

Semi-Guided: Southwest Explorer (M-ID: 2530)

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from €4,295.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

10 days

05/16/2024 - 05/26/2024 11 days

08/22/2024 - 09/01/2024 11 days

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

Las Vegas, historic Route 66, the Grand Canyon National Park and the world famous Monument Valley are just a few stops on this tour that you will experience in a group with like-minded people.

The colors of nature both in spring and during the Indian Summer in the southwest of the USA will give you the "rest".

It doesn't matter at all if you want to participate in this dream as a single rider 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 more 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 will be transported for you. In case of emergency, however, you will have a contact person on site. You decide yourself if you prefer the guided or the self - guided version. Our service and benefits are unique !

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

This tour can be booked with Harley-Davidson® as well as with BMW® motorcycles (extra charge) or Polaris® Slingshot® (extra charge).

Tour itinerary:

Day 01: Arrival in Las Vegas

Welcome to fabulous Las Vegas. The arrival takes place on

an individual basis. If you have asked us to organize your flights and transfers, we will be waiting for you at the airport. Otherwise we will meet later at the hotel. In the evening, the first meeting of all participants with your tour guide will take place in the first tour hotel. After a "welcome drink" we will have a subsequent discussion about the course of the tour. Afterwards, the rest of the evening is at your leisure. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

TIP: If you would like to arrive one or two days in advance so that you can explore this wonderful city at your leisure, we can help you book flights, transfers or additional nights at the hotel of your choice.

Day 02: Motorcycle pick up - Las Vegas (20 km)

The morning is at your leisure. **TIP:** Visit the Strip with the theme hotels or go shopping. We are happy to help you in this regard with advice and assistance. In the morning you can explore Las Vegas with a "Big Bus Tour" (optional). One of the bus stops is directly at your hotel. In the early afternoon, after a briefing we organize your transfer to the rental station for the motorcycle pick up. For acclimatization we ride along the famous Las Vegas Boulevard. Overnight stay in Las Vegas. Tour length approx. 20 kilometers.

Day 03: Las Vegas - Hoover Dam - Laughlin (255 km)

The adventure begins. First we visit the famous Hoover Dam and the Eldorado Gold Mine, which is known from several movies. Then we cruise south towards our destination of the day, Laughlin, on the Arizona border. Tour length approx. 255 kilometers.

Day 04: Laughlin - Oatman - Seligman - Williams (305 km)

This day is dedicated to the old Route 66, which we follow until Williams before we turn into 64 North, direction Grand Canyon. On the way we pass through Oatman, Kingman and Seligman. While in Seligman, be sure to stop at Angel Delgadillo's barber shop. Here you have one of the best opportunities to buy Route 66 souvenirs. In the afternoon we reach the destination of today's stage: Williams! Here the "Western Feeling" awaits us in the evening with great bars, live music and restaurants. Tour length approx. 305 kilometers.

Day 05: Williams - Grand Canyon N.P. - Kayenta (340 km)

After about an hour ride the next highlight of the tour awaits us: The Grand Canyon. Before we ride into the National Park you have the possibility to take part in a helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon (optional). Alternatively you can ride directly into the park. There is a lot to discover, even on your own. The road leads along the South Rim and offers all the highlights of this fascinating natural wonder. After a lunch break at the Cameron Trading Post we make our way through Navajo and Hopi territory to Kayenta, which we reach in the afternoon. Tour length approx. 340 kilometers.

Day 06: Kayenta - Monument Valley - Mexican Hat - Torrey (430 km)

Today we will experience the "real" wild west. Now we finally reach Monument Valley with its enormous rock towers. Here we will take a jeep tour through the valley, where we will take endless pictures at the various stops. Afterwards we ride through San Juan and admire the famous "Mexican Hat". Glen Canyon National Park with the Colorado River and Capitol Reef National Park are our upcoming stops along the way. Tonight's overnight stay is in the Torrey area. Tour length approx. 430 kilometers.

