggage space). The charge for transportation of your bike bag/ bike box is £24. Please click here to make your booking.

/How do I mark up my bike with ID before I drop it off?

Approximately 3 weeks ahead of the ride you will be sent a bike number with coloured cable ties (relevant to the colour zone that you will be allocated to) with instructions of how to attach this to your bike for transport and for the Ride. If you have selected to use a bike bag/ bike box, you will also receive a label/ sticker to use on the outside to ensure your package is clearly identified. Please make sure that your address is up to date on your registration with Threshold Sports as this is where your labelling will be delivered.

/Can I transport a bag with my bike?

Only your bike can be transported using this service.

/Whom do I contact if I'm running late?

The vehicles need to run to a schedule and need to leave at the allotted times. If you are running late, please contact the European Bike Express office Monday – Friday on 01430 422111 between 10:00-16:00 or Tricia on 07903 819463 outside of these hours.

/How will I recognise the Deloitte RAB vehicles at my chosen drop off/ pick up point?

All vehicles will be branded with the Deloitte RAB logo.



Who should I contact if there is no one at the drop off/ pick up point?

Contact the European Bike Express office Monday – Friday on 01430 422111 between 10:00-16:00 or Tricia on 07903 819463 outside of these hours.

/What date/ time will my bike arrive in Land's End?

Your bike will arrive on the morning of Friday 7th September 2018.

/Where/ how will I find my bike once in Land's End?

You will be able to easily locate your bike in the secure Deloitte RAB bike storage area at the Land's End base camp. Your bike will be clearly labelled and will be in a colour zone (which you will be allocated to before the ride).

/Where do I drop of my bike box/ bike bag or pipe lagging in Land's End to be transported to JOG?

The Deloitte Ride Across Britain trucks will be located in the Land's End Car Park adjacent to basecamp. It will be clearly signposted from basecamp. Please ensure that your bike bag/bike box is booked onto the service otherwise we will not be able to transport it for you. We will transport all pipe lagging ready for you to pack up your bike in JOG, however please note that you are not likely to get the same pipe lagging back.

/Where do I drop off my bike in John O'Groats?

The trucks will be located in an area close to the finish and will be clearly signposted.

/How much does this cost?

- A return bike transfer service costs £124.00.
- A one-way bike transfer service costs £96.00.
- Transportation of a bike bag or bike box from LE to JOG costs £24.00.

/How do I book?

This booking can only be made online on European Bike Express website, using the links below:

- Return Bike Transport
- Single Bike Transport to Land's End
- Single Bike Transport from John O'Groats
- Bike Bag/ Bike Box Transport Only (from LE to JOG)

/What happens if I want to cancel my booking – can I get a refund?

Unfortunately we do not offer refunds for any booking.



/Is my bike insured whilst it's being transported?

Whilst in our care, your bike is insured up to a value of £1500 for damage or theft whilst in transit and on European Bike Express vehicles. If the value of your bike exceeds this amount, extra insurance will be required and we fully recommend that you take out personal bike insurance for Deloitte RAB.

When is the latest that I can book this transfer?

The latest date that you can book your travel arrangements is **Tuesday 31st July 2018**.