

INTRO DREAMCATCHER

Ancient tribes... a dreamcatcher is a small hoop containing a horsehair mesh decorated with feathers and beads, believed to give its owner good dreams. Dreamcatchers were originally made by American Indians. Just like this early Indian relic does good to its owner this tour has only positive effects on the rider.

Travelling in style, your Harley-Davidson will take you through the four states of California, Arizona, Nevada and Utah and leads through the beautiful and vast reservations of the Navajo, Hopi, Hualapai, Paiute and Havasupai.

DAY 1 Arrival Day

Welcome to Los Angeles!

The mega-metropolis at California's Pacific Coast is most inviting. Mild temperatures during the winter months and a refreshing ocean breeze in summer combined with hundreds of miles of scenic backcountry roads make this a mecca for any motorcyclist and the perfect starting point for this particular tour.

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.

DAY 2 Los Angeles to Palm Springs**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 south and out of L.A. to San Juan Capistrano. You choose the route to be Ortega highway, one of the best and curviest roads through the Cleveland National Forest. After a great American style lunch in an isolated town at Lake Elsinore, you continue riding through the valley to the Mountains of the Mt. San Jacinto State Wilderness. At Lake Hemet you hook up with the Pines to Palms Highway and the continuously twisty and windy road takes you down to the oasis of the desert, Palm Springs. After refreshing your dusty throat with an ice cold beverage you jump into the hotel pool and enjoy the evening across the road along Palm Springs' Indian Canyon Drive.

DAY 3 Palm Springs to Lake Havasu City**200 miles / 320 km**

You say goodbye to Palm Springs and head north, passing through one of the oldest and largest wind power farms in the United States. Soon you arrive in Yucca Valley, where you can stop briefly to go shopping for a picnic lunch you'll have in the natural splendor of Joshua Tree National Park. You continue east into the desert and soon reach the Colorado River which builds the natural border between California and Arizona. Some of you will find themselves right at home as we reach Lake Havasu City's London Bridge spanning the river. It's a relocated 1830 bridge that formerly spanned the River Thames in London, until it was dismantled in 1967, shipped to the U.S. and rebuilt stone by stone here at Lake Havasu. Crazy right?!

DAY 4 Havasu City to Williams**215 miles / 345 km**

Today you start out the day with a visit to the historic gold mining district of Oatman, Arizona and its wild donkeys wandering the streets. Then it's on to the curvy and twisty Oatman Road over Sitgreaves Pass to Kingman, where you can include an optional stop to do some shopping at the local Harley-Davidson® dealer if time allows. Back on Historic Route 66 and passing the Hualapai Indian Reservation, you'll hang out at Hackberry General Store on your way to lunch in the famous Route 66 town of Seligman. After lunch you'll have some time to get your hands on some Route 66 souvenirs offered in town. Climbing higher and higher in elevation you're reaching historic Route 66 town of Williams, your gateway to Grand Canyon.

DAY 5 Williams to Page**190 miles / 305 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 as you'll have the opportunity to experience one of the most thrilling things to do at Grand Canyon: a helicopter ride through the canyon. After that you leave Tusayan and take your time riding along the south rim of the canyon, stopping frequently at lookout points to take pictures and savor the mesmerizing vistas. After leaving the park you will stop at the Cameron Trading post for lunch and some more Navajo Indian artifact shopping. Back on the bikes you're up for a ride into Navajo Nation before you reach Page in the early evening. The nearby Glen Canyon Dam builds the water reservation known as Lake Powell which is the second largest artificial lake in the country.

DAY 6 Page to Bluff**172 miles / 278 km**

Back on the bikes you continue the ride through the Navajo Nation to one of the most beautiful locations in the southwest, Monument Valley Tribal Park. Made famous by the numerous Hollywood movies filmed here over the last seventy-plus years, it somehow looks familiar. If you look closely you can almost see John Wayne riding his horse amongst the monuments ("Stagecoach", 1938). This place is so iconic for so many reasons and as you tour Monument Valley, you may notice that many of the inhabitants still use horses as their main form of transportation. There are several weather-beaten trailers and archaic mud earthen hogans that are several generations old. Entire families live in the mound homes absent of running water and electricity. Many of them still herd sheep, cook outside, create authentic handmade crafts and jewelry. As we leave this

enchanting place we're up for one further scenic ride until we get to Bluff for the night. Follow our recommendation for the best place to eat in this town, you will not regret dining at the Cottonwood Steakhouse.

