

EDITOR



There's a roar like a sirocco, so loud that the soft clicks and whirrs from the bike's drivetrain are almost inaudible. The air is thick with heat.

For the first time since last autumn, I've escaped the cold and sweat is pouring off me. Closing my eyes, I'm pedalling across the volcanic landscape of Lanzarote again. Opening them, there's the drizzle of January beyond the window and only the roar of the turbo trainer for company. I'm fantasy cycling.

It began with the arrival of the CTC Cycling Holidays brochure. It was and is packed with cycling possibilities. Some of them strike a chord: they're places I've been with a bike in the past. Others, even if I don't take advantage of them, provide the germ of ideas. They're places I could go, this year or next year or one day.

If you've got a bike, it can take you anywhere. At least, it can when it's not bolted to a turbo... Indoor cycling is like being in prison: all you can do is dream of your escape. Freedom, not pedalling, is what cycling is all about. Thank heavens that spring is coming.

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