



NEW MEXICO ROCKY MOUNTAIN SINGLETRACK MOUNTAIN BIKE TOUR

Mountain Biking

-  Private Tours and Custom Tours
Solos, Couples & Friends
-  Departure: Santa Fe, NM
-  Tour Offered: Jul, Aug, Sep
-  Departs On: Monday

-  Duration: 5 Days
-  Lodging: First-Class Camping or Casual Inns
-  Fitness Level: 3-5
-  Technical Level: 3-5
-  Elevation Range: 6,000 - 11,000 ft.

Tucked away in the New Mexico Rockies, this mountain bikers' paradise remains largely undiscovered, even to this day. Just across the border (and over some very high peaks) from Durango, Colorado, some of the best trails in the country. Join us on our journey through New Mexico's highest mountains, towering 10,000 feet above sea level, and be one of the few to experience their majesty!

This tour is designed for serious mountain bikers. Get ready for a challenging treat as sweet singletrack awaits you in the realm of Wheeler Peak, New Mexico's highest summit. Fly down the Magic Carpet Ride.

Descend to Taos on the locals' favorite, the South Boundary Trail. And ride to your heart's content at Angel Fire and Red River mountain resorts, where unbelievable singletrack gives the seasoned rider a true test of skill.





THE ESCAPE ADVENTURES EXPERIENCE

For over 25 years, the hallmark of an Escape Adventures tour is personalized, hands-on service, before, during, and after each trip.

OUR PEOPLE

Our Trip Leaders are the best in the business. Trained personally by the owners, our WFR certified Leaders understand the areas you ride and the safety of the group.

OUR COMMITMENT

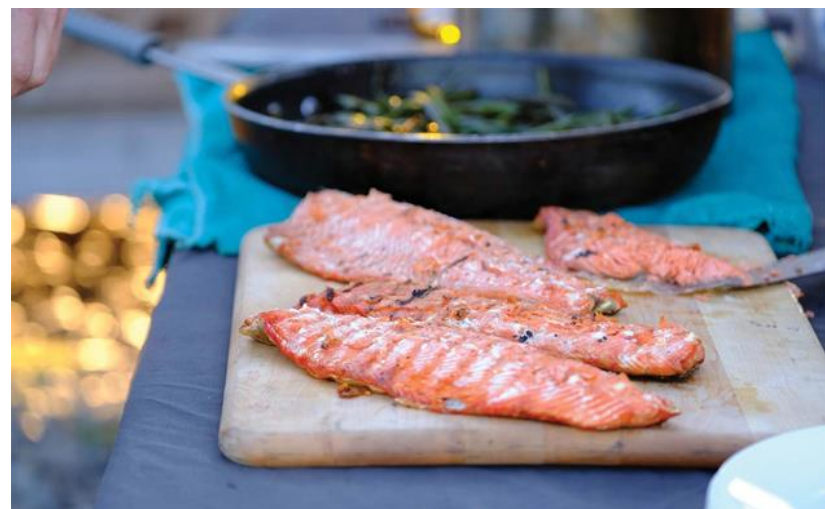
We don't just preach environmental awareness, we live it. We recycle 90% of our waste and run our LEED Platinum facilities with solar and wind power. Additionally, our facilities are net zero energy (we produce more energy than we consume) which makes us the only commercial outfitter in the world who is net positive energy.

OUR FOOD

Our Leaders prepare meals on 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.

OUR SUPPORT VEHICLES

We provide a support van and trailer for every 9 guests on all of our trips so you can count on us to be there when you need us.





DAY 1 | Garcia Park, Magic Carpet Ride, South Boundary Trail

From Santa Fe, we shuttle to Taos and the high Sangre de Cristo Mountains of the Carson National Forest. Our shuttle ascends through aspen and pine, climbing to Garcia Park, which will serve as our base camp for two nights. We have lunch and enjoy the views of the rugged Wheeler Peak Wilderness from our perch at 10,000ft.

After lunch, and directly from our camp, we ascend more than 1000 feet up on a twisty, aspen-lined single-track. The view from the top (Osha Mountain) is nothing shy of epic. Turn around and descend what we call the "magic carpet"! This trail takes us back to our camp where you can turn in or opt for a 500-foot climb to the Medicine Wheel, atop Paradise Park. From here you can enjoy spectacular views of Wheeler Peak and the Taos Valley, 3,000 feet below.



