

The Great Western Trail Tours / 11 Day Adventure-Touring

Phoenix to Phoenix thorough 6 national parks



Our new series '*The Great Western Trail Tours*' feature the most desirable locations in the Southwest. The grand circle visits places like the Grand Canyon, Escalante Grand Staircase, Bryce Canyon, Capitol Reef, Canyonlands, Monument Valley, Canyon de Chelly, just to name a few of the major attractions. Please take a look at the document "Points of Interest" to see the day by day break down of the sites our tour includes.

This adventure-touring itinerary is designed with three principles: **Scenery, Adventure and History**.

Two thousand miles in distance and eight thousand feet in elevation change will take you from Saguaro cacti to tall pine forests, from places where human history spans 10,000 years to towns that emerged in the recent decades, you'll see enough to pack the largest memory card you can put in your digital camera.

The roads are at least as fascinating as the destinations they lead to. Broad sweepers and tight switchbacks are alternating on smooth asphalt and challenging back-roads as our epic journey travels through wide open vistas, thrusting mountains, deep canyons, splendid lakes and mighty rivers of the interior West.

Please not that adventure touring is about joy and fun, not performance. This itinerary is adventurous but not designed for hard core off-road riders!



The Tour

This tour provides a terrific blend of breathtaking sights and superb rides in the context of a broad geological and human historical insight.

The structure of the tour gives the flexibility to every participant to perfectly balance their daily rides in accordance with their personal interest and riding style. The tours are limited to 12 participating motorcycles.

Guidance

A knowledgeable guide on two wheels and a tour courier with a 4x4 pick-up and a motorcycle trailer provide escort and back up for the participating riders.

We carry your extra luggage, so you can travel light without seriously limiting what you take on the road. In case of mechanical break down the motorcycle trailer might come in handy as well. Your guide is equipped with multiple GPS units, a satellite phone and personal emergency beacon (Epirb) just in case. As we know, it never rains when you carry an umbrella.

A detailed map with the trip highlighted and a detailed itinerary will be sent to you via mail prior to the trip. The evening before the start of the tour we'll get together for a brief introduction and for an overview of the trip. Your guide will provide a briefing of the actual day each morning before you take off and he/she also will give you insights to the particular points of interest at the destination. Certainly you'll receive tips on restaurants and pit stops along the route as well.

Accommodation

MCTOURS provides the booking service for your accommodation and you'll pay the hotel directly on the spot. We use 'Inn' level hotels as a base for the group however you have the opportunity to use any kind of accommodation within the range of availability at the location. We arrange your booking at no extra cost, no matter which accommodation you choose.

Food

We all have a very personal approach to food. One day you might die for a steak while on the other you'd prefer French or Italian cuisine.



One day you'll want to dig right into the food after the ride, without even taking off your riding gear, while on another day you'd prefer to shower and change before heading out to the restaurant. Being forced to follow patterns that reflect other people's taste does limit your experience. Therefore your guide provides tips on food and entertainment and it's up to you to pick the actual place. In many instances the entire group or part of the group shares the dining, so it's your choice to have company with your meal or spend the evening on your own.

Riding gear

You can travel light from day zero. You can ship your riding gear to and from our location, so you don't have to worry about it when you travel. Please make sure that your riding gear is appropriate for the diverse temperature range of the tour that is a consequence of eight thousand feet the elevation difference between the lowest and highest point of the trip.

The Rides

The overall pavement/unpaved roads ratio of the tour is approximately 50-50%, with more off pavement experience at the beginning of the tour and more paved roads towards the end of the tour. The ride is paced at a comfortable 200 mile daily average, ranging from 154 to 264 miles, in accordance with the difficulty of the terrain and the overnight stops.

Nonetheless, the daily mileage does not mean your daily limit. It is the distance between the start and the end of the day. The trip is loaded with enough scenery and points of interest to fill your day within the given distance, but the routing always gives you the opportunity to find extended rides for the day and your guide can also help you to put more miles into your odometer if you feel the need.

The off pavement rides are mostly done on maintained, easy dirt or gravel roads, however there are some more challenging sections of the tour. If you don't feel comfortable riding on a particular leg, alternate routes are always available. Your guide will provide you with options during the daily briefings.



The Bikes

All kinds of motorcycles that are suitable for unpaved, sometimes rough roads are welcome.

You can bring your own bike or you can rent one from us. Tour participants are eligible for a special rental discount. If you want to ship your bike, you can to and from our Scottsdale location. MCTOURS can also assist you with the shipping. If you trailer your bike, we'll help you find a place for your truck and trailer.

Please note that it is your responsibility to prepare your bike for the ride. In case of technical break down your guide certainly will assist you as much as it is possible without compromising the safety and the service of the rest of the group.

The Price

All the services we provide are covered by a mere \$125,-/day fee that includes the following:

- Detailed maps and itinerary mailed to you prior to the trip
- Routes in digital format for your GPS sent via e-mail
- Guide supplied with GPS, satellite phone and Epirb
- Luggage transportation from your accommodations
- 4x4 chase vehicle and motorcycle trailer emergency back-up
- Handling of your gear sent to and from our location
- Your hotel reservations

Reservation

Tour registration is open until three weeks prior the departure date or until the available spaces fill up, whichever comes first. Please note, that some of the destinations have limited hotel capacity. We might run out of available hotel space before the actual closing date. Don't wait until the last minute. The earlier you book, the safer your place is.

Fifty percent of the total fees and taxes are due at the time of your reservation, fifty percent four weeks prior to departure.



Cancellation

Four weeks or more prior to departure date full refund is provided less 20% administration fee. Between three and four weeks prior to departure date 50% of the amount paid is credited towards your next trip or motorcycle rental with MCTOURS within one year from the date of the original reservation, the remainder is refunded less a 20% administration fee. Between three and two weeks prior to departure 50% of the amount paid is credited towards your next trip or motorcycle rental with MCTOURS within one year from the date of the original reservation, the remainder is refunded less a 20% administration and a 20% cancellation fee.

Within two weeks prior to departure or in case of no show, there is zero refund.

There is a minimum participation of five motorcycles. In case a tour date remains under the minimum participation prior four weeks of departure, MCTOURS retains the right to reschedule or cancel with full refund.

About us

AZride.com - our website - is operated by MCTOURS, LLC, a family operated motorcycle tour operator. Monica and Gabor - the owners, personally take care of your vacation, have more than thirty years experience in the travel business. Before we breathed life into MCTOURS, LLC riding had been limited to our leisure time, now we dedicate our full time to creating the ultimate motorcycle experience for those riders and passengers who enjoy riding, relaxing and learning during their vacation.



DISCLAIMER:

The pictures, maps, itineraries, directions, descriptions, odometer readings and distances provided in these documents serve only and exclusively informative purposes. It is the rider's sole discretion and full responsibility to prepare him/herself for the ride, including but not limited to obtaining the necessary amount of information using all available sources, preparing his/her physical and mental condition for the ride, acquiring the appropriate riding skills which are needed with the chosen routes and the type of the vehicle, purchasing and wearing adequate safety gear.

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