

Semi-Guided: Western Highlights (M-ID: 2529)

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from €5,295.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

11 days

06/17/2024 - 06/27/2024 11 days

If you want to experience the breathtaking southwest of the USA on the saddle of a Harley Davidson®, then the "Western Highlights" tour is the right choice for you.

The tour starts in San Francisco and ends in Las Vegas. In between are the impressive Highway 1 along the California coast, the historic Route 66, the Grand Canyon National Park, Lake Powell, Zion National Park and much more that will not let you out of your amazement.

It doesn't matter at all if you want to participate in this dream as a single or as a couple. This tour will be an unforgettable experience for you! Guaranteed!

TOUR - INFO: This is a Semi - Guided Tour. A Semi-Guided Tour is basically a guided tour that gives individual participants free space. You ride either behind or in front of our experienced guide who sits in the escort vehicle and guides you, or you ride the tour according to your own ideas and your luggage is automatically transported with you. However, in case of emergency you will have a contact person on site. You decide yourself if you prefer the guided or the self-ride version. Our service and benefits are unique!

The satisfaction of our customers is our top priority. That's why we place special emphasis on the best possible equipment when selecting the available motorcycles. So that you are always comfortable and safe in your saddle during the entire route, we advise you individually. This way, your machine will be the ideal companion for your Western Highlights tour. You can find more information under "Motorcycles on this tour".

This tour can be booked with Harley-Davidson® as well as with BMW® motorcycles (for an additional charge).

Tour itinerary:

Day 1: Germany - San Francisco

Welcome to San Francisco. The arrival is individual. If you have contracted us to organize your flights and hotel transfer, we will take care of it. Otherwise we will meet later at the hotel. In the evening, the first meeting of all participants with your tour guide will take place at the first tour hotel at the famous Fisherman's Warf for a "Welcomedrink" followed by a discussion about the course of the tour and lots of "San Francisco tips". Afterwards, the rest of the evening is at your leisure. Overnight stay in San Francisco.

TIP: if you would like to experience a little more of San Francisco, we recommend that you arrive one, two or more days in advance. We can easily make such requests for you and will be very happy to assist you in booking flights, transfers or extra nights in the hotel of your choice.

Day 2: Motorcycle pick up - San Francisco, 100 km
The morning is free for your own explorations. In the early afternoon we get together for an info meeting incl. tour briefing. Afterwards we take over the motorcycles and ride to get accustomed via the Golden Gate Bridge to Sausalito and back to our hotel. Overnight stay in San Francisco. Tour length approx. 100 km

Day 3: Highway #1 - San Simeon, 360 km
We leave San Francisco first thing in the morning. Today we have a dream route ahead of us. Already the ride on Highway 280 is a pleasure. After leaving the highway in the direction of Monterey, we pass Carmel (where Clint Eastwood was mayor) and arrive directly on the world-famous Highway #1. The approx. 85 miles around the Big Sur will force us to take several photo breaks - but we won't miss out on the fun of the curves either! In the late afternoon we reach our overnight destination. The well-known vacation town of San Simeon on the west coast.

Tour length approx. 360 kilometers.

Day 4: Paso Robles - Bakersfield - Barstow, 440 km
Today's route takes us through California's beautiful wine region through Paso Robles, past forever almond orchards and oil drilling fields around Lost Hills and Wasco. We touch Bakersfield and head east through the Greenhorn Mountains, the Mojave Desert. The final destination of the day is the college town and US military base of Barstow. Tour length approx. 440 kilometers.

Day 5: Amboy - Route 66 - Laughlin, 295 km
Today we will experience the historic Route 66 besides boundless riding fun! The way leads us past stations like Ludlow, Amboy with its crater and the famous Route 66 stations Bagdad and Rob Roys Cafe. Here you will take the most beautiful pictures on Route 66. The day's destination is Laughlin, located directly on the Colorado River, which we will reach in the early afternoon. Tour length approx. 295 kilometers.

Day 6: Route 66 - Williams, 305 km
Also this day is completely dedicated to the old Route 66, which we will cruise to Williams. On the way we will pass through Oatman, Kingman, Peach Springs, Huckberry and Seligman. In the afternoon we reach the destination of today's stage, Williams, the last place on the historic Route 66 of this tour. Here the "Western Feeling" awaits us in the evening with great bars, live music and restaurants. Tour length approx. 305 kilometers.