Total Mileage 15 Miles	Elevation Gain 2566 ft
Optional Ride to Paradise Park 4.4 miles	Elevation Gain 502 ft
Terrain Singletrack	
First Class Camping Garcia Park	Inn Taos B&B

DAY 2 | South Boundary Trail – Devisadero Loop

After breakfast, we head out on one of our all-time favorite Escape Adventures ride. This trail is widely recognized as one of the best in New Mexico. It is so exciting and challenging, some riders claim they should charge admission! Although the first 12 miles are mellow, the last 3 miles drop 2,200 feet down to the Taos Valley.

After breaking for lunch, the Devisadero Loop Trail, a Taos locals' favorite, awaits. This 6-mile stretch of single-track will test your skills and fitness level. We start off with a calve-burning uphill climb on rocky, steep terrain. After making it over this first hurdle, we're rewarded with some more laid back, rolling single-track. Then another tough climb brings us to the trail's summit, where chair-shaped cairns provide a chance to crown the king (or queen) of the trail. Steep grades, rock gardens, and small drops, line the path back to the van. After flying down the mountain, we head back to our camp or inn.



Total Mileage 12 miles	Elevation Gain 620 ft
Optional Ride Devisadero Loop 5.5 miles	Elevation Gain 1237 ft
Terrain Single-track, No Van Support	
First Class Camping Garcia Park	Inns Angel Fire Ski Resort



DAY 3 | Bob Sled to Angel Fire

Today's ride takes us down what we call the "bob sled." From camp descend 2000 feet on fast rolling jeep track. At the bottom, we shuttle to the Angel Fire Ski Resort to ride the 2005 World Cup XC course. A rare-treat, this is a trail designed by world-class riders FOR world-class riders, so bring you're A-game! A long hill climb delivers us to a tight, technical climbing section fraught with tricky moss-covered boulders. Overall, we climb 1500ft. up the mountain.

Then catch your breath and get ready, as we head back down the mountain on the intense downhill half of the course. Designed to test the best riders, this run will you put you in your place with rocky, tight single-track, complete with jumps and drops. The seemingly never-ending trail delivers us all the way back to the base of the mountain. For the faint of heart, an inviting pub and deck help pass the afternoon. For those who just don't want to ride uphill, opt out of the climbs and simply ride the downhill trails (via the ski lift) all afternoon.

Total Mileage | Bob Sled 7 miles
Angel Fire Trails- mileage optional

Elevation Gain | 322 ft

Terrain | Doubletrack and Single-track, No Van Support

First Class Camping | Red River

Inns | Angel Fire Ski Resort



DAY 4 | Lost Lake

A morning shuttle takes us to Lost Lake trailhead where we head out on yet another great day of riding. The ride starts off with a tough jeep road climb, but soon enough it turns into smoother single-track. Switchbacks ease the route, and we settle into a comfortable climb. We reach the top, and the terrain changes dramatically as we ride 1.5 miles along the edge of a steep slope, with beautiful views of Wheeler Park a quick glance away. Resist the urge to stare off into the scenic distance, this off-camber riding demands careful attention. As we approach the edge of the wilderness, out of reach for car-bound tourists, this rarely visited gem (Lost Lake) is likely the most picturesque mountain lake you will ever visit! After taking time to enjoy this special place, we finish out our loop on thrilling and epic single-track along East Fork. Great riding and crisp scenery, what's not to love?!

Total Mileage | 14 miles

Elevation Gain 2327

Terrain | Single-track, No Van Support

First Class Camping | Red River

Inns | Red River





DAY 5 | Taos Ski Valley/Frazer Mountain

We have one of our newest and favorite rides in store for you today—Northside Ski Resorts Alpine/Frazer Mountain. A lung-busting and challenging climb from Taos Ski Valley takes us up to the top of New Mexico's highest mountains. Our ride winds along purpose-built single-track with stellar views into the Wheeler Peak Wilderness. After taking a very long break atop Frazer Mountain at 12,200 feet (trust us you will need it), we drop 3000 feet all the way back down!

After lunch, we shuttle back to Santa Fe and Albuquerque respectively.



Total Mileage | 14 miles

Elevation Gain 3226 ft

There are options for less strenuous rides.

