

## Pacific Coast and through the Wild West (M-ID: 4207)

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**from €7,745.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

21 days

05/31/2024 - 06/20/2024 21 days

08/31/2024 - 09/20/2024 21 days

05/30/2025 - 06/19/2025 21 days

08/30/2025 - 09/19/2025 21 days

### Come along on this classic motorcycle tour that will take you across the United States of America (West Coast USA)

From the Pacific through the Rockies and Black Hills to Chicago. Los Angeles, San Francisco, Buffalo Bill's Cody, Milwaukee, Chicago, Highway 1, Napa Valley, Great Salt Flats, Rockies and Black Hills, National Parks like Grand Teton, Yellowstone, Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse and visiting the Harley-Davidson Museum in Milwaukee are just a few of the highlights.

Daily schedule:

#### Day 01: Flight to Los Angeles

Flight with a well-known scheduled airline from your chosen departure point to Los Angeles (connection connections possible). Upon arrival in Los Angeles, the shuttle transfer takes place to a well-located mid-range hotel near the airport. The rest of the day is at your free disposal. Overnight in the Los Angeles/LAX area.

#### Day 02: Los Angeles

Today you have the day at leisure. In the morning you have the opportunity to take part in a guided city tour with a local guide (optional, advance booking required). You will then be picked up from the hotel by bus or van and set off on your city tour that includes Venice Beach, Santa Monica, Beverly Hills, Downtown LA and Hollywood. In the afternoon, the tour briefing and the transfer to the rental station, where you take over your machines, take place. After a short briefing, you will return to the hotel and have dinner together. Overnight in the Los Angeles/LAX area.

TIP: Los Angeles city tour

Day 03: Highway 1 - Santa Barbara - Solvang - San Simeon, 400 km

Depart Los Angeles in the morning to begin your tour of the golden state of California. All luggage that you need for the tour will be loaded into the support vehicle. With that you are already on your way via the famous coastal road, Highway 1 or 101. This is part of the Panamericana (the "dream road" and the longest road in the world - it leads from Alaska to Tierra del Fuego). You pass Malibu Beach and visit the well-known seaside resort of Santa Barbara. At lunchtime you will reach the Scandinavian town of Solvang. In the afternoon, the tour takes you through the vast farmland of California to Pismo Beach, which is well-known among surfers. After a short coffee break there, you will reach the end of today's stage in the evening, the small town of San Simeon. This is right on the Pacific Ocean. The attractions here are the sunsets and the country home of newspaper publisher WR Hearst, Hearst Castle, with its more than 160 rooms. Overnight in the San Simeon area.

Day 04: Highway 1 - Big Sur - Monterey - San Francisco, 370 km

In the morning you visit the elephant seal colony at San Simeon and then continue your ride on the winding Highway 1. Your next stops are Ragged Point, Lucia and Big Sur before reaching idyllic Monterey. Before that, coming from Carmel, you ride a section of the 17 Mile Scenic Drive that is allowed for motorbikes and you pass wonderful viewpoints again (by the way: Clint Eastwood was once the mayor of Carmel). Monterey was made famous by the Steinbeck book "The Cannery Row". You will also spend your long lunch break here. In the early evening you will arrive at the end point of today's stage, in San Francisco. You stop briefly at Point Lobos, where you already have a

wonderful view of the Golden Gate Bridge when the weather is clear. Overnight stay in San Francisco near Fishermen's Wharf.

#### Day 05: 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 with the Cable Car, which includes Union Square, Downtown, Chinatown, the Cable Car Museum and Fisherman's Wharf. At noon there is 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 lunch, you can take a double-decker bus tour to the Golden Gate Bridge and other highlights, such as Golden Gate Park and Alamo Square. Overnight stay in San Francisco.

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

#### Day 06: Pacific Coast Highway - Napa Valley - Lake Tahoe, 425 km

In the early morning, you leave the city over the Golden Gate Bridge and ride a little further north on the dream road in the world. You'll pass Muir Woods State Park before turning east, traversing the Russian River Valley. With Napa Valley, you ride through one of the most famous Californian wine-growing regions. Passing Sacramento, the governor's seat of California, you reach the mountain region of the High Sierras and the picturesque Lake Tahoe in the afternoon. Overnight in the Lake Tahoe area.

#### Day 07: Highway 50 - Ely - Nevada, 560 km

Today is the longest day of your tour. Via Carson City, the capital of the state of Nevada, you follow Highway 50. This has the nickname "the loneliest highway in the USA" and was the main route of the famous Pony Express Service. Via the gold mining town of Eureka, you reach the historic town of Ely. You stay at the historic Hotel Nevada and have the opportunity to enjoy your steak in an old prison cell in the evening.

#### Day 08: Great Salt Lake - Utah - Ogden, 475 km

You leave Ely in the morning and follow the wide country to Wendover. Here you will reach the state of Utah. Wendover is the starting point for the annual BUB Speed Trials, held on the Great Salt Lake. In the afternoon you will visit Salt Lake City and the Mormon Temple District before arriving at your hotel in the Ogden area.

