

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Upon receipt of your application, we will send a Confirmation Packet containing a Tour Confirmation Invoice, travel insurance information, and a *Before You Go* booklet to help you prepare yourself and your equipment for the tour. Sixty days prior to your tours departure, we will send you a Tour Information Packet that includes final logistical details for your trip. The Tour Information packet will contain a start-point map, transportation information for you and your bicycle, indoor lodging options for fully-supported events, and maps for tours that ride on existing Adventure Cycling routes. Maps for fully-supported events and tours that are operated off of the established Adventure Cycling Route Network are distributed at registration on the first day of your tour.

CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS, AND TRANSFERS

Should you need to cancel your trip for any reason, please notify the Tours Department in writing via U.S. Mail or by e-mail as soon as is possible.

Deposits are non-refundable.

Cancellation Fees (per person)

- Cancellation notice provided more than 60 days before your trip **Loss of full deposit**
- Cancellation notice provided 60 days or less before your trip **100% of trip cost**

Transfer Fees (per person)

Transfers between tours are allowed within the same calendar year with a **transfer fee of \$100.00**.

There is no refund for arriving late for a tour. Should you choose to leave a tour at any time after the trip start time, regardless of the reason, you will not receive a refund. Once a trip has started, there are no refunds for food, services, or overnights that you have paid for but do not use. Adventure Cycling reserves the right to cancel or combine tours. If this results in a revised departure date unacceptable to you, all payments will be refunded. Your membership fee is non-refundable unless your tour is canceled by Adventure Cycling.

NOTE: Avoid purchasing non-refundable travel tickets before confirming through Adventure Cycling that your tour is a definite go. The official go/no go call is made 60 days prior to the tours departure date.

In order to maintain reasonable trip prices, we cannot make exceptions to the policies above.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Our sincere wish is for every trip participant to attend and complete the tour of their choice. In an effort to plan for unexpected personal emergencies, health issues, weather, and transportation problems that might cause you to cancel or shorten your trip, travel insurance is strongly advised. Adventure Cycling Association cannot make exceptions to its cancellation policy. Travel insurance may cover these losses.

HELMETS

DOT, ANSI, CPSC or Snell-approved helmets are required for all Adventure Cycling trip participants. No exceptions.

DETAILS

The tour descriptions in our Tours catalog are summaries. Please check our website for more detailed descriptions of our trips. For questions, please call the Tours Department. We look forward to chatting with you!

Call: (800) 755-2453, ext. 3 or (406) 721-1776

Fax: (406) 721-8754

Email: tours@adventurecycling.org

Web: www.adventurecycling.org/tours

** The number of participants on a tour may be adjusted in response to demand and facility availability.*

*** Adventure Cycling Association is an equal opportunity recreation provider that operates under special use permits with the U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Departments of Transportation. Adventure Cycling.*

Association is working cooperatively with these agencies to secure the appropriate permits.

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SELF-CONTAINED TRIPS

In keeping with the spirit of Adventure Cycling's origins, on self-contained tours you will carry your own gear and there will be no vehicle support. Two major distinctions exist in our self-contained tour offerings: **Traditional self-contained** tours have a single leader and around 14 participants who share cooking duties and camp for the vast majority of overnights (roughly 1 indoor night per 10 riding days is budgeted on longer tours). On **inn-to-inn** self-contained trips, riders carry their gear, but there's a lot less of it because participants stay in hotels and eat in restaurants every night (no camping or group cooking gear needs to be carried).

Self-contained tour prices include:

- All meals.
- Lodging: Trips *more* than 30 days in duration include overnight camping or lodging fees from the first day of the trip through the last evening. Trips of *less* than 30 days include the first night, but do not include lodging on the last evening of the ride.

- Leader and leader materials.
- Maps and/or cue-sheets, T-shirt, and a safety triangle.
- Use of group cooking equipment (when applicable), tool kit, and first-aid supplies.

MEALS: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided for each day of the trip. On **traditional self-contained** trips, your group shares responsibilities for food purchase, preparation, and clean-up on a rotating basis. Food and group cooking gear are also distributed among group members and each participant *must* set aside approximately ¼ of his or her total carrying capacity for this purpose. On **inn-to-inn** trips, breakfast and dinner are provided in eating establishments on the route; lunch is prepared in the morning and you carry it with you on your bike. **For both types of trips**, vegetarian and special dietary needs will be accommodated, though food selection may be limited in some locations.

LODGING: On **traditional self-contained** tours, most of the overnights will be at private or pub-

lic campgrounds with a variety of amenities. Depending on the nature and location of the trip, these facilities could range from RV parks boasting hot tubs, to wilderness locations with no running water. Indoor facilities such as motels/hotels, hostels, and churches are used occasionally, but on our more remote trips, some primitive camping is possible. You will need a good freestanding tent with a ground cloth, a sleeping bag rated appropriately for the season and elevation of your tour, and a sleeping pad. On **inn-to-inn** trips, participants will stay at prearranged motels and hotels each night.