DAY 7 Bluff to Torrey**190 miles / 305 km**

You head out North this morning and reach the easternmost point of your tour at Blanding. Then comes what everyone is secretly looking for: bends, curves, corners, twisties that wind up into the Vermillion Cliffs to the top of the Colorado Plateau. From here you continue onward through some of the most spectacular scenery the southwest has to offer. You pass Natural Bridges National Monument and glide through Fry Canyon National Recreation Area to your rest stop in Hanksville – it's Buffalo Burger time! After lunch you ride through Capitol Reef National Park and reach Torrey, your entrance to Highway 12, Southern Utah.

DAY 8 Torrey to Zion NP**190 miles / 305 km**

Up and over Boulder Mountain in Dixie National Forest this particular stretch seems to be made in motorcycle heaven and you can't really decide which one is better: the perfectly winding road or the amazing scenery. One last stop and a quick coffee before you reach Bryce Canyon National Park. You're in awe of this place – we've never met anyone who didn't admire the sheer beauty of this canyon. There is enough time to visit two or three of the best vista points before you continue your ride. Now you're making your way towards Zion NP and the 60 mile stretch to the park entrance are reminiscent of mountain rides in the European Alps. Immediately after entering Zion NP you know that this canyon is different. While you usually look down from a vista point high above Zion's switchbacks lead you through the bottom of the canyon, and it's a real treat! Your hotel with the "Majestic View" is just outside the west entrance of the park in Springdale.

DAY 9 Zion NP to Las Vegas**200 miles / 320 km**

After you've loaded on great breakfast you continue on through southern Utah until you drop down into Hurricane and snake your way through the Virgin River George into the desert leading to Las Vegas. Avoiding the interstate freeway you get off at the Valley of Fire and ride along Lake Mead's Northshore Road which makes for a much nicer trip into Las Vegas.

For those that have never been here we certainly recommend taking a stroll down the "Strip", as Las Vegas Blvd is commonly called, and drop into some of the theme hotels. Your body will certainly thank you after all the time in the saddle. This is the entertainment capitol of the world and besides countless shows like Cirque de Soleil or Blueman Group there are things you can take in that are absolutely free. There is also the old part of Las Vegas with Freemont Street in its center; here you'll have live bands play at each evening of the week while a free laser show with people zip-lining underneath has spectators drop their jaws.

DAY 10 Las Vegas to Twentynine Palms**180 miles / 290 km**

There are three options today: you can leave early and visit Hoover Dam or you can catch a glimpse of Death Valley before heading south into the Mojave Desert. The third option is to directly shoot for the desert, pick up a stretch of the old Route 66 and then make your way to 29 Palms at the outskirts of Joshua Tree NP. Here you can see the Harmony Hotel which the rock band U2 chose to stay at when they were working on their Joshua Tree album.

DAY 11 Twentynine Palms to Los Angeles**220 miles / 350 km**

The last riding day of the tour starts with a cruise through the National Park which is park #5 on your Dreamcatcher Tour. The bizarre rock formations accompany you all the way to the western exit of the park. As we all like to avoid freeways an unfrequented switchback leads you to the mountain town of Idyllwild for lunch. Then we head further west past the water reservoirs of Riverside County. After that there is unfortunately no way around some freeway riding for the last 30 miles of our journey and you'll dive back into the city limits of Los Angeles to return your motorcycle. The farewell dinner offers perfect opportunity to recap a journey that has certainly captured your dreams for the past 10 days and is sure to keep you dreaming for many more days and nights to come.

DAY 12: 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 motorcycling sunrise through the United States, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand or Europe. Bon Voyage, Auf Wiedersehen, Adios, Arrivederci and See Ya!