Day 7: Grand Canyon N.P. - Cameron - Page, 305 km
The day today is dedicated to "marveling" and discovering the world famous Grand Canyon. If you like, you can take a helicopter ride in the morning (optional). The road leads along the South Rim and offers all the highlights of this fascinating natural wonder. After our lunch break in Cameron we ride through the Painted Desert, where once Dennis Hopper and Peter Fonda also drove, and our destination today is Page. Later in the afternoon, you will also have the optional opportunity to take an excursion with our Navajo guides through the legendary Antelope Canyon and marvel at this magical place up close. You will never forget these images of it. Overnight stay in Page. Tour length approx. 305 kilometers.

Day 8: Zion National Park - Mesquite, 330 km
In the morning you also have the optional possibility to take a helicopter flight, which first flies over the Horseshoe Bend to land afterwards on the famous Tower Butte, where you can enjoy a breathtaking 360 degree panoramic view over Glen Canyon, Lake Powell, the Kaiparowitz Plateau, the Grand Staircase and the Vermillion Cliffs. This is a first class experience that no one should miss. Afterwards we will cross the beautiful Zion National Park around noon before returning to Nevada via an old highway. Overnight stay in Mesquite. Tour length approx. 330 kilometers

Day 9: Las Vegas - Motorcycle transfer, 180 km
We leave Mesquite in a southerly direction along the largest man-made reservoir in the USA, Lake Mead, and then return to Las Vegas. The return of the motorcycles takes place in the early afternoon. Afterwards hotel transfer. The evening is at your free disposal. Here we recommend a visit to one of the extraordinary musicals or a Las Vegas show. Overnight stay in Las Vegas. Tour length approx. 180 kilometers.

Day 10: Las Vegas

This day is free for you in Las Vegas. Here you have the opportunity to take a Big Bus city tour, to go shopping in one of the Las Vegas Premium Outlets, to visit a show, a sightseeing flight or to "shoot" a few cartridges in the Gun Garage. We always have very nice tips ready for you. In the evening we offer you the ultimate tour finale: a stretch Hummer ride along Las Vegas Boulevard followed by a visit to the famous Fremont Street, where it all began for Las Vegas on May 15, 1905. All programs on this day are optional.

Day 11: Return flight

Today is the day to say goodbye. Either fly back today or start your individual extension.

Tip: if you would like to extend your tour, whether with a motorcycle or rental car, just contact us. We know exactly where you can go at this time and what you can still experience there.

Day 12: Arrival in Germany

End of the trip.

- Typing errors and/or changes are reserved for all tours.-

Countries	USA / United States of America
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	motorcycle rent incl.
Tourguide / Coach	optional
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl. on request
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	yes
Level of difficulty	medium
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

Pricing

per rider in shared twin/double room	€5,295.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€3,495.00
per rider in single room	€6,195.00
Surcharge for the Grand Touring class motorcycles	€170.00

Included

Welcome drink

Transfers from the hotel to the rental station and back

10 overnight stays in good hotels or motels depending on the itinerary

Breakfast, if offered by the hotels (A frank word on the subject of breakfast in the USA: We would like to point out that breakfast as an included service in American or Canadian hotels is not a matter of course. There are all different varieties of breakfast. Some hotels offer coffee and some kind of roll, toast or a piece of cake, plus maybe some jam. If one is lucky, there is some fruit or dairy products. Some accommodations only offer coffee with a coffee maker in the room. Other hotels offer a varied breakfast. Many hotels decide in the middle of the season to launch this service, to abolish it or even to change it. There is generally everywhere a possibility to buy breakfast for little money. We write in the services "Partial breakfast", because we can not guarantee which hotel all of a sudden decides for it or against it.)