#### Day 09: Heritage Highway - Wyoming - Rocky Mountains 400 km

You will start in the morning heading north and following the scenic Heritage Highway. The vast countryside gives you an idea of what life must have been like on the wagon trails in the 19th century. In the afternoon you will already see the huge mountain massif of the Grand Tetons, which are part of the Rocky Mountains. You will reach Wyoming, where you will spend the night in the Alpine/Jackson area today.

#### Day 10: Grand Teton & Yellowstone National Park - Cody, 390 km

This morning you follow the scenic road through Grand Teton National Park, this majestic mountain range is reflected in the mountain lakes you pass. In the morning you reach Yellowstone National Park. The first thing on the program there is the world-famous Old Faithful Geyser, before continuing on the Firehole Canyon Road. Passing other attractive vantage points, it goes through the western and eastern parts of this unique national park. With a bit of luck, you will see one of the local buffalo herds. In the late afternoon, you will cross Buffalo Bill State Park and reach the old western town of Cody. How about a real rodeo tonight? Overnight in Buffalo Bill's hometown, the historic town of Cody.

#### Day 11: Beartooth Highway - Red Lodge - Sheridan, 460 km

In the morning you will stop at the Hotel Irma, which Bill built for his daughter. Now it goes high up, you follow the Chief Joseph Scenic Highway and then the Beartooth Highway, known in the USA as the dream road par excellence and over 3300 m high. In the afternoon you will ride along scenic roads to the Bighorn Canyon State Park and on to Sheridan, where you will spend the night.

#### Day 12: Central Plains - Devils Tower - Sturgis - Black Hills 440 km

Today's ride takes you through the central plains of Wyoming and into South Dakota. This easy-to-ride connecting stage will take you to Wyoming's landmark, Devils Tower National Monument. There are many Native American stories about this granite rock in the middle of the vast country. In the afternoon you will reach the main street of Sturgis, where every year the biggest motorcycle meeting in the world takes place with up to 1 million visitors. You will have the opportunity to visit the local motorcycle museum before riding on to the Black Hills, where you will spend the next two days in the Keystone area.

#### Day 13: Mt. Rushmore - Custer State Park - Crazy Horse Memorial 320 km

In the morning you will stop first at one of the landmarks of the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, with its 4 presidential heads carved in stone. On the winding Iron Mountain Road, with its pigtail curves, you will reach Windcave and Custer State Park. There you follow the Wildlife Loop. These parks are known for their large wild herds of buffalo, wild burros, pronghorn antelope, and lots of other wildlife. Ride the Needles Highway, with its narrow one-lane tunnels, to the next highlight, the Crazy Horse Memorial. This monument has been carved out of stone since the 1940s. The nose of the Indian chief alone, at 20 meters high, is the size of one of the presidential heads from neighboring Mt. Rushmore. The work is financed only by donations and entrance fees. Nearby Hill City is a good place for a short stop before reaching the gambling town of Deadwood for a late afternoon coffee break. Overnight in the Keystone area.

#### Day 14: Badlands National Park - Murdo Car Museum - Missouri River, 430 km

After a short ride over the Interstate you reach the next highlight of the tour, the historic town of Wall. There you will visit the well-known drugstore of the same name and there is also a Harley® shop. Then it's off to Badlands National Park. Anyone who has seen the film "Dances With

Wolves" with Kevin Costner already knows this place very well. With a bit of luck, you will also see one of the herds of buffalo that live here. In the afternoon, visit the Murdo Automobile and Motorcycle Museum, filled with vintage cars, motorcycles and many other artifacts of American history, from the Old West to modern times. Enjoy the sunset over the old steel arch bridge on the Missouri River today. Overnight in Chamberlain.

Day 15: Great Plains - Sioux Falls - Iowa - Minnesota, 515 km

In the morning today we ride through the eastern Great Plains. This is the second longest stage of the day, but due to the dead straight and well-developed roads - absolutely no problem. Around noon you reach Sioux Falls, which also marks the border between South Dakota and Iowa. You will spend your lunch break right by the waterfalls, in the middle of the city. In the afternoon you will complete a connecting stage to the state of Minnesota. Overnight in the Albert Lea area.

Day 16: La Crosse - Mississippi Valley - Prairie du Chien, 270 km

Over a few beautiful country roads you will reach the Mississippi River at La Crosse. This river is also called the "Old Men River" and flows from here south to the state of Louisiana, where it flows into the Gulf of Mexico a little past New Orleans. In Lansing you will have your lunch break and visit the viewpoint at Mt. Hosmer, with a wonderful overview of the Mississippi. You will follow the River Road to the picturesque town of Marquette, where you will also spend the night.

TIP: A 3-hour boat tour with sunset dinner on the Mississippi is offered on-site.

Day 17: Milwaukee - Birthplace of the Harley-Davidson® legend 320 km

Today we ride towards another highlight of the tour - Milwaukee, the birthplace of Harley-Davidson® in 1903. On the way, you will pay a visit to the local Harley® dealer in Madison, the capital of the state of Wisconsin. Harley-Davidson® celebrated its 120th anniversary in 2023 and opened a new superlative museum a few years ago, which you can visit this afternoon as part of a private VIP tour (optional). Overnight in the Milwaukee area.

