

A EUROPEAN TOUR OF A LIFETIME
BLUES BANGER RALLY 2025

INFORMATION PACK

WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY - SUNDAY 6TH JULY 2025
GOLDINGTON ROAD TO MALMO, SWEDEN!



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BEDFORD » MALMO

2ND - 6TH JULY 2025



JOIN US ON A EUROPEAN TOUR OF A LIFETIME



A unique blend of high adventure and average cars!

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Your efforts during our charity Rally will help raise valuable funds, helping us provide opportunities for disadvantaged or vulnerable people across the community, whilst helping promote the Foundation and the work we do daily!

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for further enquires and
information

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to find out more
or register your
interest.



7 COUNTRIES IN 4 DAYS

YOUR ADVENTURE STARTS HERE...

ENGLAND, FRANCE, BELGIUM,
GERMANY, NETHERLANDS,
DENMARK, SWEDEN

The **Blues Banger Rally** is a fun challenge, but is first and foremost about raising important funds to support young people in and around Bedfordshire. The Blues Foundation reaches 4,000 children per year, across rugby programmes and target interventions for disengaged young people.

The basic rule is that your car must cost no more than £1,500. Any additional spend is up to you post purchase. We ask that each car commits to raising a minimum of £8,000 - this will be your entry fee.

Groups will start and finish each day together, allowing you to meet new people, whilst seeing some of northern Europe's most iconic views and locations.



WHO WE ARE

As the charitable arms of Bedford Blues Rugby Club, we are driven by the impact sport and physical activity can have on young peoples' lives. At Blues Foundation, we are passionate that we can harness the power of sport to transform the Bedfordshire community!

DAY 1

Wednesday 2nd July

ADDRESS:
NH Collection Antwerp
Centre

WEBSITE:
nhcollectionantwerp@nh-hotels.com

APPROX DISTANCE:
300 miles

APPROX DRIVING TIME:
6 Hours

The Itinerary:

- 9.30am** Leave Bedford Blues Rugby Club
Eurotunnel from Folkestone to Calais
- 6.30pm** Arrive in Antwerp, Belgium
Dinner and Drinks

When choosing your route and making stops, you allow sufficient time to get to the final day's destination by 6.30pm.

We would suggest no more than 2 stops today.

STOP 1, Folkstone

Where you will be given a takeaway breakfast with tea/coffee. Setting off by 9.30am, we have organised and paid for your passage on Eurotunnel. Details of the train time will be released closer to the time.



Goldington Road,
Bedford



Antwerp,
Belgium

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The Itinerary:

- 9.30am** Leave Bedford Blues Rugby Club
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- 1.00pm** Meet in Lille, France, for lunch at Wells & Co's own Queen Vic Pub.
- 6.30pm** Arrive in Antwerp, Belgium
Dinner and Drinks



Goldington Road,
Bedford

Antwerp,
Belgium

DAY 2

Thursday 3th July 2025

ADDRESS:

City Hotel
Groningen, Netherlands

WEBSITE:

www.cityhotelgroningen.com

APPROX DISTANCE:

200 miles

APPROX DRIVING TIME:

5 Hours

The Itinerary:

- 8.30am** Leave the Hotel in Antwerp
Travel through predetermined route, via
Belgium and the Netherlands, with
Groningen our final stop for the day.
- 6.30pm** Arrive at our hotel in Groningen, enjoy
what the town has to offer, dinner and
drinks provided.



Antwerp,
Belgium

Groningen,
Netherlands

DAY 3

Friday 4th July 2025

ADDRESS:

Milling Hotel Park,
Middlefart, Denmark

WEBSITE:

millinghotels.dk

APPROX DISTANCE:

300 Miles

APPROX DRIVING TIME:

6.5 Hours

The Itinerary:

8.30am

Leave hotel in Groningen
Travel through Germany and stop off
in Hamburg, then journeying through to
Middlefart, Denmark.

6.30pm

Arrive at in Middlefart for Dinner and
drinks!