8 days motorcycle rental for the indicated tour period (surcharge of 180 € per motorcycle, ONLY for the Grand Touring Class)

All free miles

Fees for one-way rental of the motorcycles (value 425 USD per motorcycle)

VIP-ZERO insurance (value 320 EUR per motorcycle)

VIP check - in for the rental

TOP PROTECTION: Deductible 0.00 EUR - value 320 EUR per motorcycle (Explanation for the reduction of the deductible to 0,- USD: In case of damage you have no excess. The deductible in case of theft is a maximum of 1000 US \$ on site and must first be paid by the customer in case of damage (theft). After the tour, the damage will be submitted and after inspection, the costs will be reimbursed by our German insurer. Please note: in order to avoid much higher costs, you must present the motorcycle key and a police report at the rental station in the event of theft, among other things.)

TOP PROTECTION: 2 million EUR additional liability insurance (value 250 EUR per motorcycle)

TOP PROTECTION: Flat tyre protection - value 300 EUR per motorcycle (Our Flat Tyre Protection includes 100% tyre repair/working time. Any recovery/towing costs are covered up to a maximum of 100 USD. Costs above this are to be paid by yourself! An additional emergency towing service coverage is included in your tour price. Therefore these additional costs are not applicable for you)

TOP PROTECTION: Emergency Assistance and Emergency Towing Service - Value 120 EUR per motorcycle (Our Flat Tyre Protection includes 100% tyre repair/working time. Any recovery/towing costs are covered up to a maximum of 100 USD. Costs above this are to be paid by yourself! An additional emergency towing service coverage is included in your tour price. Therefore these additional costs are not applicable for you)

Tour escort by one of our experienced USA specialists in the escort vehicle (value: priceless).

US-DOT approved half-shell rental helmets for rider and pillion passenger

Support vehicle during the entire motorcycle tour. Depending on the size of the group, an additional escort vehicle may be used.

Concierge on site for your extra wishes (value: priceless)

Luggage transfer during the tour - 1 piece of luggage of 23 kg per person plus a small piece of hand luggage (We would like to ask you to refrain from using hard-shell suitcases, as they can cause problems during transport in the escort vehicle)

Drinks service during riding days (chilled drinks at net cost price)

Guidebook and maps per rider

Exclusive annual edition tour t-shirt

Link to the free download of the tour pictures / videos as a souvenir

Guarantee certificate for package tours

Not included

Flights

Airport transfer

Personal expenses

Travel cancellation costs, international health insurance

Petrol

Entrance fees for the attractions or National, State and Navajo Parks

Parking garage fees

Road/bridge charges

Costs for optional excursions

Tips

Everything that is not specified under services

Additionally bookable services:

Flights - upon request

Seat reservations

Rail & Fly ticket (there and back) of the DB for 85€ p.p. in 2nd class

On request - airport transfers (from 75 € per person in San Francisco and from 40 € per person in Las Vegas).

For an extra charge of 195 EUR we can give you a motorcycle model guarantee for your first motorcycle request. You will find the exact description of this service under the tab "More Details".

180 € surcharge for the Grand Touring Class motorcycles.

More details

Duration: 11 days

Total distance: 2335 km

Minimum number of participants: 12 persons (including pillion riders). We have not yet had to do this, but: if the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the tour up to four weeks before the start of the tour. Alternatively, the tour can be carried out with only one tour guide in the escort vehicle in order to avoid a tour cancellation (if it is calculable for us).

Maximum number of participants: 16 persons (including pillion riders)

Motorcycles on this tour:

Please note: Not all types are available at all motorcycle stations. As we are not the direct service provider for the motorcycles, we cannot guarantee for the "first motorcycle wish".

So that everything is clear in advance: Our partner requires the specification of a substitute desired machine mandatory at the time of booking and gives us a MOTORCYCLE CLASS GUARANTEE. This means that we will confirm your initial request (if available on the day of booking) and as an alternative a guarantee within the booked / requested category.

Class mix in booking is not allowed.

OPTIONAL MOTORCYCLE MODEL GUARANTEE: If the desired model is available, our partner will confirm the booking for the desired model, however, he reserves the right to offer an alternative model from the same category, if your desired model is not available. This can happen, for example, if the previous renter returned the motorcycle with damage. If choosing a specific model is very important to you, then this model will be guaranteed to you for an extra charge of 195 EUR per rental.

In the unlikely event that this service does not work out on the spot, you will get a motorcycle from the same category and the fee will immediately be refunded to you.