Day 18: Harley-Davidson® Engine Manufacturing - Fox River Valley - Chicago, 210 km

In the morning you will visit the Harley-Davidson® engine factory in Menomonee Falls as part of your VIP tour. After the extensive sightseeing there, you continue your journey and follow the Fox River valley to Chicago. There you return your bikes to our rental station. Overnight accommodation for the next two days will be in the Chicago/O'Hare Airport area.

Day 19: Chicago

Today is your free day in Chicago, also known as the "Windy City". Experience the city on an accompanied tour in a double-decker bus and visit the Willis Tower (formerly Sears Tower), from the "Sky Deck" there you have a fantastic overview of the city. The Route 66 sign, Millennium Park, Navy Pier, Buckingham Fountain from the

opening credits of the series "A Terribly Nice Family - Al Bundy" and the polished bean are of course also on the program (optional, advance booking required!). You will spend this evening together in a good restaurant and can review the tour that you have just completed. Overnight in the Chicago/ O'Hare Airport area.

Day 20: Flight back to Europe

In the course of the day, the hotel shuttle transfer will take place on your own to the airport in Chicago and it's time to say goodbye. The flight back to your chosen departure point will take place. (transfer connection possible)

Day 21: Arrival in Europe

Arrive at your chosen departure point and end of the trip.

- Subject to change -

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| 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<br>difficult                          |
| Customer payment protection       | yes  |
| * PRICING                         | Minimal without optional extras, see pricing |

## Pricing

Prices for the dates:

01. Jun. - 21. Jun. 2024 | 31. Aug. - 20. Sep. 2024

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| per person for 2 persons in double room with 1 motorcycle  | €7,745.00  |
| per person for 2 persons in double room with 2 motorcycles | €9,445.00  |
| per person in single room with 1 motorcycle                | €11,645.00 |
| Surcharge for Touring models with topcase:                 | €320.00    |
| Flight ex Germany (surcharge, starting at):                | €100.00    |
| Flight ex Austria/Switzerland (surcharge, starting at):    | €200.00    |

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

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| Optional: Model reservation for desired motorcycle (Please specify your desired motorcycle 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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ATTENTION: 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 Los Angeles (connecting connections possible)

All European and American flight security fees

Kerosene surcharges as of 09/2023

Aviation tax for departures ex Germany

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

partial breakfast (mix of continental and American)

Motorcycle rental for the indicated period incl. free miles, liability insurance

TOP PROTECTION: LDW/CDW insurance (exclusion of liability for accident/theft damage) WITHOUT excess

TOP PROTECTION: Exclusion of liability for tire damage

TOP PROTECTION: 2 million euros additional liability insurance

24 hour German speaking assistance

German-speaking tour escort from/to Los Angeles/Chicago 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 at 23 kg each plus a small piece of hand luggage (we would like to ask you to refrain from using hard-shell suitcases because they lead to problems with transport in the support vehicle)

1 Surprise Dinner

Souvenir photo in DIN A3 format

1 exclusive tour t-shirt/polo per travel participant

Guidebooks and maps

## **Not included**

Personal expenses of any kind

Helmet rental

Hotel parking fees

Petrol, oil

Motorcycle and rainwear

Entrance fees for attractions or parks

Tips for services and guides

Travel insurance etc.

Road Side Towing Assistance

Surcharge for Touring models with topcase: Euro 320,00

Everything that is not specified under services

## More details

Upon request:

For all our guided tours, we can of course also offer you a self-guided tour or customize and elaborate for you. You will then receive sufficient maps and information material for this tour and 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 types of motorcycles are available on request. Please let us know two desired types when booking. However, there is no guarantee for the type of machine. With the registration we need a copy of your driver's license and passport. All models come mostly directly from Harley-Davidson® 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 persons

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, part ABS, windshield, 2 side cases. Audio system. Particularly well suited for 2 people

HERITAGE SOFTAIL® - Classic touring machine for long rides, air cooled Twin Cam Milwaukee Eight™ 107/114, 1750/1870 cc V twin cylinder engine, belt drive, 6 speed transmission, ABS, windshield, 2 side pockets. Especially well suited 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:

To enter the USA/Canada, German, Austrian and Swiss citizens need a valid machine-readable European passport. In addition, an electronic entry form ESTA must be filled out at least 72 hours before entering the USA. You can find the link here: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/>. Visa free within the framework 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!

An open word between bikers: We ride, depending on the tour per day between 120 and 540 km in a charming and beautiful landscape. The approximate daily number of kilometers can be found in the respective daily program. This means that on some days you may have to leave early and arrive late. The motorcycle riding in a unique landscape is absolutely in the foreground so here a certain team spirit is in the first place and also a certain adaptation to the group is necessary. If you let yourself in for it, you will surely have 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

Total distance: 6000 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 will take some time to apply for a visa.

Road Side Towing Assistance (can be added, 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.