

INTRO WILD WILD WEST

As the name of the tour reveals – this adventure presents you the highlights of the western United States. Riding in proper style, your Harley-Davidson® will take you through the four states of California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah.

Being the most diverse of all, this tour offers vibrant cities like Los Angeles, Las Vegas or San Francisco, the solitude of the desert, the unforgettable impression of a sunset at Grand Canyon, a hike into Bryce Canyon and the mystic appearance of Monument Valley. Discover things from a different angle as you maneuver your bike through sweeping curves and hairpin turns at Zion National Park. After you leave the hustle and bustle of glitter town behind, it's back to open road and the heat of Death Valley. Cool off while climbing up the 10.000 feet Tioga Pass at Yosemite on your way to San Francisco. 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 Las Vegas.

DAY 1 - Arrival Day

Welcome to 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.

If you're on a guided tour: your tour guide will greet you at 4:00pm to get all necessary formalities aka paperwork out of the way. Dinner is on us 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 Zion National Park**190 miles / 306 km**

This morning we meet in the front of the hotel where a private transfer to the rental location is waiting for you. After you receive your motorcycle you head east out of Las Vegas and cruise along Lake Mead on a nice and remote road away from freeway traffic and speeding 18-wheelers. As you climb up in elevation you head towards Zion National Park for the first overnight stop. There is still enough time to ride into the park and discover its beauty, compared to looking at it from above like at Grand Canyon you are actually at the bottom and "inside" of it which presents a very different perspective. Stopping at the visitor center and catching the free shuttle ride to the Zion Lodge is our recommendation for this afternoon.

DAY 3: Zion NP to Bryce Canyon NP**80 miles / 130 km**

Take your time today; it's only 80 miles from Zion to Bryce on gorgeous and scenic roads. Discover what you haven't seen yesterday afternoon and stop at the various vista points to shoot your killer pic of this magnificent canyon. You are reaching Bryce Canyon early, too early to check into the hotel yet, so ride right into the park and make sure to visit each lookout as they're all presenting you a different view of the bizarre formations of Bryce Canyon.

DAY 4: Bryce Canyon NP to Bluff**320 miles / 395 km**

You start out early today on one of the longest days of the tour, there are many miles to ride and oh so many sights to discover. After leaving Bryce the road takes you up into Dixie National Forrest and over Bolder Mountain. This particular stretch seems to be made in motorcycle heaven and you can't really decide which one is better: the perfect road or the amazing scenery. Then you're heading into Capitol Reef NP, crossing Lake Powell and just as you thought the riding couldn't get any better you find yourself at Fry Canyon and Natural Bridges swerving left and right on wide and visible curves. When you circle you last few switchbacks before reaching Blanding you only have another 25 astonishingly scenic miles to go before you reach the day's final destination Bluff. The best thing to do here tonight is dine at the Cottonwood Steakhouse for – you will not be disappointed!

DAY 5: Bluff to Grand Canyon**210 miles / 336 km**

Not everyone is an early bird, especially not while on vacation, but this morning it would really pay off to get up early and start rolling. About 50 ahead lies the iconic Monuments Valley and one of the most memorable things to do our here is come at dawn and watch the sun rise over east and West Mittens. Let's hang out here for a while and take in this mystic spectacle - if you look closely you can almost see John Wayne riding his horse amongst the monuments.

One last photo before heading for Cameron Trading Post and finally reach the majestic Grand Canyon in the afternoon. Stop and take as much time as you like at the vista points, your hotel is just 35 miles from the East entrance of the National Park and you'll have enough time to position your camera for that money shot.

DAY 6: Grand Canyon to Kingman**300 miles / 480 km**

This morning you'll have the opportunity to experience one of the most thrilling things to do at Grand Canyon, by taking a helicopter ride before you start riding for the day. The 45 minute flight is costly but well worth it – and who knows when you're going to be back here again...

After the helicopter ride (or your optional sleep-in this morning) you are back on the road on a great stretch of historic Route 66 through Williams, Seligman, Hackberry and finally Kingman. This leg will give you ample opportunity to purchase some Route 66 memorabilia and of course also our hotel lies on the historic 66.

DAY 7: Kingman to Las Vegas**250 miles / 400 km**

After breakfast this morning you'll keep following Route 66 and reach the old mining town of Oatman, one of Route 66's highlight stops. It seems that time has stopped here and it's a great place to hang out for a while and watch Oatman's wildlife pass by – wild burros that curiously eye your saddlebags for food. After this break you'll descend into the Laughlin valley, cross the Colorado River and head up a fun and twisty road towards Searchlight and Las Vegas. A different optional route takes you up to Hoover Dam and you enter Las Vegas from the Southeast.

DAY 8: Rest day in Las Vegas

Today is a day to explore the great city of Las Vegas and all the entertainment it has to offer. Take a day off the bike and enjoy yourself but don't stay out too late; tomorrow you'll ride again!

DAY 9: Las Vegas to Mammoth**315 miles / 505 km**

The 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 10: 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 11: 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 12: 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 13: 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 14: 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 15: 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 15: 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!