



THE ELIAS TAYLOR

## VEGAS AFTER-PARTY

Elias was a 16 year old schoolboy when he was first diagnosed. He was a talented sportsman, enjoying rugby, football, tennis and golf, and despite his illness was the life and soul of every party. Elias beat his leukaemia three times and was lucky enough to have state of the art treatment at UCLH, which is the centre of excellence for haematology cancers.

In a few years' time, research will have the answers that would have allowed Elias to beat his illness once and for all. Sadly, this is too late for our wonderful son and brother, but what a legacy it would be if we could fund the last bit of research that completes a vital piece of the jigsaw and makes dying of leukaemia a thing of the past. We want to donate a substantial figure through a 3-day sponsored bike ride from Paris to London.

The money will go into the UCLH Haematology Research fund, but will be ring-fenced for this research project known as *The Elias Taylor Vegas After-Party*.



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
July 2019

## Itinerary

### Day 1 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

Eurostar to Paris  
**Ride starts Paris midday**  
Cycle 65 miles to Gournay-en-Bray  
Dinner and overnight in hotel



### Day 2 Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

Cycle 45 miles to Dieppe  
Lunch and market in Dieppe  
Evening ferry to Newhaven  
Dinner and overnight at the Premier Inn

### Day 3 Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

Cycle 50 miles to the top of White Hill on the Sussex Downs  
Lunch at the Harrow Pub  
Cycle 15 miles to Wimbledon arriving in South Park 3.30pm  
**AFTER-PARTY**



To find out more and to pre-register visit us at [www.vegasafterparty.co.uk](http://www.vegasafterparty.co.uk)  
or email [register@vegasafterparty.co.uk](mailto:register@vegasafterparty.co.uk).



If you can't join us but would like to support any of our riders, please visit [www.justgiving.com/teams/VegasAfterParty](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/VegasAfterParty) then go scroll down to find the team member you want to support.

# FAQs

## Transport

### Q. What type of bike do I need ?

A. Any road bike is ideal.

### Q. How do I get my bike to Paris?

A. Bikes are going to Paris by lorry the day before the ride. Nearer the event date we will let you know the arrangements for getting your bike to us the week before the ride. Your bike will be individually wrapped in a shipping blanket and tied down in the lorry. If you wish to use a bike box that is fine.

### Q. Can I take my bike on Eurostar?

A. There is no facility to take your bike on Eurostar on Friday morning. This is a Eurostar condition and not something that we can influence.

### Q. Where do I pick my bike up from in Paris?

A. Your bike will be ready and waiting for you at our starting point near Parc Monceau. There will be time to check your bike and do final adjustments. We will have a mechanic on hand, plus track pumps and tools, although please bear in mind that time will be limited.

### Q. What are the travel arrangements?

A. The Friday morning (12<sup>th</sup> July) is an early morning Eurostar leaving from St. Pancras International at about 6.00am. We will confirm the exact time nearer the event. One of our crew will be at the station with everyone's tickets. We are on a group ticket so there is no flexibility.

### Q. What do I wear to travel out to Paris?

A. There will be plenty of time to get changed, have some food, and prepare your bike before we start cycling. You don't need to wear cycling gear for the train ride.

### Q. How do I know where I am going on the ride?

A. The route is fully signed and we have support cars spaced along the route. There are rest stops every 15 miles or so and the crew will check that everyone has been through the rest stop before they close up. GPX versions of the route will be available for download ahead of the ride if you have a bike gps device.



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## Hospitality

### Q. What about food and drink?

A. We provide all the meals, with the exception of Eurostar and Saturday afternoon at Dieppe when there will be a few hours leisure time to enjoy the sunshine at the beach. Rest stops have a good supply of water, energy powders, chocolate bars, bananas and encouragement.

### Q. What is the accommodation like?

A. The accommodation is in 3 star hotels and is of a good quality. We are staying at the Hotel le St. Aubin in Gournay-en-Bray for Friday evening. The Premier Inn at Newhaven for Saturday night. Rooms are on a shared basis unless you select and pay for a single room upon registration.

### Q. What about my luggage?

A. Your luggage will be moved to the evening's hotel whilst you are riding so there is no need to worry about riding with a rucksack.

### Q. What if I have a mechanical problem?

A. Our support crew have a full range of bike spares and tools. There will be an opportunity to have any bigger problems attended to at the start and end of each day. Most small problems can be handled at the road side once you have made contact with one of the crew. In the event of a major problem with your bike, we will have a few spares available though we can't guarantee that they will be your dream machine.

## Sunday and after the finishing line

### Q. My friends and family want to support us – how can they do that?

A. About half a mile from the end point we will stop and wait for all the riders to catch up so that we can all complete the ride at the same time. We aim to be at the finish between 3.30pm and 4pm. There will be drinks and refreshments, a few words, and then home. Please make arrangements to transport your own bike home with you after the finish.

## What next?

### Q. I want to take part, what do I do next?

A. There are a limited number of rider places due to what we can safely cater for, making the experience enjoyable for all. Rider registration is just £195 to cover all of your transport and accommodation costs. Every penny to go to the Elias' research project.

***Most importantly the ride is not a race and every rider is a highly valued member of the After-Party team...***

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