

Western Highlights and California (M-ID: 2661)

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from €6,495.00

Dates and duration (days)

On request

19 days

05/13/2024 - 05/31/2024 19 days

09/02/2024 - 09/20/2024 19 days

05/12/2025 - 05/30/2025 19 days

09/01/2025 - 09/19/2025 19 days

Join us for one of the best combined motorcycle tours of the United States of America (our California "Highlights of the West" motorcycle tour).

Las Vegas, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Route 66 and Highway 1, nearly 20 of the best national and state parks, such as the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Canyonlands, Natural Bridges, Grand Escalante, Antelope Canyon, Monument Valley, Death Valley, Yosemite National Park and many more, as well as many lonely roads are the highlights here.

Daily schedule:

Day 01 - Flight to Las Vegas

Flight with a renowned airline from your chosen departure point to Las Vegas (transfer possible). Upon arrival in Las Vegas, you will be met by your guide and transferred to a well located mid-range hotel. The rest of the evening is at your leisure. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

Day 02 - Las Vegas

The morning is free for you to explore Las Vegas on your own. After the first meeting in the morning, you can take a ride to the outlet mall or to the Harley-Davidson® dealer, or simply visit the first of the many hotel attractions or take a visit to the observation deck of the 350 m high Stratosphere Tower to get an overview of the city. Your guide will be happy to help and advise you. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

OUR TIP: If you like, you can end the day with a cozy dinner together and then, like the movie stars, be chauffeured on an optional stretch limousine tour along the Strip and into the Old Town of Las Vegas.

Day 03 - Las Vegas - Bike Pickup

The morning is free for you to explore Las Vegas on your own. Relax by the pool, go shopping and hit the strip. Your

guide will be happy to provide you with advice and support. In the early afternoon, you will pick up your machines from our local motorcycle rental partner. You take the opportunity and take a short ride to get back to the hotel.

OUR TIP: Helicopter flight over the Las Vegas Strip at night.

Day 04 - Hoover Dam - Eldorado Gold Mine - Laughlin, 255 km

Early in the morning you start your Harley® tour through the Wild West. All the luggage you need for the tour will be loaded into the accompanying van. If you wish, you can stop at a neutral store for motorcycle clothing in the morning to get some more equipment. Afterwards you will start in the direction of Arizona. After a short ride you will reach the Hoover Dam with the Lake Mead Viewpoint and after a short walk you will go to the new Colorado Bridge, from where you have a phenomenal view of the dam. After you've stocked up on sandwiches for lunch, you'll head down into Eldorado Canyon. There you will find an open air museum (optional) around an old gold mine. This place has been the spot for many famous movies and commercials (e.g. "3000 Miles to Graceland" or "Breakdown" with Kevin Costner and Kurt Russel). In the afternoon you will reach the gambler's paradise Laughlin, the final destination of your today's stage, where you can refresh yourself right away in the hotel pool. Overnight stay in Laughlin.

OUR TIP: Hold on to your wallet at the casino!

Day 05 - Route 66 - Oatman - Williams, 310 km

In the morning you will leave Nevada in the direction of Route 66 and the state of Arizona. Along the way you'll see several small western towns, like Oatman, which is always a stopover for many Harley® riders. This is also a reminder of the first settlers and miners in the West. The wild burros

and also the real cowboys are looking forward to your visit. The Route 66 Museum in Kingman is on your way, as is the historic General Store in Hackberry. You'll cross the Hualapai Indian Reservation and catch your first glimpse of the western rim of the Grand Canyon. In the small town of Seligman you will visit Angel Delgadillo, probably the most famous barber in the world. He is one of the co-founders of the Route 66 Association and is considered the father of today's Route 66. The end point of your stage today is the town of Williams, which still has much of the "Good Old West" left, with its historic houses and the old entertainment district, right on the Motherroad. You will spend the night almost directly on Route 66 and in the evening you will have the opportunity to dine directly on Route 66.

Day 06 - Grand Canyon - Cameron Tradingpost - Navajo Country, 300 km

In the morning you will start your tour day from Williams to one of the seven wonders of the world. There you will first have the opportunity to take a helicopter tour of the breathtaking Grand Canyon for nearly 1 hour. Then you will follow the scenic road along the south rim of the Grand Canyon. Interesting stops along the way include Duck Rock, Grand View, Lipan Point and Desert View with its Indian watchtower. Your late lunch stop will be at the old trading post at Cameron, in the middle of the Navajo Reservation. Overnight tonight will be in a simple lodge in the Page/Marble Canyon area.

OUR TIP: Helicopter flight over the Grand Canyon

OUR TIP: Cameron Trading Post - highly recommended for Indian jewelry and souvenirs!

