

DOVER TO DURNESS

Summary

This route involves riding along Britain's 'other' diagonal, from Dover to Durness (or vice-versa), as opposed to the far more commonly trodden path of Land's End to John O'Groats.

I had the misfortune to do my ride at a time when 'Operation Stack' was in place at Dover due to problems in Calais which meant that getting to Dover was difficult as the M2 was completely clogged due to parked lorries. Once I left Dover and got underway it was a very enjoyable ride.

There is no time limit for this ride, so feel free to out in as many interesting waypoints as you wish. I went via Alton (Hampshire), Newcastle, Coldstream and Aberdeen, which added about 300 miles to the route.

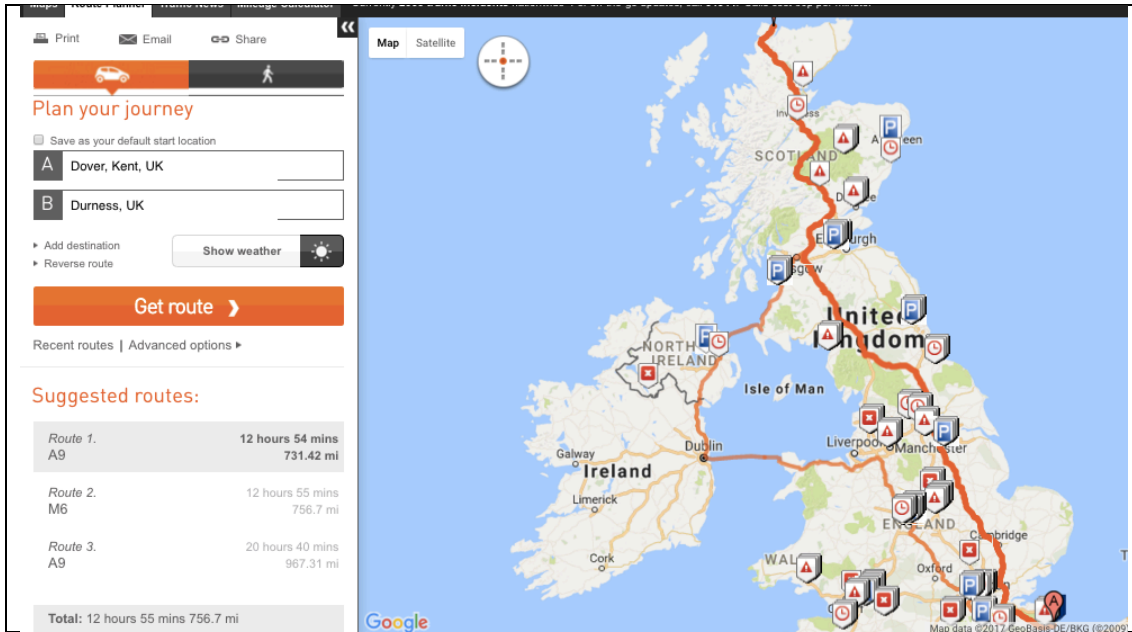
The Challenge

Ride from Dover to Durness (DoDu) or vice-versa (DuDo)

Distance: 730 miles (by quickest route)

Time to complete: No limit

Riding Time: 13 hours (by quickest route)



Points: A. Dover; B. Durness (these can be done in either order)

| Route | Time | Distance |
|---------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| Route 1. A9 | 12 hours 54 mins | 731.42 mi |
| Route 2. M6 | 12 hours 55 mins | 756.7 mi |
| Route 3. A9 | 20 hours 40 mins | 967.31 mi |
| Total: | 12 hours 55 mins | 756.7 mi |

Notes

Either side of Durness there are long stretches of single-track road with petrol stations few and far between. It may be best to top up earlier than you normally would.