



Green Northern road

(3150m DOL)



The Wall

Le Tour de Filipinas

A stage race exists in the Philippines since 1955, under different names. In 1977, a record distance (4000km) in 24 stages. The current configuration has been set up in 2010.

The « battlefield » is changing. The last editions are too flat to whip up our interest, but in the past, it went through the Cordillera Central, in the extreme north of the country.

The 4th stage in 2012 and 2013 was an authentic alpine stage, with more than 3000m elevation gain in 140km. In this file, we're going to study entirely this « Green Northern road », amongst which the aptly named « Wall ».

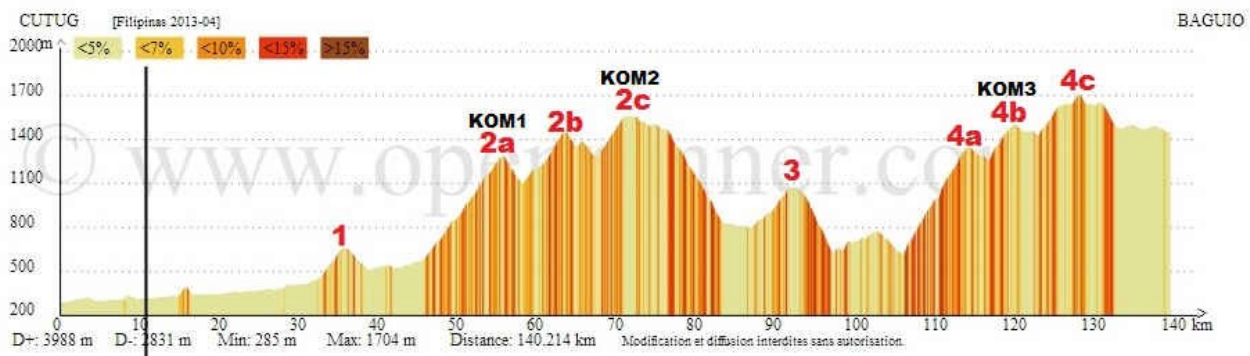


1 Kirang (662m)

2a Castillo (1287m), 2b xxx (1453m), 2c Kiwang saddle (1564m)

3 Inidian (1080m)

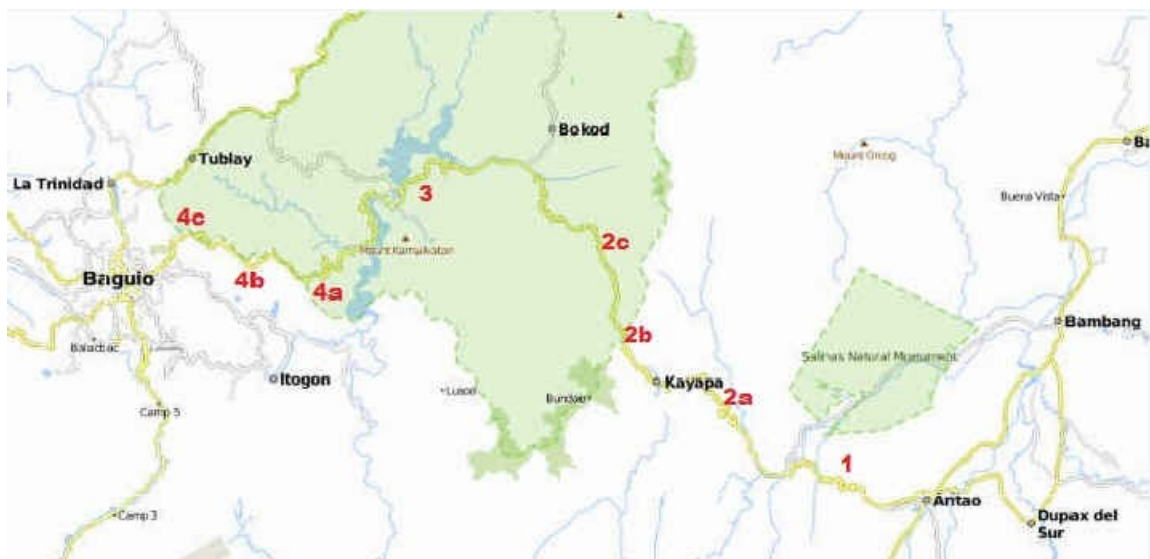
4a The Wall (1346m), Ibaloi Nat. Park (1500m), Beckel (1642m)