Day 07 - Antelope Canyon - Lake Powell - Monument Valley - Goosenecks, 345 km

In the morning the first highlight is on the program. After an early start you will have the opportunity to visit the world famous Antelope Canyon, on a strictly limited tour with the Navajo Indians. In the late morning you will continue to Kayenta, where you will have a late lunch break. In the afternoon you will ride to another tour highlight. After leaving the town of Kayenta behind you, you will reach Monument Valley. Monument Valley is one of the few parks that is not under the administration of the US government. Since it is located in the middle of the reservation, the Navajo Indians have the lucrative say for the tribe. There you will have the opportunity to join the Navajos in their four-wheel drive vehicles for another exclusive tour of the valley. In the late afternoon you will reach Mexican Hat, which is located directly on the San Juan River. As you drive by you will see the rock formation from which this place gets its name. Overnight stay in the Bluff area.

OUR TIP: Antelope Canyon Navajo Tour

OUR TIP: Monument Valley Navajo Tour

Day 08 - Natural Bridges Nat. Monument - Capitol Reef National Park, 340 km

First thing this morning is the natural bridge formations of Natural Bridges National Monument, before you reach the Colorado River again at Glen Canyon. The river is spanned here by an interesting steel arch bridge, which also marks the beginning of Lake Powell. Along an absolutely unique route, which leads you through canyons and gorges, you will reach Capitol Reef National Park in the afternoon. This

park is famous for its unique rock formations, waterfalls and Native American petroglyphs. Overnight stay in Torrey.

Day 09 - Grand Escalante - Bryce Canyon National Park, 250 km

This morning we will ride over an almost 3000 m high scenic road towards the Grand Escalante Staircase. After crossing the boar's nape, the motto is "Take a deep Breath". That's the motto on the Million Dollar Road and you'll understand why at your stop. You will reach the small town of Bryce in time for lunch. In the afternoon the tour goes to Bryce Canyon National Park. This park is famous for its unique red sandstone formations, which glow in golden and red colors, like fire, especially at sunrise and sunset. In the afternoon you will have plenty of time to explore the park on your own. Of course you also have the possibility to do an easy hike, an ATV tour or a horseback ride. Overnight stay at Bryce Canyon.

OUR TIP: Country & Western Show with Dinner

Day 10 - Zion National Park - Snow Canyon, 300 km

Today you will start for another highlight, Zion National Park. With a little luck you might see a herd of buffalo before you continue through this unique national park. Coming via Hurricane and St. George, you will ride through Snow Canyon State Park. On the way you will cross Arizona again and stop at a Joshua Tree forest in the middle of the Mojave Desert for a photo stop. In the afternoon you will reach Mesquite, in the state of Nevada. A gambling town and oasis in the middle of the desert. Overnight stay in the Mesquite area.

Day 11 - Valley of Fire - Lake Mead - Las Vegas, 240 km

You leave Mesquite and ride along the largest man-made reservoir in the USA, Lake Mead. On the way you will make a detour to the Valley of Fire State Park, which is also known for its 4000 year old Anasazi (Ancient) Indian petroglyphs. As a movie set this park was used for filming "Star Wars" and various car spots. Along Lake Mead Lake Shore Drive you will move again towards the Sin City, Las Vegas. In the afternoon you will arrive back at the hotel known from the beginning of the tour. Overnight stay in Las Vegas.

Day 12 - Death Valley National Park, 480 - 540 km

Today you will ride to another highlight of your tour - Death Valley. Where the name "Death Valley" comes from, you can imagine very well after this stage of the day. Sand as far as the eye can see, no water and extreme temperatures are just a few examples. You will follow the valley, which is already back in California, and depending on the course of the tour and the opening of the passes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains, you will reach your overnight destination in the Mammoth Lake or Ridgecrest area in the early evening.

INFO: In case of extremely high temperatures, we reserve the right to change the route along a side valley of Death Valley due to the specifications of the motorcycle rental companies.

If we stay overnight in Ridgecrest, we will follow a southern route on the other day to get to Yosemite NP.

Day 13 - Mono Lake - Yosemite National Park - Sequoia, 310 km

Early in the morning you will start your motorcycle tour along the Sierra Nevada to visit Mono Lake with its tuff

columns. Over the Tioga Pass (3031 m) you will reach the unique Yosemite National Park. This park is famous for its waterfalls and magnificent landscape. You will see various sights of the park and if you are interested you can take a 1 hour hike through the Mariposa Grove of Giant Sequoias. These are the unique American sequoia trees. Up to 27 men are needed to embrace the largest of them with their arms and a motorcycle or car could easily pass through the holes punched in. Afterwards, you will go to your overnight destination near Yosemite NP.

