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# Let's Escape



*Dear Friends,*

Since 1992, our family has shaped and led adventure travel vacations throughout the Americas and across the seas. Every year, each successive season, our shared passion has engendered growth: nurtured by faith, wilderness experiences, and amazing sunsets we've reveled in with our guests. Escape Adventures represents not just a leader in adventure touring, but environmentally conscious cycling and custom multi-sport vacations. That core ethic carries over into the maintenance of the highest industry standard. Building on 100-plus departures and destinations, we cater to the full spectrum of active traveler/respective fitness level. From road cyclist to multi-sport enthusiast, from first timer to friends and family groups, we will take care of every detail.

Our hope is you'll lose yourself in our catalog, that the decision to tour with us will be easy, even if you can't decide on just one.

Big thanks, gratitude, and happy trails,

*Jared and Heather Fisher*  
*Owners, Escape Adventures*

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# THE ESCAPE ADVENTURES EXPERIENCE

Stop, go outdoors. Take a deep breath. Ride, Hike, Relax. Repeat. Experience it all. Welcome to Escape Adventures.

Photography: Jason Miller

## WHAT MAKES THE ESCAPE ADVENTURES EXPERIENCE SO UNIQUE?

- Our Commitment to You
- Our Commitment to The Environment
- Our Exceptional Service and Trip Leaders
- The Best Support Vehicles
- The Best Bikes and Gear
- The Best Food
- The Best and Most Unique Accommodations
- The Most Traveling Options

## WELCOME TO ESCAPE ADVENTURES

Life is a limited time offer. As such, we understand your time is valuable. Your quest is to find something different, unique, but above all, exceptional. Leave it to us: an expertly planned, flawlessly executed active travel vacation with Escape Adventures!

*"I have been using Escape Adventures for 16 years; always an unforgettable experience."  
- Dana H.*



Photography: Jason Miller

# OFTEN IMITATED, NEVER DUPLICATED, ESCAPE ADVENTURES.

Since 1992, we have been a consistently out front innovator in adventure travel. We were the first to bring multi-day off road touring to Taos, New Mexico, Escalante and Brian Head, Utah as well in Arkansas and Nevada, more broadly.

We built the only support vehicle that could shuttle guests all the way into the ultra-challenging Maze District of Canyonlands National Park. We brought signature food recipes to backcountry camping. Quite a few of those dishes are now staples in many of our clients' dining rooms. Among bike touring outfitters, we were the very first to offer full suspension. The first and only company to build environmentally friendly, LEED Platinum-Net Zero Energy facilities, from which we base both operational and retail business. Our design, of a now standardized rack system, ensured the safe haulage or transit of bicycles across the often-punishing desert terrain of Moab, Utah. Lastly, each year we're among the very few companies that clears downfall on those trails we use. We innovate; we lead, exhibit stewardship, and deliver the ultimate outdoor experience.

## DID YOU KNOW...

Escape Adventures gives away a FREE trip every year for your best photo. #myadventure Photo Contest. Find more information on our website.



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“It's been years since I've been on my mountain bike so I was a little freaked out when my husband told me he booked us a 4 day tour of the North Rim. I thought for sure I was going to die. Well, I am here to tell you I SURVIVED! Not only did I survive, I had the most amazing experience thanks to our guides. Pierce and Troy made me feel at ease with going my own slow pace. I never felt like I was putting them out or having them go out of their way for me as a less experienced and slower rider. They re-sparked my interest in mountain biking again! Besides the guides being awesome, the trails and views were well worth the work to see them. It was great being unplugged and one with nature. This review would be incomplete if I did not mention the FOOD! We ate the healthiest, freshest, DELICIOUS food! Troy and Pierce are wizards with the spices! I look forward to the next tour with Escape Adventures. Thank you hubby for taking me out of my comfort zone ;) Troy and Pierce we hope to see you in the OC someday!” - Dana

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# THE ESCAPE ADVENTURES EXPERIENCE

## Our Commitment to You.

For over 25-years, the cornerstone of an Escape Adventures tour has been personalized, hands-on service. Before, during, and at the close of each trip.

We lead with honesty, integrity; moreover we stand 100% behind our product.

From the moment you pick up this catalog, to the time you return home and begin to plan your next trip, we're here to bring you the best possible experience.

*From our **Guaranteed Trip Departure Confirmation Policy**, making sure your trip is never cancelled, to our **100% Satisfaction Guarantee Policy**, backing the unrivaled, consistent quality experienced on all our tours; our commitment to you is never compromised.*





## THE ESCAPE ADVENTURES EXPERIENCE

### Our Commitment to the Environment

Our environmental commitment is second to none. It's simply how we self define: not only in how we do business, but our very way of being.

At Escape Adventures, our vision has always been to make the world a better place. Leading by example, we run our tours the same way we run our company, with an eye on the triple bottom line: People, Profit and Planet. This means we treat our customers, our community, and our planet with respect. Values-based and mission-driven, our family-owned business continues to grow organically. We're proud of that.



At Escape Adventures, we elected to pursue a thorough, top-down approach to actually *reduce* our carbon footprint, rather than just *offset* it. By overhauling and retrofitting our entire operation—from vehicles, to buildings, to our business practices—we've become an outdoor industry leader, caring for our people as well as our planet.



### Learn More

#### Solar electricity... deconstructed

Solar electricity works through a photovoltaic process. As sunlight impacts the solar panel (PV panel), a portion of the light's energy is absorbed into a semiconductor, such as silicon. Panels also contain one or more electric fields: they force the energy to flow in a particular direction. This flow directs the energy captured in the silicon, creating an electric current. Metal contacts on the panel's top and bottom then pull the current outward, allowing it to be directed to external uses.

In order to capture the most sunlight, you have to alter the panels' orientation, literally their POV. Thus, in the Northern Hemisphere solar panels are directed at solar south. Conversely, in the Southern Hemisphere they face solar north. More specific angles are dictated by the geographic location and latitude of the array.

The amount of energy produced by the panels depends on the amount of light energy they capture. So if our Moab, UT shop receives four to six peak sun hours per day, then the solar panel can produce an average 350-watt hours of power per day (60w times five hours equals 350 watt-hours).

### YOU MIGHT FIND IT INTERESTING...

**Escape Adventures has built 82KW of renewable energy projects producing enough energy (150,000kwh per year) to power both of our retail stores, on-site tour operations, and offices. We are the only NET-ZERO bike tour company in the world.**

#### Utilizing Alternative Energy Sources

Both our Moab, Utah and Las Vegas, Nevada Tour Centers generate 100% of needed energy from hundreds of roof-mounted solar panels, plus two attention getting, if not state-of-the-art wind turbines. This means that our energy portfolio is entirely zero carbon and renewable sourced. Additionally, our Las Vegas Tour Center has been awarded LEED Platinum status by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Our investment in high output, cutting-edge solar technologies has consistently drawn interest from visitors and locals alike. Oftentimes solar power producers, be they home or business, eventually realize a need to adjust as to when and how they use electricity; thus living or working within the limitations of the system's design. However, we researched and perfected a system that completely matched our operations' various needs. Ultimately we learned that solar doesn't need to mean going without. From retail space to support vehicle, powering up with direct energy has helped engender a greater self-awareness of our company's energy usage. That acquired wisdom has produced a cleaner, far more efficient operation.

## Support Vehicles

For more than two decades, we have been the industry standard bearer in the design of custom 4x4 trucks, vans, and trailers. Our rack systems, for instance, were fabricated for very specific backcountry bicycle touring. Additionally, in 2007 we were the first and only tour outfitter in the world to use support vehicles powered by vegetable oil.

## Reducing our Footprint

The fastest, most practical way we found to minimize our environmental impact was via waste reduction and near total recycling. Taking steps to ensure that the majority of the waste produced in our shops, warehouses, and while touring is recycled has been nothing but a rewarding experience:

- *We have developed specific recycling and compost containers for use on our multi-day tours. To that end, we researched recycling programs in each of our tour locations. We now recycle more than 90% of the waste generated on each tour.*
- *In addition to recycling on tours, we have installed recycling bins for paper, aluminum, plastic, glass, cardboard and rubber at each of our tour centers. Given the rather limited recycling opportunities in Moab and Las Vegas, our bins are viewed as a valued community resource.*
- *Besides purchasing as much recycled product as possible, for our office and tours, we ask our suppliers to use recyclable products whenever possible.*
- *We encourage our employees to bike commute, incentivized by a \$5 per day ride-to-work bonus.*
- *Rather than disposable bags to transport food or drinks during your tour, all foodstuffs go directly into reusable coolers and crates.*
- *Giving strong preference to minimally packaged goods and groceries, we further encourage our employees to do likewise in their personal practices, as well.*

## Supporting Value-Based Businesses

When shopping for the raw ingredients that comprise many of your tour meals, we instinctively turn to local farmers and slow food growers. We realize that Escape Adventures' cuisine is a big reason why we see so many repeat guests. We're also keenly aware of the importance of looking beyond cost to continually secure best value. Sure, we pay more to buy from organic farms, and in supporting local small businesses. But the ROI is quality products, plus the satisfaction that comes with supporting sustainable growers.

Escape Adventures prepares the healthiest, most satisfying meals in the industry by virtue of our commitment to healthy and environmentally sustainable meals. This includes purchasing wild or free-range meat and fish, buying certified organic produce, grains and dairy, and scanning product labels for snacks and sundries that are free of partially hydrogenated oils, or other unnecessary ingredients.

Each tour season, we receive tour evaluations praising our menu and food preparation. For this we give big thanks to our roster of talented trip leader-chefs, each uniquely skilled to absorb our commitment to the natural foods. They intuitively translate it into superb, spiritually rewarding outdoor-prepared meals.

## Increasing Awareness

We are business leaders. Enlightened business leaders. We support likeminded businesses and good-actor types in the many communities where we tour. At the same time we're active in the sustainable community, on both a national and international level. Escape Adventures is involved, and partners with, non-profits and government as much to minimize negative environmental impacts as to maximize awareness. That principle extends from small community preservation to maintaining the integrity of the lands where we're both user and caretaker.



Escape Adventures is also a proud partner in the Leave No Trace (LNT) program. A national non-profit organization, The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics promotes and inspires responsible outdoor recreation. Their outreach programs range from education to research, extending to key partnerships. On each of our trips, we share an LNT primer, or mission introduction with our guests. Folding their wisdom into our practice, these informal mini tutorials help us all see and feel the little things we do that have a big impact on the land we love.



## LEARN MORE

### What's truly Organic?

Organic agriculture practices cannot ensure that products are completely free of residues. Inasmuch, certain preferred methods are used to minimize pollution from air, soil and water. Organic food handlers, processors and retailers adhere to standards that maintain the integrity of organic agricultural products.





# THE ESCAPE ADVENTURES EXPERIENCE

Exceptional Service & Trip Leaders

Leading tours naturally followed from our passion of exploring our favorite places with our friends. As we've expanded our service throughout the years from daily biking tours to a vast selection of multi-day mountain biking, road biking, hiking, and multi-sport tours across the nation, our philosophy hasn't changed. For us it's all about enjoying and protecting the natural environment and sharing the places and activities we love.

Our support staff includes our reservation team who is there to answer your questions about the tours, our service team who prepares your bike and gear for the tour, and our trip leaders - the ones who take you into the great outdoors. The highest level of responsibility, good nature, integrity, and dedication are standard traits of all those who work at Escape Adventures. We are proud of it and we think you should know it.

### YOU MIGHT FIND IT INTERESTING...

For every 20 resumes we receive, only 1 Trip Leader is hired. We take pride in hiring only the best Trip Leaders who will exemplify our vision of providing the best service and maintaining our consistent commitment to quality.

# OUR TRIP LEADERS



Photography: Luke Pearsall



Enjoy the ultimate tour experience with the most friendly, knowledgeable, and responsible trip leaders in the industry. Escape Adventures' leaders are not only skilled gourmet chefs, trained mechanics, fun, friendly, educated, articulate, and dependable, they are also seasoned riders, climbers, hikers, and trained drivers.

But probably most importantly, while many outfitters only require tour guides to complete a 4-hour first aid and CPR course, we require all of our trip leaders to carry Wilderness First Responder (WFR) Certification. WFR Certification requires an intensive, 80-hour course held over 7-10 days. Trip Leaders learn how to treat a variety of medical, injury, and environmental emergencies in remote settings, as well as how to evacuate patients out of the backcountry. In addition to providing a solid understanding of treatment, WFR trains our leaders how to assess and lead in an emergency situation. You can rest assured that in the highly unlikely event that you should become ill or injured on tour, you are in excellent hands with our Trip Leaders.

## But you don't have to take our word for it;

My boyfriend, his daughter and I did a 6 day mountain biking tour with Escape Adventures this spring and it was a fantastic trip! Merrick, Troy and Ike were our guides and the knowledge and expertise they all had made the trip wonderful. The guys were so careful to service and accommodate our individual skill levels and made sure the trip was fun and challenging for each of us. We laughed and laughed, we had deep conversations by the fire at night, those that chose to share our personal histories and yet I never felt that there was too much togetherness with them. They were respectful of our privacy and never intruded. Troy's cooking was over the top delicious and he was more than happy to share recipes. Merrick has got to be the coolest mountain biking guide in the western US and Ike was eager to give me asked for tips on meditation retreats and might have the best Spotify playlist out there. I would absolutely choose to have these three guide me on my next Moab trip. I miss them!

**-Ann M, Trail of the Ancients**



# THE ESCAPE ADVENTURES EXPERIENCE

## The Best Support Vehicles

Having custom-made vehicles allows us to take you to places few other outfitters can, or will go.

Every Escape Adventures tour is accompanied by at least one support vehicle, trailer, and in some cases a second and third transfer van. As you thumb through our catalog, you will also notice our vehicles are big, tough, and different. These are *not* stock vehicles. After purchase, we custom engineer our trucks, vans, and trailers by our on-staff mechanic to meet the unique needs of different tours. For example, certain trucks are specifically designed for The White Rim and The Maze, while others are designed for The Grand Tetons and Yellowstone. We also innovate and try new things with our fleet; Notably, in 2007, we converted many of our support vehicles to vegetable-oil burning engines. We were able to reduce our carbon footprint significantly for more than 5 years! Amazingly, we didn't sacrifice performance.

It doesn't just end with a great support vehicle, you need experienced and qualified drivers. Each of our trip leaders is required to be trained in safe vehicle operation, 4X4 driving, and basic maintenance. Our experienced trip leaders make it look easy, transporting our guests, along with their bikes, fresh food, camping gear and plenty of drinking water to a remote location.





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# The Best Bikes & Gear

**Make your trip as comfortable as possible on the body, as simple as possible for traveling, and hassle free on tour.**

By choosing to rent a bike from us, we will fit you with the newest, highest quality gear in the industry. Escape Adventures provides only high-end bicycles from Santa Cruz and Specialized. We replace our rental fleet each season to ensure all our rentals meet our standards. All of our mountain bikes are equipped with full suspension frames and disc brakes designed for a smooth, comfortable ride. For those who are touring with a companion who may not be as fit or need a little help up the hills, we now have eMountainbikes (electric pedal assist) available on select tours.



**Did You Know**  
When you join an **Escape Adventures Tour**, you receive a **FREE** custom sublimated Limited Edition Jersey.

## **eMountainbikes**

\* Available on Select Tours



### **Specialized Turbo Levo FSR Full Suspension eMountainbike (electric pedal assist)**

The Turbo Levo FSR Comp 6Fattie 650b has the perfect blend of trail performance, proper handling, technology, and durability, delivering you the power to ride more trails, longer, more comfortably.



### **Specialized Turbo Hybrid eBike (electric pedal assist)**

The Turbo has one goal and one goal only—to inspire you to get out, get moving, and to have some fun along the way. It achieves this with its Turbo technology that makes the ride faster, so you're guaranteed to have a wide smile on your face. Complete with a completely redesigned and integrated Specialized 1.2 motor, with a top speed of 20mph, the Como 2.0 proves itself as the fastest, most comfortable entry ebike.



## Mountain Bikes

### Specialized Stumpjumper FSR Full Suspension.

The Stumpjumper FSR 29er may be the most amazing designed alloy bike ever made. It will exceed all of your expectations of how a trail bike should ride. 1X12 gearing, hydraulic brakes, and the latest and best suspension technology available.

**SANTA CRUZ**



**cannondale**

“Loved the Santa Cruz rental! Makes me want to buy one.” -**Jim G., Oregon Hike Lakes Adventure**



### Santa Cruz MegaTower Full Suspension.

The Megatower is the fusion of big wheels and the biggest-hitting suspension system with 160mm travel in the front and rear. It's a modern day brawler, as suited to diehard racers as it is to riders wanting to conquer their hometown trails.

## ESCAPE ADVENTURES

not only runs an international adventure tour company, we were also voted by Americans in *Bicycle Retailer and Industry News* as operating one of



### Specialized RipRock 20" and 24" (Family Getaway Adventures)

Dirt, street, trails—the RipRock 20" and 24" is purpose-built for fun and safety and a favorite among the younger riders.

**the best bicycle shops in America; Las Vegas Cyclery - Voted one of the 50 Best Bike Shops in 2017**



### Cannondale Mountain Bike Tandem 29er

For more than 25 years, Cannondale Tandems have been revered for their light weight, durability, and flex-free handling. Grab a partner and enjoy the ride!



## THE BEST FOOD

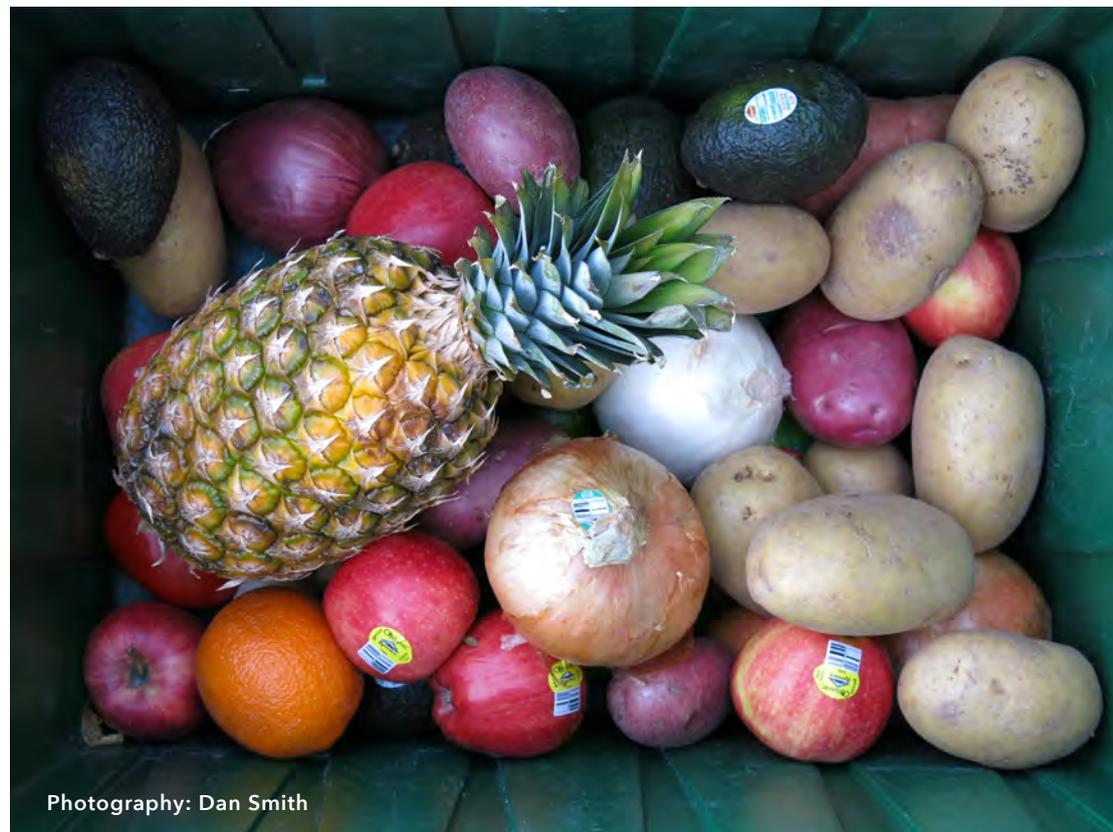
### Our food isn't just good, it's good for you.

Food represents a big part of the Escape Adventures experience. Our trip leaders prepare all of your meals on our camping trips. **Conversely, on our inn tours most dinners and breakfasts unfold at local restaurants.** Expect three delicious meals a day consisting entirely of freshly prepared foods. These include fresh organic fruits and vegetables, as well as meats. We also have energy snacks aboard our support vehicles. Don't be surprised if your guides purchase fresh fruits and healthy snacks throughout the day while you're enjoying a ride. They may just show up on the trail with a local treat!

On our Camping Tours, trip leaders prepare gourmet meals out in the open, grilling fajitas over an open fire and baking enchilada pie in an outdoor dutch oven. Some of our guests' favorite trip leader specialties include blueberry pancakes for breakfast, veggie-feta wraps and pasta for lunch, and bruschetta, stuffed mushrooms and deep-dish pizza for dinner. And we don't forget the dessert, either. From pineapple upside down cake to chocolate fondue, there's sure to be something to satisfy your sweet tooth.

An increasing number of our guests are vegans or vegetarians, whom we not only accommodate but also pleasantly surprise. **Should you have special diet requirements and/or limitations, just let us know at sign-up.** We'll work with you to meet **those critical needs.**

Read more about our standards for organic, local foods in our Environmental Commitment section.



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Photography: Jacki Ueng



Photography: Luke Pearsall

"We did the 5-day MTB excursion to Beatty, Death Valley and Red Rocks. Had a great time, and our guides Troy, Dylan and Will were outstanding. Chef Troy is a culinary magician - making 5-star meals out of the sag wagon in the middle of the desert. We looked forward to the food almost as much as the riding. Overall it was a great time, superbly organized by EA. I would ride with them again."

**-Lance F, Death Valley**

"The food (breakfast, lunch, and dinner, plus snacks and appetizers) were all top notch and would put many restaurants to shame. The amount of time and effort our leaders gave us was amazing. This was a great trip."

**3dogsandus**

"Guide Meals: Awesome. Absolutely awesome. On a 1-to-5 scale I give them a 6!"

**Doug G, Mt. Hood TO Columbia River**





Photography: Jason Miller

## THE BEST AND MOST UNIQUE ACCOMMODATIONS

We know that a good night's sleep is central to a great day of outdoors adventure. With Escape Adventures, you're able to experience unique style wedded to local hospitality by retiring to the best inns and campsites available.