Profile of the 4th stage 2013

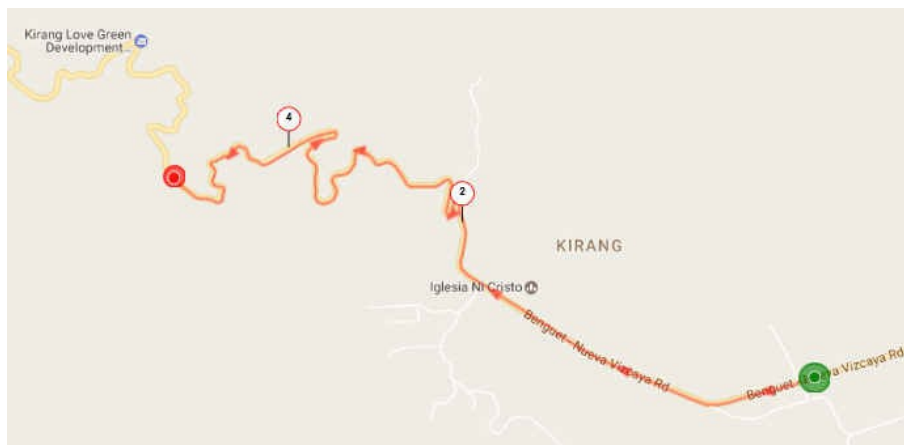
The strategic places of the Green Northern road

Name	Alti.	Distance	GPS coordinates
Aritao	409	0	121.01169 16.29343
1 Kirang-east	662	4,6	120.98735 16.30213
Santa Cruz River (dam lake)	520	0	120.95845 16.30950
2a Castillo KOM #1	1287	13,7	120.90335 16.35875
Kapaya	1096	16,1	120.88906 16.35676
2b xxx	1453	21,5	120.87059 16.38077
	1276	25,1	120.86341 16.39820
2c Kiwang saddle-east KOM #2	1564	29,3	120.85701 16.42402
	791	0	120.78647 16.46769
3 Inidian-est	1080	6,7	120.76162 16.46767
	614	0	120.72423 16.42810
4a « The Wall »	1346	8,1	120.69663 16.41148
	1248	10,7	120.68267 16.42004
4b Ibaloi Nat. Park KOM #3	1500	14,1	120.66267 16.42126
	1423	17,0	120.64478 16.42917
4c Beckel-east	1642	20,7	120.62742 16.43388



1 Kirang east (662m)

After 30 flat km, a light warm-up starting in Aritao. Kirang east, that is 4,6km at 5,5% (662-409m) in the wilderness : 2,6 3,4 7,3 8,0% + 40m in 600m.



Foot of Kirang, after Aritao

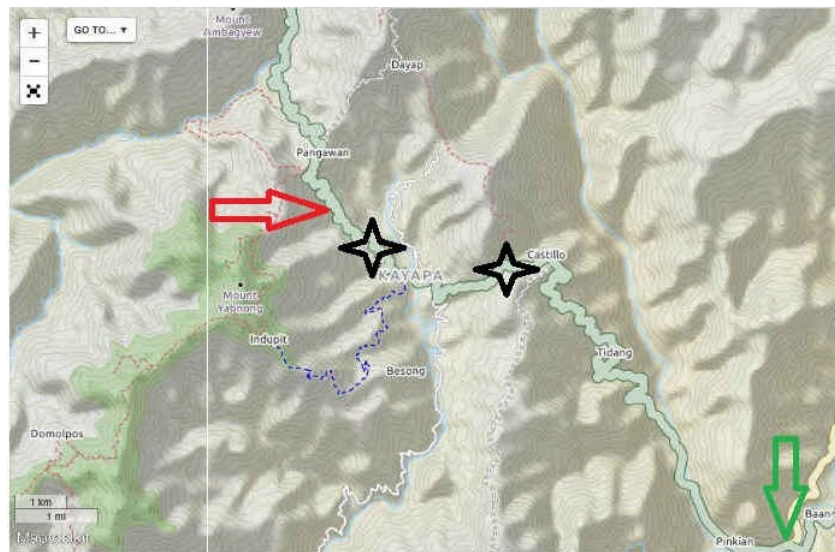


First hairpin



Top of Kirang

2a Castillo (1287) – 2b ??? (1453m) – 2c Kiwang saddle (1564m)



The second climb has three parts. The first is the most substantial : 13,4km at 5,72%, with a hard km at more than 10% near the top in **Castillo**.

Elevation gain : 767m (1287-520m)

Km % : 1,6 1,9 1,0 5,7 7,6 / 5,6 8,7 4,3 8,3 6,4 10,2 5,8 7,4 + 22m in 400m



Foot along the Santa Cruz River



One hairpin amongst others in a very winding route



10% in the 11th km



Last straight line at 7-8%



Top of Castillo

After Castillo, a short descent (191m in 2,5km) down to **Kayapa**, foot of the 2nd part. An anonymous 4,4km climb at 8,11% :

Elevation gain : 357m (1453-1096m)

Km % : 6,0 3,9 5,4 8,9 8,4 + 31m in 400m



Foot of the 2nd part in Kayapa



8% in the last 2 km



Top of the 2nd part at 1453m



No smoking outdoor

The roller-coaster goes on. 3,6km and 177m further starts the 3rd and last part, that leads to **Kiwang saddle**.

