



Bonkers in Barcelona – FAQ's

We've tried to answer all the questions we could think of but please get in touch if we've missed anything.

There's a lot to consider before signing up for a challenge like Bonkers in Barcelona. But we can promise you an incredible journey, breathtaking scenery, and great company, and all for a really amazing charity.

When do I need to register?

As soon as possible!

How much sponsorship do I have to raise?

We ask you to pledge to raise £1,600 but if you can raise more we'd be delighted.

What's the deadline for raising sponsorship?

All sponsorship funds must be with us by 31st October 2026. We also require £800 (£800 includes your £400 non-refundable registration fee) to have been paid to Martha by 31st August 2026.

Where do I send my registration and sponsorship?

Please mark all correspondence 'Bonkers in Barcelona' and send it to The Fundraising Team, Martha Trust, Homemead Lane, Hacklinge, Deal, Kent CT14 0PG

How much of the sponsorship goes to Martha Trust?

Obviously we have to deduct our costs for the trip but we'll do all we can to keep these to a minimum. We aim for at least £1,100 per car to go towards the work of Martha.

How do I raise £1,600?

Raising £1,600 may feel like a huge task but we'll help you every step of the way. We've created a fundraising toolkit and a fundraising guide full of useful suggestions and ideas to get you started. And if you struggle to meet your target then get in touch with the fundraising team (details below) and we'll do all we can to help.

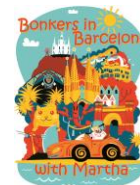
What happens if I can't raise the minimum sponsorship?

Without enough funding to cover the costs of the challenge you won't be able to participate but we will always try to work with you to help you raise the outstanding sponsorship.

Is a registration fee required?

We ask for a non-refundable registration fee of £400, payable on registration, and a further £400 of your sponsorship to be paid to Martha by 31st August 2026. The £800 payable prior to setting off is included as part of your total £1,600 sponsorship. The £800 registration fee is non refundable.

If you are struggling to raise sponsorship, please contact the Fundraising Team on 01304 610448 or email fundraising@marthatrust.org.uk and we'll do all we can to help



When does the registration fee have to be sent to Martha Trust?

Your non-refundable registration fee of £400 is payable on registration or early in 2026 if you sign up prior to this and a further £400 of your sponsorship is payable to Martha by 31st August 2026.

What costs are met by Martha Trust?

Martha Trust will organise and pay for:

- channel crossing from Dover/Folkestone to Calais
- overnight hotel accommodation
- return flight
- 25 euros towards a celebration meal in Barcelona

What do I need to pay for?

You will need to pay for your fuel, toll charges (est. total 114 euros), Crit'Air sticker (for travelling in France), ZBE sticker (for travelling in Spain), travel insurance, meals and drinks (with the exception of the celebratory meal in Barcelona where we give you 25 euros towards your meal) and of course all costs related to the purchase of your vehicle including MOT, tax and insurance and breakdown cover (should you choose to take it out).

Can I take any type of car, jeep or van?

Yes, as long as it's roadworthy, eligible for a Crit'Air sticker, eligible for a ZBE sticker and has a current MOT certificate and third party liability insurance. We ask that you try and source a car for less than £500 (although any cars are welcome).

Why do we need a Crit'Air sticker?

In France Crit'Air stickers are mandatory for driving in low-emissions zones, which means some older cars are unable to travel within these zones. We recommend therefore that you check your vehicle is eligible for a Crit'Air sticker before purchasing your vehicle. You can check online at <https://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/simulation>

You will need to know your Euro status for the vehicle which you can find out at <https://www.checkcardetails.co.uk/car-registration-check>

Our route will go through low-emissions zones in France and Switzerland (Geneva) so your vehicle will need a Crit'Air sticker or you risk getting a fine. French Crit'Air stickers are also recognised in the Geneva differentiated traffic zone so there's no need to buy another.

Crit'Air stickers can be purchased online at <https://www.certificat-air.gouv.fr/> and cost €3.11 + €1.80 postage (i.e. €4.91 per vehicle). We recommend allowing at least 28 days for delivery of your sticker although the website does state 10 days but in our experience it can take longer.

Please note: other websites (without any link with the Ministry of Ecological Transition) offer the supply of the Crit'Air sticker at a much higher cost than the real price.

Please be aware that failure to display a correct Crit'Air sticker could prohibit travel through differentiated traffic zone during enforcement hours and comes with a potential fine in both France and Switzerland. In France they can fine you up to €180 and in Switzerland 500 swiss francs.



Why do we need a ZBE sticker?

