

Log Brisbane-Paris-11Apr-14Apr

The trip started with a very special send-off by the whole family at the airport. The flight was long but simple as always, with a chance for 6 hours un-comfortable sleep, arrived in London at 1PM on 12th April.

Kathy as acting agent for Bikes Abroad, met at the airport driving us direct to the depot and the bike already de-crated. Roddy helped getting the front wheel back on using a forklift to hold it up. I almost forgot an essential spacer on the front axle but all good eventually.

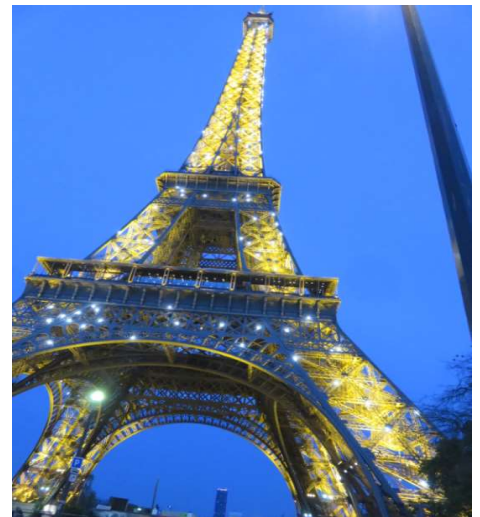
Starting proved difficult at first. Aha, it was in first gear. That's why no starter motor action. Battery quite low on charge, but it started. I tested with a test run. Brakes and all were mounted correctly. Windscreen proved to be fiddly, but by 4.20, we were done.

Kathy drove Ann to the hotel, I followed on bike. We tried the local pub life. Then after 46 hours since last in a bed (we left 9PM Brisbane time), it was great to lie horizontal in a bed again.

Next day Thursday, we took suitcases to the depot went for a 2 hr ride to a castle, then packed the bike well. On Good Friday we had a MacDonalld's breakfast at 6.15 and rode to dover for a 9.20 Eurotunnel crossing. We took a couple of hours in Amiens at a great little Restaurant and checking out the quite famous Cathedral.



We got to our very quaint cabin in the Central Park of Paris, Bois De Boulogne, by 5 PM in peak hour traffic. An hour later we cruised around Paris all famous landmarks for hours and had a cappuccino at an iconic Cafe.





Next day had drizzle Rain for a few hours. We rode south to a famous castle in the south. Villandry. These Gardens were only surpassed by Versailles. We spent a couple of hours. Very impressive. We did 550 kilometre south, to near Nantes. Nice chilly weather the whole way. Only two days and we'd almost cleared France. This trip sure is rolling on well.