Terrain | Single-track, No Van Support

Daily Activities

Day	Activity	Easy		Moderate		Seasoned	
		Miles	Feet Gain	Miles	Feet Gain	Miles	Feet Gain
1	Mountain Biking			15	2566		
2	Mountain Biking			12	620	17	1857
3	Mountain Biking			7	322	All Day DH Ski Lifts PLUS Moderate Ride.	
4	Mountain Biking					14	2327
5	Mountain Biking					14	3226

THE IMPORTANT STUFF

Mountain Bike Tour Fitness Levels

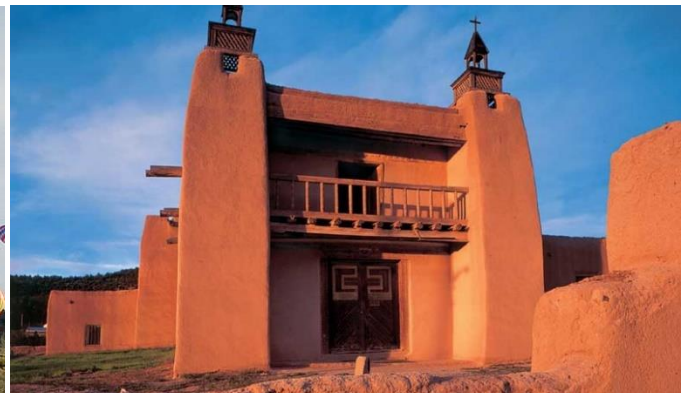


		Mountain Biking			Multi-Sport Activities			
Level	Hours of Activity	Total Elevation Feet Gain	Mountain Bike Miles	Hiking Miles	Rock Climbing	Canyoneering	Rafting/Canoeing	
Easy	1	700	5-10	1-5	Low Angle Large Handholds	Hiking/No Ropes	Relaxed, Slow Moving Water	
	2	1200	10-15	5-8	Level 1 PLUS Small Handholds	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	
Seasoned	4	2200	25-35	10-12	x	Level 3 PLUS Complex Ropes, Multiple Rapels	Level 3 PLUS Long Rapids	
	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
Seasoned	4	Level 3 PLUS Rocky Terrain – PLUS Longer, Steeper Ascents & Descents
	5	Level 4 PLUS Some Exposed Sections Of Trail, Some Loose Climbs & Descents



HOW TO PREPARE

MOUNTAIN BIKE

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.

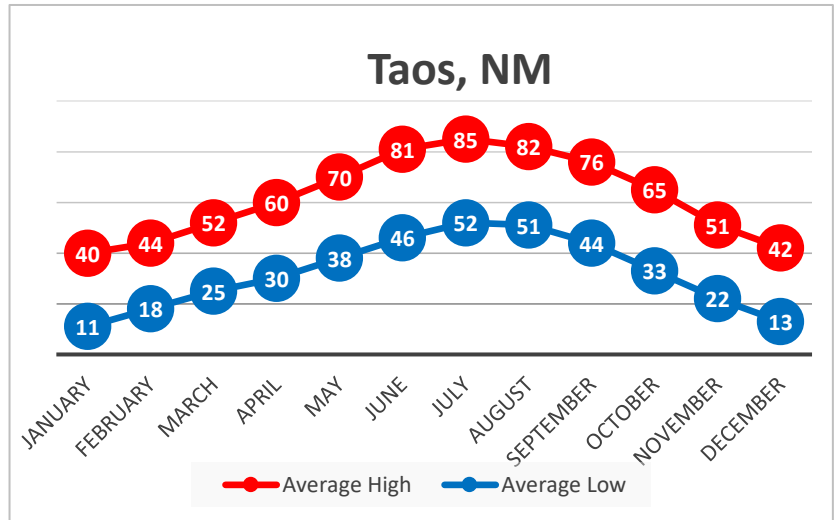
HIKING

To prepare for the tour, we recommend that you hike, jog or run at least several hours per week during the month preceding the tour. Walk/run in the shoes and sock you are bringing on the trip. This will help prevent blisters and sore feet.



WEATHER

You will be riding and sleeping in the desert for this trip. Despite this, it is best to be prepared for cold evenings and possible inclement weather. Please use the following location when checking the weather online:
Taos, NM



PACKING

Luggage is limited to one small soft-shelled suitcase or medium/large sized duffel bag (no heavier than 40 pounds). Please ensure your luggage container is water repellant. We also suggest bringing a hydration daypack or small backpack for valuables.