### Luxury Inns and Restaurants

When we refer to the term Luxury, we refer to, "the very best". Our founder, Jared Fisher, not only claims a professional education in Hotel and Restaurant Management, he's also a student of the culinary arts. His working knowledge and familiarity with elite hospitality carried over to the selection of our lodging. Each Luxury Inn was handpicked in advance: the criteria being 4-5-star service, room quality, and cultural themes. Our restaurants are chosen in a similar fashion: emphasizing experience and culture, but with particular attention paid to best local ingredients. Look for the Luxury Inns and Restaurants on select tours.





Photography: Nicole Maurer

## CASUAL INNS, COOL HOTELS, COZY CABINS

Because of the nature of our very remote trekking and traveling locales, we retire to only the best, handpicked hotels and available inns. Put another way, we take your decompression seriously. Our Casual Inn tours provide the best of both worlds: enjoy exciting outdoor adventures by day; then return to town each evening for a scrumptious meal. Followed by bedding down warm and ultra comfortably.

We choose inn accommodations that add another rather distinct dimension to your travel. From special amenities like hot tubs and fireplaces, to historic character and unique charm, our inns offer you something extra. While the inns featured on our tours vary from rustic cabins to luxurious spa retreats, we always seek out lodging to enhance and complement the unique flavor of each destination. After all, your evenings shouldn't be a break from an outstanding trip, but rather a flawless extension of it.

Escape Adventures has developed a special program to seek out and support only high quality, if not most environmentally conscious suppliers. This operating mindset ensures that those who furnish accommodations on our trips share our passion for protecting our environment. So not only do all of our inns offer outstanding service and reliable, inviting accommodations, many also share concern for our communities. And the only planet we have.



# FIRST CLASS CAMPING

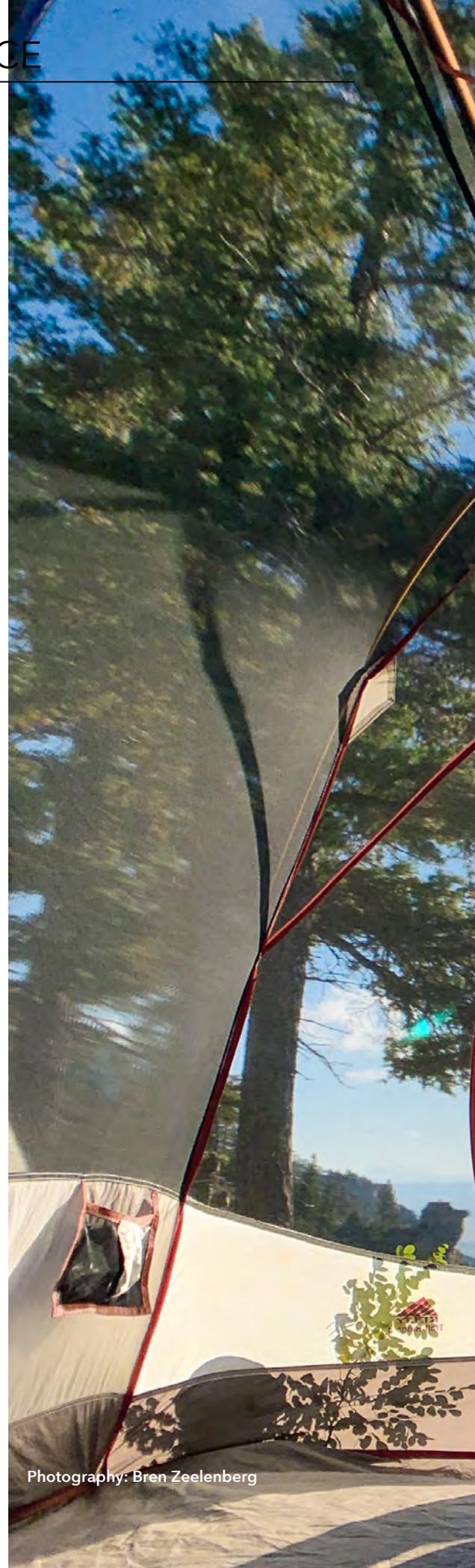
**The food tastes better, the sky is certainly bigger, and your mind is clearer.**

There is nothing better than rolling into camp to fresh made chips and salsa, homemade guacamole, and Dutch oven enchiladas. Then making your way to a sweet and inviting campfire, sharing your favorite anecdote or image from the day's activities while marshmallows roast. Enjoy a small-batch, local beer before retiring to your tent. Inside: a sturdy raised cot, fluffy sleeping bag, and a plush full size pillow. Wow. You earned this. Sweet dreams.

We choose well-maintained public campgrounds with scenic vistas and comfortable arrangements. You'll move seamlessly from one day of your trip to the next, camping outdoors and enjoying wildly healthy, delicious homemade meals.



Photography: Jason Miller



Photography: Bren Zeelenberg





# FABULOUS

## FAMILY GETAWAYS AND ADVENTURES

**The only thing we cherish more than seeing families *hanging out together*... seeing families *hanging outside together*.**

"My wife, I and our two 9 year old twins just returned from a 6 day camping, mountain biking and hiking trip in Bryce Canyon and Zion. We're not avid outdoors people or super athletic, so weren't sure how well the experience would turn out, especially for the kids- but we had a fantastic experience! Merrick and Katie were our guides for the trip and they did a great job of ensuring that each of us had a great experience- at each of our individual paces and endurance levels. We had the chance to experience the great outdoors as a family, learn new experiences, and end the trip wanting to do more! Merrick was a fantastic cook and was great with the kids. Definitely a great experience and we highly recommend it, especially for families looking for an experience like this to expose their kids to new adventures and a new appreciation for the outdoors."

**-Neal M, Bryce and Zion**

# Mom and Dad: you deserve a vacation. Let us do the work!

Parents, how often do you get the chance to take your family on vacation without the worry about where to stay, what to eat, and how to keep everyone entertained? Our trip leaders see to all the details. Now imagine a trip that affords a vacation from the “call of duty”, lending itself to unlimited family fun. Those families with older children can join any regularly scheduled tour appropriate to their skill level. If you have younger children—up to age 15—consider one of our special Family Getaway departures. Our Introductory Tours offer a terrific option for families with less athletically inclined children. Lastly, we provide a special pricing tier for families. These rates can be found in the back of the catalog on page 98.

"Nikki and Erik really went above and beyond in my opinion because of the way they treated my kids. Kids sometimes need a little extra care and attention. Nikki and Erik gave my kids confidence, support and attention when they needed it."

**Brad P**



Photography: Dan Smith



Photography: Dan Smith



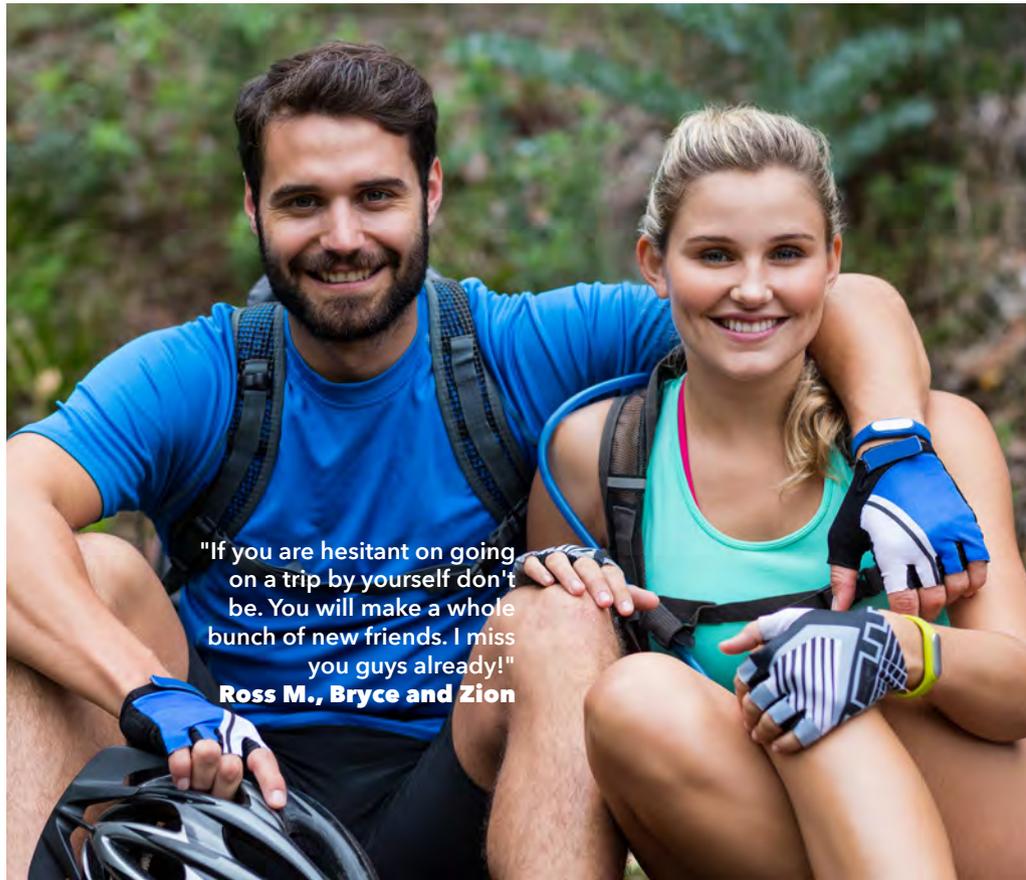
## THE MOST TRAVELING OPTIONS

Year after year our guests return with their family and friends. Why? Because we shape each trip to your needs; moreover, we strive to work within your financial parameters. Our **Guaranteed Trip Departure**, **100% Satisfaction Guarantee**, **Price Match Guarantee**, and **NEXT Adventure Club (Loyal Guest Program)** are a few reasons nearly all of our guests return year after year. (Please see page 96 for more information on these programs and policies).

### The Classic Escape Adventures Trip

An Escape Adventures trip represents a superb way to enjoy the company of other active travelers, the camaraderie of shared interests. Travel solo or with a friend... or two. One of the defining characteristics of our trips is their small group composition. For over 25-years, Escape Adventures has been taking outdoor enthusiasts beyond the "average" vacation, into the exciting world of small-group adventure travel. Our trip leader to guest ratio is the best in the industry, averaging 1 trip leader for every 5 guests. Our smaller groups, ranging from 6 to 13 guests, allow for flexible schedules, individualized service, comfort, if not a deeper, more expansive backcountry adventure. Don't be surprised if you come away from your tour with a whole group of new and awesome friends!

Many of our tours include guests traveling on their own. Our structured tours and small groups are ideal for solo travelers. On Inn Tours, we offer a single-supplement to guarantee that you have your own room. We can also pair you up with another traveler, sharing a room with two queen beds. Though if we're unable to make a comfortable or suitable match, you still get your own room at no additional cost.



"If you are hesitant on going on a trip by yourself don't be. You will make a whole bunch of new friends. I miss you guys already!"  
**Ross M., Bryce and Zion**





## CUSTOM & PRIVATE TRIPS

To shape a **Custom or Private Trip**, we begin a dialogue: first, to develop a group specific itinerary, tailored to respective abilities and preferred tempo. Next we schedule, bookmarking and working in your optimum or ideal getaway dates. Size-wise, we can build a multi-day trip for as few as two people, scaled up to as many as 30 plus. Contact us today to start the custom trip building process.

**Large Corporate Groups:** We have been expertly crafting large, custom groups since the early 90s. Our know-how and supportive capacity can facilitate groups of up to 100 cyclists and hikers at a time. We're here to work with your organization, local union, IT team or sales group to plan the best possible shared event. Maximize your collaborative professional potential with our pre-meeting breakfast rides, corporate

challenges, and outdoor motivational tours. Offering a superb way to transition seamlessly from the business world to the backcountry, our Multi-day tours lend a new if wonderfully expansive playing field for team building, or incentive travel. Those key qualities, coupled with our unmatched tour elements proved essential to the broad and varied companies we've teamed up with over the years.

### **They include, but are not limited to:**

*Sun Micro-Systems, Microsoft Works, Dewalt Tools, KFC, McDonalds Corporation, Ralston Purina Company, General Motors Finance, Amway Achievers, Family PC Magazine, Principal Financial, Ford Motor Company, John Hancock, Nextel, Chili's Restaurants, BMW, IMG, Baker Concrete, Coca-Cola, Boston Ski and Sports Club, in addition to many more.*

**The idea of taking your friends or family somewhere cool and amazing is actually pretty easy. Tell us what you're thinking. We'll make it happen.**

**Any trip in this catalog, any specific timeframe, any group size, we can custom-fit if not comfortably accommodate. A Custom and Private Escape Adventures trip affords the ultimate bonding, or team-building experience for Clubs and co-workers - Family reunions - Corporate retreats - Friends**

"Escape Adventures put together a four day guided mountain bike trip for my two brothers and I, that was extremely well-executed and went wonderfully. Will and Ike, the guides, put together an itinerary that had a great variety of rides all within our skill level, that included the Virgin River Ridge, Thunder Mountain, and other trails. We stayed nightly at Cedar Breaks in Brian Head, heading out after breakfast each morning. Not only were Will and Ike very positive and engaging they're great trail cooks! This was a one-off trip and I complement EA for working to create a trip that met our calendar, the biking we wanted to accomplish, and took care of everything-bikes, meals, lodging. Guides even took us over to Bryce Canyon after we finished a ride nearby one evening. We definitely will book something with EA again, and highly recommend them and the two guides we had."

**-Bo Dawson, Brian Head Singletrack Custom Tour**





## Mountain Bike Tours

Mountain biking provides a unique and exciting way to experience the outdoors.

Our *Mountain Bike Tours* are designed to accommodate riders from a variety of backgrounds. Some tours are intended specifically for more experienced riders, while many are suitable for those with little or no mountain biking experience. Each trip is rated for its technical and fitness level, and individual detailed trip itineraries (found on our website) provide further details on each trip. On select trips, we now have the option to use *eMountainbikes* for those who need a boost!

## Introductory (Intro) Tours

Excited about getting outdoors, but psyched-out by some of our more advanced tour offerings? Our *Introductory Tours* are spot on. These tours place more emphasis on learning new skills, set to an easygoing, cruising pace for guests new to bike and adventure tours. These tours are also a good choice for people who want to introduce a friend or loved one to multi-sport or bike touring. Not to mention families who look to tour and trek together. Don't wait until next year, make this the year you give an active vacation a try!

## Multi-Sport Adventures

Our MTB (Mountain Bike) *Multi-Sport Adventures* offer a variety of exciting activities such as rafting, kayaking,



hiking, and rock climbing in addition to riding. *Multi-Sport Adventures* give you a chance to experience a single area in a variety of ways. If you enjoy being outdoors and want to try a number of different activities on your tour, this is the tour option for you.

Specially trained and experienced trip leaders will ensure a great time for all ability levels. Each *Escape Multi-Sport Adventure* trip is slightly different than the next. We choose the best activities to showcase what each destination has to offer. Whether you choose a hiking and biking tour with a bit of rock climbing, or a trip with canyoneering and rafting, we're sure you'll love it.



Photography: Heather Voet



## Escape Adventures has earned unrivaled access to our nation's public lands and park system.

Escape Adventures wields unrivaled, privileged access to our nation's best public lands and park system jewels.

Since our very inception, we've built personal relationships of shared values if not enduring mutual benefit with state and federal land managers, as well as their agencies, from The US Park Service, Forest Service to the Bureau of Land Management. That kind of decades long liaising, plus our exemplary environmental stewardship allows our access to some of North America's best preserves and most profound wilds.

When we decide to bring our touring operation into a new area, a years long, labor-intensive process begins. After a period of thorough area-regional research, completing numerous scouting trips, the tour itinerary begins to form. Escape Adventures operates under concessionaire's licenses as well as special use permits in the following National Parks, National Forests, and State Parks:

*Zion National Park | Capitol Reef National Park | Mt. Hood National Forest | Canyonlands National Park | Dead Horse Point State Park | Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area | Ozark National Forest | Grand Canyon National Park | Manti-La Sal National Forest | Lake Tahoe-Nevada State Park | Carson National Forest | Escalante Grand Staircase National Monument | Yellowstone National Park | Teton National Park | Death Valley National Park | Deschutes National Forest | Dixie National Forest | Kaibab National Forest | Boise National Forest | Bryce Canyon National Park*



Photography: Dan Smith





# BRYCE & ZION

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COLOR COUNTRY



*The Heart and Soul of  
The American West*





## Bryce and Zion National Park Multi-Sport Adventure

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Season:             | Summer and Fall  |
| Departure           | St. George, Utah   |
| Length/Stay:        | 6 days, First-Class Camping or Casual Inns and Cabins      |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways<br>*eMountainBike available for this tour. |

### Activities

|     |        |                              |
|-----|--------|------------------------------|
| MTB | HIKING | CANYONEERING / ROCK CLIMBING |
|-----|--------|------------------------------|

→ Technical Level: **1-3** Fitness Level: **1-3**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in St. George. Ride Red Canyon to Bryce Canyon, Hike the hoodoos of Bryce Canyon.
- Day 3-4:** Ride Red Canyon past Tropic Reservoir to Hatch. Descend to Zion.
- Day 5-6:** Canyoneering in Zion, hike the narrows. Rock climbing in Red Cliffs.

**A** pioneering outfitter, the very first to guide mountain bike tours in Bryce and Zion, (50-miles northeast), we've developed a wealth of extraordinarily rich adventure here. Not only is the mountain biking phenomenal and diverse, so is the terrain.

In a sense, a geologic extension or addendum to The Grand Canyon 75-miles to the south, the landforms here lend themselves to a multitude of adventure, if not inspiring place-names: from The Court of The Patriarchs, The Beehives, Mountain of The Sun to The Great White Throne. In addition to our favorite mountain bike rides, on this trip we range further into southern Utah's brilliant colors and shapes: hiking, climbing, and canyoneering among the region's prevalent cliffs, crags, plateaus, and pinnacles. From mountain biking the moderately challenging trails of Red Canyon and Sunset Cliffs, we take Vibram soles and approach shoes to Bryce Canyon's more remote draws: Sunset Point, Brian Head's Cascade Falls, and Zion's Narrows.

Our canyoneering day takes us bouldering and rappelling deep canyons and chutes. Our final activity transits to the Red Cliffs of St. George, the monumental formations of Navajo sandstone. There we chalk it up to a thrilling day of rock climbing.



Photography: Jason Miller

Soaring red stone spires and ancient citadels of rich Navajo sandstone give way to haunting hoodoos and curving arches of rock, a geologist's and adventurer's dream come true. Located where the Southern Wasatch Range meets the Colorado plateau, scientists call this a "super-sequence": a vast series of massive, high altitude islands that rise above the Four Corners region. Welcome to Utah's Color Country.

But scientists aren't the only ones impressed by this area, with the largest concentration of parklands in North America, and fast, narrow trails, this is a mountain biker's paradise as well. The rides here are as scenic as they are swift, winding through deep alpine meadows and aspen forests and spilling out onto yawning mesas and buttes. The world famous trails of Red Canyon's Thunder Mountain, Cassidy and Casto Canyon, are just a few of the highlites of this tour.

At the historically remote, though internationally acclaimed Zion

National Park, we marvel at huge sandstone monoliths that lord over 2,000-ft. deep canyons.

At Bryce Canyon, most days you can see 90-miles away to Navajo Mountain and the Kaibab Plateau in Northern Arizona, and on especially clear days the Black Mesas of eastern Arizona and western New Mexico come into view. Despite its name, Bryce is not actually technically a canyon, but rather a series of 14 magnificent amphitheatres 1,000-ft. deep, each lined with rock sculptures. Stargazers will enjoy a 7.3-magnitude night sky; this means you'll be able to see upwards of 7500 stars without a telescope! Compare that to the big city norm of maybe a few dozen.

Last but certainly not least is Brian Head. During the off-season, Utah's highest ski resort becomes one of the best mountain bike parks anywhere. In fact, *Bicycling Magazine's* reader poll placed Brian Head's Bunker Creek trail in its top 5 fat tire trails in the country.



## Bryce and Zion National Park

### Mountain Bike Tour

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Season:      | Summer and Fall                                       |
| Departure    | St. George, Utah                                      |
| Length/Stay: | 6 days, First-Class Camping or Casual Inns and Cabins |

→ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-4**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Descend Brian Head Peak on singletrack to Panguitch Lake. Ride vibrant Red Canyon singletrack.
- Day 3-4:** Bryce Canyon hike, ride Thunder Mountain Red Canyon singletrack. Ride beautiful Navajo Lake singletrack.
- Day 5-6:** Descend to Zion, ride through the park. Hike The Narrows.

## Bryce and Zion Intro

### Mountain Bike Tour

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Season:             | Summer and Fall  |
| Departure           | St. George, Utah   |
| Length/Stay:        | 6 days, First-Class Camping or Casual Inns and Cabins      |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways<br>*eMountainBike available for this tour. |

→ Technical Level: **1-2** Fitness Level: **2-3**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in St. George. Ride Red Canyon to Bryce Canyon, Hike the hoodoos of Bryce Canyon.
- Day 3-4:** Ride Red Canyon past Tropic Reservoir to Hatch. Ride Navajo Lake.
- Day 5-6:** Descend to Zion. Hike The Narrows.





Photography: Steven Goldhar

**B**rian Head Mountain stands magnificently, reaching 11,307-ft. high above wildly scenic southern Utah. This broad and burly pinnacle is home to Utah's highest ski and mountain bike resort. Riding in Brian Head translates into long, vertical-mile descents set in crisp, head clearing mountain air and big, high altitude scenery. Speaking more to detail, the sensational XC (cross-country) singletrack here is unquestionably friendly for any moderately skilled mountain biker. Ride amongst pines and Aspen forests, around stunning mountain lakes, only to be whisked past mesmerizingly deep-red hoodoos.

**From a personal-professional place, Brian Head represents our genesis; one of Escape Adventures' maiden voyages. Please, come savor this *original* with us.**

## Brian Head Singletrack

### Mountain Bike Tour

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| <b>Season:</b>      | Summer and Fall                              |
| <b>Departure</b>    | St. George, Utah                             |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b> | 5 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |

➔ Technical Level: **3-5** Fitness Level: **3-4**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

**Day 1-2:** Meet in St. George. Ride Brian Head Peak singletrack to Panguitch Lake. From lift access, transition to Dark Hollow Trail.