Day 07: Torrey - Escalante - Bryce Canyon N.P. (270 km)

We wind our way through excellent winding roads along the Escalante Highway to our next destination of the day: Bryce Canyon. The afternoon is dedicated to Bryce Canyon. Bryce Canyon is famous for its unique rock formations that glow in brilliant golden and red colors, especially at sunrise and sunset. Overnight approx. 5 miles from Bryce Canyon N.P. Tour length approx. 270 kilometres.

Day 08: Bryce Canyon N.P. - Zion N.P. - Mesquite (280 km)

The sunrise in this area is a pure delight! We then cross the beautiful Zion National Park in the morning before returning to Nevada via Interstate 15. Overnight stay in Mesquite. Tour length approx. 280 km

Day 09: Mesquite - Lake Mead - Las Vegas (225 km)

On the way to Las Vegas we make a special side trip to the Valley of Fire National Park, which is known through various TV commercials, series and movies. We ride a beautiful route, along Lake Mead, back to Las Vegas, where we return our motorcycles and transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay in Las Vegas. Tour length approx. 225 kilometers.

Day 10: Free day in Las Vegas

Today you have an extra day to explore this beautiful city. Take a tour of the flashy world of Las Vegas theme hotels, visit historic Downtown Las Vegas, one of the many museums or build a shopping tour. Your tour guide is a Las Vegas insider and will be on hand to give you plenty of tips.

Day 11: Individual extension or return flight

From today you may decide whether you prefer to fly back or extend your stay in the USA.

Day 12: Arrival in Europe

If you flew back yesterday, you will arrive home today. Otherwise, look forward to a few wonderful days in the land of opportunity.

- The route / accommodation / services are subject to change. -

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

Prices for the date: 14.10.2023 - 24.10.2023

per rider in shared twin/double room	€4,295.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€2,695.00
per person in single room	€4,945.00
Surcharge for Grand Touring class motorcycles	€160.00

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Prices for the date: 16.05. - 26.05.2024

per rider in shared twin/double room	€4,495.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€2,895.00
per person single room	€5,145.00
Surcharge for Grand Touring class motorcycles	€160.00

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Prices for the date: 22.08. - 01.09.2024

per rider in shared twin/double room	€4,595.00
per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers cannot book without an accompanying rider)	€2,995.00
per person single room	€5,245.00
Surcharge for Grand Touring class motorcycles	€160.00

Included

Welcome drink

Transfers from the hotel to the rental station and back

10 overnight stays in good hotels or motels according to 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 period (surcharge of 160 € per motorcycle ONLY for the Grand Touring Class)

All free miles

LDW-ZERO insurance (value 320 €).

VIP check in for the rental

TOP PROTECTION: Deductible 0.00 EUR (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 200 EUR)

TOP PROTECTION: Puncture Protection - Value 280 EUR (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 80 EUR (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).

High season surcharges, if applicable (01.05.-30.06.23 and 01.08.-30.09.23).

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

Detailed roadbook with extensive information and road maps in a specially developed travel - app

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 at daily rates on request

Seat reservations

On request the airport transfers (from 30 EUR per person and route). 50% discount/advantage if you book the flights through us.

For an extra charge of 125 EUR we can give you a motorcycle model warranty on your first request. You can find the exact description of this service under More Details.

160 EUR surcharge (per rider) for a Grand Touring Class model

Motorcycle - Trike Class/Polaris® Slingshot® Class (surcharge of 1250 EUR per motorcycle)

More details

Duration: 10 days

Total distance: 2120 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: 18 persons (including pillion riders)

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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 125 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 returned 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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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.

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 on flights and airport transfers:

Over time, the general travel conditions have changed. More individuality and flexibility is demanded. For us, this is not a problem, because being a small company we always have short decision-making processes and can adapt perfectly to different requirements. The airfare market has become quite confusing and you have to be very careful what and when you book your flights. Cheap can be very expensive - for example, if you have to cancel or change your flight. Another 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 when choosing the airline
- You are flexible when choosing your arrival and departure days
- You are flexible when choosing your stops
- You may be able to save some money

Flexibility and more freedom are great. But they have a disadvantage, for example if the trip has to be cancelled because of too 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 that 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.

Insurance:

We generally recommend that you take out travel cancellation insurance.

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.

Information on ESTA:

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.