Day 14 - Highway 49 - Knights Bridge - San Francisco, 340 km

Today you will ride along the famous Highway 49, which was already famous as a transportation route during the gold rush of 1849. Over winding roads and through hilly landscapes you will reach the Stanislaus River. You will follow this river for a while through the seemingly endless almond, pecan and pistachio plantations. There you will also have the opportunity to visit one of the few old covered wagon bridges that still exist in the USA. You will spend your lunch break in the original 50's Diner before you reach the impressive city of San Francisco on the Pacific coast in the afternoon. The next two days you will stay in San Francisco near Fisherman's Wharf. You can easily explore the Wharf on foot from your hotel this evening.

Day 15 - San Francisco - Rest day

Today you have the whole day in San Francisco at your disposal. Why not start a tour with your guide, on foot and by cable car, which includes Union Square, Downtown, Chinatown, the Cable Car Museum and Fisherman's Wharf. At noon you have the possibility to take part in an optional boat trip across the San Francisco Bay. This takes you past Alcatraz and under the Golden Gate Bridge. After the lunch break you can take a bus tour in a double decker to the Golden Gate Bridge and to other highlights like the Golden Gate Park and the Alamo Square. Overnight stay in San Francisco.

OUR TIP: City tour in a double-decker bus & Baycruise

Day 16 - Highway 1 - Monterey - Big Sur - San Simeon, 365 km (Motorcycle Tour California)

You will start in the morning with a last view of the Golden Gate Bridge to reach Monterey via Highway 1, Half Moon Bay and other famous coastal towns. This is the actual beginning of your trip on the famous Highway 1, which is part of the Panamericana and also the longest road in the world, leading from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego. Monterey is also famous for the Steinbeck book "The Road of the Oil Sardines". You will ride on Sunset Drive, which is a part of the 17 Mile Drive, and you will pass beautiful viewpoints. You will reach the small town of Carmel, where Clint Eastwood was once mayor. In the afternoon, stops like the Bixby Bridge, Big Sur and Ragged Point are on the program. A visit to the elephant seal colony near Hearst Castle rounds out the day. You will spend the night in the San Simeon area.

Day 17 - Highway 1 - Pismo Beach - Solvang - Santa Barbara - Malibu, 400 km

The first stop this morning is Pismo Beach, famous among surfers for its long sandy beaches and pier. The tour will now take you through the vast farmland of California. In the afternoon you will return to the coast and stop at the cliffs above the famous seaside resort of Santa Barbara, before

passing Malibu Beach and heading towards Los Angeles. After arrival in the late afternoon you will drop off your motorcycles at our local rental partner and we will transfer you to your hotel. In the evening you can review the tour during a last dinner together. The overnight stay will be in a hotel near the airport of Los Angeles.

Day 18 - Los Angeles City Tour and flight home to Europe
In the morning you have the opportunity to join a guided city tour with a local guide (optional, advance booking required). You will be picked up from the hotel by van or bus and start your city tour to Venice Beach, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Downtown L.A. and Hollywood. Afterwards, the hotel shuttle will take you to the Los Angeles airport and you will fly home with a renowned airline (transfer possible) back to the starting point of your trip.

OUR TIP: Los Angeles City Tour

Day 19 - Arrival in Europe

Arrival at your departure point in the morning. End of the trip.

- Subject to change without notice -

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

Pricing

Prices for the date 13.05.–31.05.2024:

per person (for 2 people sharing 1 bike and 1 double room)	€6,495.00
per person (for 2 people with 2 bikes, sharing 1 double room)	€7,995.00
per person when booking alone, one bike, single room	€9,495.00
Surcharge for models with top case (Electra Glide®/Road Glide Ultra®)	€280.00
Flight surcharge ex Germany - starting from:	€100.00
Flight surcharge ex Austria/Switzerland - starting from:	€200.00

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Prices for the date 02.09.–20.09.2024:

per person (for 2 people sharing 1 bike and 1 double room)	€6,695.00
per person (for 2 people with 2 bikes, sharing 1 double room)	€8,195.00
per person when booking alone, one bike, single room	€9,695.00
Surcharge for models with top case (Electra Glide®/Road Glide Ultra®)	€280.00
Flight surcharge ex Germany - starting from:	€100.00
Flight surcharge ex Austria/Switzerland - starting from:	€200.00

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On request: other round trip airport or package price without flight

Optional: Model warranty for desired motorcycle (Please specify your desired motorcycle in the "Comments" field when booking).	€125.00
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ESTA (United States Electronic System for Travel Authorization) application service per person, including processing and ESTA fee: €50.00

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Prices for 2025 are available on request approx. 1 year in advance!