**Day 3-4:** Ride the entire Virgin River Rim Trail. The following day we start the day with the Navajo Lake singletrack then transition to Blowhard Mountain.

**Day 5:** From the top of Cedar City descend the fast and swooping C Trail.



Photography: Kathi Merchant

**W**hether from Brian Head's lofty peak, or Gooseberry's majestic mesa, this supercharged trip lends all-access to the staggering vistas and world-class backcountry mountain biking around Zion National Park.

Our two smartly nuanced itineraries maximize not only the best trails, but also the greatest variety of riding conditions here in no less than fat tire nirvana.

A summertime descent into Zion from the high country means biking Brian Head's beautiful mountain singletrack. Approaching Zion from the south, the fabled Gooseberry Mesa's fantastic slickrock riding is perfect in the Spring and Fall.

A quick 15-minute drive from Hurricane, a sweet little Southwest Utah hamlet, brings us to Gooseberry Mesa, (elevation 5,418-ft.). Built by the twin Harris brothers, 13-mile long Gooseberry Mesa is popular the world over. As such, it's likely you'll meet and ride alongside Danes, Belgians, Germans, Dutch, Aussies, maybe a mad dog and an Englishman. One of the best technical loops anywhere, Gooseberry carries a Black Diamond rating, meaning intermediate to difficult. Though the adjoining South Rim Trail comes with a Double Black Diamond rank for its higher level of challenging terrain. From the white dots that point you over the adjoining slickrock, you can expect nothing but singletrack on Gooseberry Mesa, the Big Loop: swept along ledges and cliffs, past low stands of Juniper and Pinon, only to skillfully wend and contort yourself through gigantic boulder stacks. Yes; here it is, your moment of Zen.



## Gooseberry Mesa and Zion Backcountry

### Mountain Bike Tour

|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Season:      | Spring, Summer and Fall     |
| Departure:   | St. George, Utah            |
| Length/Stay: | 3 days, First-Class Camping |

➔ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-4**

Visit our [FIT/TECH Tracker](#) on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in St. George. *Summer Tour:* Brian Head Peak to Navajo Lake to Zion. *Fall Tour:* Gooseberry Mesa slickrock and singletrack.
- Day 3:** Descend to Zion. Optional hike The Narrows.



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# ESCALANTE GRAND STAIRCASE

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NATIONAL MONUMENT LOWER CANYONS



Photography: Nicole Maurer

Slightly larger than the state of Delaware, the Grand Staircase conjures a great anvil placed atop the land. Its layers alternate from pink, gray, and white, to vermillion and chocolate. The beauty of these cliffs reveals much history in a myriad of ruins, fossils, and even dinosaur bones.

To the east, through contrasts of sublime desert and dense woodlands, lies Capitol Reef National Park. Roads as winding as they are lengthy cut through a maze of twisting canyons. A seemingly endless array of arches and monoliths make for a visually dazzling landscape. We ride over and around a western version of Stonehenge exploring places with names as intriguing as the terrain itself: Hell's Backbone, Spooky Canyon, Death Box Hollow Wilderness, and Brimstone Canyon. Between rides and hikes we kick back in the small ranching-farming hamlets of Boulder and Escalante, both of which hark back to a gentler, more intimate America.

*While a Parks Service naturalist once hailed Escalante as "Perhaps the most ruggedly beautiful and remote rockscape in America," we reduce it to pure desert gold, if not one of our statement tours.*

## Grand Staircase Escalante Lower Canyons Multi-Sport Adventure

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Season:             | Spring and Fall                                       |
| Departure:          | St. George, Utah                                      |
| Length/Stay:        | 6 days, First-Class Camping or Casual Inns and Cabins |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways                                       |

### Activities

|     |        |
|-----|--------|
| MTB | HIKING |
|-----|--------|

→ Technical Level: **1-2** Fitness Level: **1-2**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in St. George, dinner in Escalante. Ride Old Wagon Trail, hike Devil's Garden.
- Day 3-4:** Shuttle to Boulder, ride Burr Trail. Ride Wolverine Loop, hike to Petrified Wood.
- Day 5-6:** Hike Calf Creek Falls, Hike Spooky Trail.





Photography: Anné St Claire



Handmade pizza at Escalante Outfitters.

## Escalante Singletrack

### Mountain Bike Tour

|              |                                |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Season:      | Summer and Fall                |
| Departure:   | St. George, Utah               |
| Length/Stay: | 6 days, Casual Inns and Cabins |

➔ Technical Level: **3-5** Fitness Level: **3-5**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in St. George, dinner in Escalante. Ride Great Western Trail to Barker Reservoir, hike secret Native American ruins
- Day 3-4:** Ride Great Western Trail and Posey Lake. Ride Hell's Backbone and hike Calf Creek Falls.
- Day 5-6:** Ride Barney Top and Powell Point. Ride Thunder Mountain Red Canyon singletrack.

## Escalante Intro

### Mountain Bike Tour

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| Season:             | Summer and Fall  |
| Departure:          | St. George, Utah   |
| Length/Stay:        | 6 days, Casual Inns and Cabins                             |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways<br>*eMountainBike available for this tour. |

➔ Technical Level: **1-3** Fitness Level: **1-3**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in St. George, dinner in Escalante. Ride Aquarius Plateau to Posey Lake.
- Day 3-4:** Ride Hell's Backbone to Boulder. Ride Burr Trail, hike Calf Creek Falls.
- Day 5-6:** Ride Barney Top and Powell Point. Ride Casto Canyon Red Canyon singletrack.



Photography: Dan Smith

**E**scalante National Monument is one of the largest stretches of roadless wilderness left in the West. Amidst this epic high country, we find what celebrated adventure author Zane Grey described as “a stairway to the sky”: a 7,650-ft. high plateau known as the Grand Staircase.

In the summer months, from the Aquarius Plateau—North America’s highest tableland or tectonic uplift—a series of 10,000 and 11,000-ft. peaks, with extraordinary vistas even for a state known for scenery, we follow primitive trails dotted by hidden lakes and streams. Large herds of elk crisscross the trail, while 13 types of raptors nest above. We admire canyon walls inscribed with Native American petroglyphs and pictographs and then relish in the cool, pure water cascading from 146-ft. high Calf Creek Falls.

From the high alpine terrain of the Aquarius Plateau, to the deep canyons of the Escalante River, discover a fantastic array of

backcountry riding! These primitive trails reveal secret canyons and spectacular mountain vistas. Trip highlights include riding atop the highest plateau in North America, visiting John Wesley Powell’s favorite lookout point, riding across Hell’s Backbone and the exciting Gap Mountain Trail.

**For skilled riders who match go-deep endurance with long-in-the-saddle experience, Escalante Mountain Singletrack is nothing less than a superb, multifaceted trip. Conversely, the Escalante Intro Tour provides all the same enormous vistas, though set on far less challenging dirt roads mixed with doubletracks.**





CANYONLANDS

UTAH

# CANYONLANDS

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NATIONAL PARK





"Just finished up an awesome tour of the White Rim outside of Moab. Escape Adventures hooked us up with great equipment and our guides were all friendly, informative and knowledgeable. Also great with riding tips for beginners to experienced riders. (and master chefs!)" 440bartm

# Known the world over,



Utah's 100-mile White Rim Trail in Canyonlands National Park comes on like a natural rollercoaster, looping in and out of a multi-colored array of spires, arches, buttes, and mesas carved by the Green and Colorado Rivers.

But the added value of Canyonlands is its staggering remoteness. The closest light bulb hangs at least 50-miles away. Our returning guests relate that it's this great sense of solitude, along with the fantastic camping opportunities, that brings them back.

A primitive trail framed by blooming cacti below, and snow-capped mountains above, the White Rim Trail descends a series of beguiling slickrock outcrops to its namesake, a unique sandstone pedestal. We spend

much of our trip riding this famous off-road route and detour briefly to admire the natural landmarks, the cool Colorado River, and the rock platform vistas.

En route we gain a deeper, more personal appreciation for the native people who called this place home as we experience their beautiful, but harsh, desert home. While enjoying the beauty of the nature that surrounds us, we also appreciate the modern amenities a guided trip provides; with our custom support truck and attentive guides, you'll feel right at home in this remote desert.

Signature switchback trails set against the great Utah outback means a trip you'll savor for years.

## The White Rim

### Mountain Bike Tour

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Season:             | Spring and Fall             |
| Departure:          | Moab, Utah                  |
| Length/Stay:        | 4 days, First-Class Camping |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways             |

➔ Technical Level: **1-2** Fitness Level: **1-3**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in Moab. Ride Schafer Trail to Airport, ride to Murphy's Hogback via White Crack.
- Day 3-4:** Ride to Potato Bottom with slot canyon side hike. Ride along Green River up Mineral Bottom. Shuttle back to Moab.



## The White Rim Cataract Canyon Multi-Sport Adventure

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Season:             | Spring and Fall             |
| Departure:          | Moab, Utah                  |
| Length/Stay:        | 7 days, First-Class Camping |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways             |

### Activities

| MTB | HIKING | RAFTING |
|-----|--------|---------|
|-----|--------|---------|

→ Technical Level: **1-2** Fitness Level: **1-2**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in Moab. Ride Schafer Trail to Airport, ride to Murphy's Hogback via White Crack.
- Day 3-4:** Ride to Potato Bottom with slot canyon side hike. Board Rafts.
- Day 5-6:** Raft Green River.
- Day 7:** Finish at Lake Powell. Shuttle back to Moab.



Photography: Jack Hight





Photography: Dan Smith

**YOU MIGHT FIND IT INTERESTING...**

Escape Adventures is the only outfitter who shuttles their guests all the way into the Maze. Via our custom built truck, we travel into The Land of The Standing Rocks; setting up camp in the deepest region of the Park. Additionally, we are the only outfitter to arrange a **flightseeing tour** back over top of the Maze (to Moab) when your trip ends.

**If you choose to venture into the furthest, most remote area in The Lower 48: do it right, see it all. With us.**

Tucked away into the most remote section of wonderfully secluded Canyonlands National Park, The Maze is one of the biggest and best of the last: a rarely traveled, wholly inaccessible wilderness. Among the wildest, least trammled landscapes of size in the continental United States. The Maze's hypnotic labyrinth, a geologic fusion of cliffs, meandering canyons, and inspiring buttes provide unparalleled riding, folded into a truly unforgettable adventure.

Our journey into this lost land of canyon and high desert begins with a descent down the historic Flint Trail. The curve of the canyons delivers us in equally fast and spectacular fashion to the Maze Overlook. There, breathtaking beauty beckons us further along our fantastic, self-propelled voyage.

A challenging hike through the heart of The Maze brings us to "The Harvest Scene": a nearly life-sized series of pictographs.

Etched into the narrow sandstone walls, their origin traces back from two to 4,000-years. The next 72-hours begin at a heady 7,700-ft., dropping down to 3,700-ft. and ultimately a sublime landing on the shores of Lake Powell. We traverse amongst Peregrine falcon aerie and Bighorn sheep habitat in the spectacular Doll's House section, then through the Land of the Standing Rocks.

Bear in mind, access to this outback is severely limited. To hike in and out would easily consume a full two days. But as the only outfitter in the world to offer such an inclusive tour of the Maze, our rugged expedition vehicle is engineered to meet the demands of this area's extreme terrain. After reaching Lake Powell, a chartered tour plane will ferry our group out of the Maze. Our flight-path takes us back over the course we just conquered on bike and foot, providing once-in-a-lifetime views and aerial photo opportunities.

From incomparable cultural legacies, to moderately challenging cycling terrain, **the Maze is rated "E" for everyone.**



Photography: Brandt Sims



Photography: Dan Smith

**The Maze**

**Mountain Bike Tour** 

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Season:</b>             | Spring and Fall                              |
| <b>Departure:</b>          | Moab, Utah                                   |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b>        | 5 days, First-Class Camping                  |
| <b>Special Departures:</b> | Family Getaways<br>6-Day Private Trip Option |

➔ **Technical Level: 2-3** **Fitness Level: 2-3**

Visit our **FIT/TECH Tracker** on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in Moab, shuttle to Hans Flat, ride Flint Trail to Maze Overlook. Hike through entire Maze. Meet truck on other side.
- Day 3-4:** Ride to Doll's House, hike to Colorado River. Ride Land of Standing Rocks to Glen Canyon Cowboy Camp.
- Day 5:** Ride to Lake Powell. Picked up by charter plane, fly back over The Maze back to Moab.

*"The Canyonlands provided a spectacular backdrop for our adventure in the Maze. And at the end of each day, Eric and Dan cooked up delicious, healthy meals that were sure to re-energize us for the next day. Working hard/playing hard during the day, wonderful meals and sleeping under the stars,..... does it get any better?" **robynitzg***



Photography: Dan Smith



This tour combines the awesome sights and riding of the Maze with a unique backcountry rafting expedition. On the second half of our Maze tour, we head out on the Colorado River. Our favorite guides will make you feel right at home! Rafting through calm water provides solitude deep in the canyons, while occasional rapids provide incredible adventure. The trip winds down wonderfully at bejeweled Lake Powell, its pure blue-green water framed if not dramatically contrasted with rich red cliffs and coves.

This voyage of beauty and discovery is an excellent way to cap off our Maze Mountain Bike Tour.

## The Maze Cataract Canyon Multi-Sport Adventure

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Season:             | Spring and Fall             |
| Departure:          | Moab, Utah                  |
| Length/Stay:        | 6 days, First-Class Camping |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways             |

### Activities

|     |        |         |
|-----|--------|---------|
| MTB | HIKING | RAFTING |
|-----|--------|---------|

→ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-3**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in Moab, shuttle to Hans Flat, ride Flint Trail to Maze Overlook. Hike through The Maze to Harvest Scene. Meet truck on other side.
- Day 3-4:** Ride to Doll's House, hike to Colorado River. Meet rafts on shore. Raft through Canyonlands.
- Day 5-6:** Raft Cataract Canyon. Finish at Lake Powell. Shuttle back to Moab.





Photography: Liz Boehm



Photography: Dan Smith



Photography: Dan Smith

**E**ast of the Colorado River, the Needles District of 330,000-acre Canyonlands National Park is named for the rock pinnacles that loom over the Southeast Utah landscape like an enormous succession of sentinels. Novelist-essayist-wilderness advocate Ed Abbey described it as “the most weird, wonderful, magical place on Earth. There is nothing like it anywhere.” The valleys here offer endless views, if not some of the most exceptional sunsets one could imagine. Located over 100-miles from the nearest interstate highway, Needles remains one of the most remote regions left in America.

The Canyonlands region was looked upon as nothing but a wasteland until the mid-1940s. Then our nation’s urgent needs for uranium, vanadium, and petroleum products brought cycles of mining, prospecting and drilling to the area. These activities carved out most of the backcountry road and trail-networks still in use today. But long before modern times, the Ancestral Puebloans developed a flourishing civilization in these

canyons. Located far into the backcountry, vestiges of their society have remained undisturbed for over 800-years.

This mountain bike adventure offers a unique POV into the region’s rich, varied history. From Beef Basin we ride past ancient Native American ruins into Ruin Park and The Needles District. From here we hike slot canyons; then mount up again, riding to Elephant Hill. With Indian Springs as our midpoint, we traverse Lockhart Basin: a 50-mile jeep road that follows the gentle sways and contours of the Colorado River. Passing over Chicken Corners, with the sun at our back and a scrumptious afternoon breeze, we descend back to Moab.

Geared to the intermediate rider and athletic beginner, this mostly dirt road and double track route features layered or staggered challenges. Though those landscape features only ramp up in difficulty in relation to your comfort level and skills expanding. Consider this the ideal substitute to the White Rim Trail, but marked by more remote riding, coupled to deeper

## Trail of the Ancients

### Mountain Bike Tour

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Season:</b>      | Spring and Fall             |
| <b>Departure:</b>   | Moab, Utah                  |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b> | 6 days, First-Class Camping |

➔ **Technical Level: 2-3**   **Fitness Level: 2-4**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in Moab, shuttle to Needles, ride Beef Basin to Needles Overlook. Ride to Ruin Park, hike the ruins.
- Day 3-4:** Ride through Needles, hike slot canyons. Ride to Lockhart Trail.
- Day 5-6:** Ride Lockhart Basin to Chicken Corners. Ride over Hurrah Pass to Moab.

# America's newest National Monument - despite its contested status - cradles some of North America's most ancient civilizations.

For some, the default image of Utah's southern tier reaches back to the raw and open American frontier, the hard to settle Interior West. For others, it speaks of the mystical lives of bygone, primeval civilizations. Fast forward now: to the feel of a nurturing sun at your back. Before you, at distance, snow-capped mountains loom with an almost palpable majesty. Welcome to the Abajo Mountains!

A 1.3-million acre Bears Ears National Monument, created by President Obama in 2016—reduced by 85% two years later—covers a broad expanse of red rock, juniper forests, high plateau, cultural, historic and prehistoric legacy. The latter includes an abundance of very early human, as well as Native American historical artifacts left behind by the first wave of Clovis people, followed by the Ancestral Puebloans, Fremont culture and others.

A pair of monumental 2,000-ft. twin buttes, the Bears Ears is the remarkable remnant of 200-million year old sand dunes. Capped in shades of pale orange to light red sandstone, The Bears Ears formation is so distinctive they can be seen, even at great distance, from nearly every direction. Framed by Dark Canyon Wilderness and the Beef Basin to the west, Comb Ridge on the east, the Grand Gulch Plateau and Cedar Mesa to the south and Canyonlands National Park to the north, our mountain bike tour takes you through the most unique and historical landmarks southeast Utah has to offer.

From a start at Edge of the Cedars Museum in Blanding, Utah, (pop. 3,375) a 19<sup>th</sup> century Mormon settlement an hour south of Moab and Arches National Park, we climb high into the Abajo Mountains. Our ride throughout the week visits not only plentiful archaeological sites, but also many high mountain meadows and forests. We visit gorgeous locales, such as The Notch, Duck Lake, Sego Flat, Reef of Rocks, Maverick Point Overlook, Skull and Crossbones, The Causeway, and Jackson Ridge. Wildlife is abundant atop the Abajos, herds of mule deer bounding through spans of trees while raptors dart and soar overhead. During the day, views atop the Abajo Mountains extend for 75-miles in any direction. At night, the crystal clear skies are so bright they recast the Milky Way as near endless if not impossibly dense with stars.

Our week concludes with a lengthy, 3,000-ft. descent into the small town of Monticello (named for Thomas Jefferson's estate). From Monticello, a bygone uranium mining town turned gracious San Juan county seat, we stage a brief shuttle to Moab. Back in cozy, ultra welcoming Moab, we enjoy the best kind of decompression: an evening at one of the town's most quaint restaurants and a colorful local brewery.



## The Bears Ears Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:      | Summer and Fall             |
| Departure:   | Moab, Utah                  |
| Length/Stay: | 5 days, First-Class Camping |

➔ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-3**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Moab. Shuttle to Blanding. Ride into Abajos to Bears Ears.

**Day 3-4:** Ride Elk Ridge across the top of the Abajos for two days in midst of Native American ruins and wildlife.

**Day 5:** Drop into Indian Creek. Finish with a long descent to Monticello. Shuttle back to Moab.





CANYON COUNTRY

UTAH MOAB





**In addition to being an adventure destination all its own, Moab is conveniently located within just a few miles of Canyonlands National Park, Arches National Park, and Fruita, Colorado. Since 1985, Moab Cyclery (Escape Adventures Moab based Bicycle Shop) offers sales, service, and daily tours/shuttles to nearly every corner of Canyon Country.**





Photography: Justin Moser

Even if you’ve never visited Moab (pop. 5000) before, you’ve very likely seen it. About 245-miles south of Salt Lake City, Moab and its dramatic surroundings served as the backdrop for countless Golden Era Westerns. Moab’s history is by turns rich as varied: From a Mormon outpost on the Spanish Trail (1800’s), to Wild-West era outlaw haunt or lair, to base for hard-rock miners and rare mineral prospectors. Inasmuch its latest reincarnation is a fairly new one. While the beauty that verges on hyperrealism of Arches National Park and Canyonlands National Parks has drawn nature-lovers for generations, it’s the land edging and surrounding the parks that’s utterly redefined Moab, from erstwhile park lodging base to world-class adventure travel destination.

Moab, circa 2018, has it all: from white-water rafting to horseback

riding, phenomenal climbing routes to the five diamond mountain biking. Forasmuch, it was this incomparable grouping of big outdoor recreational opportunities and pursuits that compelled the first wave of adventurer-seekers to settle here, and thus transform this delightful little city.

Our tour is like a Moab’s Best Of/Greatest Hits album. Signature slickrock trails offer challenging, if fun rides for all levels of riders, marked by seemingly endless singletrack that shade each day. Off the bike, our tours have built-in side hikes. The latter lend intimate optics onto some of the area’s most astonishing natural features, as we view-find from characteristic natural arches to age-old petroglyphs. Invariably it’s not a stretch by any means to see a genuine dinosaur footprint out on one of our select trails.

## Best of Moab Mountain Bike Tour

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| <b>Season:</b>             | Spring and Fall   |
| <b>Departure:</b>          | Moab, Utah  |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b>        | 5 days, First-Class Camping or Casual Inns  |
| <b>Special Departures:</b> | Family Getaways<br>Luxury Inns and Restaurants<br>*eMountainBike available for this tour. |

➔ Technical Level: **2-4** Fitness Level: **1-3**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Moab. Ride beautiful singletrack and slickrock on Brand Trails, Klondike Trails, and Mag 7 Trails. Customized to each group.
- Day 3-4:** Ride sections of Porcupine Rim Trail. Hike amongst the massive sandstone arches of Arches National Park.
- Day 5:** Ride amazing trails through Dead Horse Point State Park on the border of Canyonlands National Park.



Photography: Michael Weiss



Photography: Nancy Morlock

## Canyonlands, Arches, and Moab Multi-Sport Adventure

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| Season:             | Spring and Fall   |
| Departure:          | Moab, Utah  |
| Length/Stay:        | 6 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns  |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways<br>Luxury Inns and Restaurants<br>*eMountainBike available for this tour. |

### Activities

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| MTB | HIKING | RAFTING | RC | CANYONEERING |
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→ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **1-2**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Moab. Descend on bikes Gemini Bridges Trail. Hike the monolith canyons and arches of Devil's Garden and Fiery Furnace. Enjoy your afternoons exploring downtown Moab.
- Day 3-4:** Ride beautiful Dead Horse Point singletrack. Test the red rock walls along the Colorado River with professional climbing instruction.
- Day 5-6:** Raft the Colorado River. Finish the tour with a selected ride by your trip leaders. Shuttle back to Moab.