SUPPORTED TRIPS

Our supported tours — where all personal and group gear is transported by a vehicle each day — vary in format: **Fully-supported** tours are larger groups (typically between 40 and 120 riders) who will camp together and enjoy catered meals, whereas our **van-supported** tours have an average

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of two leaders and 13 riders who camp on most nights and share rotating cooking duties, akin to a self-contained trip but with the security and simplicity of van support.

Both **fully-supported** and **van-supported** tours are camping-based trips, with occasional indoor overnights. On **fully-supported** tours, indoor lodging options are available at the participant's expense (see "Lodging" for more information).

Fully-supported tour prices include:

- Catered meals and rest stops: Beginning with dinner on day one and ending with lunch on the final day of the tour.
- Overnight camping fees: Starting on day one of the tour through the evening before the last day's ride (overnight lodging on the last evening of the ride is not included in the tour cost).
- Luggage, mechanical, and sag support vehicles.
- Maps, route markings, T-shirt, and a safety triangle.

Van-supported tour prices include:

- All meals.
- Lodging: Trips *more* than 30 days in duration include overnight camping or lodging fees beginning the first day of the trip, continuing through the last evening. Trips of *less* than 30 days include the first night, but do not include lodging on the last evening of the ride.
- Van, leader, and leader materials.
- Maps and/or cue-sheets, T-shirt, and a safety triangle.
- Use of group cooking equipment, tool kit, and first-aid supplies.

MEALS: On **fully-supported** trips, our catering staff will provide all meals, and rest stops will be located approximately every 25 miles. You'll start each day with a hot breakfast, followed by a mid-morning rest stop to fuel you on to lunch. Another rest stop awaits you mid-afternoon and you'll be rewarded each evening with a sumptuous dinner. On **van-supported** tours, your group will share responsibilities for food purchase, preparation, and clean-up on a rotating basis.

Vegetarian and special dietary needs will be accommodated on both trip types, though food selection may be limited in some locations.

LODGING: On **fully-supported** tours, campsites range from private campgrounds to state parks to school athletic fields. Bathrooms are available at each evening's campsite. If access to indoor facilities is unavailable or insufficient, we may supplement the facilities with portable toilets and/or a shower truck. Fully-supported tours are designed to be primarily camping trips, but motel options are available at the participants' expense. For those that elect to stay indoors, a list of indoor accommodations is provided 60 days before your trip's departure and participants must make their own arrangements for indoor lodging. In most cases, motels will be located within a few miles of the official campsite and we will be happy to pick up and drop off luggage from the lodging facilities identified in the Tour Information Packet. On **van-supported** tours, most of the overnights will be at private or public campgrounds with a range of amenities. Depending on the nature and location of the trip, these facilities could range from RV parks boasting hot tubs, to wilderness locations with no running water. Indoor facilities such as motels/hotels, hostels, and churches are used occasionally, but on our more remote trips, some primitive camping is possible. Overnight facilities vary, but tents are typically pitched on large, flat, grassy areas. **Both supported tour formats** will require a good freestanding tent with a ground cloth, a sleeping bag rated appropriately for the season and elevation of your tour, and a sleeping pad.

SAG SUPPORT: You should come to the tour physically prepared to ride the entire route. Vehicle support will be prioritized for use in medical and/or mechanical emergencies.

MECHANICAL SUPPORT: **Fully-supported** tours provide for an experienced mechanic to follow the route every day in a support vehicle to take care of mechanical emergencies. The mechanic will also be available each evening at the

camping location. The mechanical support vehicle carries a supply of tires, tubes, and spare parts, but you should come prepared with at least two spare tubes. **Van-supported** tours require a larger degree of mechanical self-sufficiency. You should have the tools and skills necessary to change flats and perform minor mechanical adjustments.

TRIP ELEVATION

Some of our rides take place at high elevations and others have significant cumulative elevation gains. If you are doing a cycling trip at higher elevations (most people can go to 7,000 feet with little or no negative effect), the best way to prepare is to arrive at the starting point a few days early to acclimatize. The effects of high altitude cannot be predicted by factors such as age or physical condition. To identify trips with high-altitude riding or significant cumulative climbing, please view the "Tour Details" box for elevation alert notations. The Adventure Cycling tours department welcomes your calls if you have questions or concerns regarding trip climbing or elevation.

