Queen’s Baton Relay

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The Queen’s Baton Relay is a much loved tradition of the Commonwealth Games and symbolises the coming together of all nations and territories in preparation for the four-yearly festival of sport and culture.

The Queen’s Baton Relay will be launched on 9 October 2013 from Buckingham Palace, where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II will place Her message to the Commonwealth into the baton. The baton will then depart from Glasgow for its epic journey, beginning in Asia, visiting India, the Host Nation of the Delhi 2010 Commonwealth Games.

Over 248 days the baton will travel sequentially through each nation creating an engaging journey through Asia, Oceania, Africa, Americas (south), Caribbean and Americas (north), before returning to Europe and the UK. The baton will average one to four days in each nation with an extended duration of seven days in Wales and fourteen days in England.

Throughout the Commonwealth the baton will be relayed by thousands of people, each honoured by their own nation to participate in this unique tradition. The baton will also travel by land, sea and air and will use many alternate modes of transport.

Past relays have featured a submarine in the Maldives, a vintage sidecar in Singapore and a scuba diver to the underwater post office in Vanuatu.

The baton will visit many famous landmarks and places of historical and cultural significance. It will encounter a wide range of cultures and communities while promoting diversity and unity. Lasting memories will be created as the relay generates excitement for the Games.

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