

Cycling from London to Paris update Dec20

Classic route stage 1

p43/45 Work is ongoing to construct Cycleway C4 (previously known as cycle superhighway CS4).

When complete this will provide an uninterrupted dedicated two-way cycle track from Tower Bridge Rd to Greenwich. The Tower Bridge Rd–Rotherhithe section was opened in Dec20 and Creek Rd Deptford–Greenwich is scheduled for completion by Spring 21. The Lower Rd part past Surrey Quays is planned for construction in 2022.

After crossing **Tower bridge** continue ahead over minor crossroads (original route turned L into Queen Elizabeth St) then turn L at traffic lights (Tooley St, A200). Join C4 dedicated cycle track L of road and follow this ahead beside Jamaica Rd. The cycle track crosses from L to R to pass R of **Rotherhithe** roundabout into Lower Rd, then crosses back to L and continues past **Surrey Quays** shopping centre and on beside Evelyn St and Creek Rd into **Deptford**. Cross Deptford Creek to reach T-junction in Greenwich where C4 ends [There are long term plans to extend C4 to Woolwich].

In the reverse direction, cyclists will use the C4 cycle track all the way from Greenwich to Tower Bridge Rd. The current one-way system through Bestwood St, Bush Rd, Rotherhithe New Rd and Rotherhithe Old Rd will be avoided by the cycle route which will follow Lower Rd past Surrey Quays shopping centre. C4 is mostly R of the road except for a short stage where it crosses to L to by-pass Rotherhithe roundabout.

Classic route stage 9

p133 A revised route has been waymarked V32 leaving Beauvais.

After passing **Beauvais** station and winding through station carpark, Turn R beside Rue Corréus and follow this bearing L under road bridge (Rue Jean Jaurès). Turn R (Rue Aulnaies) at crossroads beside house 25 to re-join original route.

Ave Verte stage 4

p200 Leaving Dieppe a new asphalt cycle track has been built beside an old railway trackbed to Arques-la-Bataille.

At end of Rue Stalingrad, go ahead over Rue Vauban and bear L on cycle track beside old railway line passing Renault car factory and Dieppe racecourse, both L. Continue through Rouxmesnil-Bouteilles to reach old station site in Machonville. Turn L (Rue de la Gare) and immediately fork R (voie C) heading toward large blue Nestlé food factory. At 300m before reaching factory, turn R on cycle track through site of old railway yards. Emerge on Rue des Prairies and turn R. Where road reaches railway crossing, turn L beside railway on asphalt cycle track. Pass under road bridge and continue to reach main road crossing in **Arques-la-Bataille**. Cross road and follow cycle track R across railway, then bear L on cycle track beside PI da la Gare, re-joining original route.

Ave Verte stage 5

p206 As part of the re-opened freight railway from Paris to Le Havre, a new railway junction at Serqueux has resulted in a slight alteration to the route.

After crossing D1314 main road, zig-zags L and R downhill have been replaced by asphalt cycle track continuing ahead over new railway bridge then bearing L to re-join original route along old railway trackbed.

Ave Verte stage 7

p227 The main road crossing between **Sagy** and **Sailancourt** is now a roundabout.

Ave Verte stage 8

p232 A short length of track has been diverted around a sewerage works between Neuville-sur-Oise and Conflans-Ste Honorine.

After leaving **Neuville-sur-Oise**, turn L on rough track away from river that runs along under motorway bridge. At end turn R and follow track past sewerage works R. Emerge on Rue de Fin d'Oise and continue to re-join original route beside entrance to sewerage works.

Ave Verte stage 9

p246 Notre Dame cathedral was badly damaged by fire in 2019 and the area around the building is closed while restoration work is undertaken. The cathedral authorities plan to complete the basic work in five years after which time they hope to re-open the cathedral. Full restoration of all the architectural elements could take up to 20 years. In the meantime, it is suggested that to complete your journey you head instead for the Eiffel Tower by following the route from Rue de Rivoli described in Classic route stage 11 on p154.

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