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Motorcycles at our partner - the motorcycles in the overview sorted by classes:

HD GRAND TOURING CLASS: These Harley-Davidson® models are best equipped for longer rides or multi-day trips. All Touring Class machines are equipped with very comfortable seat backs for the pillion passenger. These American motorcycles are very well balanced and easy to ride for an experienced rider. They offer plenty of space in the saddlebags and a top case. Please note: the models of this class can be booked with an extra charge. You will find the exact amount in the inclusive services of your tour:

Harley-Davidson® Ultra Glide® Classic

Harley-Davidson® Ultra Glide® Limited

Harley-Davidson® Road Glide® Ultra

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HD STREET TOURING CLASS: These Harley-Davidson® models are also equipped for longer rides or multi-day trips. All Touring Class machines are equipped with comfortable seat backs for the pillion passenger, but without the top case and touring seats. These American motorcycles are very well balanced and easy to ride for an experienced rider. They offer plenty of space in the saddlebags:

Harley-Davidson® Street Glide®

Harley-Davidson® Road Glide®

Harley-Davidson® Road King®

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HD CRUISER TOURING CLASS: The quintessential American bike. These models have become famous through movies and enthusiasts around the world. Very easy to ride for people who are used to a smaller machine, sport or sport-touring. Almost all models available with pillion backrest and windscreen. Excellent for long rides and tours, weekend rides, day trips and city rides:

Harley-Davidson® Heritage Softail®

Harley-Davidson® Low Rider®

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INDIAN TOURING CLASS: The second American motorcycle brand. Long disappeared from the market, but it still has fans firmly in its grip. The Indian® motorcycles are equipped with comfortable seat backs for the pillion passenger. These American machines are very well balanced and easy to ride for an experienced rider. Excellent for long rides and tours, weekend rides, day trips and city rides. Not available everywhere. Please ask us about them beforehand. **IMPORTANT:** Indian® Roadmaster® and Challenger® can only be booked with a surcharge and belong in the Grand Touring Class. Indian® Chieftain® and Chief Vintage® belong in the Street Touring Class:

Indian® Chief Vintage®

Indian® Challenger®

Indian® Roadmaster®

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STREET CLASS: The quintessence of American bikes. These models have become famous through movies and enthusiasts around the world. Very easy to ride for people who are used to a smaller machine, sport or sport-touring. Almost all models available with pillion backrest and windscreen. Excellent for long rides and tours, weekend rides, day trips and city rides. Not available everywhere and not possible for every tour. Please ask us beforehand:

Harley-Davidson® Sportster 1200®

Indian® Scout®

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HD THREE WHEEL CLASS: Some tours can also be ridden with a HARLEY DAVIDSON® TRI-GLIDE® ULTRA for an additional charge (depending on the station from 120 EUR/rental day). Appropriate experience is a prerequisite. Very limited availability of maximum 1-2 trikes per station. Not available everywhere. Please ask us beforehand:

Harley-Davidson® TRI-Glide® Ultra

Harley-Davidson® Freewheeler®

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POLARIS® SLINGSHOT® CLASS: This is the perfect alternative if you either do not have a motorcycle license or if you have no experience with an HD® TRI-Glide® Ultra motorcycle. You are allowed to rent a Polaris® Slingshot® with your passenger car license. The vehicle has an H-shift with clutch, probably like your car at home. The Polaris® Slingshot® will still be categorized as a motorcycle. We ONLY get these types of vehicles in Las Vegas and they can be rented on almost all other guided tours from/to Las Vegas for an additional fee (starting at 135 EUR/rental day) except for "The American Dream" and "Silver & Golden State" tours. These vehicles provide a lot of fun and can keep up very well with their approx. 173 HP.

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Important to know:

A valid credit card (VISA / MASTERCARD or American Express) is required for the motorcycle pick-up. Deposit: 100 USD. The deposit can only be paid by credit card.

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Your additional super - tour companion: the specially developed Travel - App (In the travel documents you will find both a road atlas and a travel guide of the region. In addition, you will receive our specially developed app for your tour. It works on and offline and uses the GPS of your mobile phone to make sure that you are on the right biker route. It also has some tips and information about the place where you are. Works in all major iOS and Android phones. For copyright reasons, the password of the tour on the app will be deactivated by the manufacturer about 2 weeks after the end of the trip, but you will get even more material from us so you can keep your memories).

