

# Wine Country Weekend Bike Tour

LENGTH: 3 Days / 2 Nights ACCOMMODATIONS: Luxury Inns FITNESS LEVEL: Intermediate For up-to-date pricing and dates, please visit our website.



Just north of San Francisco, the winding Russian River meets the dramatic Pacific coastline, shaping if not sheltering a world all its own. Our cycling tour experiences this romantic landscape; quilted with a colorful patchwork of old growth redwoods, fruitful vineyards, historic towns, and beautiful gardens.

From Napa to Sonoma, the old wine country ways and grace are still very much the lay of the land. The richness of the region is omnipresent as we roll with great gusto over orchard-covered hills and wind through giant redwood forests. A mild maritime breeze carries with it the fruitful aroma of the vineyards where the freshest organic produce is grown for our dinner table.

We sample the distinctive flavors of the county's diverse regions at charming multi-generational family vineyards and farms; unwinding off the bike at old world-style hotels and spas.

You can customize your cycling experience on tour: in the moment. Nonetheless, whether you choose to move at a relaxing pace to rejuvenate deeper senses and psyche, or a more athletic tempo, topping off with additional miles to challenge your muscles, this tour will satisfy your inner hunger. At the same time scrumptious lodging and farm-to-table meals will undoubtedly exceed your expectations.

#### Trip Amenities

Cell phone service is great. Inns on this trip are appropriate to the locations in which we ride. They are chosen for comfort, scenery, and proximity to our activities.



## Day 1 | Healdsburg

On this beautiful morning we mount up for Healdsburg, with a stop to marvel—or spritz—at California's own Old Faithful geyser. Reaching Healdsburg, continually cited as one of America's top ten small towns, explore Pine Flat Road. Exquisitely scenic, Pine Flat reaches into the Mayacamas, a sub range of the Northern Inner Coast Mountains, high point in this rich riparian area.

Total Mileage | 17-54 miles Total ascent | 463-4,070 ft Inn | The Grape Leaf Inn

### Day 2 | Guerneville and Armstrong Redwoods Reserve

Leaving Healdsburg, cycle on the famous West Side Road to Guerneville. En route we'll dismount to stroll the most inviting vineyards, as well as cross a historic bridge. Dismounting in Guerneville, we tread into the nearby 805-acre Armstrong Redwoods Reserve. Hiking amongst/marveling at the giants who reign over this temperate rainforest, we meet the tallest, 310-ft tall Parson Jones. Then pay respects to the elder statesman, 1400-year old Colonel Armstrong.

Total Mileage | 13-29 miles Total ascent | 577-2,582 ft Inn | Applewood Inn and Spa

## Day 3 | Bodega Bay

From Guerneville drop toward the enormous, raucous Pacific. A brisk, exhilarating wind, the ocean's churning, plus a chorus of barking seals lend the ride a high-spirited ambient. From upland marine prairie layered above coastal bluffs and terraces, we revel in near coast sea stacks. Wrapping up in frothy, romantic Bodega Bay our tour ends today around 2:00 pm. We conclude with a shuttle back to Santa Rosa.

Total Mileage | 21-32 miles Opt 1 mile hike Total ascent | 1,268-2,133ft



#### WHAT SETS US APART?

**Our People:** Our guides are the best in the business! Trained personally by the owners, our guides understand the areas you ride and the safety of the group.

**Our Commitment**: We don't just preach environmental awareness, we live it! We recycle 90% of our waste, run our facilities with solar and wind power, and we are the world's 1st carbon-neutral outfitter.

**Our Food:** Our guides lovingly prepare meals for the trip with an emphasis on fresh, local and organic foods, ensuring you have the fuel you need to ride, and a delicious meal at the same time- including dessert!

### Specific Trip Tips

• San Francisco is the next closest city with a major airport and car rentals but we recommend that you fly directly to Santa Rosa.

• Arrive in Santa Rosa at least 12 hours prior to your departure time in order to have time to rest before the tour

• Hotel La Rose is Northwest of the intersection of Highway 101 and Highway 12.

**Trip Cost Includes:** Two guides, all meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, support vehicle, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a souvenir shirt.



**Trip Cost Does Not Include:** Airfare to and from our departure point, lodging before or after the tour, personal camping gear, rental bike, or gratuities to Escape Adventures guides. Tips to the guides are given at your discretion and based on the quality of your experience. We suggest 10-20% of your trip cost to be divided between the guides.

This is a general itinerary and may vary. Escape Adventures reserves the right to make changes due to weather, local conditions, government intervention, or any unforeseen reasons that may affect the quality of the trip and/or safety of the participants. Inns are subject to change.

### The Basics

State: California Duration: 3 days/2 Nights Type: Luxury Inns

### MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Hotel La Rose Address: 308 Wilson Street, Santa Rosa CA Time: 9:00am \* We will return to Santa Rosa by 4:00pm on the last day. Mileage: 51-115 Miles Season: 4 Seasons Airport: San Francisco, CA

#### BIKE RENTALS

Specialized bikes. Please click for more information. <u>Learn more about our rental gear on our website.</u>

#### **Reservations**

We require that solo travelers on this trip pay a single supplement. Many of the chosen inns on this trip only offer rooms with one bed.

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