**P**icture vibrant sandstone walls chiseled by the mighty Colorado River, lit by the evening glow of a desert sunset, and backed by a magnificent range of snow-capped mountains. In the midst of Utah's Canyon Country, Moab's backcountry provides the perfect setting for your multi-sport adventure.

At Arches, we'll hike through a geological wonderland, where natural exhibits of pinnacles, arches, pedestals, and balancing rocks seem to defy the laws of physics. Contrasting colors, textures, and landforms distinguish the many vegetation zones of this canyon country, each offering its own kind of adventure. At Dead Horse Point, expansive views of maze-like chasms typify our mountain biking experience along the acclaimed singltrack. Moab's canyon country's vertical landscape challenges us with fantastic introductory canyoneering. And, while the Colorado River's power is present everywhere throughout our adventure, nowhere is it better realized than on our exciting day of river rafting.

This is the perfect tour for the adventure seeker with little experience in the outdoors or families departures with younger children.





Photography: Jacki Ueng

## Moab Weekend Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:             | Spring and Fall                                |
| Departure:          | Moab, Utah                                     |
| Length/Stay:        | 3 days,<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns  |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways<br>Luxury Inns and Restaurants |

➔ Technical Level: **3-5** Fitness Level: **2-3**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Moab. Ride Klondike Bluffs Trail, visit dinosaur tracks. Test your skills along Porcupine Rim and other trails.  
**Day 3:** Ride the famed Slickrock Trail or another select ride by your trip leaders.

Undeniably the mountain bike mecca of the world, Moab is simply a place like no other. Our local bike shop, Moab Cyclery, provides the absolute best Moab-based trip leaders. Given their years of hands on experience, decades of acquired knowledge, collectively our trip leaders offer what only an insider could: from the well established if not world renown trails to a secret stash of fast, buffed out lines, seamlessly weaved into spectacular backcountry bike paths. Our adventure includes a big four as esteemed as Mount Rushmore: rides to Mag Seven, the Brand Trails, Klondike Bluffs, and Slickrock. Reduced to shorthand, these are some of the most epic rides found anywhere on Earth, equally famous as they are shredding fun.

The abundance of trails, coupled to the variety of terrain makes this trip easy to customize. We can accommodate and adapt this tour according to group-size, including seasoned riders, and families, all the way to riders new to mountain biking.



**T**he legend of Kokopelli begins near present day Grand Junction, Colorado (195-miles west of Denver), at the confluence of the Colorado and Gunnison rivers. Known in Native American cultures as a trickster god and/or a fertility deity, Kokopelli could shape-shift into numerous forms: most often, a swaybacked or humped figure playing a flute. His appearance was made all the more conspicuous by twin antennae, or a feathered head.

Ranging westward on more than 142-miles of secluded trails and jeep roads, we follow and visually interpreting Kokopelli’s walkabout, a supernatural quest to spread prosperity and fertility. If you’ve heard or read about the superb mountain biking near Fruita, Colorado (12-miles northwest of Grand Junction), here’s your chance to live and breathe it. Home-range of the Ute Tribe, final resting spot for “Doc” Holliday, quirky Fruita (pop. 12,000) celebrates its rodeo as much as dinosaurs; not to mention a headless chicken—named Mike—who lived for 18-months. Mike lives on though, honored with a yearly festival.

Hard by the Utah border, this region is known as Western Colorado’s Best. Reflexively, the riding here reflects a sharp fusion of both states: Utah’s Mars-evoking rocky desert given big-time lift by the Colorado Rockies. After a refreshing stop along the banks of the Colorado River, we climb into Utah’s Canyon Country. Like a fast moving survey party, we put optics on large iron and copper cliffs which loom overhead on the amazing Onion Creek ride. Pressing on, we ride from the 5,000-ft. desert floor past great sweeps of buttes and sandstone reefs higher into the snow-capped Manti La Sal Mountains. The payoff: hugging a fast, flowy ridgeline at 8,500-ft., looming over endless rolling red desert. Our campsite is set atop scenic Porcupine Rim. Phenomenal.

On this classic bikepacking route, you can expect 14,000 vertical feet of climbing, all told. Our out-of-this-world journey culminates in Moab, given 24-pica, boldface punctuation by an exhilarating descent down Sand Flats Road!

Mixing moderate, and some longer ascents, along with two days of moderately challenging singletrack, Kokopelli’s Trail is perfect for mountain bike riders in need of a challenge!

## Kokopelli Trail

### Mountain Bike Tour

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| <b>Season:</b>      | Spring and Fall             |
| <b>Departure:</b>   | Grand Junction, Colorado    |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b> | 5 days, First-Class Camping |

➔ **Technical Level: 3-5**    **Fitness Level: 3-4**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Grand Junction. Ride singletrack and jeep track for two days along the Colorado River corridor.
- Day 3-4:** Ride underneath Fisher Towers and up Onion Creek. Climb high into the La Sal Mountains to an alpine camp.
- Day 5:** Descend along the Porcupine Rim back to Moab via Sand Flats Road. Shuttle back to Grand Junction.



# ARIZONA

Grand Canyon

National Park



Photography: Jason Miller

**While nearly all of North America reels under hot summertime temperatures, the North Rim, at 9000-feet, offers delightfully cool, high altitudes escape.**

A raw-cut jewel in our national park system if not one of the most awe-inspiring features on Earth, the Grand Canyon's incomparable majesty sunders nearly 280-miles of Northern Arizona highlands.

No less than two-billion years of the earth's history is on display here in the vermillion cliff-faces and golden canyon walls that rise a mile into the sky. From his dory that plied the unbridled Colorado River, early explorer Major John Wesley Powell compared it to "leaves in a great history book."

This geologic virtuoso, one of America's first national parks, was one of our three original trip destinations. Gazing over the Canyon's 9,200-ft. North Rim, the immediate reaction of our guests runs from fear to reverie, and all agree that the old Arizona and Rainbow Rim Trails are the best ways to experience the Grand Canyon.

Concealed in big Ponderosa pine and shimmering Aspen groves, our trail through Kaibab National Forest wends to a place that few have visited: the East Rim View. From our campsite on the edge of the Kaibab Plateau, we savor extraordinary views. Trails brimming with wildflowers bring us to exhilarating hikes along the rim. Crossing over to the west side of the plateau, we camp alongside one of the most scenic mountain bike paths in the world, the Rainbow Rim Trail.

Providing gently rolling terrain of lung-expanding dimensions, the North Rim of the Grand Canyon has been long-held as almost sacred ground to hikers and riders. For trekkers and active travelers of all levels, the chance to experience this singular section of Eternity is nothing less than the opportunity of a lifetime.



**North Rim of the Grand Canyon**  
**Mountain Bike Tour** 

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| <b>Season:</b>             | Spring, Summer and Fall                            |
| <b>Departure:</b>          | St. George, Utah                                   |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b>        | 4 day or 5 day, First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |
| <b>Special Departures:</b> | Family Getaways                                    |

➔ **Technical Level: 1-2    Fitness Level: 1-3**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in St. George. Shuttle to Kaibab Lodge then ride singletrack to alpine East Rim camp for two nights. Ride to Monument Point, short hike into the Grand Canyon on backcountry hiking trail.

**Day 3-4:** Ride across Kaibab Plateau to beautiful backcountry camp on the Rim for two nights. Ride the Rainbow Rim singletrack.

**Day 5:** Descend to Indian Hollow on the west side of the Plateau to spectacular vista. Shuttle back to St. George.





The city of Phoenix has made great investments in outdoor recreation, preserving and showcasing its natural resources. That progressive mindset culminated in the designation of the Black Canyon Trail. The latter shadows a route active since the times of pre-historic Native American travelers and early Anglo traders. By 1919, it began to transition. First, to a route Phoenix area shepherds used to move their sheep to and from summer ranges in the Bradshaw and Mingus Mountains, respectively. Later, sections of the trail became a stagecoach road between Phoenix and Prescott to the north.

Fast forward to 2008, this biologically diverse, earthen artery is christened a National Recreation Trail. Today, an 80-mile IMBA-designed trail of the same name flows artfully across saguaro-studded desert as much through classic frontier scenery. The Black Canyon Trail (or BCT, as we call it) stands as one of the best singletrack trails in the entire Southwest. Visually, it's as if you and your bike somehow dissolved into an Arizona Highways two-page spread. Moreover, this region offers super mild winter temperatures. Not surprisingly, The BCT represents one of our favorite domestic wintertime escapes.

## The Black Canyon Trail

### Mountain Bike Tour

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| <b>Season:</b>      | Winter, Spring, and Fall    |
| <b>Departure:</b>   | Phoenix, Arizona            |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b> | 3 days, First-Class Camping |

➔ Technical Level: **3-4** Fitness Level: **3-4**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Phoenix. Two days ride on unbroken singletrack, from higher elevation to Bumble Bee Camp. Continue to Black Canyon City. Shuttle back to camp.
- Day 3:** Ride final singletrack south through Saguaro forests to northern edge of Phoenix. Shuttle back to Phoenix.

Top notch company that runs all the logistics so me and my buddies could ride! Our guides knew all the tricks and took great care of us.  
**-Chip B, Black Canyon Trail**



**F**rom the South Mountain Preserve, the second largest municipal park in the world, and McDowell Mountain (27-miles northeast of Phoenix) on the edge of Southern Arizona’s urban hub—or PHX—to the world-renowned Black Canyon Trail, this Sonoran Desert tour is a major classic.

Our trip kicks off near Scottsdale, at the stunning northeast end of the Valley of the Sun. Riding local conservancy lands, the landscape opens onto a beautiful XC, or cross-country trail system; one that encompasses more than 40-miles of fast and flowy, mountain bike specific singletrack. The terrific abundance of flora and fauna throughout this area makes for a perfect introduction, or interpretation of the vibrant Arizona desert. The network crosses habitat for javelina, deer, coyotes, plus a terrific variety of raptors and songbirds.

At South Mountain, we ride and experience the highlands of 2,523-ft. Maricopa Peak, then east toward Goat Hill, 2,526-ft. Conversely, McDowell Mountain, a 21,099-acre regional park, lends a 40-mile ride alongside the eponymous 4,000-ft. mountain range. After interpreting these landscapes of great character, it comes as no surprise that Arizona has given us so many authentic if not strongly independent American personalities: from Cochise, Geronimo and The Apache Kid, Andy Devine to Barry Goldwater, The Udall family, Sandra Day O’Connor to John McCain, Pat Tillman and Waylon Jennings, Buck Owens and Duane Eddy, Ed Abbey to Katie Lee.

The following day we head to South Mountain. There we’re swept away by nothing less than world class riding, a fantastic expanse of singletrack trails totaling 50-plus miles. The last three days of our Phoenix tour mix and match the Black Canyon Trail. One has the option to add rides in the Sedona area, where classic Sonoran desert is given dramatic punctuation—if not raised relief—by piercing spires of powerful red rock.



## Best of Phoenix

### Mountain Bike Tour

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| <b>Season:</b>      | Winter, Spring, and Fall                     |
| <b>Departure:</b>   | Phoenix, Arizona                             |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b> | 5 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |

➔ **Technical Level: 3-4** **Fitness Level: 3-4**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

**Day 1-2:** Meet in Phoenix. Ride buff singletrack in South Mountain and McDowell Mountain.  
**Day 3-5:** Ride Black Canyon Trail System (see our 3-day Black Canyon Trail Mountain Bike Tour).





# NEW MEXICO

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Rocky Mountains



# NEW MEXICO: A Cyclist's Land of Enchantment

Tucked way back into the broad in the shoulder New Mexico Rockies looms a mountain biker's paradise, as exalted as a Buddhist monastery in The Himalayas. Still largely undiscovered in an all-knowing Data Age, some of the best trails in all the Western Hemisphere are also some of the least frequented, by virtue of their enviable isolation. Get ready to be floored by our mountain bike journey through New Mexico's highest range country, more than 10,000-ft. ASL (above sea level). Be one of the very few to drift over these majestic High Plains, past the heritage sites and redoubts of Aztec, Zuni and 1,400-year old Pueblo culture, the archeological epicenter of the Southwest.

Our supremely exclusive singletrack tour is headlined by a long-time local favorite, the South Boundary Trail. At the southern edge of The Rockies, we drop in at a rarefied 8,600-ft., ascend to 11,000-ft., only to closeout in the charming, culturally rich community of Taos. Looking east, we take in the visually arresting Cimarron range, the scope and heft of its numerous 11,000-ft. peaks. Glancing south, where Utes once gathered to connect with Great Spirit, Franciscan Friars to Kit Carson found the light: the Angel Fire. Named for a dawn and dusk phenomenon, a splash of brilliant orange light created by the morning sun seems to dance across the tree covered slopes. Not unlike The Northern Lights, Angel Fire verges on the supernatural, a vision of the divine. Now fold that experience into buffed out trails that are unparalleled, truly world-class, the match of any from Patagonia to The Pacific Northwest.

Headed north, we transition from High Desert expanses to sweep over glorious alpine trails above the 500-acre Red River ski and mountain bike park. An unbelievable ride up to Lost Lake lends breathtaking views into Wheeler Peaks Wilderness. Our wrap-up ride rolls from the Northside Ski Resort to the summit of Frazer Mountain, among New Mexico's highest points at 12,200-ft.

Downtime is spiced by visits and warm interactions within the small communities between trailheads, melting pots of Old European ethnicities and Far West tribes. Superb New Mexican cuisine highlights every stop. Tailored to the seasoned mountain biker keen for something really different, this tour offers as much deep regional history as flavor, if not a totally off the beaten mountain bike map destination. No, it wouldn't surprise us if you had the sacred Zia sun symbol tattooed on your ankle soon after.



## NM Rockies Taos Singletrack Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:      | Summer and Fall                              |
| Departure:   | Santa Fe, New Mexico                         |
| Length/Stay: | 5 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |

➔ Technical Level: **3-5** Fitness Level: **3-5**

Visit our **FIT/TECH** Tracker on Page 99

- Day 1-2:** Meet in Santa Fe. Shuttle to Garcia Park; descend South Boundary Trail to Taos. Ride Magic Carpet and Divisadero Trail. Enjoy a stroll through Taos.
- Day 3-4:** Ride Angel Fire trails using chair-lift access. Hitch an afternoon ride on Bob Barker Trail. Shuttle to Red River; ride the epic Lost Lake Trail. Stroll through Red River.
- Day 5:** Ride singletrack from Taos Ski Valley up to Frazer Peak, then back. Finish in Taos, shuttle back to Santa Fe.





It's often said Europe has too much history, while America simply has space. Yet, trekking along the Rio Grande and New Mexico's highest peak, Mount Wheeler brings the vestiges of 700-year old civilizations into sharp relief. In addition to exploring ancient adobe and cliff-dwelling settlements, we drop into Old Spanish *colonias*, more modern art colonies, and smart mountain resorts.

This area represents a distinct overlay or confluence of ecological zones: the Great Plains in the East, the Chihuahuan Desert and Sierra Madre to the South, and the Sonoran Desert and Colorado Plateau to the West. Given those varied attributes, the land naturally lends itself to multi-sport touring: outstanding mountain biking and hiking options beckon at each compass point. While the nearby Rio Grande offers excellent whitewater rafting.

Along the way we savor a diverse tapestry of culture, architecture, not to mention art, reflective of the state's three distinct traditions: Indian, Spanish and Anglo. From tone to tempo now: while the state bird is the Roadrunner, don't expect that kind of pacing on this trek.

High Desert to high Alpine, interpreting rock paintings and petroglyphs to drinking in slot canyons and expansive mesas, our Land of Enchantment trip truly has something for everyone.



## The Enchanted Circle Santa Fe & Taos Multi-Sport Adventure

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| Season:             | Summer and Fall  |
| Departure:          | Santa Fe, New Mexico   |
| Length/Stay:        | 6 days First-Class Camping or Casual & Luxury Inns and Restaurants |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways  |

### Activities

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| MTB | HIKING | RAFTING |
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→ Technical Level: **1-3** Fitness Level: **1-3**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Santa Fe. Shuttle to Garcia Park and descend to Taos along the Rio Chiquito. Stroll through Taos Plaza. Ride high alpine singletrack on Magic Carpet and Medicine Wheel. Descend to Taos.

**Day 3-4:** Descend Bobsled Trail to Angel Fire using lift access. Shuttle to Red River. Ride down Cabresto Creek to Rio Grande River.

**Day 5-6:** Raft the exciting Taos Box on the Rio Grande. Hike the Indian ruins of Bandelier National Park. Shuttle back to Santa Fe.



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Photography: Irwin Guides

The Western Slope of the Rocky Mountains has forever been called, *The Real Colorado*. Evoking the dramatic sweep of a Swiss or Austrian backdrop, this side of The Centennial State hosts the highest number of 14'ers. All that breathtaking vert has given rise, not only to some extreme skiing destinations, but also some of Colorado's most treasured, if not eclectic mountain towns.

Like a surf town in the mountains, Crested Butte lives for its refreshing independent streak: from a hip local arts and theatre scene to an absurd number of yearly concerts and festivals. Below aptly named Gothic Mountain 12,625-ft., the stretch of colorfully painted historic buildings up and down Elk Avenue date back to the 1800s, when Crested Butte stood at the forefront of Colorado coal country.

Above the town that time magically forgot, where the rubber meets the singletrack this stretch of The Rockies just doesn't get any better for mountain bikers. Set against some of the most physically inspiring, XXL backdrops in The West our Crested Butte trip offers total immersion in Colorado's celebrated, centuries spanning cycling culture.

Along with breathtaking, roller-coaster climbs, fueled by rejuvenating mountain air, plus big-healthy blasts of oxygen rich red blood come the thoroughly rewarding descents. But be forewarned: That smile may not wane for weeks. From rich ancient Amerindian culture, to frozen-in-time mining towns and dances with big game wildlife, the Colorado Rockies beckon.

## Crested Butte Wildflower Singletrack Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:      | Summer and Fall                              |
| Departure:   | Gunnison, Colorado                           |
| Length/Stay: | 5 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |

➔ Technical Level: **3-5** Fitness Level: **3-5**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Gunnison. Enjoy two full days of riding along the Colorado and Rainbow Trails with vistas into Arkansas River Valley below.
- Day 3-4:** We ride south of Salida on Cottonwood Creek with views into the La Plata Mountains. Ride the Canyon Creek Trail with elevation over 12,000 feet.
- Day 5:** Final epic ride is on Crested Butte's classic - Reno-Flag-Bear-Deadman Gulch. Shuttle back to Gunnison.



Our guides Tim & Eric gave us advice on biking technique, fed us well and hauled our gear as we biked. They kept a positive attitude at all times. Escape Adventures will be my first choice for future adventures.”

- Deb

Photography: Irwin Guides



In the smartly preserved Victorian town of Durango, cycling isn't merely an activity... it's a lifestyle. Cycling's roots and colorful lineage here, in what's known as Colorado's wildflower capital date back more than a century. Genius.

Teddy Roosevelt's vision, circa 1905, was to preserve "America's Alps", the San Juan Mountain Range within a 1.8-million acre (3000-square mile) National Forest. Our trip leaders live for this: sharing some of the area's unbelievably scenic routes, the unique terrain features. Big open runs through high meadows that roll like waves, exploding in shoulder-high wildflowers. For point and shoot types, the low-key signage at the trail head, "Watch for Traffic" means sharing space with mule deer, coyotes, fox, Wild Turkey, bobcat, not to mention some 200 type of songbirds and raptors.

Then prepare yourself for the *piece de resistance*: home-cooked, outrageously flavorful secret recipes, specifically drawn from the area. So savory, these dishes continue to surprise even our Durango returnees.

Taming the climbs, living and breathing five-digit elevation days, we cover the best this biking heaven has to offer: Hermosa Creek, Jones Creek, Dry Fork, Kennebec Pass, plus the Telegraph Trail System. Yours to explore for five fun-filled days.

This tour is scaled from intermediate to advanced riders, those possessing above average fitness and moderate technical riding skills.

## Durango In Colors Singletrack Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:      | Summer and Fall                              |
| Departure:   | Durango, Colorado                            |
| Length/Stay: | 5 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |

➔ Technical Level: **3-5** Fitness Level: **3-5**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Durango. Ride the challenging and incredibly scenic Hermosa and Jones Creek trails.

**Day 3-4:** After a midweek recovery ride on Dry Fork Loop, descend 5000 feet on the thrill-ride tree-ride from Kennebec Pass to Durango.

**Day 5:** Snake through junipers and pinon pines on Horse Gulch -an "IMBA Epic" Trail.





OZARK MOUNTAINS

ARKANSAS





Photography: Dan Smith



**N**estled deep within north central Arkansas' wild heart—a two-hour drive from Little Rock—is an ascendant star in the mountain bike cosmos. Recently the 1.2-million acre Ozark National Forest introduced what's known as the Syllamo Mountain Bike Trail System.

Notwithstanding a composition that's 95% singletrack, the 50-mile long Syllamo Trail offers not just one of the best mountain bike circuits in the entire Southeast, but the consummate Arkansas wilderness experience.

Surrounded by temperate rain forest, the Ozarks symbolize the most extensive highland region between the Appalachians and the Rockies. have long been cherished by all manner of users: from thru-hikers to traditional outdoorsmen and women. Impressive spring-blooms, wide-spanning limestone caves, and abundant wildlife have historically drawn many to the region.

West of Mount Olive and the White River, we put knobby tires to rolling razorback hills, beneath lengthy-dense canopies of oak, hickory and pine. Gaining 958-ft. of elevation, we peak out at 2,100-ft., afforded impressive panoramas from atop the backbone of the Southeast. But that's only half the payoff. The Syllamo gives and gives, offering refreshing breaks in swimming holes ever present along the 300-mile long White River. Big springs, chalky white bluffs and rolling water give way to sweet offshoots: 11.8 mile Scrappy Mountain, so named for its 18% maximum grade of ten-degrees, steep pitches and tiers of granite chock a blocks.

Riding the lush and misty mountains of central Arkansas is only the first act in a narrative defined by grand adventure. Once the bikes are stowed, we haul out the canoes. Taking to the White River, we paddle beneath limestone highlands and interpret the splendor of dense green canopies on America's very first national scenic river.

Then we go underground, exploring the world-renowned Blanchard Springs Caverns. An elaborate three-tiered cave system, Blanchard is named for the source that feeds its lengthy drips and wide seeps. A Forest Service guided tour takes us through this fantastic, mineral-rich netherworld.