A complete list of what we consider essentials for every trip, as well as items that can be rented from Escape Adventures, is available at www.escapeadventures.com/packing-lists/

BICYCLE RENTALS

Escape Adventures rents quality bicycles. We will fit you with a high quality, durable and safe ride. Our chosen bike is equipped with an aluminum frame designed for a smooth, comfortable ride. Our mountain bikes are full-suspension, lightweight, equipped with a dropper post and adjustable. Availability of bikes are specific to your destination and should be confirmed in your itinerary. For more information call 800-596-2953.

Specialized Stumpjumper - 29er



The new Stumpjumper is the ultimate trail bike. It's supple over small bumps, yet it possesses a firm mid-stroke and exceptional bottom-out support.

- All bicycle rentals are equipped with flat pedals and a complimentary water bottle.
- Helmet and clipless pedals are available upon request and are included in the rental.
- Please specify your individual needs when confirming your reservation.



Santa Cruz Tallboy - 29er



The Tallboy muddles the line between XC and trail. The Tallboy climbs almost as well as an XC bike, but shows its true colors when the trail turns downward.

Santa Cruz 5010 - 27.5



An agile trail whip that turns on a dime and loves to pop and play. Turning trails into pumptracks the 5010 begs to spend as much time above the ground as on it.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

All meals starting with lunch on the first day through lunch on the last day, support vehicles, snacks, first-aid, bike maintenance, community gear, and a custom sublimated Limited Edition Jersey.



TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Airfare to and from departure point, lodging before or after the tour, personal camping gear (if applicable), or gratuities to Escape Adventures Trip Leaders. Tips to the Trip Leaders 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 all Trip Leaders.

MEALS

Our Trip Leaders prepare all of your meals on our camping trips. Expect three delicious meals a day consisting entirely of freshly prepared foods. These include fresh organic fruits and vegetables as well as meats.



TRIP AMENITIES

First-class campers will enjoy well-maintained public campgrounds. Cell service for this tour is spotty. Verizon is the best service to have for this area.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

We are always seeking opportunities to enhance this itinerary. We'll notify you of any changes prior to departure; other changes may be communicated on the trip by your Trip Leaders.

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 other unforeseen reasons that may affect the quality of the trip and/or safety of the participants. Inns are subject to change.

FIRST-CLASS CAMPING



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 the 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 where inside a sturdy raised cot, fluffy sleeping bag, and a plush full size pillow await.

We choose well-maintained public campgrounds with scenic vistas. The majority feature indoor facilities and showers. However, in more remote backcountry camping scenarios, we'll provide portable toilets and private solar showers.

CAMPING GEAR RENTALS



Camping gear may be rented or you may bring your own. Our camp gear package includes a three-man tent with ground tarp, sleeping bag, bag liner, full size pillow, raised cot and self-inflating ground pad.

ACCOMMODATIONS – CASUAL INNS (subject to change)

The Historic Taos Inn
125 Paseo Del Pueblo Norte
Taos, NM 87571

<https://www.taosinn.com/>

A legend throughout New Mexico, the Historic Taos Inn delights guests with its quirky, quintessential Southwestern style. Long considered “the social center of Taos,” this award-winning inn in the heart of town’s charming historic district has been called “one of America’s great inns” by National Geographic Traveler.



Best Western Rivers Edge
301 W River Street
Red River, NM, 87558

<https://www.guestreservations.com/best-western-rivers-edge-red-rivers/>

The Best Western River’s Edge offers amenities found nowhere else in town, such as complimentary hot breakfast, air conditioning and coffee in every room. The ski area’s main Platinum Chairlift and a nature trail through Carson National Forest are both directly across the river, which winds around a picnic area and a hot tub on the backside of the property.



GATEWAY CITY: ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

Albuquerque, New Mexico's largest city, sits in the high desert. Its modern Downtown core contrasts with Old Town Albuquerque, dating to the city's 1706 founding as a Spanish colony. Old Town is filled with historic adobe buildings, such as San Felipe de Neri Church, 5 museums, and shops selling Native American handicrafts. Nearby, The Indian Pueblo Cultural Center traces the area's tribal history.



