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Bound for Paris-Brest-Paris 2015 Bulletin #3

Dear PBP aspirant(e),

As promised, an update on arrangements for PBP. This bulletin contains new information on

- Hotel and other accommodation near to the start
- bag drop(s) during the ride

and reminders about qualifying rides and pre-registration for PBP.

If you know of other members who want to receive these bulletins, please forward this email and remind them to respond our survey (link below).

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/55N6WSP>

Peter Moore

Remember, we have set up a Facebook group for all Australian aspirant(e)s to use as a centralised location for PBP chat and queries. Benefit from the collective wisdom of the well-ridden and well-travelled!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PBP.Australia/>

Qualifying rides

The qualifying period is

1 November 2014 - 30 June 2015

The required distances are 200, 300, 400 and 600 km

All eligible events are listed on this year's Ride Calendar

You cannot use Permanents as qualifying rides for PBP.

[link to online Ride Calendar](#)

Hotel accommodation



Howard Duncan and Bikestyle Tours have again found a hotel for Australians going to PBP.

After months of work and negotiating they've managed to organise a group booking at the Kyriad St Cyr l'Ecole which is just 1.5 km from the start of PBP and has good transport links for those arriving by train.

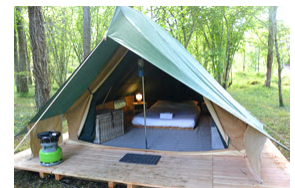
Full details are on Bikestyle Tours website and bookings can be made now.

<http://www.bikestyletours.com/tour-de-france/2015-paris-brest-paris-hotels>

Self-catering accommodation: cabins and camping

In past years, members have rented cabins at Huttopia in Versailles which is located about 10 km from the start/ finish of PBP. This is a wooded park-like holiday camp with a small shop and restaurant and is within easy walking distance to shops.

There is a wide variety of cabins available, most with private bathrooms.



Bookings are now open.

[link to Huttopia Versailles](#)

Note: the camp site in St Quentin, which some of you may have used in the past, has been derelict for a number of years.

Following a tradition established for PBP2007, Howard has also organised the third edition of *La Grande Randonnée*: a stress free cycling trip through France prior to PBP. Not only is this tour a great way to gain/maintain fitness in the leadup to PBP, but it showcases some beautiful areas of France and is very suitable for non cycling partners to join in. Next year's trip will start in Toulouse and spend a few days in the Tarn region where *Semaine Fédérale* is being held, before working its way back to Paris via Provence and the Alps. For more details check out the itinerary on the Bikestyle Tours website.



<http://www.bikestyletours.com/tour-de-france/2015-paris-brest-paris-tour>

Also available to Audax members is QBE Travel insurance, with Bikestyle offering members a 20% discount off the standard premium. Importantly Bikestyle has sought clarification from QBE on the status PBP to be certain that you are covered during the event. QBE has advised Bikestyle that they will not consider PBP to be a race, so you would be covered as normal. Special additional cover is available if needed for bikes up to \$6000. To obtain a quote or take out a policy email

insurance@bikestyletours.com

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Bag drop

This will be handled by Des Peres Travel who were responsible for the bag drop in 2011.

Riders will be able to have bags transported to Loudéac and Villaines-La-Juhel. Charges will be based on the number of bags used, so those opting to have bags left at both locations will pay a charge for each bag.

As in 2011, bags will be picked up from, and returned to the Audax hotel

(Kyriad St Cyr L'Ecole) after the event.

More details later

Registration and pre-registration

Pre-registration is available to anybody who has completed at least one calendared ride in the period 1 November 2013 - 31 October 2014 and this will allow you to reserve a place for PBP 2015, subject to availability and your completion of the qualifying rides. During the preregistration period, available places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. The opening date for pre-registration depends on the longest ride completed.

For Australian members, pre-registration periods open on the following dates.

Longest brevet	Date
2013 - 2014	
1000 KM or RM1200+	April 26, 2015
600 KM	May 03, 2015
400 KM	May 10, 2015
300 KM	May 17, 2015
200 KM	May 24, 2015

For information from the event organisers, please visit the official Paris-Brest-Paris website

<http://www.paris-brest-paris.org/index2.php?lang=en&cat=accueil&page=edito>Optional Link



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