After embracing our inner spelunker, honing both canoe and cycling skills, we enjoy the delightfully down-home hospitality of Mountain View, the folk music capital of the world.

## Ozark Mountains White River Multi-Sport Adventure

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| <b>Season:</b>             | Spring and Fall       |
| <b>Departure:</b>          | Little Rock, Arkansas |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b>        | 5 days, Casual Inns   |
| <b>Special Departures:</b> | Family Getaways       |

### Activities

MTB    HIKING    CAVE EXPLORATION    CANOEING

→ Technical Level: **2-3**    Fitness Level: **2-3**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Little Rock, Arkansas. Ride the White River Trail. Explore Scrappy Mountain Loop singletrack, its numerous streams and creeks.
- Day 3-4:** Swapping bikes for canoes we float the White River; through box canyons layered in sandstone, limestone, pausing in natural springs, caves, natural bridges. Back on bikes, we ride Jacks/Bad Branch Loop.
- Day 5:** Spelunk the depths of Blanchard Springs, highlight of our Wild Cave Tour.





***You Might Find It Interesting...***

From 2006-2010, Escape Adventures operated five trucks fueled exclusively by recycled vegetable oil. Transporting our guests and gear more than 100,000 miles during that time, we prevented the emissions of more than 100,000 pounds of CO<sub>2</sub>.



Photography: Dan Smith

While North Dakota might immediately conjure up images of brutal whiteouts and bitter cold, summers here are perfectly comfortable. With average temperatures in the upper 70s, the Maah Daah Hey Trail (140-miles west of Bismarck, the state capital) consistently provides a powerfully enjoyable experience. “It was here,” Teddy Roosevelt said, in 1903, “that the romance of my life began.”

Located adjacent to the National Park named in Roosevelt’s honor, the 140-mile long Maah Daah Hey Trail, or MDH is one of the lengthiest stretches of continuous trail in America. Hailed as an IMBA epic, the MDH unfolds on 95% singletrack, 25% of it set at a maximum grade of 14-degrees, but with a takeaway of 8,700-ft. total descent. From the northern unit to the ultra charming, cowboy-poet town of Medora (pop. 112), we spend five days riding what’s commonly called the most physically stunning stretch of The Northern Plains, peaking out at 2,703-ft.

The Maah Daah Hey translates into an "area that will be around for a long time." So isolated and rarely visited are the Dakota Badlands that they seem more like rich African savannah than western North Dakota. From rolling prairie to endless red-baked buttes, the MDH crisscrosses the least commercial unit in the National Park Service. Accordingly, no national park outside Alaska is better suited to pure, backcountry trekking and wildlife encounters.

In this, the Serengeti of the Great Plains, a day on the trail might bring you face to face with bison, elk, bighorn sheep, wild horses, pronghorn antelope, coyote, and wild turkey. Here, even the animals have heritage: the mustang herds that roam the Park are pure descendants from those of Sioux Indian chief Sitting Bull.

Besides big horizon and mega fauna, if not a restorative quality to the land Roosevelt discovered, our Badlands tour offers top-caliber riding. Crossing a variety of terrain, fjords of small streams plus the Little Missouri River, on grasslands that give way to big Cottonwood trees turned golden, the MDH affords as much five star eye candy as challenges for even the most experienced riders.



Photography: Dan Smith



## Maah Daah Hey Singletrack Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:      | Summer and Fall             |
| Departure:   | Medora, North Dakota        |
| Length/Stay: | 5 days, First-Class Camping |

→ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **3-4**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Medora. Shuttle to trail just outside Theodore Roosevelt NP. An introductory ride takes us on a great sampling of the Badlands. Shuttle to camp. Ride Bennett Trail through high prairie grasses and wooded draws. Spend the evening in good company under a bright blanket of stars, taking in the coyote calls that punctuate the night sky.

**Day 3-4:** Ride Devil’s Pass. Spectacular views across the Little Missouri River Valley eventually give way to the river itself. Camp near Teddy’s own Elkhorn Ranch. Continue on to Buffalo Gap and Wannagan Creek where we enjoy quick descents on buff singletrack mixed with petrified Cypress trees. Camp near Wannagan Creek.

**Day 5:** Ride Buffalo Gap along the outskirts of the South Unit of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Finish in Medora.





***You Might Find It Interesting...***

Escape Adventures began, in 1991, as the subject of a college marketing project. On April 10, 1992, Escape Adventures energized that idea: after a business license was secured, we ran our very first bike tour out to Red Rock Canyon.



Photography: Jason Miller

## Don't expect to see wilderness, expect to experience wilderness.

While big swathes of North America deals with snow and icy roads, we consider our great fortune: to enjoy exemplary outdoor wintertime adventure in the heart of the Mojave Desert, from Death Valley National Park to Red Rock Canyon.

Roam America's largest national park outside Alaska: 3,373,063-acre Death Valley National Park. Despite its rather foreboding name, Death Valley represents a stellar trekking destination. Hikers and bikers, climbers to rock hounds come to marvel at Spring's astounding wildflower blooms, not to mention the mild temperatures of fall and winter. Outdoorspeople will relish no less than 3,000-square miles of headspace, while cyclists find enviable elbowroom afforded by 350-miles of road and trails. (A full 91% of Death Valley is designated wilderness.)

We cycle across the big valley floor, stopping to visit historic sites, most of them accessed by 1930s-era Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) roads. Almost immediately we come to appreciate a very subtle legacy of the CCC: the bygone wisdom seen in roads built to respect, rather than conquer the landscape.

From slick Kevlar tires to thick Vibram soles, we navigate around and visually inhale sunbaked foothills, knolls, and stacks of boulders etched in yellow clay, rose and tan. These fantastic landscape features would serve as the backdrop for the first *Star Wars* film, Death Valley standing in for the planet Tatooine.

Each day in this storied place—contemplating 20-mule team wagons, Death Valley Scotty, the lost 49ers—you wake up in unfettered horizon. The evenings are given over to serious unwinding—“Prickly Pear margaritas, anyone?”—wrapped in great theatre: watching the two-mile high, 60-mile long Panamint Mountains, the valley's defining range to the West, transition from shades of cool blue to a deep, purple bruise as the evening light drops away. In the other direction, the Amargosa range to the east is nothing less than radiant, bathed in bronze tones.

We are the authentic conscience of adventure outfitters: our desert West trips represent the standard by which others judge. Or aspire to. Reflexively, when you experience these lands by mountain bike, led by people who have a deep connection to Red Rock and Death Valley, you'll quickly learn this is not a place to be endured, but rather a world-class outdoor recreation destination.



## CA & NV Death Valley & Red Rock Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:             | Winter, Spring & Fall                        |
| Departure:          | Las Vegas, Nevada                            |
| Length/Stay:        | 5 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways                              |

➔ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-3**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Las Vegas. Shuttle to Beatty; ride the new Spicer Ranch Trails, finishing with a cowboy dinner. The next day, descend epic Titus Canyon into Death Valley. Layover in beautiful Monarch Canyon.
- Day 3-4:** Climb to the top of Chloride Cliffs; explore ancient mining ruins. Hike down Monarch Canyon to the portal view of Death Valley. Visit massive sand dunes, then Stovepipe Wells. Stop at the National Park Visitor Center. Shuttle to Red Rock Canyon.
- Day 5:** Ride Cottonwood Valley's fabulous trail network, nestled below the cliffs of Red Rock Canyon. Shuttle back to Las Vegas.





"I highly recommend using Kevin and his team to make the most of your Red Rock experience. They were entertaining, knowledgeable and professional. They created an experience that our group will cherish for a life time." **Dona C**

**W**hat happens here stays here. It's a sure bet that most people's Las Vegas moment probably didn't include an immersion in the wilds. Or extend to some go-big outdoor adventure. But we're playing a strong hand. In the know Las Vegans quietly gush over the 100-miles of singletrack, matched by stunning desert scenery that characterizes Red Rock National Conservation Area. Our backyard treasure lends both head-clearing if not thorough lung expansion. Ultra forgiving, almost elegantly buffed trails present the perfect fit for those new to the sport. Care to take it up a notch? Adding extra distance, or a full house of difficulty options equals major payoff to those of a singletrack mind.

giant Yucca, crossed by bands of Bighorn sheep and wild burros. Our course: a long popular singletrack that winds through the Spring Mountains, the broad range that separates Las Vegas from the high country to the West. The following day we'll skirt the base of the Keystone Thrust, moved along by the equally fast and intimate Mustang Trails. Named for the wild mustangs that originally shaped them, these trails trace and wander around the scenic valley between the Black Velvet cliffs and Fossil Ridge. Truly a marriage of convenience, this two-day getaway is ideal for the "off-season" traveler. Those riders with limited vacation time, or businesspeople in search of an escape to bookend a working trip will also discover a perfect fit.

Our adventure kicks off with an exciting loop around the Cottonwood Valley, sloping tablelands of Joshua Trees and



## Las Vegas Daily Red Rock Canyon Tours

**Season:** Year-Round

**Activities:** Hiking, Mountain Biking, Road Biking, and eBikes

**Fitness Level/Technical Level:** All levels. Customized to each group.

In addition to our Red Rock weekend tour, we also offer full and half-day mountain bike tours, as well as road bike, eBike and hiking trips. All tours set off from our Las Vegas based Escape Adventures Tour Center, which shares space alongside our award-winning bike shop—Las Vegas Cyclery.

## Red Rock Canyon Weekend Mountain Bike Tour

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| <b>Season:</b>             | Winter, Spring and Fall |
| <b>Departure:</b>          | Las Vegas, Nevada       |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b>        | 2 days, Casual Inn      |
| <b>Special Departures:</b> | Family Getaways         |

➔ **Technical Level: 2-3** **FitnessLevel: 2-3**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Las Vegas. Shuttle to Red Rock Canyon and ride below the massive red rock cliff. Ride the beautiful trails of Cottonwood Valley finishing in the oasis desert community of Blue Diamond. Shuttle back to Las Vegas.





Spanning 400 miles, California’s High Sierra is a powerhouse of a mountain range: not only is it the longest in the lower 48, it is also home to the highest number of peaks. But this broad sweep, that cleaves nearly the entirety of the Golden State, is more than just a mammoth geological structure, it is an iconic if not palpable presence.

The number one draw of this tour is Nevada’s preeminent ride: The Flume Trail, nothing less than a first-class pleasure cruise, carving over chaparral and gloriously buffed forest floor. Unobstructed views of Lake Tahoe loom just below the trail. Fill your play day descending the trails and fast turns Northstar’s known for; then relax in the overwhelming splendor that is the Sierra’s. With that rock add some roll, shooting the high peaks above Marlette Lake on the Tahoe Rim Trail. Then it’s an up-tempo downhill to 191-sq mile Lake Tahoe to swim and refresh in America’s deepest alpine lake. Finish a phenomenal day in the adorable village of Downyville, exploring and savoring some of California’s best high-country singletrack. Far and away, from end to end, a literal tour de force.

Okay, all these drool factor touts sound too good to be true? Don’t take our word for it: *Bicycling Magazine* hailed our Lake Tahoe package as “one of the 50 Best trips on the planet!”

### Lake Tahoe & Lost Sierras Singletrack Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:      | Summer and Fall                              |
| Departure:   | Reno, Nevada                                 |
| Length/Stay: | 5 days, Casual & Luxury Inns and Restaurants |

➔ Technical Level: **3-5** FitnessLevel: **3-5**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Reno. Shuttle to Lake Tahoe/Nevada State Park. Ride the celebrated Flume Trail. Settle into super cozy accommodations at Northstar Resort. Ride Northstar’s roller coaster trails; optional ride ascends to the top of Mount Wilson, delivering 360-degree views of the Sierra Nevadas.

**Day 3-4:** Ride Downeyville; descend for a day of classic singletrack downhill in the heart of the Sierras. Surrounded by 8,000-ft. peaks, more than two dozen alpine lakes and thousands of acres of national forest. Spend the following day on long singletrack descents on Mt. Hough.

**Day 5:** Ride the Tahoe Rim Trail. Larger-than-life 360-degree views on top give way to a descent all the way down to Carson City. Shuttle back to Reno.



Photography: Troy Paulekas

## Lake Tahoe Multi-Sport Adventure

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| Season:             | Summer and Fall                                |
| Departure:          | Reno, Nevada                                   |
| Length/Stay:        | 5 days, Casual Inns                            |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways<br>Luxury Inns and Restaurants |

### Activities

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| MTB | HIKING | KAYAKING |
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→ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-3**

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**T**ake flight with us, on a high impact/high luster multi-sport interpretation of Lake Tahoe and the High Sierras. Seemingly endless options, coupled with visual splendor at every turn make this a summer must for those guided by the spirit of adventure!

We kick off along the north side of 22-mile long Lake Tahoe. More specifically, at the Northstar Resort where hundreds of miles of gorgeous, meandering trails show the way to hiking, biking, and wildlife viewing bliss. Our high-energy excursions sweep through tall sugar pine forests that break for stunning wildflower-draped meadows. On Lake Tahoe’s sparkling blue surface, we kayak between secluded wilderness coves, swimming and sunning at a detached leisure most of us adults and wage earners have long forgotten. Our adventure closes out with optional activities, including a hike along the Tahoe Rim Trail.

From the resplendent shores of Lake Tahoe, to the humbling steps of the Sierras—and what John Muir called “the grandest of all temples”—our Sierra Nevada/Lake Tahoe Multi-Sport Adventure will remind you what’s dear if not essential about this life, the nurture of nature, lifting soul and spirit.

**Day 1-2:** Meet in Reno. Shuttle to Spooner Lake. Ride the famed Flume Trail, retiring at cozy Northstar Resort. Paddle Lake Tahoe’s brilliantly azure waters on kayak.

**Day 3-4:** Ride the Tahoe Rim Trail to Tunnel Creek; then onto Sand Harbor for a late lunch. Ride to Northstar; choosing either a late-afternoon hike, or a solo spa treatment. The next day swim, hike, or bike (via lift access), plus an option of other organized activities offered onsite.

**Day 5:** Hike to Mt. Watson atop gentle sloping terrain through big Ponderosa pines. Shuttle back to Reno.







**Nicknamed “Surf City”, Santa Cruzes’ identity ranges from a college town, distinctive for its thriving counterculture, to big Redwood-groves, omnipresent greenbelts, and barking sea lions.**

Our trip leans towards organic farms, the flourishing artisanal beer and wine scene, as well as long stretches of free spirited, primo singletrack. Wilder Ranch State Park, a 700-acre coast hugging preserve, boasts beautiful trails amongst Brussels sprout fields and towering Redwoods. Respectfully built around a 19<sup>th</sup> century dairy ranch, Gothic Revival farmhouses and a Victorian residence, Wilder Ranch is as much about cultural moorings as it is easy-on-the-eyes pastoral. From regal structures to beachcombing, big bluffs to inland canyons, we explore it all; places that come with their own informal history lesson.

From offbeat tolerant Santa Cruz, we head in a figuratively far different direction. At the Monterrey Bay beachfront, we find the immaculately groomed Fort Ord. It was here that over one million U.S servicemen trained from 1917-1944. As Wilder Ranch served as the opening act, the thick forest and cornucopia of trails we find at the “playground” in Soquel Demonstration State Park will flat-out steal the show.

From Mexican land grant turned logging company reserve turned state forest (1988), the Soquel Demo is now the Bay Area’s number one mountain bike park. The 19-signature trails here total 27-miles: they range from the advanced Braille DH (with bypasses) to six different Flow Trails, (think more intermediate). The highest trail reaches 2,558-ft.; conversely the down hills total 14-miles of distance. That’s a lot of whoop.

From 40,000-acres of lush coastal preserves to great spans of giant Redwoods, “Cool” Santa Cruz to the rich literary history around Monterrey, this plum-riding destination energies and harmonic resonances is unlike any other Escape Adventure.

**California Coast Santa Cruz Mountain Bike Tour** 

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| Season:      | Spring and Fall      |
| Departure:   | San Jose, California |
| Length/Stay: | 4 days, Casual Inns  |

➔ Technical Level: **3-4** FitnessLevel: **3-4**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in San Jose. Shuttle to the beachside Wilder Ranch State, a historic site edging Santa Cruz, California. Cruise the countryside and drink in sea air on the Eucalyptus Bike Loop, through coastal scrubs and open grasslands. After riding the coastal cliffs above the Pacific, shuttle to Fort Ord National Monument (home of the world-famous Sea Otter Classic mountain bike festival). Big ring it through 28-miles of velvety, even-keel singletrack; then its beach-time decompression.

**Day 3-4:** Shuttle to Soquel Demonstration State Forest. Full day devoted to purpose-built mountain bike trails. The evening unfolds in downtown Santa Cruz. Our finale takes us to El Corte Madera State Park: a full day of riding splendor amongst giant Redwoods. Shuttle back to San Jose.



 THE SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS | IDAHO





Photography: Merrick Golz

**O**ur Backcountry Hot Springs Multi-Sport Adventure showcases the magnificent Sawtooth Mountain Range, in Idaho’s lower midsection. You want to talk American Exceptionalism, this national recreation area, comprised of The Boise, Sawtooth and Challis National Forests—largest set aside in the continental United States—borders a vast, textbook wilderness marked by a staggering 587,000-acres of road-less area. In terms of reference points, you’re one and a half hours north of Boise: the Stanley Basin, a chunk of the Idaho Batholith, plus the physically striking Sawtooths to the east represents our ingress, or gateway to all manner of outstanding adventure pursuits.

High in the 2,612,703-acre Boise National Forest, beholding a 50-mile horizon, we submerge ourselves for the next six days. Think quick descents on nimble, do-it-all mountain bikes; rolling high ridges, navigating the forests that feed broad grasslands. Below the trail loom some of the best trout fishing holes in The West. The regulars we might meet: Bull Moose, bear, deer and elk. This high country blends hiking with mountain biking, whitewater rafting with glorious soaks in the area’s abundant natural hot springs! Speaking to the latter, some are signed. While only tall columns of steam give others away. Mineral-suffused, the hot springs we drop into are clean, delightfully secluded, all at various depths if not degrees. Put another way: You might have a cozy two-seater with a sandy bottom all to yourself; or we’ll share warm, connected earthen pools fed by multiple waterfalls. Seriously, it doesn’t get any better.

Our days will unfold at anywhere from 4,400-ft. to 8,000-ft.. Likewise, each night’s campsite differs just as widely. One day we rest and recline in backcountry style, surrounded by tall, sloping grasslands. The next finds us around a fantastic campfire, beneath owls and shooting stars, swept up in the sway of endless coniferous forest: from Ponderosa, Lodgepole and Whitebark pine to Western larch, Douglas fir and Englemann spruce. The ambient then transitions to a soothing-constant churn when the shore above a whitewater river becomes our home for a night. Each day’s stunning beauty, sights and sounds, complements and perfects the next.

## Backcountry Hot Springs Multi-Sport Adventure

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| <b>Season:</b>             | Summer and Fall             |
| <b>Departure:</b>          | Boise, Idaho                |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b>        | 6 days, First-Class Camping |
| <b>Special Departures:</b> | Family Getaways             |

### Activities

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| MTB | HIKING | RAFTING |
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→ Technical Level: **1-2** Fitness Level: **1-3**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Boise. Shuttle to Rocky Bar then ride mountain roads to Atlanta, a historic mining town and home for the next two nights. Next a daylong hike into the beautiful big country along Decker Creek finishes in a well-deserved hot spring pool.

**Day 3-4:** Shuttle to Banner Ridge; then descend from 7,100-ft. to 4,300-ft. to the Payette River. Next up: raft the Payette; Class IV rapids barrel us up and down the Lower South Fork.

**Day 5-6:** Hike alongside beautiful Clear Creek, through a Douglas fir forest; summit Red Mountain. Wind down the week on Banner Ridge’s ultra-accommodating singletracks. Shuttle back to Boise.





## Hot Springs and Singletrack Mountain Bike Tour

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| <b>Season:</b>      | Summer and Fall             |
| <b>Departure:</b>   | Boise, Idaho                |
| <b>Length/Stay:</b> | 5 days, First-Class Camping |

➔ **Technical Level: 3-5**   **Fitness Level: 3-5**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Boise. Shuttle to Pine. Ride the Green Creek Trail, cradled by big, beautiful Boise National Forest. Cool off in the South Fork of the Boise River. Relax in the Paradise Hot Springs, next to camp. A short shuttle to the Yuba River Trail deep, within the Sawtooth Mountains; closed out by a ride into the mining town of Atlanta. Layover here: alongside a cascading hot spring.

**Day 3-4:** Ride the challenging Decker Creek Trail. Shuttle to Banner Ridge; then descend 3,000-ft. to the roaring Payette River. The hot springs just keep on coming, made all the more pleasurable—or necessary—on the heels of climbing the burly Deadwood Ridge trail.

**Day 5:** Shuttle to Banner Ridge: cruise the latter’s densely wooded cross-country trails. Unmatched views onto the Steel Mountain, Sunset and Pilot Peaks, plus a thoroughly picturesque constant defines our last day’s riding. Shuttle back to Boise.



“This was my fourth multi-day bike bike tour with Escape. The Idaho trip is the best and toughest singletrack mountain bike tour they offer. It was great seeing Merrick and Troy again, they are fantastic guides, and I knew we were in for a good time. The trails were definitely more challenging than the other tours and a lot of fun. We didn’t see a single person on the trail over the entire 5 days. Some of the trails were overgrown in places, I recommend long sleeves and socks, but on other days the trails were more open. We did some serious climbing, and some hike-a-bike, but it was worth it for the epic descents. Each night we camped at a hot springs by a river and we alternated between jumping off the rocks into a freezing river, and lazing around in the hot springs. Food as always, was spectacular, and we even managed to somehow time being at the van for lunch when a huge thunderstorm broke out and dumped hail on us. Thanks Merrick and Troy, for another great adventure!” -Greg C, Idaho Hotsprings & Singletrack



**P**icture yourself cruising into camp, thoroughly gassed but still blissed out by a mountain bike trail that truly took your measure. Before you can kick off your cycling shoes, you’re led to a freshly prepared, scrumptious dinner. Beyond that multicourse fare, lay a cascading natural hot spring. Can you handle that truth: five days of fast if transfixing mountain bike rides, bookended by brilliant hot springs and wild rivers make up the deliverables, cut and shaped by the strong-featured Sawtooth Mountains.

