



Escalante Intro Mountain Bike Tour

LENGTH: 6 Days / 5 Nights

ACCOMMODATIONS: Cabins/Camping

FITNESS LEVEL: Intermediate

[For up-to-date pricing and dates, please visit our website.](#)



From the high alpine terrain of the Aquarius Plateau to the deep canyons of the Escalante River, discover a fantastic array of backcountry cycling! This mountainous region contains trails so remote that each year we are commissioned by the US Forest Service to maintain and clear them ourselves! These primitive trails reveal hidden lakes, secret canyons, and spectacular mountain vistas. We often encounter large herds of elk and other rarely seen wildlife. Trip highlights include riding atop the highest plateau in North America, visiting John Wesley Powell's favorite lookout point, climbing Hell's Backbone, and cycling the exciting Gap Mountain Trail!

Escalante is a great trip for skilled riders with endurance and singletrack experience. This trip can also accommodate riders traveling with less experienced friends, as it offers optional dirt roads paralleling some singletrack sections.

Trip Amenities

There are shower facilities available at the Escalante Outfitters. No cell phone service during this trip. The cabins on this trip are remote, appropriate to the locations in which we ride. They are chosen for comfort, scenery, and proximity to our activities. *No Single Supplement Available At Cabins. Single supplement IS available at a local Inn. Call for details. Add \$395*

Meals

All meals on this trip are prepared by your experienced guides except for 1 dinner and 1 breakfast at a local restaurant.



Day 1 | Travel and Orientation

If you haven't traveled with us from St George, our tour meets at Ruby's Inn, near Bryce Canyon at 2:30pm. We'll hop in the van for a quick 90-minute shuttle to Escalante, our home for the next few nights. The meeting will be held at Escalante Outfitters, our base cabin for four nights. We will meet our cabin hosts and have dinner, safety orientation, and introductions.

Cabins | Escalante Outfitters

Day 2 | Aquarius Trail and Posey Lake

We Begin our adventure in the stunning Escalante Mountains along Griffin Top, 10,000 feet in elevation. We ride along a 4X4 trail that takes us through the Escalante Mountain range. Rolling hills, a lesser traveled jeep road, takes us to our lunch spot, Posey Lake. We spend some time here exploring the Lake. After lunch, we have the option for additional riding if the group desires.

Total Moderate Mileage | 22 miles

Elevation Gain 1138 FT

Camp | Posey Lake

Terrain | Jeep Road, Full Van Support

Day 3 | Posey Lake to Hells Backbone

We start off the day with a amazing freshly made breakfast by our amazing trip leaders! After breakfast we head high up into the Escalante Mountains to Posey Lake where we'll hop on our bikes for a high alpine ride. We'll pass through the Death Hollow Wilderness.

Total Moderate Mileage | 14 miles

Elevation Gain 2290 ft

Cabins | Hells Backbone Hut

Terrain | Jeep Road, Van Support



Day 4 | The Burr Trail

Today we follow the Burr Trail as it ascends Duffy Mesa before reaching Rattlesnake Bench and the top of Long Canyon. The smooth ups and downs on this paved trail provide you with plenty of opportunities to focus on the incredible scenery that surrounds you. Many of our guests have told us that this is the most beautiful area they have ever seen.

Total Mileage | 18 miles biking

Elevation Gain 2,181 ft

Optional Hike to Calf Creek Falls 6 miles out and back

Cabins | Escalante Outfitters

Terrain | Paved, Van Support

Day 5 | Powell Point

After packing up and saying goodbye to our friends at the Escalante Outfitters, we shuttle high up into the Aquarius Plateau. The scenery is incredible, with views looking back into the Escalante desert. We start the day's ride with a 4-mile cruise on doubletrack to the Powell Point trailhead. From there, we hike on foot the rest of the way to Powell Point. A preview of colossal views yet to come flashes through open stands of Fir and Bristlecone Pines. Once again, the plateau necks, this time to one-lane width with views of crumbling cliffs. Finally, a ramble through the trees leads to Powell Point. You'll know when to stop! We enjoy lunch here at 10,188 feet, taking in the remarkable views. After a long lunch break we hike back to our bikes, back-track 4 miles to the van and descend down 2,000 feet over six miles to Pine Lake, our home for the night. We'll stay at the pines Hotel for our last night on tour.

Total Mileage | 15 miles (Option ride to Barney Top 2 miles 464 gain)

Elevation Gain 981 ft

Cabin | Pine Lake Hut

Terrain | Jeep Road, Van Support

Day 6 | Casto Canyon

After Breakfast, we take a short shuttle to Red Canyon, a spectacular swath of Pink Clarion limestone nestled into the vast Dixie National Forrest. This is one of our favorite trails. We ride right into the canyon, moving amongst the mysterious hoodoo formations that put this area on the map and experiencing the solitude found only deep in the canyon. After our ride, we'll have a relaxing lunch before shuttling back into town.

Total Moderate Mileage | 14 miles

Elevation Gain 706 ft

Terrain | Doubletrack, No Van Support

THE BASICS

State: Utah

Duration: 6 days/5 Nights

Type: Cabins

Airport: Las Vegas, NV

Mileage: 83 Miles

Season: Summer/Fall

Elevation: 6,000–10,770ft

MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Ruby's Inn

Address: 26 South Main St, Bryce Canyon City, UT 84764

Time: 2:30 pm (MST)

* We will return to Ruby's between 2:00 and 3:00pm on the last day. Our shuttle returns to St George around 6:00pm

OPTIONAL ADD-ONS

Round-trip shuttle from St. George to Rubys Inn: \$75

*Take advantage of our shuttle from St George (\$75 Round-Trip).

The shuttle will leave from the,

Desert Garden Inn at 11:30 am, 1450 S Hilton Dr, St George, UT 84770

BIKE RENTALS

We offer Santa Cruz and Specialized bikes. Please click for more information.

[Learn more about our rental gear on our website.](#)



CAMPING RENTALS

- Three-man tent with fly and ground tarp
- 30 degree sleeping bag with liner
- Camp Pillow
- (BYO pillowcase)
- Sleeping pad and Cot

Bringing or shipping your own gear? [See our shipping policy.](#)

WEATHER

You will be riding and sleeping at elevations over 7,000 ft for the first 4 nights of this trip. Weather predictions in this area are often unreliable due to the elevation, so it is best to be prepared for cold evenings and inclement weather. Please use the following locations when checking the weather online:

Escalante, UT

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

- Las Vegas, Nevada, is the closest city with a major airport and car rentals. We recommend that you fly into Las Vegas and drive to St George or Bryce, Utah. Remember there is a one hour time difference.
- Don't forget your sunscreen AND your layers. You will experience a wide-range of temperatures each day
- We recommend arriving at your meeting location at least 12 hours prior to your departure time in order to have time to rest before the tour.

Use our [Pre-Trip Information Center](#) for packing lists, how to prepare, FAQ and more!

TRIP COST INCLUDES: Two guides, all meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, except dinner on day 5, which is on your own, support vehicle, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a souvenir shirt.

Gratuities to local restaurants, hotels, transportation, and additional activities mentioned on this itinerary are paid by Escape Adventures. If you engage in an activity that is not part of this trip as outlined, then you are responsible for tipping.

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: Airfare to and from our departure point, lodging before or after the tour, 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.

See our website for cancellation policy.