Included

Scheduled flight in economy class with a renowned airline from/to Frankfurt to Las Vegas/Los Angeles (connecting flights possible)

All German and American flight security fees

Kerosene surcharges as of 09/2023

Aviation tax for departures ex Germany

17 nights in good tourist/middle class hotels according to the itinerary

partial breakfast (mix of continental and buffet)

Motorbike rental for the specified period including free miles, liability insurance

TOP PROTECTION: LDW/CDW insurance (exclusion of liability for accident/theft damage) WITHOUT excess (In case of accident/tire damage or theft, any deductible is waived on site! INFO: Any and all salvage/towing costs are not covered and have to be paid by you in all cases. We offer an additional insurance for this!)

TOP PROTECTION: Exclusion of liability for tire damage

TOP PROTECTION: 2 million Euro additional liability insurance

applicable one-way charges

24 hour German speaking hotline assistance

German-speaking tour escort from/to Las Vegas/Los Angeles during the motorcycle tour by an experienced motorcycle guide

Support vehicle with a second guide throughout the motorcycle tour

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

1 surprise dinner

Souvenir photo in DIN A-3 format

1 exclusive tour T-shirt/Polo per tour participant

Guidebooks and maps

Not included

Personal expenses

Hotel parking fees

Gasoline, oil

Motorcycle- and rainwear

Entrance fees for attractions or parks

Tips

Travel insurance etc.

Road Side Towing Assistance

Helmet rental

Everything that is not specified under features.

More details

Upon request:

All our guided tours can of course also be offered as self-guided tours, or they can be customized and elaborated for you. You will then receive enough maps and information material for such a tour, as well as a detailed consultation. Please enquire!

1/2 double rooms are available upon request, subject to availability.

All prices include flight ex Frankfurt

Prices for other European departure points are available on request.

A major credit card is required.

Minimum number of participants: 12 people

If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the trip up to four weeks before departure.

Important info:

The following models of motorcycles are available on request. Please let us know two desired models when booking. However, no guaranteed commitment can be made for the machine type. With the registration we need a copy of your driver's license and passport. All models come mostly directly from HarleyDavidson® authorized rentals™ partners and are current model years in top condition.

ELECTRA GLIDE®/ROAD GLIDE ULTRA® - Very comfortable touring machine, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107, 1750 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, part ABS, windshield, 2 side cases, top case, audio system. Particularly well suited for 2 people.

STREET GLIDE® - Comfortable touring machine for long rides, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107, 1750 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, windshield, 2 side cases. Audio system. Particularly well suited for 2 people.

HERITAGE SOFTAIL® - Classic touring machine for long trips, air-cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107/114, 1750/1870 cc V-twin engine, belt drive, 6-speed gearbox, ABS, windshield, 2 side bags. Particularly suitable for 2 people.

ROAD GLIDE® - Comfortable touring machine for long rides, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107, 1750 cc V-twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, windshield, 2 side cases. Well suited for 2 people.

ROAD KING®, LOW RIDER®, Sportster®, Indian motorcycles® as well as various other model variants are available on request!

Entry requirements:

German, Austrian and Swiss nationals require a valid machine-readable Europe passport to enter the USA/Canada. In addition, an ESTA electronic entry form must be completed at least 72 hours prior to entering the United States. You can find the link here: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/> - Visa-free as part of the "Visa Waiver Program". (As of January 2009 – subject to change). As a non-German citizen, you may need a visa to enter the USA/Canada.

A frank word among bikers: Depending on the tour we ride between 120 and 540 km per day in charming and beautiful landscape. The approximate daily number of kilometers can be found in the respective daily program. This may mean getting out early and arriving late on a few days. The motorcycle riding in a unique landscape is absolutely in the foreground, so a certain team spirit is in the first place is necessary here, as well as certain adaptation to the group. If you lean into it, you will surely experience the adventure of your life and have a lot of fun.

Travel conditions:

The general travel conditions apply. These will be handed over to you by your booking office. If you have not received them, please inform your booking office or the tour operator before booking. They will then be sent to you immediately

Distance: 4400 km

Minimum age: 18+

A note on entry (ESTA): The electronic ESTA entry procedure required for the USA has been subject to a fee since 08 September 2010. The fee for this is 21 US\$, payment is possible by credit card and Paypal. We recommend to do this here Official ESTA Application Website, U.S. Customs and Border Protection in German language, because there are many rip-off sites on the net. Please apply for this at least 3 - 4 months in advance, because in case of rejection, it takes some time to apply for a visa.

Road Side Towing Assistance (bookable with surcharge, please request) included: (1) Emergency Road Side Assistance. E.g. out of gas? Forgot to turn off the ignition, battery dead? No problem, the delivery is free of charge, only the costs for the gasoline or the battery have to be paid. (2) Emergency Towing Service. The bike breaks down with a self-inflicted (not covered by warranty) mechanical problem, e.g. diesel tanked, tire punctured, or accident? The bike will be picked up free of charge by a towing service and taken to the nearest garage or rental station that can take care of the problem.