We ride beneath the shadows of Greylock Mountain, riding quick chutes through the Boise and Payette river backcountry. Like off-ramps to paradise, our course features stopovers at a succession of remote natural hot springs. Other highlights include a triad of noteworthy mining towns: Atlanta, Lowman, and Pine.

We offer two tour options: one that merges kinder-gentler riding with soothing hot spring soaks (Intro tour); the other, a main-course spiced with challenging trails, but finished with warm mountainside upwelling (Singletrack tour). Either way, Mother Nature’s healing waters, forever sought by people the world over await us each night, witnessed only by the starry constellations overhead.

## Backcountry Hot Springs Intro Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:             | Summer and Fall             |
| Departure:          | Boise, Idaho                |
| Length/Stay:        | 5 days, First-Class Camping |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways             |

➔ Technical Level: **1-2** FitnessLevel: **1-3**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Boise. Shuttle to Rocky Bar; descend to the historic town of Atlanta. Spend next two days riding and hiking the area’s best trails.
- Day 3-4:** Shuttle to Banner Ridge. Descend 3,000-ft. on Ponderosa Pine/Scenic Backcountry Road to the tiny Lowman settlement, along the banks of the Payette River. Ride singletrack paralleling Banner Ridge, on the Cougar and Alpine Trails. Then drop into Kirkham Hot Springs.
- Day 5:** Pilot Peak to Idaho City point-to-point ride distinguished by an epic 5,000-ft. descent.





5/5...I would rate them higher if I could. Simply excellent. Year after year Nikki never disappoints. She knows what our group likes. Both guides were incredibly professional and busted their butts 24 hours a day to ensure our group had a great time.... Can't say enough good things about them. Honestly haven't laughed that hard in a long time as I did on this trip." Karina, Oregon's High Lakes Adventure



### High Lakes Bachelor and Bend Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:      | Summer and Fall                              |
| Departure:   | Bend, Oregon                                 |
| Length/Stay: | 5 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |

➔ Technical Level: **3-4** FitnessLevel: **3-4**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Bend. Ride the shadows beneath Mt Bachelor to Lava Lake. Swim cool, alpine waters followed by storytelling and relaxation around a campfire. Ride to Cultus Lake, then Deer Lake. Camp at Little Cultus Lake. An optional ride ascends to the top of Cultus Mountain.
- Day 3-4:** A morning ride takes us around Lemish Lake. After breaking camp we shuttle to Newberry National Volcanic Monument—a collapsed volcano comparable to Crater Lake. Ride the entire rim of the Caldera. Camp on Paulina Lake.
- Day 5:** Finish the tour with Parallel and Lost Lake trails through the incredibly scenic Obsidian Flow. After lunch alongside the lake, shuttle back to Bend.

**A**s a pioneering outfitter in Oregon, our mindset has always been, if you build it—ethically, sustainably—they will come. From memorable campsites to our trademark rides, plenty of life’s small pleasures are yours while riding Oregon’s Cascade Mountains.

It begins in the stunning countryside that frames Mt. Bachelor: named for the sharp, if aloof 9,068-ft. nobleman seemingly detached from the nearby Three Sisters, a tight band of 10,000-ft. volcanic peaks. About 20-miles southwest of Bend, we ride beautiful singletrack through dense forest, arcing around no less than five dazzling high mountain lakes. Spanning 1.8-million acres, the Deschutes National Forest opens onto a trail system heavy on variety but lightly traveled. Our backcountry routes roll up to lofty waterfalls and edge a 7,000-year old volcanic peak. The newly designated Newberry Volcanic National Monument—within the Deschutes NF—promises not only epic singletrack riding within its 55,500-acres, but spectacular lakes that give way to flows of sparkling obsidian, suspended in long-ago lava flows.

By virtue of its diverse trails and routes, Mt Bachelor lends itself to a wide-range of skill levels.



Photography: Nicole Maurer



Our unmatched High Lakes Multi-Sport Adventure stages from the base of Mount Bachelor: just outside the city of Bend, Oregon (pop. 91,000, a logging town turned outdoor recreation gateway). Distinct for his bold, rakish demeanor, if not a discernible insularity Mt Bachelor, “the little volcano with a big view”, is surrounded by five snow-fed lakes around which a sinewy circuit of trails extends far and wide.

Bachelor and the adjacent Deschutes National Forest wield a fantastic array of outstanding, yet little used backcountry trails and roads. Crossing three Oregon counties, the wilderness on the Cascades’ east flank shelters waterfalls and big evergreens. In the brilliant cool air, an outdoorsperson can’t help but find all manner of major contentment. From the churning edge of the Deschutes River, our tour unfolds in multiple chapters: from cycling to rafting the rapids to rock climbing.

Smith Rock, one of Oregon’s Seven Wonders, is a visual paradise as well as a rock climbing mecca. A gloriously green, 641-acre state park, Smith Rock (near Redmond, Oregon) is a wild mix and match of spires and sheer tufts of basalt. Besides providing habitat to Golden eagles and Prairie falcons, the bluffs and spires lording over Smith Rock have a showy side, projecting gorgeous silhouettes onto already spectacular sunsets.

## High Lakes Bachelor and Bend Multi-Sport Adventure

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| Season:             | Summer and Fall                              |
| Departure:          | Bend, Oregon                                 |
| Length/Stay:        | 6 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways                              |

### Activities

|     |        |               |         |
|-----|--------|---------------|---------|
| MTB | HIKING | ROCK CLIMBING | RAFTING |
|-----|--------|---------------|---------|

→ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-3**

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| <p><b>Day 1-2:</b> Meet in Bend. Ride from Mt. Bachelor through ponderosa pine and fir to Lava Lake. Camp then head through thick forest, over bridges, and across streams to Little Cultus Lake.</p> <p><b>Day 3-4:</b> Explore the banks of the Deschutes River. Later we raft those same waters, shooting the "Big Eddy" rapids. Shuttle to Newberry Crater and weave singletracks through the Big Obsidian Flow and along the Rim.</p> <p><b>Day 5-6:</b> Relax in Shevlin Parks mellow trails. Take the afternoon off, exploring ultra-outdoorsy Bend. Our finale, we are introduced to Smith Rock State Park. We climb for a half-day, lunch in the park, and shuttle back to Bend.</p> |
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“They “trip leaders” worked very hard every day and made sure that all guests needs were met and were very good at adapting when needed. It is obvious that they love to ride just as much as I do which to me makes the trip so much better. They are the kind of people that you would want to hang out and ride on a regular basis.” Monty M., Mt. Hood to Columbia River Gorge

The sight of Oregon's Mount Hood (53-miles east of Portland) can be something of a revelation. First spotted by Lewis and Clark in 1805, and often compared to another great upswept dome, Japan's Mount Fuji, Oregon's tallest peak rises 11,250-ft. over gentle forested slopes. Its topographic prominence—how high the summit rises above its surroundings—places Hood amongst America's loftiest.

An incredibly diverse succession of terrain, from glacial plains to mountain ridges, rainforests, woodlands to orchard valleys, defines this mountain bike epic. From Oregon's most prominent landmark, Mt. Hood, notable for its twelve snowfields or glaciers, the potentially active stratovolcano beneath it, we skirt the surrounding 1,067,000-acre national forest, headed for the Columbia River Gorge.

Following a portion of the historic, 2,170-mile Oregon Trail, laid out by fur traders in 1811, who gave way to large wagon wheels our tour then traces an ancient glacial ridgeline. The latter flanks Mount Hood. Egressing into the Columbia River National Scenic Area, we'll experience the legendary singletrack atop Surveyor's Ridge.

Bestowed with IMBA Epic status, Surveyor's 20-miles of singletrack merges some techie spots with big alpine rushes. No doubt a bit of a challenge at times, the work pays off: in a thrilling descent from High Prairie, matched by a glorious panorama of the Cascade Mountain Range. Like sprinkles on an ice cream cone, crisscrossing glacier-fed streams, riding through the scenic Hood River Valley and down to the mighty Columbia River, tops up this tour. You can also expect views of Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens, its self-healing process, from the 1980 eruption creating a one-of-a-kind landscape.

Characterized by an alpine to high desert transition, with a total elevation loss of 4,000-ft., color this an athletic bike tour, owing to a dynamic of daily climbs and descents. That said, many of these routes have options: either transiting calmer-wider logging roads, or hewing to more technical singletrack. Reflexively this mountain bike tour fits riders of widely varying abilities.



Photography: Laura Buxton

## Mount Hood to Columbia River Gorge

### Mountain Bike Tour

|              |                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------|
| Season:      | Summer and Fall             |
| Departure:   | Portland, Oregon            |
| Length/Stay: | 5 days, First-Class Camping |

➔ Technical Level: **2-4** Fitness Level: **3-4**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Portland. Shuttle to Government Camp. Descend the Old Barlow Road (along The Oregon Trail). Climb to Grasshopper Point to a beautiful backcountry forest camp. The next day, ride alongside Mt. Hood's Gunsight Ridge; marked by superb views of Mt. Hood and Badger Lake. Ride past 6,200 ft. Lookout Mountain, then onto our camp.
- Day 3-4:** Miles of all-day singletrack rolling atop Kneable Springs, Bottle Prairie and—possibly—Eight Mile Creek Trails. Next day showcases one of favorite Oregon trails: Dog River. Post ride we hike to a cascading waterfall below Mt. Hood.
- Day 5:** Ride the beautiful Surveyor's Ridge singletrack to Hood River, as well as the Columbia River Gorge. Shuttle back to Portland.





It is the striking visage of the Grand Tetons that sets it apart from the rest of the Rocky Mountains. First, in the highest, sky-scraping thrust—an abrupt 7,000-ft. just above Jackson Hole—that peers over a no less impressive supporting cast. So sharply serrated, the sub-peaks evoke a Great White shark's lower jaw stretched atop a high plateau. Only 40-miles long by ten-miles wide, this relatively small segment of the Rockies is also the youngest. Unlike other ranges in the Rockies, the Tetons have not been around long enough to acquire the foothills, or softer lines shaped by centuries of erosion. The Grand Teton National Park and adjoining National Forest protect this unique geographical feature, which peaks out at 13,770-ft.; not to mention the wildlife, wildly lush subalpine meadows, and rich recreation opportunities we savor.

Our mountain bike tour hugs four distinct regions around cowboy-artsy Jackson Hole and the surrounding Teton Range. On the valley floor, in the “hole” surrounded by mountains, we ride the rolling prairie trails of Antelope Flats. To the east, we loop around through the Red Hills/Gros Ventre area on the Ditch Creek Trail. From here, directly across the valley and south of the Teton Mountains, we can see the Munger Trails. And to the west, on the Idaho side of the Tetons, we enjoy the 600-acre Grand Targhee Resort in Alta, Wyoming, descending purpose-built singletrack for an afternoon. The first DH-specific destination in the Tetons, the Grand Targhee's 70-miles of multi-use trails spans gentle-banked cruising to tighter, XC singletrack to more challenging trails. Lift access delivers 2,200-vertical feet of downhill riding.

Each glorious morning, set against the dramatic Tetons, we'll traverse peaks, cirques, U-shaped canyons and glacial lakes. Sweeping through big mountain ecosystems, we'll pass Ticklegrass to Tufted Hair Grasses; crossing moose, elk, Pika and Yellow Bellied Marmot habitat, among others. More experienced mountain bikers will thrill to the Tetons inspiring elevations and dynamic trails!



## Grand Teton Mountain Bike Tour

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| Season:      | Summer and Fall                              |
| Departure:   | Jackson, Wyoming                             |
| Length/Stay: | 5 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |

➔ Technical Level: **3-5** Fitness Level: **3-4**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Jackson. Next two days Ride Shadow Mountain, the Red Hills area. Both trails lend spectacular views of both the Tetons, as well as the Snake River Valley.

**Day 3-4:** Shuttle to Grand Targhee Resort, west side of the Tetons. Spectacular singletrack trails winding through wildflower meadows; plus miles of lift serviced trails. A half-day devoted to Jackson, then Teton National Park exploring scenic Jenny Lake.

**Day 5:** Our drawdown day takes us to the Munger Trails atop Munger Mountain. Laced through aspen forests and grassy hilltops—and technically easy—Munger Mountain affords the best possible way to closeout a thoroughly action-packed week.



**The Tetons are not merely rocks; they are a fountain of energy.**

From an internationally acclaimed climbing destination, to an active geologic laboratory sitting atop enough magma too fill The Grand Canyon seven times over, (Park Service estimate), we get swept up in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem defined by no less than 17 rivers, 290 waterfalls, 4,000 bison, wolf and lynx, plus the largest lake at elevation, 7,733-ft. Yellowstone.

Along the valley floor, our tour unfolds on mountain bikes; riding through the Bridger-Teton National Forest, across open Bull moose and bison range. With no foothills, the Grand Tetons rise super-abruptly, a lofty 7,000-ft. from the valley floor. In the distance, the unmistakable whistle-call of elk pierces the crystalline silence. Along our journey, we encounter the area's world famous natural attractions, including Old Faithful and Yellowstone Lake. At the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone we immerse all our senses in a magnificent waterfall. The latter plunges, with all sorts of drama over a 500-foot striated cliff, resolving into a great, mist-veiled valley.

Hugging the Gros Ventre and Wind River mountain ranges, we pedal past tributaries of the powerful Snake River. Taking up a frothy challenge, we raft the rapids: interpreting-experiencing this Big Western wilderness from a wholly different perspective. We take a ferry across majestic Jenny Lake; hike up Cascade Canyon, in the heart of the Tetons, then test out our skills with a beginner rock climbing adventure.

From subterranean pressure cooker to the vast aboveground paradise, this unmatched, multi-sport adventure focuses on the very best outdoor adventures the Tetons offer. Moreover, you have the option to complete each day, in either a beautiful camping location, or casual inns tour. Either way, expect to pile on the superlatives when it comes time to pen your postcards!

**Teton and Yellowstone Multi-Sport Adventure**

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|---------------------|--|
| Season:             | Summer and Fall                              |
| Departure:          | Jackson, Wyoming                             |
| Length/Stay:        | 6 days<br>First-Class Camping or Casual Inns |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways                              |

Activities

|     |        |               |         |
|-----|--------|---------------|---------|
| MTB | HIKING | ROCK CLIMBING | RAFTING |
|-----|--------|---------------|---------|

→ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-3**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Jackson. Ride the Antelope Flats trails within Teton National Park. The next day: plunge eight-miles of whitewater rapids along the Snake River.

**Day 3-4:** The morning opens at Shadow Mountain trails. The latter half of the day is spent riding Teton National Park's bike path. Ferry across majestic Jenny Lake for a rock climbing course in Cascade Canyon.

**Day 5-6:** Yellowstone; The day extends from world famous Old Faithful geyser, to Grand Prismatic Spring, and Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Decompress at The Lake Hotel's ultra-comfy lounge. Our final day, ride Munger Trails followed by a trailside picnic lunch then shuttle back to Jackson.





Just over the border from Washington State, Rossland, British Columbia has come to be known as “the mountain bike capital of Canada”. Surrounded by five Canadian provincial parks, the magnificent Kootenays and an untold number of alpine lakes, Rossland (pop. 3,556) has evolved from a 19<sup>th</sup> century gold rush town into something of a remote test bed; where magazine editors gather to evaluate the next generation of mountain bikes.

Tucked up against an extinct volcanic crater, Rossland is also the gateway to British Columbia’s Monashee Mountains. Scots-Gaelic for “peaceful mountain”, the Monashees arc 250-miles across Southern BC’s interior, peaking out at 10,700-ft. defined by great stands of old growth Cedar, Spruce and Hemlock, roaring creeks beneath thick rainforests. The seven dramatic summits above Rossland draw columns of Canadians and fat-tire types from the American Northwest keen to experience the epics: full-day rides that combine all mountain/cross-country features, wedded to hour-long descents. Mountain bikers can expect nothing but endless singletrack through forests of pine and cedar, clean lines feeding into wide in the hip banked turns.

The highpoint of this big value/big character tour is the Seven Summits ride. Characterized by endless singletrack over infinite ridgelines, this spectacular point-to-point trail traverses the Rossland Range. The latter is part of seven continuous Canadian national parks and World Heritage sites, some 543-square miles of British Columbia big rivers, bigger mountains and big Old Growth stands stretching to Southwest Alberta, home to an abundance of wildlife. Given that backdrop, expect a full day of forest mulch on the Seven Summits, widely acclaimed by riders the world over, ranked an IMBA epic, no less than BIKE Magazine’s Trail Of The Year (2007).

Finish each day in a rustic inn: feet and wool socks edging the fireplace, replaying the day’s highlights, swept up in BC’s natural beauty.

## British Columbia Singletrack

### Mountain Bike Tour

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Season:      | Summer               |
| Departure:   | Rossland, BC, Canada |
| Length/Stay: | 6 days, Casual Inns  |

➔ Technical Level: **3-4** Fitness Level: **3-4**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet in Spokane, WA. Shuttle to Rossland, BC. After lunch, ride the Rubberhead Trail, a Rossland classic. The next day is bookended by the Coffee Run Trail. Expect no shortage of creeks; climbs, logs, if not the best kind of fat tire fun.
- Day 3-4:** Ride the Seven Summits and Dewdney Trails: all-day epics across mountain meadows, deep forest canopies, and mountain top ridgelines. Close down the afternoon unwinding in downtown Rossland.
- Day 5-6:** We open on the beautiful trails of Christina Lake, along the scenic Deer Point Trail. Then conclude with the Vertical Smile Trail—all truth in that advertising. Shuttle back to Spokane.



Often compared to a bygone Costa Rica, Belize, a commonwealth of 366,954, quietly, subtly, flaunts its natural beauty: 240-miles of pristine coast, vibrant barrier reefs, plus 70-degree turquoise waters.

An extraordinarily peaceful country with only four highways, Belize—formerly known as British Honduras—spans 180-miles long by 68-miles wide. Occupying the lush Yucatan Peninsula, its geography is fundamentally binary: dense jungle to the West; open coastline that peers out to low-lying islands called *cayes* to the East. By virtue of its rich archaeological sites, the lowest population density in Central America, plus great mountain biking, caving and scuba diving opportunities, Belize has truly come on as a premier adventure travel destination.

## The Carribean Multi-Sport Adventure

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| Season:             | Winter                            |
| Departure:          | Belize City, Belize               |
| Length/Stay:        | 7 days, Casual Inns and Bungalows |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways                   |

### Activities

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|-----|--------|------------|---------|
| MTB | HIKING | SNORKELING | RAFTING |
|-----|--------|------------|---------|

→ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-3**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Belize City. Shuttle to Cayo District. Visit the Belize Zoo. Ride to the Maya ruins of Xunantunich: the second tallest structure in Belize. Relax at the lodge, or explore the jungle.

**Day 3-4:** Shuttle through colorful Maya villages to the Mountain Pine Ridge Forest Reserve. Ride to the Rio On pools, a splendid spot for lunch and a refreshing swim. Cycle to Rio Frio cave: an eroded limestone grotto teeming with stalagmites and stalactites. Journey to Caves Branch River; enjoy a daylong inner tube or inflatable kayak trip under dripstone formations and other sinkhole entrances and tributaries.

**Day 5-6:** Mountain bike to the Vaca Plateau: a lush area within the Maya Mountains. Hike to the Chumpiate Cave, a ceremonial site dating back 1,500-2,000 years. Mountain bike back toward Chaa Creek through lush jungle, stopping to swim in the Macal River.

**Day 7:** After breakfast, shuttle back to the airport.





Our North Island Timber Trail trip can be deconstructed in a very economical two words: *sui generis*. Defined as one of a kind, its own class, in a category of its own.

New Zealand's North Island physically distills Hawaii and Switzerland. Good beer and friendly inclinations. Amazing plants and 1,000-year old trees. Geysers and plunging waterfalls, the flightless Kiwi bird, some of the world's last prehistoric rainforest. And: upwards of 50-80 million sheep spread across a landscape the size of Colorado.

Our six days on North Island go deep into complex and wildly diverse ecosystems. Here in the Southern Hemisphere, beyond the belt of haze so tragically prevalent in the Northern Hemisphere we're meet with 40% greater visibility (on average). Those enhanced senses will serve us well. At Huka Falls, tucked into our trail across Pureora Forest, it's as much the sight as the wall of sound that captivates: 58,117-gallons of pearl blue water thundering over a cliff face every second. On the Timber Trail, the narrative becomes something of a wilderness in transition: we ride over bygone bulldozer and timber roads given a revitalizing, low impact repurposing: now designated for thru-hikers and mountain bikers

Each day the trails dissolve into forest so dense and exotic, the undergrowth so rich in moss and exuberant chartreuse fern you can't help but feel as if you were in Middle Earth. In a real sense, the steaming craters and boiling mud-pools we find on one trail lend a portal to that very realm.

## Timber Trail

### Mountain Bike Tour

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Season:      | Winter                                 |
| Departure:   | Auckland, Rotorua, New Zealand         |
| Length/Stay: | 7 days, Casual Inns (Wilderness Lodge) |

→ Technical Level: **3-5** Fitness Level: **3-4**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Rotorua, Transit to the Whakarewrewa Forest, home not only to huge spans of California Coastal Redwoods. Ride smooth and flowy trails for two days followed by overnight at the Rotorua Redwoods House.

**Day 3-4:** Shuttle south of Rotorua, into North Island's volcanic heartland to the Timber Trail: a backcountry Kiwi classic then ride atop the summit of Mt Pureora, taking in 300-sq miles of ancient rainforest.

**Day 5-6:** Crossover New Zealand's highest suspension bridge and experience the world's only rideable railway. Overnight at National Park Lodge, at the foot of 9177-ft Mt Ruapehu (North Island's highest peak). Finally, drop in on the "Great Lake Trail".

**Day 7:** After breakfast return to Auckland.



## South Island, Queenstown Mountain Bike Tour

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|--------------|---------------------------|
| Season:      | Winter                    |
| Departure:   | Christchurch, New Zealand |
| Length/Stay: | 7 days, Casual Inns       |

➔ Technical Level: **3-5** Fitness Level: **3-4**

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Queenstown is, far and away the Southern Hemisphere’s extreme sports Mecca. Conjuring a visit to Middle Earth, our Kiwi odyssey showcases the world-class mountain biking around New Zealand’s larger-than-life South Island. Dominated by the snowcapped Southern Alps, no less than 18-peaks over 9,800-ft., crowned by Mount Cook at 12,316-ft., the rivers, beaches, fjords and trails render South Island wildly friendly to all manner of outdoor adventure enthusiasts. As one American mountain bike journalist noted, “You’ll have mountains as spectacular as The Sierras, but with an emerald lake in front of each one; and waterfalls cascading down each slope.”

