

# Most Interesting Cycling Jobs Ever

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The world of cycling is a vast one indeed. In china alone, there are over 450 million cyclists, making it one of the most popular forms of self-powered transport in the world. There is a huge range of jobs that you can take up if you are a cyclists, or if you are into cycling as a hobby.

In Europe, the bicycle industry is booming. Over half a million people across the continent are employed in the cycling sector. Although many of them don't actually work on bicycles, they do work in cycling related jobs, such as manufacture and retail.



## Bike Messenger/Bike Courier

This is definitely one of the most common cycling jobs in the city. Bike messengers are a common sight in places like capital cities around the world, where the delivery of important packages in a certain time frame would simply take too long in a car.

Unlike a big, bulky vehicle, the cyclist can nip through traffic like a hot knife through butter, and will be just as smooth in delivering a package. This job does come with a lot of dangers and pitfalls though, because it is usually concerned with the delivery of high value packages within a certain time frame.



## Bike Tour Guide

This is a job for any biker with free time on their hands. If you know your local area really well, along with all the nearest spots to eat and drink, then you should totally sign up to be a bike tour guide.

What these individuals do is they take their bikes out in order to lead a party of tourists around their city or town, showing them sights that only a local would know. You aren't even supposed to show them the main attractions. They just want to see what local life is like.



## Ambulance cycle teams

This elite group of individuals are usually the first on the scene when there is an emergency involving a lot of congestion.

For example, a crash on a highway would result in a massive traffic jam. Even with the siren on, an ambulance van would take about an hour to get to the location. The cycle teams are able to reach the

patient long before this.

They fully utilize the ability of bicycles to weave in and out of traffic in order to circumvent even the worst blockages, so that treatment can be delivered on time.



## Police bike team

This is something you may have seen in and around busy city streets and parks. Instead of having to be stuck in traffic on patrol, police officers are being issued with bicycles for their beat.

The bicycles are sometimes electric, but usually man-powered. They are used for a wide variety of reasons, with one of the biggest being that police officers on bikes promote the image that the local government is going green with law enforcement as well.

These bikes are usually mountain bikes, and are made especially for law enforcement by the companies such as Trek, Cannondale and Specialized. They have mounted halogen and LED lights, both as headlights and the standard flashing police lights.

Police cyclists receive very specialized training in defensive riding, and usually have a required 10 hours to 4 days of training based on location and requirements.



## Indoor cycling instructor

Indoor cycling is becoming quite popular as a means of staying fit without having to go through the risks associated with cycling outdoors. It is a sport that involves some pretty hardcore exercise.

Because there isn't an environmental factor that causes speed to fluctuate, this has to be done under instruction. This is where the position of indoor cycling instructor comes in. The goal is to deliver an indoor cycling workout that is just as grueling, if not more so, than the same outside.

You will be responsible for goading everyone under your instruction to cycle faster and to push themselves as much as possible.



## Bike Share Technician

Bike sharing is an emerging way of providing commuters and enthusiasts of all ages the opportunity to share bikes with each other in order to be able to stay fit and ride green without having to spend too much money.

The technicians in these companies will be involved in maintaining the bikes in the bike sharing program. This includes responding to breakdowns anywhere in the city. Because of this you will have to have a good level of bike tinkering experience.