Albuquerque International Sunport

Albuquerque International Sunport
2200 Sunport Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 244-7700

<https://abqsunport.com/>

Contact your favorite airline for schedules and rates to the Albuquerque International Sunport. If you have arranged an Escape Adventures shuttle from Albuquerque to Santa Fe, our shuttle picks up at the Sheraton Airport Hotel near the airport.



ALBUQUERQUE HOTELS (Optional Shuttle From the Sheraton in Albuquerque 8 am, call for info!)

Sheraton Albuquerque Airport Hotel
2910 Yale Blvd SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 843-7000
<https://www.marriott.com/>

Best Western Airport Albuquerque
2400 Yale Blvd SE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 242-7022
<https://www.bestwestern.com/>

MEETING AND DEPARTURE INFORMATION

MEETING LOCATION

Hilton of Santa Fe
100 Sandoval Street
Santa Fe, NM 87501 1-800-336-3676
<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/sfehihf-hilton-santa-fe-historic-plaza/>

DEPARTURE TIME

9:30 AM on the first day of the tour.

RETURN TIME

Around 5:00 PM on the last day of the tour.



CANCELLATION POLICY

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. There is also no partial refund if you arrive late to your tour, or depart early. Insurance agencies however, offer a full or partial refund in many circumstances if you purchase travel insurance to cover your tour. Payment in full is due 60 days prior to trip departure.

IF YOU CANCEL YOUR TRIP	YOU WILL RECEIVE
Up until 60 days prior to trip departure	100% of what you have paid minus a \$200 processing fee per person
59-45 days prior to trip departure	50% of what you have paid minus a \$200 processing fee per person
45-30 days prior to trip departure	15% of what you have paid minus a \$200 processing fee per person
29-0 days prior trip departure	No Refund

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We strongly encourage you to purchase travel insurance to protect against extenuating circumstances such as illness and injury- believe us, they do come up! We have a special arrangement with TravelGuard insurance so that you may purchase reasonably-priced travel insurance at the same time you place your tour reservation. For a detailed description of the TravelGuard policy we offer, visit our website or call 866-385-4839 and ask about product 007715.

TRANSFER POLICY

If you would like to change to a different tour or departure date after signing up, we will be happy to transfer you on a space available basis up until 60 days prior to your tour. Please provide your transfer request in writing - email is sufficient. Please note, a \$25 transfer fee will be deducted from your previous payments for each transfer, and if you later choose to cancel your tour, the cancellation deadlines will apply to the date of the originally scheduled tour.

TOUR CONFIRMATION

Escape confirms tours 60 days prior to tour departure; prior to this time, tours may be cancelled due to low enrollment. 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.

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 cancelled. 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.



SIMILAR TRIPS FROM ESCAPE ADVENTURES

LAKE TAHOE & THE LOST SIERRAS DAYLONG SINGLETRACK DESCENTS











Mountain Biking

-  Families with Older Kids
-  Private Tours and Custom Tours
-  Solos, Couples & Friends
-  Departure: Reno, NV
-  Tour Offered: Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep
-  Departs On: Monday
-  Duration: 5 Days
-  Lodging: Casual & Luxury Inns & Restaurants
-  Fitness Level: 3-5
-  Technical Level: 3-5
-  Elevation Range: 3,000 - 9,000 ft.

Bicycling Magazine named our Lake Tahoe/Sierras mountain bike tour as one of the “Fifty Best Trips on the Planet!” We see it simply as mastery of craft coupled with an extraordinary High Country landscape. Or, our gold standard set to mountain biking Gold Country.



GRAND TETONS MOUNTAIN BIKE TOUR SINGLETRACK

-  Private Tours and Custom Tours
-  Solos, Couples & Friends
-  Departure: Jackson, WY
-  Tour Offered: Jul, Aug, Sep
-  Departs On: Monday
-  Duration: 5 Days
-  Lodging: First-Class Camping or Casual Inns
-  Fitness Level: 3-5
-  Technical Level: 3-5
-  Elevation Range: 6,000 - 10,000 ft.

The Grand Teton National Park and adjoining National Forest protect this unique geographical feature, which peaks out at 13,770 feet; not to mention the wildlife, wildly lush subalpine meadows, and rich recreation opportunities we savor.