An island nation of 3.8-million—1,200-miles across The Tasman Sea from its next closest country—New Zealand consistently ranks in the top tier of quality of life, health and education studies.

Queenstown (pop 15,000), in particular, aspires to be the most cycle-friendly region in New Zealand. Suffice to say, we’re at one with their goal, stoked to do our part to support a community defined by this admirable vision. As such, we’ll wholeheartedly sample the extraordinary mountain biking throughout South Island. From glaciated mountains, distinct for their biodiversity, our South Island tour will traverse landscapes that change dramatically over relatively short distances and provide the most amazing mountain bike tour in the world.

**Day 1-2:** Meet in Christchurch. Heading north, to the alpine village of Hanmer Springs we ride forested singletrack. Unwind in the Hanmer thermal pools. Ride the Wharfedale Track. Layover in Arthur’s Pass National Park.

**Day 3-4:** A relaxed drive to Craigieburn Forest taxis us to a ski resort; a half-day of rides. Shuttle to Geraldine: take in a night of small-town New Zealand. Ride over Dansey’s Pass, a high country tussock land in the Kakanui Mountains.

**Day 5-6:** Spend the day riding trails on the *Lord of the Rings*’ filming location: the “Land of Rohan”. Shuttle to the top of Dunstan Mountains for the epic Dunstan Traverse from Leaning Rock. Layover in Queenstown.

**Day 7:** Optional Heli-biking (a separate charge) or singletrack riding around Queenstown. Shuttle back to Christchurch.



# COPPER CANYON | MEXICO



Our tour of Copper Canyon, in Northern Mexico's mountainous interior, reveals and interprets the exceptional beauty around Chihuahua, Mexico's largest state. That description extends from indigenous, cliff dwelling people to the rich, neoclassical plazas, palacios, aqueducts and cathedrals, built by Spanish viceroys in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century; from the endurance runners of the Tarahumar to the high, remote landscapes that partially shielded their culture from conquest and assimilation. Named for the copper and green shades seen in its six discrete gorges carved through the Sierra Madre range, Copper Canyon, or barrancas del cobre is both larger and deeper than our Grand Canyon. In the 10,826-ft. Sierras, we find rich watersheds, if not great contrasts in ecosystems and landscapes.

The rides and environs transit from mountainous green alpine, Mexican Douglas-fir, pine and oak highlands to semiarid steppe, plains and valleys. From a plateau that peers onto Mexico's greatest waterfall we enter the same Chihuahua biome that stretches into New Mexico and Texas.

From new, undeveloped frontiers in mountain biking, we pursue a different plane, more holistic soft trekking. As some of the very few visitors to the oldest villages in Mexico, deep in the Sierra Madre Mountains we enjoy authentic, spontaneous experiences with the locals.

## Mexico Copper Canyon

### Mountain Bike Tour

|              |   |
|--------------|---|
| Season:      | Spring  |
| Departure:   | Chihuahua City, Mexico                        |
| Length/Stay: | 6 days<br>First-Class Camping and Casual Inns |

→ Technical Level: **2-4** Fitness Level: **2-4**

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- Day 1-2:** Meet-up in Chihuahua City. Drive to Creel; ride Valley Of The Monks. Relax in the Tarahumar landscape in a local hotel, all authentic Old Mexico charm and hospitality.
- Day 3-4:** Climb to Rukirazo Canyon, delivering unsurpassed views into Copper Canyon. Ride through several Tarahumar villages that gift us stunning mountain views.
- Day 5-6:** An epic ride to Cusarare culminates at an immaculately preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century hunting lodge. Visit ancient Tarahumar sites, including the community of Cusa. Shuttle back to Chihuahua for farewell dinner.



## Sierra De Laguna Multi-Sport Adventure

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| Season:      | Winter  |
| Departure:   | San Jose Del Cabo, Mexico                     |
| Length/Stay: | 8 days<br>First-Class Camping and Casual Inns |

### Activities

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|-----|--------|--------------|
| MTB | HIKING | SEA KAYAKING |
|-----|--------|--------------|

→ Technical Level: **1-3** Fitness Level: **1-3**

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Think of this as a reset button for your soul: hiking and mountain biking Baja, Mexico’s brilliant seaside. Discovering timeless, back-of-beyond villages dabbled in rich, vibrant pastels, culture that spans millennia, if not, arguably, the best food on the planet.

Our Sierra de la Laguna Adventure neatly unfolds in and around the charming town of La Paz. A smart blend of beach tour, with ocean-side camping and dining, our rides bridge the 800-mile long Baja peninsula, (world’s second longest isthmus, twice Florida’s length): pedaling both the powerful Pacific-fronting side, as well as trails edging the warmer, calmer Sea of Cortez.

Baja’s Lower Peninsula exudes a genuinely rural Mexican feel: it is a refuge, in every sense of the word. We’ll scan long, beautiful bays, more shallow coves closer in, edged by bare shore. More often than not, only a lone wooden, whitewashed fishing shack lends any sense of human presence. Riding the ridges along the coast, we stop on a grey-green butte to catch a cool wind. Or the shifting light; so golden, so scrumptiously vivid the sunlight seems almost HD. Riding a track through the mountains, the *Sierra de la Giganta*, we catch sight of rare White Pelicans. Reaching the next plateau, looking down to the Gulf we behold the magnificent blow of a Grey whale; a few seconds later, the slowly raised fluke. It is a vision, a moment you will forever hold onto.

To experience both sides of this wild and fragile peninsula means miles of rolling trails, stunning desert outback around remote, centuries old adobe missions; lush Palm canyons that give way to blue-green lagoons and dune islands. We build out all this blue desert bliss with natural hot springs, ocean kayaking; and of course, a seat at some incredibly authentic Mexican cuisine.

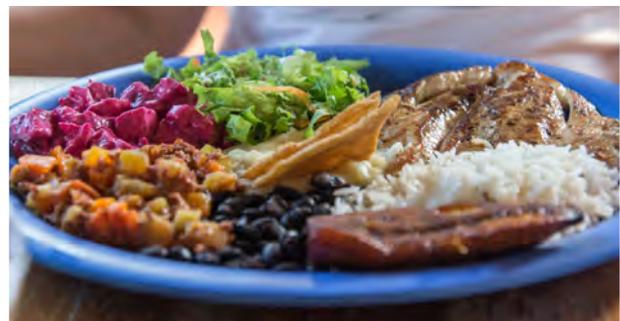
**Day 1-2:** Meet in San Jose del Cabo. Transfer to Todos Santos, prettiest spot in Baja’s south. From town we ascend into the sensational local trails that loom above the Pacific.

**Day 3-4:** Transfer to La Paz; ride through the local mountains. Then portage onto a kayak, or snorkel with the whale sharks. Transfer to Rancho Cacachilas, a wonderful ecotourism/permaculture coop/bike hub, sampling their private reserve of single track. Then onto additional trails in La Ventana: a tiny pearl-diving village turned kiteboarding hotspot south of La Paz.

**Day 5-6:** Transfer to the El Triunfo: an 18<sup>th</sup> century mining community (pop. 327). Ride at a comfortable 1,585-ft.; lunch in the historic plaza. Shuttle to the beach town of Los Barriles (the barrels), 40-miles north of San Jose del Cabo. Ascend to the inspiring trails terraced above Bahia las Palmas. Then kite surf, or tether oneself to a great book on a beautiful beach.

**Day 7-8:** Transfer to Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Cycle a nearby web of trails. Then: optional boat ride, snorkel or scuba the 27-sq mile marine preserves. Transfer back to San Jose Del Cabo for farewell dinner and departures.





### Costa Rica Multi-Sport Adventure

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| Season:             | Winter and Spring                            |
| Departure:          | San Jose, Costa Rica                         |
| Length/Stay:        | 7 days<br>First-Class Camping and Casual Inn |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways                              |

#### Activities

- MTB
- HIKING
- CANYONEERING
- RAFTING
- ZIP LINE

→ Technical Level: **2-4** Fitness Level: **2-4**

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## Experience Life, Experience Pure Vida. Experience the most fulfilling kind of sensory overload.

Costa Ricans call themselves “ticos”. Once you’re in country, meeting ticos: say at a yoga retreat, on a whitewater river outing, or at a wonderfully secluded white sand beach known for its consistent right break, you’ll gain a sense of their humble self-esteem. First, for the peace this Switzerland of Central America has forever maintained; and foremost, in the stability and social progress of their governance.

Besides aligning with our values, Costa Rica’s high regard for their natural environment informs your every experience here. In spectacular rides through a protected montane cloud forest, a wild cacophony echoing all around you, Sloth to Scarlet Macaw, Howler and White Faced monkey, Spoonbills and egrets to jaguar and Ocelot. Then in the wonderfully gentle climate and Maui-like landscape that opens before you in the Irazu National Park: crossing a lake with your bike by raft, only to continue on through a lush mountainous trail.

Besides the positive vibe, we’ll soak in not only the colorful Costa Rican sunset, but do it from a natural hot spring overlooking an active Adrenal Volcano (one of 100 that divide the country from north to south). And, hey... this is just day one.

**Day 1-2:** Meet in San Jose. Shuttle to the Irazu Volcano, 11,260-ft.; view from on top of both the Pacific Ocean and the Caribbean. Ride through picturesque small towns and colorful villages. Cross the Turrialba Valley to the edge of the Indigenous Reserve, as well as the Reventazón River. Once the bikes are ferried across—by traditional paddleboat—we ascend from an incredible lakeside campsite in the Costa Rican mountains.

**Day 3-4:** Full day hike, experiencing both tropical rainforest and wild jungle. Ride to the village of Bajo Pacuare. Whitewater raft between Bajo Pacuare and Bajo Pacuare—two different towns.

**Day 5-6:** From camp, we ride directly to our canyoneering site. Rappel down a series of glorious waterfalls. Repeat. Reload. Raft the Pacuare River. From floating we fly, via a thoroughly exhilarating 12-platform zip line adventure.

**Day 7:** A final raft on the Pacuare; numerous landings access hiking trails at rivers’ edge. Descend a series of natural waterslides dropping into the river. Return to the Hotel Boutique Jade by evening.



## Antigua

### Multi-Sport Adventure

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|---------------------|---------------------|
| Season:             | Winter and Spring   |
| Departure:          | Antigua, Guatemala  |
| Length/Stay:        | 7 days, Casual Inns |
| Special Departures: | Family Getaways     |

#### Activities

|     |        |              |
|-----|--------|--------------|
| MTB | HIKING | SEA KAYAKING |
|-----|--------|--------------|

→ Technical Level: **2-3** Fitness Level: **2-3**

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**Day 1-2:** Meet in Antigua. Ride through several vestigial Guatemalan villages. En route, tour the Macadamia Finca: taste the distinct delicacies. Lunch at one of Antigua's many fine restaurants. Explore Antigua's ornate 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century Spanish baroque plazas and markets.

**Day 3-4:** Ride singletrack on the Las Tierras Altas: a verdant shelf just north of Antigua. Lunch amidst the ruins of Pueblo Viejo; then ride a historic 500-year old trail stopping at a hidden spring. Big roller coaster rides over leafy highlands wend us to the gigantic crater that holds gorgeous Lake Atitlan, deepest lake in Central America (1,120-ft. deep), what the Mayans call the "bellybutton of the world". Overnight here at our cliff-side hotel, at 5,125-ft., on the 50-sq. mile lake.

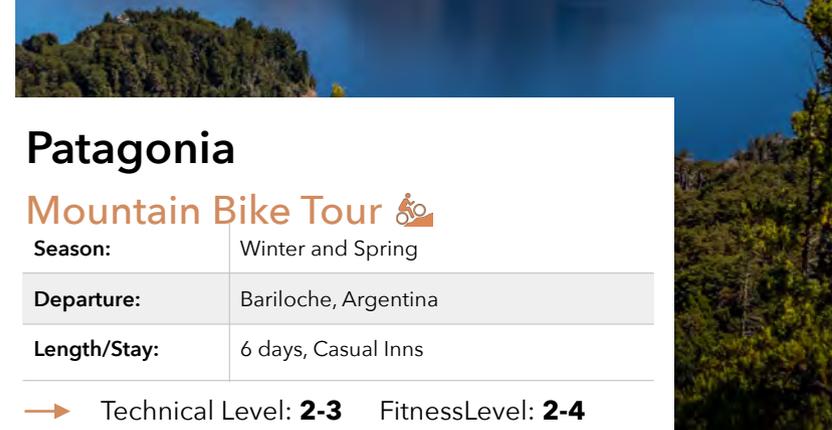
**Day 5-6** Sea Kayak to San Marcos then hike back to our hotel, passing through the sleepy, lakeside villages of Tzununa and Jaibalito. The next morning at Lake Atitlan, it's an either/or: stay put, enjoying downtime; or join in on other area activities, including a select local ride.

**Day 7:** Following breakfast, we return to the airport.

Antigua, (Spanish for old Guatemala), is a land shared and physically defined as much by Mayan descendants as heirs to Spanish Conquistadors. Into that intense, daresay titanic mix of traditions we trek and interpret: discovering a country rich in spirit, its history deeply embedded in fantastic ruins. And moreover, one that still seems to be in the sway of its ancient Gods; now, though, in the form of 15 volcanoes. Called "the closest thing to Eden on Earth", and "the best backpacking country in the world".

Our tour of "el pais de la Eterna Primavera" (land of the Eternal Spring) drinks in Guatemalan Highlands lorded over by huge volcanic peaks. From rainforests stretched beneath volcano, we drop quickly into fern-covered valley floors, making for some of the most wildly varied cycling terrain on the planet. Hikes thick with exotic wildlife, if not the hallmark of ancient civilizations, give way to breathtaking singletrack. Feel the ease of festive Antigua, rich history wedded to cozy accommodations. Only to transition to the hammock culture and wonderfully wild terrain of Guatemala's colorful Highlands.





## Patagonia

### Mountain Bike Tour

|              |                      |
|--------------|----------------------|
| Season:      | Winter and Spring    |
| Departure:   | Bariloche, Argentina |
| Length/Stay: | 6 days, Casual Inns  |

➔ Technical Level: **2-3** FitnessLevel: **2-4**

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Where the severely jagged southern edge of the Andes shades high desert, pampas and grasslands we ride and thru-hike into a region spanning 260,000 sq. miles. In such an oversized space we come to marvel at the equally enormous silence.

The accommodations that envelop us are as unique as the rides that occupies us. A few short miles from central Bariloche, Hotel Santa Rita shares shoreline on Lake Nahuel Huapi. Indigene for “Jaguar Island”, Nahuel Huapi is also the name of the immense, noncommercial national park that so complements this enchanting family-run inn. We revel in an evening Bariloche ride through the heart of Estancia la Esperanza, skimming the edge of retreating valley glaciers, or within earshot of the thunder wrought by falling seracs. Patagonia offers some of the most exquisite mountain biking in the world. After riding the exuberant trails atop Cerro Otto, you might be rendered speechless by the sunset behind the humbling Andes. Or it might summons the searing description of Bruce Chatwin; and reflexively, a quiet, respectful nod to landscape as life-changing muse.

**Day 1-2:** Meet in Bariloche, a Swiss/Northern Italian evoking city. Shuttle to the top of Cerro Otto. Here we ride the upper ridge trails, transiting dense forests that deliver truly staggering views of the Andes’ southern edge. Dine at the famed Berghof Mountain Lodge; then saddle up again for a fabulous evening ride. Lunch on a sizzling country spread of grilled asada prepared Patagonian-style.

**Day 3-4:** Shuttle to Manso River Valley; ride through the National Park, forest above river edged beaches. Transition to rafts; pushed along by crystal-clear headwaters at 3,300-ft., fed by black snowfields (dark glaciers). Ride the scenic singletrack of Villa Catedral, largest ski resort in the Southern Hemisphere. Then pilgrimage to “Our Lady of the Snows”, a hidden gem of a ride.

**Day 5-6:** Journey to the mouth of the 240-mile long Limay River. Ride remote dirt roads through rural farmlands and ranches, all the while enthralled by views onto the Andes Range. Ride into Villa Llanquin, a riverside village accessed by a pedestrian-bike only bridge. One last scintillating adventure remains, either on the water or bike. After breakfast, shuttle back Bariloche Airport.



## The Alps Mont Blanc

### Mountain Bike Tour

|              |                     |
|--------------|---------------------|
| Season:      | Summer              |
| Departure:   | Geneva, Switzerland |
| Length/Stay: | 7 days, Casual Inns |

→ Technical Level: **3-5** FitnessLevel: **3-5**

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**O**ur Mount Blanc Tour, drops into the three countries, Switzerland, France and Italy that share Europe's greatest mountain range: the 50-mile long, 100-mile wide, 15,777-ft. Mount Blanc.

From ultra swish, modern resorts at Chamonix and Courmayeur, to ultra serene, if not wonderfully preserved 19<sup>th</sup> century high alpine chalets, our trip is nothing less than an embarrassment of riches.

Shadowing and interpreting some of the seven valleys, 71 glaciers and 400 summits that encompass the tour, we flashback to many iconic James Bond backdrops. Where the Alps taper north to Lake Geneva, we ride routes first used by Roman messengers until the 5<sup>th</sup> century AD, when that empire departed the region. It is here that Benedict de Saussure, a Swiss physicist first coined the term, "geology" while assaying Mont Blanc and adjacent Matterhorn. The same trails we follow, in and around otherworldly blue ice fields and the broad massif of Blanc also ushered in modern mountaineering; and reflexively, the first gen of 19<sup>th</sup> century alpine guides.

In sum, this thoroughly upper alpine tour, from a smart Alps-riding clinic—at the onset—to the challenging climbs - to the absolutely staggering views of Europe's roof, wrapped in rich alpine history is nothing less than five-star mountain biking.

**Day 1-2:** Meet at Geneva airport; transfer to Chamonix (France; pop. 9,300, elevation, 3,396-ft). Decompress, post-flight, at the evening's chalet, adjacent to Mont Blanc: Western Europe's highest peak. The next two days of riding we reach Martigny: a Swiss canton of 15,000. Skimming glaciers and snowy summits, our days culminate at postcard perfect backdrops on the Italian side of Mont Blanc.

**Day 3-4:** Climb the Grand Col Ferret, one of the three major col-passes on our tour. Atop the col we view Mont Blanc—or now, Monte Bianco—from the northwest. Ride into la Lechere, a 12<sup>th</sup> century French agricultural village, built around both a spa as well as the ruins of a 9<sup>th</sup> century castle. Linked by a superb singletrack, the days' ride closes out at the ultra stylish Italian resort of Courmayeur

**Day 5-6:** Ride over flower draped pastures along the French border. Climb to Cornet de Roseland, a high mountain pass between two French valleys then descend, via ridges and spines to Lac de Roselend. Ride over and into Col du Joly and the village of Les Contamines Montjoie. Ride the Col de Voza, and end back at Chamonix.

**Day 7:** Transfer to Geneva airport.



**All Inclusive Prices**

All internal land expenses and services are covered in the cost of your tour. This means from the time we pick you up at our meeting point, until we drop you back off to head home, all transportation, food preparation, meals, snacks, non-alcoholic beverages, group kitchen supplies and group camp gear is included. Backcountry permits, licenses, park fees, reservations, and accommodations are also included, along with at least two tour leaders, a mobile first aid and mechanic station, and a support vehicle.

You may bring your own personal sleep kit (tent, sleeping bag and sleeping pad) or you may rent one from us. You may also bring your own bike with you, ship it in advance, or reserve a rental bike. The only costs not included in your tour price are your transportation to and from the tour departure and gratuities to your trip leaders.

**Trip Price Guarantee**

Escape Adventures guarantees its prices as printed. We consistently offer the highest quality trips at the best value. **We specifically design our trips to not sacrifice comfort or quality because we know your time is valuable.** If you find a trip of equal quality that matches our itinerary and inclusions at a lower cost, we will be happy to match that price as well. This simple guarantee assures you of the best trip at the best value.

**How to Sign Up**

Our office staff is available by phone 7 days a week from 7-6 PST to help you book your perfect Escape Adventure. You can also contact your travel agent to book your trip. If you would like to book your trip online, we make it easy. Please visit our website [EscapeAdventures.com](http://EscapeAdventures.com) for a secure reservation 24 hours a day. A **\$500 deposit** per person is required on all tours. It may be made by check, money order, or major credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express). **Your deposit is 100% refundable for up to 15 days after you make your deposit.** If it is within 60 days of your trip departure, the terms of the Cancellation Policy then apply. Your final payment is due 60 days prior to your trip departure.

**Guaranteed Trip Departure**

Your trip departure is guaranteed. No other company offers an easier or economical way to guarantee your trip. At Escape Adventures we know that your time is valuable and having a tour company

cancel your trip due to low enrollment is inconvenient and costly. While this does not happen often, the anxiety of this happening can be stressful – especially when you are booking airfare and other land costs. That is why at Escape Adventures we are now offering a **Guaranteed Trip Departure Policy\*** which guarantees your trip will not be cancelled. How it works; at the end of your reservation, select Yes for the **Guaranteed Trip Departure** option and our staff will contact you. If we have availability, we will add an additional \$500 per person to your trip cost. If no other guests sign up on your selected trip, your trip will run no matter what – even if it is just you. If at least 4 guests sign up for your trip (including you), you will not be charged the \$500 when final payment is collected. You will receive an email confirmation when your final payment is processed.

**\* Scheduled Domestic trips only**

**100% Satisfaction Guarantee**

We know you will love your trip. In fact, we're so confident in the consistent quality of our tours that we guarantee all of our trips. If for some reason you find any aspect of your tour to be unsatisfactory, we will address your concerns and remedy the situation, up to and including a full refund of your tour fees. Our goal is to exceed your expectations and earn your 100% satisfaction.

**Next Adventure Club  
Loyal Guest Program**

When you book a trip with Escape Adventures you become a member of our **NEXT ADVENTURE CLUB Loyal Guest Program**. The program includes reward discounts for returning guests, a \$100 refer a friend credit, early bird savings for booking by December 31<sup>st</sup> each year (for following year), and more. On your second tour with us you'll receive a 5% discount. If you join us for 2 tours in a single year, you'll receive 10% off the second trip. Join us for 10 tours and your next trip is free to anywhere we operate tours in the lower 48 states.