Groningen,
Netherland



Middelfart,
Denmark

DAY 4

Saturday 5th July 2025

ADDRESS:

Strawberry Hotel,
Malmo, Sweden

WEBSITE:

www.strawberry.se/

APPROX DISTANCE:

160 Miles

APPROX DRIVING TIME:

5 Hours

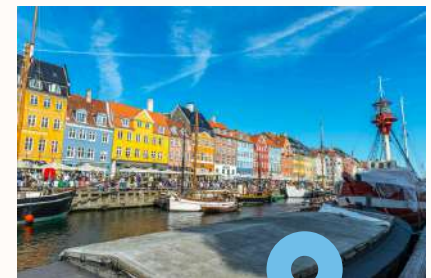
The Itinerary:

8.30am

Leave hotel in Middelfart
Travel through the Danish landscape
via Copenhagen, enter Sweden via the
stunning Oresund Bridge.

6.00pm

Arrive at the Strawberry Hotel in Malmo!
And you've reached the Finish Line!



Middelfart,
Denmark



Malmo,
Sweden

DAY 5

Sunday 6th July 2025

The Itinerary:

Breakfast

Participants will need to make their own way home

Participants will need to arrange locally, taxi's & ferries
(Hotel will be able to help where required)

OPTION 1:

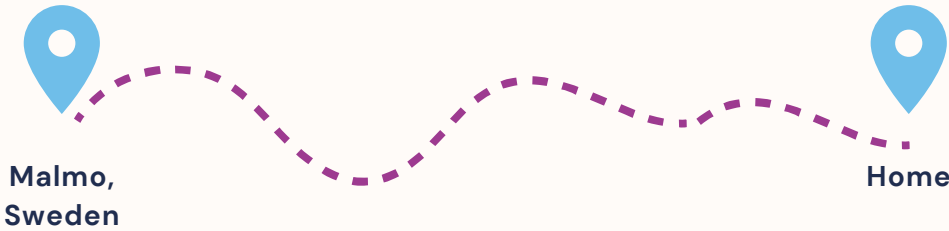
Drive back via your own route/own cost

OPTION 2:

Leave car for disposal (cost to be confirmed) and fly home.

FLIGHTS AVAILABLE:

- Malmo
- Copenhagen



WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Eurotunnel Fees
All Hotel Rooms
Breakfast
Evening Meals
Limited Drinks
Mechanic Back-Up Service

WHAT'S EXCLUDED:

Vehicle Cost & Modifications
Tax & Insurance
Fuel & Tolls
Parking Fees
Lunch
Further Sustenance

SAFETY & BACKUP

We take safety very seriously and we therefore have put in place 24 hour back up for both you and your vehicle for the duration of the event.



VEHICLE REPAIR & RECOVERY

A dedicated mechanic and recovery vehicle will follow the route, about an hour behind the group. He will be able to assist one vehicle at a time.

If your car is not repairable on the roadside it will be transported to the next hotel or back to the UK (for a fee). If you find yourself with no vehicle you can either hire a car or join another team.

If the mechanic is unavailable, then please call the number for your own European Breakdown cover who will be able to assist you.

ROAD SAFETY

Driving in Europe can present challenges and it is your responsibility to make sure that you follow the rules of the road. Please do read the RAC's advice on driving abroad, the AA's advice on each country and the AA's advice on driving in tunnels

When using a sat nav on unfamiliar roads it is advisable to have a 'co-pilot' who can assist with giving directions whilst the driver can focus their attention on the road. Remember when driving on the right-hand side of the road to follow the central line markings down the middle of the road. (This may sound obvious but UK drivers have a tendency to drive closer to the line on the right nearest the kerb).



REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

You must bring ALL the following documents with you on the event:

FOR THE CARS...

- A valid MOT Certificate
- Vehicle Tax
- Vehicle Registration Document
- European travel kit & breathalyser

FOR THE PARTICIPANTS...

- Valid European Driving License for each driver
- Car insurance for each driver
- European Breakdown Cover
- European Travel Insurance
- Passport