Elevation gain : 288m (1564-1276m) in 4,2km (average 6,85%)

Km % : 3,8 8,2 7,9 7,1 + 18m in 200m



First hectometers of Kiwang saddle



Straight line at 8%



Near the top

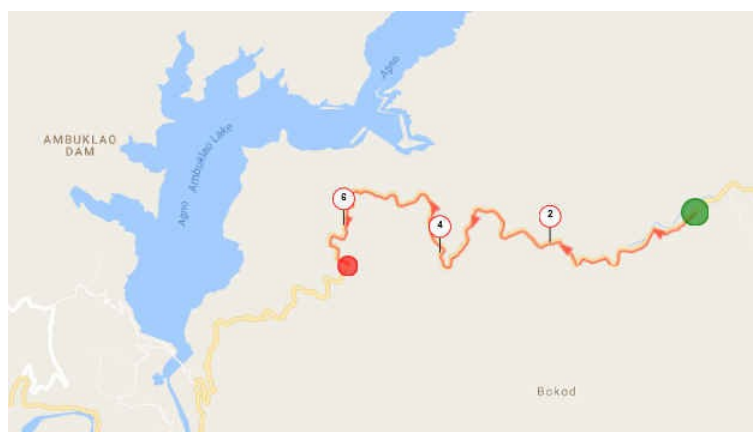
Phew, after 29,3km and 1412m ! Follows a much more regular descent (750m in 14km).

3- Inidian (1080m)

Little climbing break before the big deal. Inidian towers above the huge Ambuklao dammed lake. The winding climb is rather easy, in spite of a 4th km at 8%.

Elevation gain : 289m (1080-791) in 6,7km = average 5,16%.

Km % : 4,3 4,0 3,6 8,3 6,7 + 20m in 600m





Inidian's foot



4%



Viewpoint to Ambuklao lake



Hairpin on the top

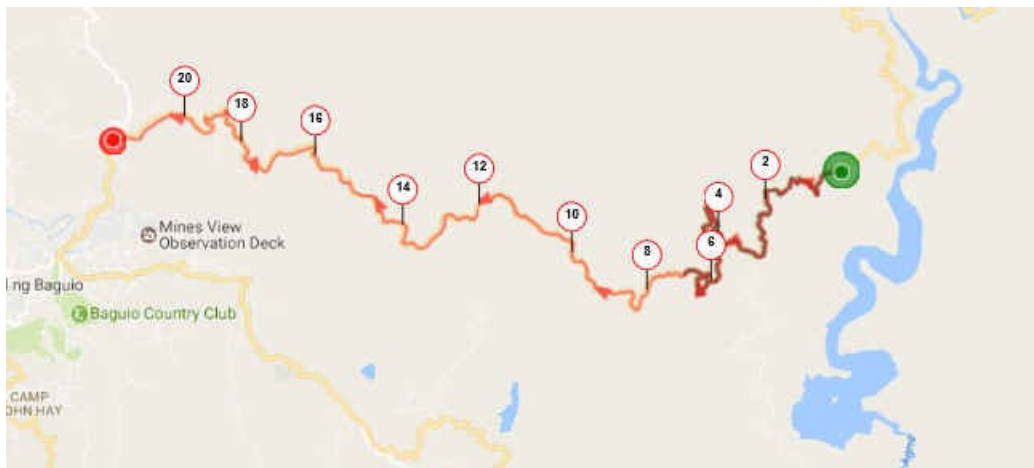
4a The Wall 1346m

4b Ibaloi Nature Park 1500m

4c Beckel 1642m

After Inidian, the road goes along Ambuklao for a few kilometers, before starting the main course : 732m in 8,1km (= average 9%).

Km % : 9,4 10,0 9,5 8,7 8,5 9,3 8,4 8,9 + 100m at 5%



The Wall km8,1 – Ibaloi NP km14,1 – Beckel km20,7

Some bricks of the Wall



Bridge on Ambuklao



Straight line at 10%



Closeup to the cliff road (larger view on page1)



Top of the Wall

Short downhill interlude (98m in 2,6km), then the second last stair, near the entrance of the **Igaloi Nature Park**. A short climb, but a tricky first km at 9,8%.

Elevation gain : 252m (1500-1248m) in 3,4km, average 7,4%

Km % : 9,8 8,0 5,7 and 17m in 400m



9-10% in Ibaloi



Igaloi Nature Park's entrance



Top

After a short slightly downhill part (2,9km – 77m), ultimate station of the Calvary, before the final descent to Baguio, summer capital of the Philippines.

Beckel is reached after a 3,7km climb at 5,9%.

Elevation gain : 219m (1642-1423m)

Km % : 6,5 8,5 5,9 + 13m in 700m.



First hairpin in Beckel



Entrance in Beckel at 8%



Top. Game over.

Links :

Official website : <http://www.letourdefilipinas.com>

Archives routes : <http://www.letourdefilipinas.com/routes/>

Tour de Filipinas Wiki : https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tour_de_Filipinas

Summary + pictures Filipinas 2013-4 :

<http://www.outsideslacker.com/le-tour-de-filipinas-2013-stage-4/le-tour-stage-4-kom/>

The Green Northern road 2012 in video : <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wSIJSvcdhRE>

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