For more details on our **NEXT ADVENTURE CLUB Loyal Guest Program**, visit our website: [www.EscapeAdventures.com/loyalguest](http://www.EscapeAdventures.com/loyalguest)

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# Timeline for Final Payment

## IF YOU CANCEL YOUR TRIP YOU WILL RECEIVE

|  |  |
|--|--|
| Up until 60 days prior to trip departure | Refund of what you have paid minus a \$200 fee           |
| 59-45 days prior to trip departure       | 50% of your payments and \$200 processing fee per person |
| 45-30 days prior to trip departure       | 15% of your payments and \$200 processing fee per person |
| 29-0 days prior trip departure           | No Refund  |

## Refunds

There is no partial refund for starting a tour late or leaving a trip early. In order to keep our tours affordable and provide proper notice to our lodging partners, we must adhere to this timeline, no exceptions. After our refund deadline has passed we cannot provide a refund for any reason, including circumstances beyond your control such as weather-related travel delays, family emergency, or injury. Insurance agencies however, offer a full or partial refund in many circumstances if you purchase travel insurance to cover your tour. Please see our Travel Insurance Information in this section.

## Tour Confirmation

After your tour is confirmed, it will not be cancelled for low-enrollment, but in rare cases may be cancelled due to weather, government intervention, unsafe trail conditions, or any other reason that would affect the quality of the scheduled tour or the safety of its participants. If we are forced to cancel your tour, we will provide a 100% refund and work to add you to another trip that works for you. If you need to cancel your multi-day tour for any reason, your request must be sent via email.

## Travel Plans

We advise you to avoid non-refundable flights and other travel arrangements, and are not responsible for the costs of such arrangement in the event your tour is canceled. The travel insurance offered in conjunction with our tours covers the cost of your tour, but does not cover additional costs such as travel to and from your tour departure location, and hotel stays prior to or following your tour. Please consider purchasing additional insurance coverage if you have non-refundable travel arrangements. Please note tour itineraries and tour descriptions provided prior to your trip provide an overview of our standard tour. However, there are times that your tour may differ somewhat from this sample based on participant skill levels and interest, weather conditions, and other factors. In these events, Escape Adventures' highly trained and qualified trip leaders will work with guests to craft the best possible tour experience for the entire group.

## Travel Insurance

We highly recommend that you purchase travel insurance. Travel insurance covers vacation costs against cancellation and interruption while also providing medical, lost or damaged property and trip delay coverage, depending on the package you choose. You may be reimbursed if you have to cancel or interrupt your travel, and you may also be covered should the need arise for emergency medical treatment, medical evacuation and a number of other situations, depending on the package you choose.

You can purchase travel insurance from our partner, AIG, when you book your Escape Adventures trip. Please call 800-826-1300 for more information.



## Release of Liability

Guests are required to provide a signed Release of Liability Assumption of All Risks and Arbitration Agreement as well as a Registration Form prior to joining any Escape Adventure. Once you have reserved your spot on a trip, you will receive these forms via email. Unfortunately, we are unable to allow anyone to participate on any tour unless these forms are completed.



# TRIP PREPARATION

## Making Travel Arrangements

### Passports:

A valid passport is required for all international trips. Be sure to check the expiration date and physical condition of your passport and verify the travel document requirements with the consulates of the countries you are planning to visit during your trip. Passports issued to minors under the age of 16 expire every 5 years. You may also find helpful information on the US State Department's website: [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov). To be additionally safe, and in case of losing your travel documents, make two photocopies of your airline ticket confirmation and your passport. Leave one set of copies at home with a friend or relative, and bring one set with you, keeping it separate from the original documents.

### Clothing and Equipment

Your Travel Planner will contain a complete list of clothing and gear that you will need for your Escape Adventure. It has listed items that we feel are necessary for a comfortable and safe adventure. This includes casual and comfortable layers before and after daily activities, waterproof and multiple layered technical cycling clothing for your daily activity, and other essential items needed to make your trip unforgettable and enjoyable.

There are some restrictions to size of bags and luggage due to the nature and location of each trip. Please note that on some of our remote backcountry mountain bike tours in Canyonlands, luggage is limited to one small soft-shell suitcase or a medium/large sized duffel bag (no heavier than 40 pounds). We also suggest bringing one daypack or small backpack for valuables. Please ensure your luggage container is water repellent for these trips.

**A word about summer/high elevation trips:** We often wish we could control the weather, but unfortunately, it's not up to us. Many guests do not consider the elevation of their tour when packing. Regardless of the time of year, days and nights at elevation can be cold. It is best to be prepared for everything. Often weather predictions are unreliable, and we recommend bringing gear for wet and cold weather under all circumstances. We have experienced freezing temperatures in both July and October. Layering works well, and a warm beanie cap is important year round.

**A word about spring and fall desert tours:** Not many people think of "rain" and the desert together. We're here to tell you that it can rain in the desert, and be very windy and often cool at night. Keep in mind that you will be having more fun if the weather's not making you miserable. Often weather predictions are unreliable, and we recommend bringing gear for wet and cold weather under all circumstances.

### Renting Bicycles and Camping Gear

Not only do we run an international bike tour business, but we also own and operate two premiere bicycle stores. We have learned over the years that every cyclist is different and prefers different types of bikes for different types of terrain. That is why we offer the best bicycles for rent in the business. IF for some reason you are not happy with the quality of your rental, we will refund your entire bike rental cost. We also rent quality camping gear for all of our camping tours. These include a tent, sleeping pad, sleeping bag, sleeping bag liner, cot, full size pillow and ground tarp. Our trip leaders will always help to ensure your equipment is set up properly each night when you arrive at camp. If you are bringing your bike with you, check with your airline's baggage policy in advance and be sure to pack your bike accordingly. If you are shipping your bike to your destination, confirm the address with our office and allow enough time for your bike to arrive. We're happy to help you ship your bike! Whatever you need to get the most out of your tour, we are here to make it happen. **Prices for rentals can be found on page 101 or on our website.**

### Other Gear Needed

Since we offer rental bikes and camping gear, and all meals and cooking equipment are handled by your trip leaders, you should not need to purchase extra gear to be able to join us on a tour. The only items you need to bring with you are your personal items: comfortable clothing and shoes appropriate for your destination and activities, toiletries, and your camera. Our support van will carry your luggage, but you are welcome to bring a day pack to keep personal items handy. Our trip leaders always carry emergency supplies and tools.

## TRIP RATES

### Rates on Classic Escape Adventures

**Departures:** All Classic Escape Adventures Casual Inns or Luxury Inns and Restaurants trips are priced at double occupancy. Single Supplement prices are available for most tours.

All Escape Adventures *Camping* trips are priced at one person per tent.

### Rates for Children on Classic Escape Adventures Departures and Family Getaways:

Family is the heart and soul of Escape Adventures. Not only is Escape Adventures a family, we all have families ourselves. What better way to spend a family vacation together than on one of our Family Getaways. These trips are designed similar to our Classic Escape Adventures trips but we give special attention to each daily activity taking in to consideration skill levels, youthful adrenaline, and foods served. We don't have complicated discount rate formulas for kids.

**Our rates are simple:** Kids 13 and under are 30% off trip price. Kids 14-18 are 20% off trip price. Lodging for kids 13 and under is priced for two children, and two parents per room. If an additional room is requested, the cost of that room at the rack rate will be applied to your trip cost.

Lodging for kids 14-18 falls under our standard double occupancy with no restrictions.

All minors (under 18 years) must be accompanied by at least one adult.

**When reserving a trip online,** the savings for children will not be displayed. We will apply savings on the back end.

### Rates on Private and Custom Departures:

All Private Escape Adventures Trips are priced in the structured method below. Some Custom tours are priced differently if they vary from the Classic Escape Adventures itinerary and price. In this situation we will provide your group with a custom itinerary and price.

- **10+ GUESTS** Price as advertised\*
- **8-9 GUESTS** +\$400 per person to trip price\*
- **6-7 GUESTS** +\$900 per person to trip price\*
- **4-5 GUESTS** +\$1,900 per person to trip price\*
- **2-3 GUESTS** +\$2,500 per person to trip price\*

\*Pricing, availability and guest minimums are all subject to change at any time. Certain dates have a minimum number of guests required, please contact us for details.



## Fitness and Technical Ratings

Every Escape Adventures' trip is designed to appeal to active adventure seekers. In many cases, a baseline relative to individual skill, or fitness level influences how that trip is paced and composed.

Clearly though, this can be subjective territory, open to one's interpretation, or variables. To fine tune your decision-making, and facilitate joining the most appropriate tour we've constructed the chart below; it speaks to those very necessary considerations. We're aware your pace may vary from one day to the next.

By extension, your traveling companions may differ, as well. In addition to the chart below, on each tour we go to great lengths to present a broad range of mileage options. At the same time, support vehicles are provided as much as possible. In other words, your leisure is our pleasure. Take a well-deserved break. Or go as hard or as far as you're comfortable each day.

### Mountain Bike Tour Fitness Levels

| Level    | Hours of Activity | Mountain Biking              |                        |                 | Multi-Sport Activities       |   |  |  |
|----------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---|--|--|
|          |                   | Total Elevation<br>Feet Gain | Mountain<br>Bike Miles | Hiking<br>Miles | Rock Climbing                | Canyoneering                                | Rafting/Canoeing                             |  |
| Easy     | 1                 | 700                          | 5-10                   | 1-5             | Low Angle Large Handholds    | Hiking/No Ropes                             | Relaxed, Slow Moving Water                   |  |
|          | 2                 | 1200                         | 10-15                  | 5-8             | Level 1 PLUS Small Handholds | Level 1 PLUS Occasional Ropes               | Level 1 PLUS Easy Rapids Wide Channels       |  |
| Moderate | 3                 | 1800                         | 15-25                  | 8-10            | Level 2 PLUS Steep Angles    | Level 2 PLUS Easy Rapels                    | Level 2 PLUS Waves, Up to 4' Narrow Channels |  |
|          | 4                 | 2200                         | 25-35                  | 10-12           | x                            | Level 3 PLUS Complex Ropes, Multiple Rapels | Level 3 PLUS Long Rapids                     |  |
| Seasoned | 5                 | 3000                         | 35-50+                 | 12-16+          | x                            | x   | Level 4 PLUS Spinning, Large Waves           |  |

### Mountain Biking Tour Technical Levels

| Level    | Description |   |
|----------|-------------|---|
| Easy     | 1           | Maintained Gravel Roads, Easy Grades                                      |
|          | 2           | Level 1 PLUS Unmaintained Dirt Roads, Maintained Singletrack Trail        |
| Moderate | 3           | Level 2 PLUS Moderate Grades, Some Unmaintained Singletrack               |
|          | 4           | Level 3 PLUS Rocky Terrain – PLUS Longer, Steeper Ascents & Descents      |
| Seasoned | 5           | Level 4 PLUS Some Exposed Sections Of Trail, Some Loose Climbs & Descents |



**Training for Your Tour**

Guests often ask us what they need to do to train for a tour. We recommend exercising regularly prior to any trip to get your muscles and cardiovascular system prepared for the daily workout associated with adventure touring. We do not expect you to practice whitewater rafting or rock climbing on your own. All instruction for these multi-sport activities is provided on the tour and there is no need for prior experience. If you are looking for a more relaxed workout, consider our Introductory Tours. The following are a few important pointers for each type of tour:

**Preparing for your mountain bike tour:**

For optimal physical preparation, we recommend that you ride *at least* several hours per week during the month preceding the tour. During the tour you will be on your bike every day, and we can assure you that an unprepared bottom is a sore one! If you can't ride your bike, or don't own one, take a spin class at your local gym a few times a week. Your level of fitness does affect how much you enjoy your tour. Check your specific itinerary for an idea of your average daily mileage and level of strenuousness – then train appropriately.

**Preparing for your multi-sport adventure:**

As an adventurous person, feel free to do whatever you can before the trip. We especially recommend focusing on your bike and walking, as many of the other activities aren't available for practice. You can leave these specialty sports up to us. Except for biking and hiking, no experience is necessary, just enthusiasm and an open mind ready to try some new adventures. Your level of fitness also affects how much you enjoy your tour. Again, check your specific itinerary for an idea of your average daily mileage and level of strenuousness – then train appropriately.

**Preparing for a tour at high elevations:**

Many of our summer adventures take place at high elevations. Most people acclimate easily and without incident; however it is best to be prepared and recognize symptoms when they occur. Being well hydrated before the tour begins and a good level of fitness will help. Many of our high elevation tours offer an easy first day to help people acclimate. Ibuprofen and other light pain relievers can help with headaches. The most common side effects are headache, loss of appetite and sleeplessness. Our trip leaders are well trained to recognize altitude symptoms and will offer suggestions on how to manage them.



The Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone



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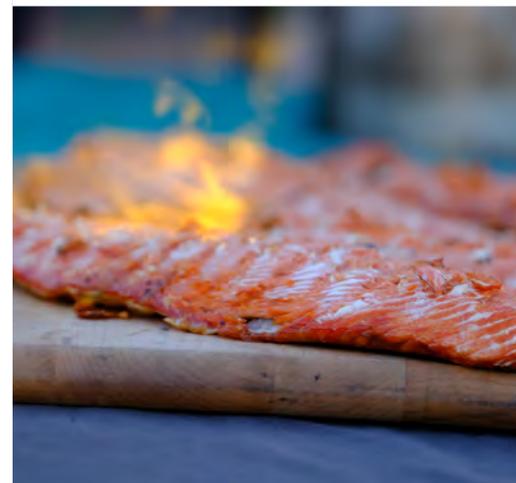
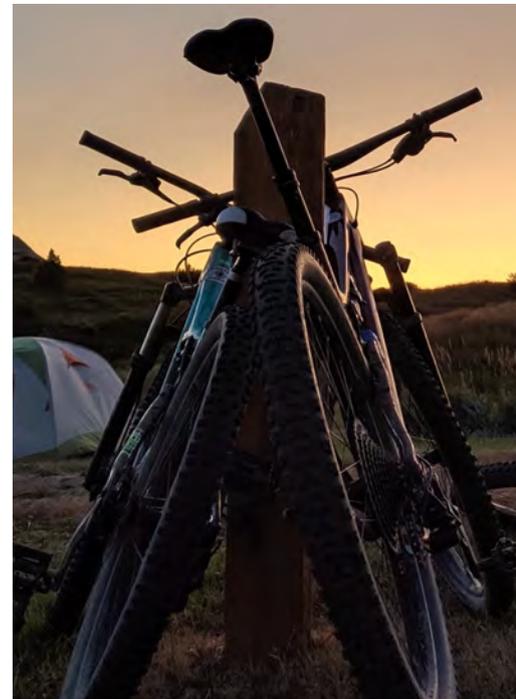
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# TRIP DEPARTURES & PRICES

See Website for New Tours & Dates  
**Call or Book Online**

## Rental Gear

**Camp Kit:** Complete camp kit includes tent, cot, sleeping bag, pillow and ground pad. \$90

### Per Day Bike Prices

|                      |      |
|----------------------|------|
| Standard Stumpjumper | \$55 |
| Upgraded Carbon      | \$75 |
| Kids' Bike           | \$25 |
| Tandem               | \$80 |
| Hybrid eBike         | \$35 |
| Levo FSR eBike       | \$85 |

*Prices subject to change without notice\**

# 2020-2021 MOUNTAIN BIKE TOUR DATES & PRICES

|    | Mountain Bike Tour Destination                          | \$Camping   \$Inns       | Days | First-Class Camping | Casual Inns | Luxury Inns | Family Getaways Available | Multi-Sport Adventure | eBike Option |
|----|---|--------------------------|------|---------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| 32 | UTAH - Bryce and Zion National Parks Multi-Sport        | \$1895   \$2695          | 6    | X                   | X           |             | X                         | X                     | X            |
| 33 | UTAH - Bryce and Zion National Parks                    | \$1495   \$2395          | 6    | X                   | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 33 | UTAH - Bryce and Zion Intro                             | \$1495   \$2395          | 6    | X                   | X           |             | X                         |                       | X            |
| 34 | UTAH - Brian Head Singletrack                           | \$1195   \$2195          | 5    | X                   | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 35 | UTAH - Gooseberry Mesa and Zion Backcountry             | \$895                    | 3    | X                   |             |             |                           |                       |              |
| 37 | UTAH - Escalante Lower Canyons Multi-Sport              | \$1895   \$2695          | 6    | X                   | X           |             | X                         | X                     |              |
| 38 | UTAH - Escalante Singletrack                            | \$1,995                  | 6    |                     | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 38 | UTAH - Escalante Intro                                  | \$1,995                  | 6    |                     | X           |             | X                         |                       | X            |
| 42 | UTAH - The White Rim Trail                              | \$895                    | 4    | X                   |             |             | X                         |                       |              |
| 43 | UTAH - The White Rim/Cataract Canyon Multi-Sport        | \$1,995                  | 7    | X                   |             |             |                           | X                     |              |
| 44 | UTAH - The Maze   | \$1,495                  | 5    | X                   |             |             | X                         |                       |              |
| 45 | UTAH - The Maze/Cataract Canyon Multi-Sport             | \$2,395                  | 6    | X                   |             |             | X                         | X                     |              |
| 46 | UTAH - Trail of the Ancients                            | \$1,495                  | 6    | X                   |             |             |                           |                       |              |
| 47 | UTAH - The Bears Ears                                   | \$1,195                  | 5    | X                   |             |             |                           |                       |              |
| 50 | UTAH - Best of Moab                                     | \$1195   \$1995   \$4695 | 5    | X                   | X           | X           | X                         |                       | X            |
| 51 | UTAH - Canyonlands, Arches, and Moab Multi-Sport        | \$1895   \$2695   \$5395 | 6    | X                   | X           | X           | X                         | X                     | X            |
| 52 | UTAH - Moab Weekend                                     | \$695   \$995   \$2695   | 3    | X                   | X           | X           | X                         |                       |              |
| 53 | UTAH AND COLORADO - Kokopelli Trail                     | \$1,095                  | 5    | X                   |             |             |                           |                       |              |
| 55 | ARIZONA - North Rim of the Grand Canyon - 4 Day         | \$925                    | 4    | X                   |             |             | X                         |                       |              |
| 55 | ARIZONA - North Rim of the Grand Canyon - 5 Day         | \$1195   \$1995          | 5    | X                   | X           |             | X                         |                       |              |
| 56 | ARIZONA - The Black Canyon Trail                        | \$895                    | 3    | X                   |             |             |                           |                       |              |
| 57 | ARIZONA - Best of Phoenix                               | \$1195   \$1995          | 5    | X                   | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 59 | NEW MEXICO - New Mexico Rockies Taos Singletrack        | \$1295   \$2390          | 5    | X                   | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 61 | NEW MEXICO - Santa Fe and Taos Multi-Sport              | \$1695   \$2595          | 6    | X                   |             | X           | X                         | X                     |              |
| 62 | COLORADO - Crested Butte Wildflower Singletrack         | \$1495   \$2195          | 5    | X                   | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 63 | COLORADO - Durango In Colors Singletrack                | \$1495   \$2195          | 5    | X                   | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 65 | ARKANSAS - Ozark Mountains White River Multi-Sport      | \$2,295                  | 5    |                     | X           |             | X                         | X                     |              |
| 67 | NORTH DAKOTA - Maah Daah Hey Singletrack                | \$1,395                  | 5    | X                   |             |             |                           |                       |              |
| 69 | CALIFORNIA/NEVADA - Death Valley & Red Rock             | \$1495   \$2195          | 5    | X                   | X           |             | X                         |                       |              |
| 71 | NEVADA - Red Rock Canyon Weekend Singletrack            | \$595                    | 2    |                     | X           |             | X                         |                       |              |
| 72 | CALIFORNIA/NEVADA - Lake Tahoe/Lost Sierras Singletrack | \$2,980                  | 5    |                     |             | X           |                           |                       |              |
| 73 | CALIFORNIA/NEVADA - Lake Tahoe Multi-Sport              | \$2095   \$3195          | 5    |                     | X           | X           | X                         | X                     |              |
| 75 | CALIFORNIA - California Coast Santa Cruz Singletrack    | \$1,960                  | 4    |                     | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 77 | IDAHO - Backcountry Hotsprings Multi-Sport              | \$1,695                  | 6    | X                   |             |             | X                         | X                     |              |
| 78 | IDAHO - Hotsprings and Singletrack                      | \$1,295                  | 5    | X                   |             |             |                           |                       |              |
| 79 | IDAHO - Backcountry Hotsprings Intro                    | \$1,295                  | 5    | X                   |             |             | X                         |                       |              |
| 80 | OREGON - High Lakes Bachelor and Bend                   | \$1350   \$2195          | 5    | X                   | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 81 | OREGON - High Lakes Bachelor and Bend Multi-Sport       | \$1695   \$2595          | 6    | X                   | X           |             | X                         | X                     |              |
| 83 | OREGON - Mount Hood to Columbia River Gorge             | \$1,295                  | 5    | X                   |             |             |                           |                       |              |
| 84 | WYOMING - Grand Teton                                   | \$1295   \$2095          | 5    | X                   | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 85 | WYOMING - Teton and Yellowstone Multi-Sport             | \$1895   \$3295          | 6    | X                   | X           |             | X                         | X                     |              |
| 86 | CANADA - British Columbia Rossland's Singletrack        | \$2,295                  | 6    |                     | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 87 | BELIZE - The Caribbean Multi-Sport                      | \$3,390                  | 7    |                     | X           |             | X                         | X                     |              |
| 88 | NEW ZEALAND - North Island Timber Trail                 | \$4,250                  | 7    |                     | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 89 | NEW ZEALAND - South Island                              | \$3,890                  | 7    |                     | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 90 | MEXICO - Copper Canyon                                  | \$2,390                  | 6    |                     | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 91 | MEXICO - Sierra De Laguna Multi-Sport                   | \$1,890                  | 8    |                     | X           |             |                           | X                     |              |
| 92 | COSTA RICA - Costa Rica Multi-Sport                     | \$2,550                  | 7    |                     | X           |             | X                         | X                     |              |
| 93 | GUATEMALA - Antigua Multi-Sport                         | \$3,390                  | 7    |                     | X           |             | X                         | X                     |              |
| 94 | ARGENTINA - Patagonia                                   | \$3,690                  | 6    |                     | X           |             |                           |                       |              |
| 95 | FRANCE/ITALY/SWITZERLAND - The Alps Mont Blanc          | \$2,790                  | 7    |                     | X           |             |                           |                       |              |

ALL TOURS RUN EVERY WEEK DURING SPECIFIED "O" MONTHS

| Tour Departure Day | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
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