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Info about flights and airport transfers:

Over time, the general travel behavior has changed. More individuality and flexibility is demanded. For us, this is not a problem, because we as a small company always have short decision-making processes and can adapt perfectly to the requirements. The airfare market has become so confusing and you have to be very careful what and when you book it. Cheap can be very expensive, for example, if you have to cancel or change the flight. For example, there are also direct flights from other airports than just Frankfurt, but on other days. For these reasons we have decided to take the flights and transfers out of the calculation for the Semi-Guided Tours. This gives you the following advantages:

- You are flexible in choosing the airline
- You are flexible in choosing your arrival and departure days
- You are flexible in choosing your stops
- You may be able to save money by doing this

Flexibility and freedom are great. But they have a disadvantage, for example if the trip has to be cancelled because of few participants. Fortunately, this happens very rarely, but it can happen. What do you do now, if the booked cheap flights now have 100% cancellation costs and are also not rebookable? We have taken care of this and offer you the following solution:

- We take into account all your wishes
- You have NO costs in case we have to cancel the trip
- We organize the airport transfers for you free of charge

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An honest word among bikers:

With the next lines we would like to prepare you in the best way for the adventure of your life. You are either about to book one of the most beautiful types of travel, or you have already done so. The biggest difference between our type of holiday and a general package tour is that you are actively involved. Riding a motorcycle is one of the best things in life. At least for us bikers. The focus of the trip is motorcycling through unique landscapes. We have designed the programs in such a way that both riding fun and experience are present in sufficient quantity. Team spirit and adaptation in the group are absolutely necessary just as you need to bring a certain basic fitness and experience so that we can reach the destination together happy and healthy. If you have any doubts about your health, fitness or experience levels, please contact us beforehand. We want to achieve the best holiday experience for you too. The daily stages are on average 250 - 400 kilometers long. That sounds a lot, but it can't be compared to the same route in Europe, considering that there are often 80 kilometers without passing through a town and a whole day without traffic lights during the program. There are also hardly any traffic jams. We are rarely in the saddle for more than five hours throughout the day. We reach our daily destination between 4 - 6 p.m., depending on the season. Depending on the weather and daily temperatures, it can happen that we have to leave a little earlier or reach our daily destination later. However, if we want to experience a picture book sunset with full intention, it will be a little later.

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Insurance:

We generally recommend that you take out travel cancellation insurance.

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Terms of Payment:

After you have sent the booking to us, you will receive your travel confirmation/invoice, the insurance certificate for package tours and all information regarding your tour. The deposit amounts to 20% of the tour price (+ possibly the travel insurance) and is due immediately. The balance of the invoice payment is due 30 days before the start of the tour. The final payment by credit card (VISA or Mastercard only) will be debited automatically approx. 42 days before departure. Due to the insolvency application filed by Wirecard, payment by credit card is not possible until further notice. We are looking for legally compliant alternatives. Unfortunately, we cannot accept credit card payments until then. Payments with American Express or Diners Club are not possible.

The following payment options are at your disposal: 1. on account by bank transfer. 2. via a major credit card (only VISA or Mastercard). There is no transaction fee when using a VISA or Mastercard. Final payment 42 days before departure.

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Upon request:

1/2 double rooms can be booked upon request. If a 1/2 double room is already available, we will confirm it to you in your booking. If the 1/2 double room is not available at that very moment, then we will confirm a single room first. As soon as we have a booking for the second half of the room, we will immediately credit you the single room surcharge.

If you would like to extend your stay or have other wishes, please contact us.

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Information on ESTA:

German travelers still need approved ESTA to enter the country. For travelers to the USA, registration via the electronic ESTA system has been mandatory since 20.01.2010. Officials at the immigration counters can refuse entry to the USA to passengers without ESTA authorization. Authorities recommend that travelers apply for entry authorization via the ESTA website <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta> at least 72 hours before departure. The ESTA fee of \$21 per ESTA application. ESTA authorization must be applied for online no later than 72 hours prior to travel. The ESTA authorization does not constitute a visa, visa-required travelers do not need an ESTA authorization, but a visa.

Entry requirements:

Please pay attention to the entry regulations in the USA.