

INTRO WILD WEST PART 2

This adventure presents you more highlights of the western United States. Riding in style, your Harley-Davidson will take you through the states of Nevada and California. Being the most diverse of all, this tour offers vibrant cities like Las Vegas, San Francisco and Los Angeles, desert solitude, thrilling mountain passes in Yosemite National Park and a fantastic Highway 1 ocean road that hugs the magnificent pacific coast and rewards you with the finest views.

After you leave the hustle and bustle of Las Vegas behind, it's back to open road and the heat of Death Valley. Cool off while climbing up the 10,000 feet Tioga Pass in Yosemite National Park on your way to San Francisco, probably the most European City in the U.S.

Alcatraz, Cable Cars, Flower Power - have you ever cruised across the Golden Gate Bridge on a Harley? It'll be one of your most crucial experiences along this trip before you soar south on Highway 1 through Big Sur and conclude this great journey back in Los Angeles. Countless miles on scenic side roads, hours of riding without any traffic and plenty of famous sights of the West are incorporated in this fabulous tour.

DAY 1: Arrival Las Vegas

How's that hot, dry desert air working for you as you step outside the airport terminal? Catch a shuttle or taxi from the airport to the hotel and then make your way over to the rental location.

If you're on a guided tour: your tour guide will greet you at 2:00pm; after that you will pick up your motorcycle. Let's meet for dinner tonight so your tour guide can give you important information on how we operate the tour and what to expect. Now it's time to enjoy Las Vegas, but don't stay out too late as you'll leave early tomorrow for your first adventure.

DAY 2: Las Vegas to Mammoth**315 miles / 505 km**

The second longest day of the trip awaits you today. In the morning you say goodbye to Las Vegas and head out on the open road. After leaving the mecca of gambling you head through the mountains west of town and into the spectacular scenery of Death Valley National Park. As you ride into Death Valley you soon understand how it got its name as one of the hottest places on the planet, and also one of the lowest points in the western hemisphere. Arriving at Death Valley you can only imagine how the people must have felt when they got here on their way to California during the time of the Gold Rush. After leaving Death Valley you ride north up California's Owens Valley on the west side of the Sierra Nevada mountain range to your hotel in the ski resort town of Mammoth Lakes.

DAY 3: Mammoth to Yosemite**150 miles / 240 km**

Compared to yesterday, today's mileage is rather short as you need plenty of time to explore the National Park. You continue north to Lee Vining, where you enter the United States most visited National Park, Yosemite. Weather and road condition permitting you ride over 10,000 ft high Tioga pass into the heart of the park, where you will spend most of the day. At the top of the pass the tour guide will do a brief rider meeting, show everyone where your hotel is and let you explore the park on your own. Ride through the central valley or up to Glacier Point for a view that will stay forever in your memory. Enjoy your day and you will meet at the hotel in El Portal for dinner and a good night's rest.

DAY 4: Yosemite to San Francisco**200 miles / 320 km**

After breakfast you will start riding through the canyons into the central valley of California. You will head north from Mariposa on state route 49, an extremely beautiful and curvy road out of the hills and on to the valley below. Enjoy this cruise as much as you can, because after that there is unfortunately no way around the interstate to Oakland and across San Rafael Bridge into Sausalito for a late lunch stop. You ride up through Golden Gate National Recreation area for a rewarding view of the San Francisco skyline and the Golden Gate Bridge. Now the moment has come and you ride across the famous Golden Gate Bridge with the Mama's & Papa's song "California Dreaming" playing along in your head. Your first class hotel is conveniently located at well known Fisherman's Wharf. Here you can find a wide variety of shopping, restaurants and sightseeing opportunities.

DAY 5: Rest day in San Francisco**mileage varies**

You spend the day in the beautiful and diverse city of San Francisco, nicknamed "The Paris of the West". Take today to go out and explore this incredible city, perhaps go for a walk down to Fisherman's wharf, take a cruise out to see America's most notorious prison Alcatraz Island, and then maybe have lunch in Chinatown. There are many museums and world class shops located in downtown; whatever you do, don't forget a ride in one of the cable cars that are still making their way up and down the steep hills of San Francisco. No matter what you decide to do, enjoy this amazing city and all it has to offer, but don't overdo it; you get back on the road tomorrow.

DAY 6: San Francisco to San Simeon**215 miles / 345 km**

This morning you head out of town, stopping briefly at the top of Twin Peaks; another lookout point that offers a fantastic view overlooking San Francisco from the south. Now it's time to hit Pacific Coast Highway 1, to begin your upcoming, thrilling journey down the California coast. You head down PCH stopping occasionally to take pictures and enjoy the views. You take a break for lunch at a little sandwich bar just before Santa Cruz, overlooking the ocean. If you look closely you might even see whales just off the coast. Then it's back on the road winding your way to Monterey and Carmel. Clint Eastwood once was the mayor of Carmel for some time. He still owns a lot of property out there and if you're lucky... you never know! You'll take some time for a coffee and stroll up and down Ocean Ave, looking at some of the several art galleries and do some window shopping at the cute but expensive little shops. After spending a few thousand imaginary dollars it's time to get back on the road. What lies ahead is some of the best and most magnificent scenery the Pacific Coast has to offer; going through Andrew Molera & Pfeiffer Big Sur state parks and Los Padres National Forest. As the rollercoaster ride eases out you're dropping down onto sea level and from here it's only a few miles to the ocean town of San Simeon. Depending upon arrival time there will be enough time for a visit of Hearst Castle. After such an awe-inspiring day it's just more than fair that you check in at a beach front hotel right at the water with bonfires that light up the beach after sunset. A nice dinner at the local restaurant concludes another great day of riding.

DAY 7: San Simeon to Lone Pine**320 miles / 512 km**

The crushing of the waves will wake you up early enough to have breakfast before heading off for the day. At Morro Bay it's time to say good-bye to Hwy 1 and head inland. Just outside of Bakersfield the road becomes twisty and follows the Kern River for many miles before it flows into Isabella Lake; this is a very scenic ride which then, at Indian Wells connects with Hwy 395, the main route that brings all winter sport enthusiasts from Southern California up to the snowy areas of Mammoth and Lake Tahoe. The place for the night is a historic landmark hotel at the outskirts of Death Valley.

DAY 8: Lone Pine to Las Vegas**230 miles / 370 km**

The last day of riding takes you through Death Valley again but this time on a scenic route further south of where you crossed the valley for the first time. When you hear the words Death Valley you'd probably never guess that there were such awesome motorcycle roads here but aside from the scenery this route really makes for some fantastic riding including exciting mountain passes on either side of the valley which offer great views. As you come out of Death Valley on its eastern side you're just an hour away from Las Vegas where you reluctantly return your motorcycle that has carried you over 2500 miles for the past 14 days. Guided tour participants will receive a farewell dinner ceremony tonight.

DAY 9: Departure**0 miles / 0 km**

Today is the day to pack your bags, filled with the experiences and memories of a great tour of the West, and head home. Have a safe journey home and we hope to see you back for another motorcycle ride through the United States, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand or Europe. Bon Voyage, Auf Wiedersehen, Adios, Arrivederci and See Ya!