



VIEW PHOTOS



OJAI & SANTA BARBARA

LENGTH: 6 Days / 5 Nights

ACCOMMODATIONS: Luxury Inns & Restaurants

FITNESS LEVEL: Beginner & Intermediate

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



Where wine culture meets road bike culture, layered and built out with soft touches, historic sites, if not all manner of stunning looks and experiences along California's Central Coast.

From Santa Barbara, all its luxury and nightlife, we dissolve into the California of old: gracious, Spanish architecture, ranchland and oak groves, all crossed by wonderfully scenic cyclo-touring routes.

From tasting the sea air on one long stage along the coast, the next sense might be the heady board wax from a leisurely stroll past an iconic surf shop... or the scrumptious bouquet wafting from a world-class wine-tasting room.

Talk about transporting... From following the very same stage as the 2018 Amgen Tour of California (the second), we indulge in another very Californian experience: an afternoon at the spa; a Himalayan stone massage chased by the Total Cleanse, or the Wellness Juice.

Welcome to Ojai and Santa Barbara.



Day 1 | Ojai

Meet-up in Santa Barbara. Shuttle to Ojai, a welcoming if nicely adorned small-town, all golden era California grace and humble lines. Getting the legs warmed up, we drop onto the Casitas Lake Loop. This ride is a favorite of Santa Barbara's cycling community. A classic Central Coast ride, the loop checks all the ecological zone/topographical feature boxes unique to the region: high chaparral to Oak woodlands to vibrant fruit and vegetable orchards environs. Off the bike, we visit an artisanal olive oil press and celebrated producer, gaining knowledge and understanding of the process. Breaking out our hiking shoes, we range into the best wilderness within the nearby Los Padres National Forest: 342-sq mile wilderness called Sespe Creek. A 61-mile long stream, the Sespe symbolizes a glorious holdout: one of the last wild rivers in Southern California untouched by dams or concrete channels.

Total Mileage | 18-51 miles

Inn | Ojai Valley Inn and Spa

Total ascent | 929-4530 Ft

Day 2 | Ventura

We saddle up in Ojai; our stage follows one beautiful bike path, a tasty combination of exposed and unexposed canopies (paved-off road trail). Sweeping into Ventura (pop. 109,592), a seaside city ringed by farmlands and the Los Padres NF, our route connects to another comfortably wide bike path. Surging north, along the coast, the path wends our peloton into Carpinteria, a small Oceanside city below broad hills, polo fields and horse ranches. Inhaling big miles and deep draws of scintillating sea air, we wrap in Santa Barbara.

Total Mileage | 15-53 miles

Inn | Harbor House Inn

Total ascent | 207-1408 Ft

Day 3 | Santa Barbara

After some enjoyable downtime in tony Santa Barbara (pop. 91,196) we saddle up at the Hope Ranch Loop. This ride is more social climber than the literal type. Rolling in and out of hillsides, this 16-mile route sweeps past Santa Barbara's 1%ers. Climbing 901-ft., only to descend an equal span, we pedal past the city's rich and famous, if not some impressive equestrian settings amidst California live oaks.



Slipping into walking shoes and sneakers, we next descend on Santa Barbara's meticulously preserved Old Mission, marveling at surrounding gardens and gorgeous grounds. Veering into Santa Barbara's Funk Zone, a hipster quarter between the Pacific and downtown, we follow an urban wine trail to pop-up parties at art galleries. From surf shops to local distilleries and breweries, we linger long at some of the Central Coast's finest wine-tasting rooms. The next day goes up country.

Total Mileage | 16 miles

Inn | Harbor House Inn

Total ascent | 872 Ft

Day 4 | Santa Ynez Valley

From Santa Barbara, our group cycles into the Santa Ynez Valley. A rural enclave of horse culture, tourism, vineyards and high viticulture, some might recognize this stage as the backdrop for the critically well-received comedy, Sideways. Sweeping past ranchlands, through rolling countryside, we close out at Los Olivos (pop. 1132). Built in the 1880s, this refreshingly accessible town of shade trees and colorful gardens trends for its world class wine if not equally superb farm-to-table cuisine.

Total Mileage | 26-43 miles

Inn | Fess Parker Wine Country Inn

Total ascent | 1270-5892 Ft

Day 5 | Los Olivos

Basing from the vineyards and ranches that ring Los Olivos, our time is divided between pool/spa and saddle. Refreshed and exfoliated, Day Five's stage unfolds atop the Four Canyons loop. A visual/landscape mash-up of rural Sicily, Portugal and Hawaii's backside, Four Canyons covers miles of quiet backroads. Through Drum, Foxen and Ballard Canyons, respectively, the route spills into Purisima Hills: gorgeous horse, cattle, goat and alpaca range.

Total Mileage | 19-58 miles

Inn | Fess Parker Wine Country Inn

Total ascent | 1147-3688 Ft



Day 6 | Solvang

The next day we throttle back a skosh, owing to time management and schedule. Our final stage egresses from Los Olivos vineyards, looping toward the Danish village of Solvang, (46-miles northwest of Santa Barbara); then back. Picture wide spread vineyards, lavender farms, fig trees and ancient oak groves. With a shuttle back to Santa Barbara we wrap with fond farewells.

Total Mileage | 12 miles

Total ascent | 606 Ft

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

- We recommend that you fly directly to Santa Barbara.
- Arrive in Santa Barbara at least 12 hours prior to your departure time in order to have time to rest before the tour



The Basics

State: California

Duration: 6 days/5 Nights

Type: Luxury Inns

Mileage: 125-230 Miles

Season: Spring, Summer, Fall

Airport: Santa Barbara, CA

MEETING INFORMATION

Location: Hotel Californian

Address: 36 State Street

Santa Barbara, California 93101

805-882-0100

Time: 9:00 am

* We will return to Santa Barbara by 4:00pm on the last day.

BIKE RENTALS

Specialized bikes. Please click for more information. [Learn more about our rental gear on our website.](#)

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. Please call for single rate.

Trip Cost Includes: Two Trip Leaders, support vehicle(s), bike rental, 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 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.

Cancellation Policy

Timeline for Final Payment

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

Refunds

If we cancel your tour for any reason, you will receive 100% of what you have paid. 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.

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 time of your reservation, select the *Guaranteed Trip Departure* option, adding an additional \$400 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 \$400 when final payment is collected. You will receive an email confirmation when your final payment is processed.

*** Scheduled Domestic trips only.**

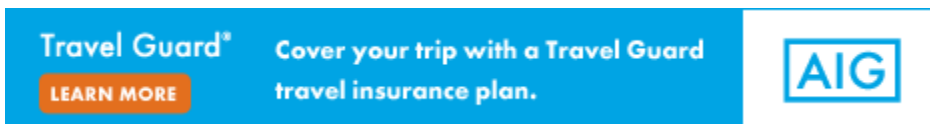
Tour Confirmation

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 schedule 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 multiday tour for any reason, your request must be in writing.

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 tour guides- 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 cost against cancellation and interruption while also providing medical, lost or damaged property and trip delay coverage. You are reimbursed if you have to cancel or interrupt their travel, and you are also covered should the need arise for emergency medical treatment, medical evacuation and a number of other situations.

You can purchase travel insurance from our partner at AIG when you book your trip, AIG Travel Guard through Escape Adventures. Please call us for more information or to view the terms of agreement. 702.596.2953

Release of Liability

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