YOUR EQUIPMENT

Just about every type of bicycle has been used on our tours. We've seen touring bikes, racing bikes, recumbents, mountain bikes, tandems, and even triples. For safety and comfort, we strongly recommend higher volume tires for paved road trips — at least 700 x 28 if you can fit them. We encourage you to ride the bike you're comfortable with, and to come prepared with the extra tubes and the tools you'll need to repair a flat tire on your bike. For our dirt-road trips, and trips including a mix of dirt and paved roads, we strongly suggest riding a mountain, hybrid, or cyclocross bike with durable wheels and tires with a more aggressive tread. On dirt trips that include technical terrain, a mountain bike equipped to handle rough ground is necessary. If you have questions about the suitability of your bike for a specific trip, please call us.

 See next two pages for application form and agreement.

**The next two pages
contain the application
form and agreement
which you must
fill out fully and
send to
Adventure Cycling
with your trip deposit.**

AGREEMENT

I understand participating in an Adventure Cycling Association tour or event [herein called an "Adventure Cycling Association activity" or "activity"] is potentially hazardous. I reviewed, understand and agree to the following terms and conditions for my participation in an Adventure Cycling Association activity.

I will only participate in an activity if I am medically able to do so and I am properly trained. I will undergo any prescribed medical treatment in the event of an accident or illness during an Adventure Cycling Association activity.

I fully assume all risk of illness, injury, or death, and release and discharge Adventure Cycling Association and its employees, agents and assigns from all actions, claims, or demands for damages arising out of my participation in a Adventure Cycling Association activity. The foregoing release shall be binding upon me, my heirs, executors/administrators, including my family members.

To maximize activity enjoyment for participating members, Adventure Cycling Association reserves the right to deny an activity registration and deny further participation during an activity if a participant's actions are inappropriate and cannot be corrected. In exercising this right, Adventure Cycling Association will consider the following grounds, including but not limited to: inaccurate or incomplete registration; physical inability to participate; inadequate equipment or training for the activity; unsatisfactory behavior which is dangerous, detrimental or otherwise interferes with the enjoyment of an activity group; expulsions or unjustified withdrawals from a prior activity. Adventure Cycling Association will advise each applicant in writing within 30 days of receipt of an application whether it accepts the application. If a problem arises after Adventure Cycling Association has accepted an application, the participant

will have a reasonable opportunity to remedy the problem.

I agree to all conditions stated and will follow the instructions in the Adventure Cycling Association Before You Go booklet that will be sent to me upon acceptance of my application.

Travel Insurance

I understand that travel insurance is optional and available to cover some unforeseen cancellations or emergencies.

Adventure Cycling Association's sincere wish is for every activity participant to attend and complete the activity chosen. In an effort to plan for unexpected personal emergencies, health issues, weather, and transportation problems that might cause you to cancel or shorten your activity, travel insurance is strongly advised. Please consult your insurance agent about cost and coverage.

Cancellations and Transfers

If I must cancel my activity reservation for any reason, it is my responsibility to notify Adventure Cycling Association immediately in writing via U.S. mail or email (tours@adventurecycling.org).

I understand that my deposit is non-refundable.

Adventure Cycling Association's cancellation policy is as follows:

- Cancellation more than 60 days before a trip: **loss of full deposit**
- Cancellation 60 days or less before a trip: **loss of full trip cost**

No refund will be given:

- for maps received by a participant
- for a participant's late arrival for an activity
- if a participant chooses to leave an activity for any reason after the activity start date

- once an activity has started, for food, services or overnight lodging for which a participant paid but did not use
- for membership fees unless an activity is cancelled by Adventure Cycling Association

Adventure Cycling Association reserves the right to cancel or combine activities. If this results in a revised departure date unacceptable to a participant, the participant's payments will be refunded.

Transfers between activities are allowed within the same calendar year with a transfer fee of \$100.00.

In order to maintain reasonable trip prices, we cannot make exceptions to the policies above.

NOTE! Avoid purchasing non-refundable travel tickets before confirming through Adventure Cycling Association that your activity is a definite go 60 days prior to the activity start date.

I understand that Adventure Cycling Association reserves the right to make photographic records of its activities, and I agree that, without compensation to me, Adventure Cycling Association may use such photographic records for promotional and commercial purposes.

This agreement shall be interpreted according to the laws of the State of Montana and is subject to binding arbitration under the Montana Uniform Arbitration Act. Venue for any court proceedings shall be the district courts of Missoula County, Missoula, Montana.

I read and understand Adventure Cycling Association's policies, including those stated above, and agree to the terms and conditions stated in this agreement and in the Application. I agree that the terms of this agreement shall be binding on Adventure Cycling Association only if Adventure Cycling Association accepts my activity application.



Printed Name of Participant _____

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Signature of Participant or Parent _____

Date _____

(If participant is 18 or older, he/she signs for self; if not, parent or legal guardian signs above)

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ACCEPTED BY ADVENTURE CYCLING TOURS:

Adventure Cycling has authorized no domestic agents to act on its behalf. All trip arrangements are made through Adventure Cycling headquarters in Missoula, Montana.