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California

California Tour 2018 Itinerary

July 25 – August 3	August 6 – August 15	August 18 – August 27
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Day 1: Our tour begins and ends in Reno, Nevada. Accommodations for this evening are at the Best Western Plaza Airport Hotel. For those flying in, call upon your arrival for their free shuttle service to the property. Late afternoon check in is best. Once checked in, a Ride America representative will be available to assist you with collecting your bike and gear and to answer any questions you may have regarding the exciting days ahead. Be sure to gas up your bike this evening in preparation for the ride tomorrow. This evening is at your leisure in Reno. Try your luck at the Casinos or simply relax after a long day.

Day 2: After breakfast, we will head out for Redding California, our destination for this evening. Today's ride takes us over the Sierra Nevada Mountains where we climb in elevation from just over 5,000 to over 10,000 feet as we ride through National Forests and Mountain Passes. Be on the lookout for deer and other wild life in these rugged mountains. Our accommodations this evening are at the Holiday Inn in Redding.

Day 3: After breakfast, we will saddle up for an incredible ride through Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Explore Canyons, Valleys and Adrenalin Pumping Switchbacks as we make our way to California's Coastline. We'll have lunch in Trinidad Bay, an Old Fishing Town that still has an operating Light House. After lunch, have your cameras ready as we head north and into Redwood National Park where you will be amazed by the sheer majesty of the Giant Redwoods. Afterwards, we head south to Eureka where we have accommodations at the Clarion Resort.

Day 4: Today, we will visit the Harley Davidson dealership located directly across the street from our accommodations. Afterwards, be prepared for another great day of riding as we head south through the "Avenue of the Giants" to our next stop in Liggett and the "World Famous Drive Through Tree." Have your cameras ready as you ride through this 2,000 years old, 276 ' tall Giant Sequoia. Afterwards, we make our way down the Pacific Coast Highway to Albion, where we head inland through California's wine country and to Napa Valley. Accommodations for tonight are at the Best Western at the Vines.

Day 5: A very exciting day is ahead as we continue south passing by the Sonoma Raceway, NASCAR's road course, crossing over the beautiful Golden Gate Bridge and into San Francisco, AKA "The City By The Bay", where we will have lunch at the World Famous Fisherman's Wharf. Afterwards, there will be time for casually enjoying the many attractions at the Wharf, OR for taking an unforgettable tour of Alcatraz Island. Leaving the city, we continue heading south along the Pacific Coast Highway to Monterey where we will spend the evening at the Ramada Limited.

Day 6: Today we relax and enjoy the many attractions in Monterey. Suggestions include Whale Watching, a visit to the Aquarium or Cannery Row, watching Sea Lions playing at the Wharf (great restaurants too), a visit to Carmel or Pebble Beach or just relax. The day is yours to simply enjoy and to think about the exciting days ahead.

Day 7: After breakfast, we make our way south along the Pacific Coast Highway for another amazing day of riding and incredible scenery. Along the way we pass by Lighthouses, Hearst Castle, Elephant Seals basking in the sun, and Rocky Cliffs overhanging the Pacific Ocean. Experience the ocean breezes as you ride through, and sometimes above, the clouds while making our way to Cambria, California. Here, we turn inland, traveling along Scenic Highways and passing through Vineyards, and by Horse Ranches as we make our way to Fresno where we have accommodations at the Best Western. Fresno is famous for its California Raisins grown in the most fertile soil in the world.

Day 8: This morning we will visit the Harley Davidson dealership to shop for souvenirs and other necessities. Leaving Fresno, our ride today takes us back into the Sierra Nevada Mountains and to Yosemite National Park. Make sure you have your camera ready. Attractions in the park include Half Dome, which rises 4,800 feet above the valley floor (watch for rock climbers); Yosemite Falls, the fifth highest waterfall in the world; El Capitan (The Chief) and Ancient Sequoia Trees, some over 3,000 years old. On our way out of the park, we ride through Tuolumne Meadows, and over Tioga Pass (EL. 10,000+ feet) as we make our way to Bridgeport, California. Accommodations in Bridgeport are at Silver Maple Inn.

Day 9: Today we ride fantastic scenic highways, through awesome canyons and mountain passes on our way to Lake Tahoe where we will have lunch and enjoy the beauty of this cobalt blue lake, the second deepest lake in the country. We continue our ride back to Reno and to the Best Western Plaza Airport Hotel. This evening a casual dinner will be hosted by Ride America Tours in appreciation of you and your fellow tour participants. The event is always filled with good fun and great fellowship.

Day 10: Today we must return to reality. A Ride America representative will be available to collect your bike and luggage for loading upon arrival of the transport.

Additional Tour Information:

Other Tour Information:

- Price: \$1,800.00 (No fee for second rider)
- Approximate Riding Distance: 1,600 miles
- Approximate Lodging Costs: 9 nights; \$1,300.00 plus taxes and fees. Deposit may be required.
- Fuel surcharge may apply

Shipping Bikes: Bikes and luggage should be delivered to the staging area 6-7 days prior to the tours start date. Bikes and luggage will be loaded onto Ride America Tours' custom designed motorcycle transport between the hours of 1:00 PM and 5:00 PM that day. Staging areas vary and participants will be notified of the location well in advance of each tour.

Returning Bikes: Bikes and luggage will be reloaded upon arrival of the transport following the end of your tour and returned to the initial staging area within 7 days. Details for pickup will be provided at the end of the tour.

NOTE: In compliance with Motor Carrier Safety Regulations, gas tanks **ARE NOT** to be filled prior to transport. Bike registration, keys/fobs must remain with the bikes for loading/unloading. Additionally, bike registrations must be available along with personal contact information, i.e., Emergency Contact Numbers, and Cell Phone Numbers. These items will be placed into an envelope and attached to the bike prior to transport. An envelope will be provided to you at time of shipping.

Packing Recommendations For The Tour: When considering what to pack, make a list of everything you think you need, and then divide the list in half. After that, divide what's left in half and you'll have a list of items you might actually need. (Hint: You'll not change outer garment every day on a cross-country motorcycle trip and washers and dryers are readily available.) So, for this Tour, we recommend one set of "Street Cloths" a pair of comfortable walking shoes, personal wear, toiletries, sun screen, chap-stick, riding gear including helmets, boots, eyewear, leathers, jackets, gloves, rain gear and both warm and cold weather apparel. Much of the route is at elevation so prepare for cold mornings and warm to hot afternoons. Dress in layers. Riding gear stowed inside saddlebags and tour packs may travel with your bike if secured.

Note: Prescription drugs, and other valuables such as jewelry, cash, cameras, etc. must remain in your possession at all times.

Park Entrance and Excursion Fees:

Excursion to Alcatraz: Fee is \$45.25 per person; E-tickets available 90 days ahead.

Drive Through Tree: \$3,00 for motorcycles.

Entrance fee into Yosemite National Park is \$10 per bike.