

## HOME

### What is Virgin Limobike?

It's a passenger motorbike. Based in London, it provides the quickest and one of the most glamorous ways to get from A to B. Celebrities use it, business people use it, in fact people from all walks of life use it, whether it be to get to the airport quickly regardless of how bad the traffic is or to glide from one end of London to the other.

We are the experts in getting people to their destinations on time.

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## ABOUT US

### Bikes

We use Yamaha FJR1300's (with ABS) which have been fitted with a rear seat back to give passengers total confidence while on the move. They have been fitted with an Autocom intercom and phone so you can talk to the rider in transit and even make and receive phone calls. The bikes are serviced and maintained to the highest degree.

They are also fitted with a rear seat rack to carry luggage; normally we recommend that we can carry a small to medium sized suitcase but if there is any doubt please call us.

### Riders

Our riders are all IAM qualified (Institute of Advanced Motorcyclists) and more importantly have at least 10 years experience of riding through London's traffic. They have been described as "having the savvy of a courier combined with the courtesy of a chauffeur". All have a very good knowledge of London and its environs and will tailor their riding to each individual passenger's experience or requirements during the trip.

### Passengers

Passengers are provided with everything they may need on the back of one of our bikes. We carry Arai SZ open faced



helmets, Hein Gericke protective and weatherproof clothing (including gloves) and for those ladies who wish to wear a skirt, we provide a Tablier ( a waterproof blanket). Obviously there are many occasions when we take bike novices so do not worry if you fall into that category - we have an intercom so at any point in the journey you can talk to the rider.

## JOURNEYS

We are based in Central London and our "normal" journeys tend to be around town and to and from the Airports. However, we are able to fit in with any suggestions you may have. We are very effective at large sporting occasions, concerts or PR events. We will always try our utmost to accommodate any requests, however complicated they may seem.



## PAYMENT

Although accounts are applicable to certain types of customer we normally take credit cards as payment (all major cards accepted).

### Costs

The minimum charge is £25.

Fixed prices to and from London airports:

- Central London to London Heathrow: £60
- Central London to London Gatwick: £100
- Central London to London Stansted: £100
- Central London to Luton Airport: £100

### Typical Prices for journeys in town

- London W1 to London EC2: £25
- London W1 to London Sw6 £30
- London W1 to London Nw3 £30
- London W1 to London W6 £35

- City to City Airport: £35
- City to London Sw6 £35
- City to London Heathrow: £70
- City to London Gatwick: £100

Our prices are based on a zone system starting in central London towards The M25, for an immediate quote please call us.

### Other Costs

Waiting time is charged at £60 per hour.



Airport waiting time will be charged at £60 per hour and will start half an hour after the scheduled arrival time of the flight. However, we will check the actual arrival time before we arrive and will take this into consideration.

The full price of the job will be charged for cancellations made less than 12 working hours from the booked pick-up time.

As directed journeys will be charged at £60 per hour or will be charged at our standard journey rates whichever is greater. This applies to London based work only, any other areas will be charged accordingly.

Our normal hours are between 7am and 7pm Monday to Friday. Bookings outside these times are subject to availability and a 25% premium on the total cost of the job. The minimum charge for jobs outside normal working hours is £50

Any weekend work will be subject to availability and an additional 50% premium on the total cost of the job.

Weekend work outside the hours of 7am to 7pm is subject to a minimum charge of £75.

Any use of the onboard mobile phone is subject to availability and outward calls will be charged at £1.00 per minute.

All prices are subject to VAT and are subject to change without prior written notice.



## HOURS

We operate between the 7:00am to 7:00pm Monday to Friday at the moment but are open to queries about any journeys that may fall outside these hours.



## FAQ's

Q. What happens if it rains? Will I get cold?

A. We carry a full set of Hein Gericke weatherproof

clothing plus a waterproof blanket to protect your shoes. The riders are well practised in keeping you as protected from the weather as possible.

Q. Why do you use motorbikes?

A. We use them because they are the quickest way through traffic (they can halve the normal journey time to the airport for instance) and because they are not subject to the same delays as every other form of transport – be it traffic, road-works, tube strikes, leaves on the line, baggage handlers at Heathrow or traffic wardens.

Q. What sort of bikes do you use?

A. We use the Yamaha FJR1300 abs model, one of the most comfortable and reliable sports-tourers on the road. See pics.

Q. How much luggage can I take?

A. An average guide would be a small to medium sized suitcase but we also have two large panniers that can hold soft luggage. See pics.

Q. How long have you been operating?

A. We have been going since 1995 and can boast the most experienced motorcycle chauffeurs in the world.

Q. Do I have to lean around corners?

A. From the moment you first get on the bike the rider will tell you everything you need to know, if there is anything you are unsure of, just ask. We want you to be as comfortable and relaxed as possible.

Q. Is it safe?

A. We have done all we can to ensure that you will be as safe as possible on the back of our bikes, from the rear seat unit to the protective clothing to the abs system. Our aim is to show you that motorbikes are a safe, practical and fun way to negotiate London's awful traffic.

Q. How do I pay?

A. We accept most major credit cards or set up an account and we will bill you monthly.

Q. Are you insured?

A. We (and you) are fully comprehensively insured and are also licensed by the Public Carriage Office (operators licence number: 02364/01/01).

Q. Do you provide helmets?

A. Yes, we provide everything you will need on the back of our motorbikes.

Q. Have you ever taken Sir Richard Branson?



A. All the time and yes he is very nice. .... but we would say that...

Q. How much notice should I give?

A. As much as you can but we will always try and help out with last minute emergencies.

Q. Can you take me to the Rugby/Football/Silverstone/Party?

A. We are expert at these events and can save you a lot of time getting in and out of overcrowded occasions. We know all the best pick up and drop off points.

Q. Can I use the bikes on the weekend/out of hours?

A. We are always prepared to help out but remember that we charge a premium for this sort of work.

Q. Can we call if we are unsure of anything at all?

A. Please do, we are more than happy to help with any questions and even if we are unable to we will try to find other solutions if you are having problems getting from one place to another.

## QUOTES

1. Erica Wagner (Times Literary Editor): " A Thumping Good Ride" The Times ... extract: " Virgin Limobikes changed my life - but not, if I am being perfectly frank, because I can get from Wapping to Chelsea in 20 minutes. No, the main attraction for me is that those 20 minutes are such a cool 20 minutes.."

2. Lucia Ferrari: Harpers and Queen (Travel section)... extract: "There is no more stylish way to make a last minute dash to Heathrow than on a Virgin Limobike. Handsome leather-clad men on motorcycles weave skillfully and safely through the traffic, leaving taxis hooting with frustration. Suitcases are strapped to the back, all-weather clothing is provided to protect the passenger from wind and rain, and you can egg the rider on (or beg him to slow down) via the intercom."

3. Richard Branson: " I always use the Limobikes when I am hurrying between meetings, they are a very practical way to travel in London... it makes up for time I have lost during the day!

4. Collette Hill: (Collette Hill Associates) "The riders have



the savvy of a despatch rider combined with the courtesy of a chauffeur"

5. Travel Weekly: " A great and exhilarating way to travel into central London. It was comfortable and I felt totally safe all the time. My driver, Rhys, was very friendly and good fun."

6. Motorcycle Online: " The ride was so smooth, I could hardly discern the acceleration or braking. I just sat back against the backrest, relaxed and took in the sights as Russ sped me to my destination, carving through the dense traffic with ease. I loved every minute of my ride. It was stress-free and definitely more exciting than being cooped up in a cab."