In Spain ZBE stickers are mandatory to drive in Spain's emissions zones, known as Zonas de Bajas Emisiones (ZBEs), for all municipalities with over 50,000 residents to improve air quality by restricting polluting vehicles. Each ZBE uses a vehicle sticker system (the Distintivo Ambiental) to classify vehicles by their environmental impact, allowing access for greener cars and restricting older, more polluting ones. Major cities like Barcelona have ZBEs with varying regulations, requiring vehicles to meet specific emission standards and require online registration for access prior to travelling. When traveling in Spain with an English car, it is essential to be aware of the ZBE regulations. Here are some key points to consider:

- Spain has implemented Low Emission Zones (ZBE) across various cities, including Barcelona, to reduce air pollution.
- Barcelona specifically has its own ZBE that restricts access to high-emission vehicles, and foreign vehicles must register to drive within it.
- Foreign-registered vehicles must register with the local transport authority to avoid fines. The ZBE regulations vary by city, and it's essential to check the specific requirements for both Spain and Barcelona when planning to drive in these areas.
If you plan on driving your vehicle home, you will need to check if your planned route requires specific ZBE stickers.
More information can be found at <https://inspain.news/how-foreign-vehicles-can-enter-spains-low-emission-zones/>
- Foreign vehicles must be registered in the Metropolitan register before entering the ZBE. This registration process can take about 20 days.
- Environmental Sticker: While Spain does not issue its own country wide environmental stickers for foreign-registered vehicles, valid emissions stickers from countries like Germany, France, Austria, and Denmark are accepted. You will need to check online if you plan to drive home if your Crit' Air sticker (for France) is valid in the areas you wish to drive. The Crit' Air sticker is NOT valid in Barcelona.
- Fines: Failing to register your vehicle in the Metropolitan register can result in a fine of up to €1,800. If you attempt to enter Barcelona without a permit, traffic cameras will capture your license plate, and a fine of up to €1,800 will be automatically sent to your home address.
- Even if your vehicle is environmentally friendly, you must obtain a permit to drive in the city. The application process for the registration permit takes about 20 days, so applying in advance is crucial.

You will need a ZBE sticker for driving in Barcelona. At the point we finalise the route for Bonkers in Barcelona (normally July) we will contact you to advise if you need any further ZBE stickers for specific cities or if the French Crit'Air sticker will cover you for other areas in Spain we will be travelling through.

You will need to apply for:

- **Barcelona ZBE**



Tourists with foreign licence plate vehicles must register in the Metropolitan register before entering the Low Emission Zones, or a fine will be imposed.

To register a foreign vehicle, you will need to fill out the ZBE Registration form by following the link below:

ZBE Registration form - <https://zberegistre.ambmobilitat.cat/en/VehiclesEstrangers>

Registration is €7 fee. You may receive a long-term authorisation if your car meets the required environmental standards. If not, you can apply for temporary access, limited to 10 days per calendar year.

If your vehicle is not eligible for long term authorisation, we recommend applying for 24 hour permits for the duration of your stay in Barcelona.

For example if you are scrapping your car on the Monday, you need a permit for Monday only, if you are driving your car back you will need a 24 hour permit for each day you plan to stay.

- Other areas in Spain - At the point we finalise the route for Bonkers in Barcelona (normally July) we will contact you to advise if you need any further ZBE stickers for specific cities or if the French Crit'Air sticker will cover you for other areas in Spain we will be travelling through. At this time, we are likely to only need a ZBE for Barcelona but we will confirm this nearer the event date.

After you get permission to drive inside the ZBE, we recommend printing out your permit and keeping it in your car. This is an additional precaution if you are stopped by the police while driving in ZBE.

Estimated Tolls

The estimated tolls from Dover/Folkestone to Barcelona for the trip are 107 euros. Final estimated tolls will be included in your participants pack once the route is finalised.

How many people can you have in a car?

The sponsorship, channel crossings and overnight accommodation are calculated on two people sharing a car. If you wish to have more than two people in your car, we ask you raise an additional £800 per person in sponsorship.

Can team members share the driving?

Yes, but it's not necessary as we ensure all drivers get regular breaks.

Can we stay at a different hotel to the one booked?

Yes, but you must let us know in advance and cover the costs of the alternative hotel yourself.

Is there a prize for getting to the destination each day?

No, this is not a race.

What happens if I break down?

We suggest that you take spare parts for your vehicle as these won't be provided. You could also arrange for European breakdown cover for the trip. If your vehicle breaks down, you are responsible



for ensuring your vehicle is recovered. Where possible, if you are unable to repair your car then we'll try to accommodate your travel in another team's vehicle.

Please note that if you breakdown and wish to use your European breakdown cover, we advise that you say you are intending on returning to the UK in the car.

Can I extend my stay in Barcelona?

Yes, although you'll obviously have to cover any additional costs yourselves and you must let us know in advance so that we can arrange your return flight.

Please note if you choose to extend your stay the cost of the flight may be higher. We will only pay the equivalent amount to the original flight home; you will need to pay any difference in costs including any administration charge incurred. You are also responsible for booking and paying for your hotel rooms for any additional nights you wish to stay on. We will happily pass the contact details of our travel agent on to you to contact to make your arrangements.

Scrapping our car

For teams wishing to scrap their cars, we will make arrangements with a local scrapyard for you to do so on Monday 21st September.

Details of the scrapyard arrangements will be provided to you at the pre meet and in the participants pack which you will be given just before the event.

Driving in Barcelona

Documents required for driving in

- A valid, full UK driving licence (you must also be 18 or over)
- A UK sticker. Please note the GB sticker is no longer valid due to a change in UK driving rules
- Your motor insurance certificate
- The V5 registration document for your own car
- Valid MOT
- ZEB Barcelona emissions sticker

The hotel we will be staying at in Barcelona is in the centre:

Leonardo Hotel Barcelona Las Ramblas
Carrer de la Junta de Comerç 8,10,12, 08001 Barcelona

www.leonardo-hotels.com/barcelona/leonardo-hotel-barcelona-las-ramblas

Who should I contact for more information?

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