TOUR DE FRANCE NA KOLOBĚŽCE. TOUR DE FRANCE BY FOOTBIKE. TOUR DE FRANCE EN TROTTINETTE. KICK YOUR LIFE, KICK FRANCE 2013



"Impossible is just a big word thrown around by small men who find it easier to live in the world they've been given than to explore the power they have to change it. Impossible is not a fact. It's an opinion. Impossible is not a declaration. It's a dare. Impossible is potential. Impossible is temporary. Impossible is nothing."

— Muhammad Ali

In 2013, the Tour de France is about to be ridden for the 100th time in its history.

The field of cyclists will cover 3500km on their three week journey through France and surrounding countries, over the never-ending Alpine and Pyrenean climbs to the finish under the Arc de Triomphe on the Champs Elysées.

One day before them, however, our team will cover the same route. We do not ride bicycles; we have machines with two wheels but no pedals.

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INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE



The logistics of may be the most ambitious footbike project ever are nowadays planned for 4 athletes and 5 members of the support team. Athletes will kick the whole stage of Tour de France, **copying precisely the original route that the field of cyclists will ride the next day**. The complete journey is about **3500km**, divided into some **20 stages** of **150- 240km** each.

There are a few shorter stages (time trials) and usually two free days. The route of the Tour de France usually climbs around 20 Alpine and Pyrenean mountain passes, some reaching up to nearly 3000 meters. Altogether it means kicking around 10-18 hours 111 а dav We expect to use a camper van as a base camp for our team (kitchen, toilets, bath, massage table...). The camper will move independently from the group of athletes, so it could be in the finish area early enough to arrange all the necessary support, when the tired team arrives. The camper is also necessary for the transfers between the finish of the stage and start of the following day. For instance, all long air transfers will be done by cars. The camper needs to be comfortable enough for the team to rest and recover for the following stage.

We plan to come with another support car (ideally a van seating seven or more). This support car, with two members of the support team on board, will ride the entire stage with athletes. The support car team will provide all the necessary help to riders – food, drinks, first aid and physiotherapy and mechanical help. They will also take care of photography and video footage, as well as online coverage.

As a result we need a support team consisting of:

- two drivers
- physiotherapist / masseur
- cook
- journalist / translator / team leader.

"First week you feel good, the second week you lose strength. Third week, fucked." -Per Pedersen about Tour de France

All the roles could be of course combined. However, the minimum number of the support team members is 4-5.

We start

We try to

on from come to June 28th 2013, 6:00am Corsica, Porto Vecchio. Paris, Champs Élysées, 3 weeks later.

BEING PART OF THE PROJECT

We would like to encourage our footbike friends to join the hardest footbike mission ever at least for one stage. We are coming to show everybody, what our great sport is all about!!!

HOW TO JOIN THE PROJECT:

- Being part of the team toughest but most ambitious way to participate, kicking whole distance of Tour de France 2013 just one day before cyclists. This suppose sharing the costs of the project – some 35.000 €. Members of the team up to date: Jan Vlášek (CZE), Vašek Liška (CZE), Jarda Odvárka (CZE), Alpo Kuusisto (FIN).
- II. <u>Coming just for part of the journey</u> great for those with lack of time or endurance. We encourage anyone to come just for one or more stages and to kick them with us. We would put the registration with all information online as soon as the whole 2013 TdF track will be published (September 2012). We suppose there will be some reasonable amount to be paid to be part of, which you will get a team jersey and stage vehicle support for. However we will not be able to arrange anything more (transportation, accommodation, breakfast, dinner etc.) for you. There will be strict rules with time limits established for every stage being slow means being abandoned somewhere in France⁽³⁾
- III. <u>Coming just for the major climbs</u> wanna kick the biggest mountains with thousands of spectators around? This is your chance!!! There will be probably the same rules as above (point II.) with a little bit more difficult time coordination.

HOW TO SUPPORT THE PROJECT:

- I. <u>Being part of the support team</u> support team members are not set yet. There is still a chance to become a support team member and experience all the pain, blood and glory with us.
- II. <u>Material support</u> we seek for any material support you can imagine. Mainly big vans, campers, camping material, nutrition, cameras, cycling material and many more check the big project presentation available by our team members.
- III. <u>Financial support</u> the budget of the project is 35.000€, we encourage any possible sponsors to cooperate with us. THIS IS AN IDEAL CHANCE to present your brand during the most famous cycling race ever, on a year when Tour celebrates it's 100th anniversary. Detailed info is available in the big presentation of the project.

If you have any questions we are of course friendly at your disposal whenever during the champs personally –ask Jan, Vašek, Jarda or Alpo with any additional questions.

You can also ask by e-mail: <u>info@kickfrance2013.com</u>, <u>vlasek@kickfrance2013.com</u> or by phone: +420737535664 (Jan).

Registration will be opened in September 2012 on <u>www.kickfrance2013.com</u>.



"Years ago I considered trying Kick Tour de France - the obvious goal for a long distance kick tourer and TdF fan - but discarded it as impossible. And now I learned that this passionate (some would use expression 'crazy') Ultima Team is going for it! I HAD to participate."

- Alpo Kuusisto 2012 a footbike sport legend, best distance kicker in history Tour de France has it's own spirit and it is somehow sacred for all Tour de France has it's own spirit and it is somehow sacred for all cyclists and cycling fans. Since it's 99 years of existence, the Tour has written thousands of breathtaking stories, that possibly the best writer could have never imagined. Roche, Anquetil, Mercx, LeMond, Indurain, Hinault, Contador, Armstrong ...

... and thousands of others, today forgotten names. All of them came with a dream. The dream often has not been the yellow jersey for the overall victory, but the journey itself with the finish in Champs Élysées ...

... in the 100th anniversary, we come with the Kick Your Life, Kick France 2013 – Tour de France by Footbike project. We will kick the Tour by footbike for the first time in history. It is the biggest sportive challenge of our lives so far. The journey itself is the goal, but we want more. We want to kick through, to finish under the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

We can not promise successful finishing of the journey. One thing is for sure however. We will leave our hearts on the French roads memorizing that ... "Pain is temporary. It may last a minute, or an hour, or a day, or a year, but eventually it will subside and something else will take its place. If I quit, however, it lasts forever."



PAIN IS TEMPORARY, QUITTING LASTS FOREVER !!!

WHERE WILL YOU BE IN SUMMER 2013???







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