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# Colorado

## Colorado Tour 2018 Itinerary

August 30 – September 8	September 9 – September 18
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Day 1: Travel to Denver, Colorado. When booking flights, “DEN” is the Airport code. Early afternoon arrival is best. Upon your arrival, call the Quality Inn and Suites for free airport shuttle service to the property. After check-in, a Ride America Tours representative will be available to assist you with collecting your bike and gear and to answer any questions you may have regarding the awesome days ahead. Be sure to gas-up your bike this evening in preparation for the ride tomorrow.

Day 2: Be prepared for a breathtaking introduction to the Rocky Mountains as we ride north to Estes Park and into Rocky Mountain National Park. Entering the Park, you will soon find yourself riding above the tree line and crossing snow covered peaks at elevations in excess of 12,000 feet. Watch for Elk and Mountain Goats along the hillsides and the shorelines of crystal clear lakes. Feel the power of your bike as it carries you ever upward around wide sweeping turns while you kick back and enjoy the incredible vistas that surround you. The exhilaration and excitement of our ride today will be with you long after we return to Denver and the Quality Inn for the evening.

Day 3: Today we begin our journey into the scenic interior of Colorado. After breakfast, we leave Denver for our ride to Salida, CO; where we will stay overnight at the Comfort Inn. Enjoy the ride through canyons, along rivers and over mountain passes.

Day 4: This morning we head out early, leaving Salida in route to South Fork, CO. where we will stay overnight at Wolf Creek Ski Lodge. Our ride takes us through Gunnison, Uncompahgre, National Forest and La Garita Wilderness; headwaters of the Rio Grande River, and past snow-covered peaks in excess of 14,000 feet. Enjoy the incredible ride.

Day 5: Leaving South Fork in route to Durango, CO. where we will stay the night at the Ramada Inn. Along the way, we will ride through incredible country, including across Wolf Creek Pass, EL: 11,000 feet. In the afternoon, we will visit Mesa Verde National Park, famous for its Archeological Sites and cliff dwellings. Later in the evening, take a step back in time while enjoying Durango at your leisure.

Day 6: Today, we leave Durango in route to Moab Utah. The first leg of the trip will take us due north along San Juan Sky Way to the old mining town of Silverton. Known as the Million Dollar Highway, this route parallels the Narrow Gauge Rail Line between Durango and Silverton and it provides incredible views of river gorges and mountain peaks. Continuing on, we will visit Telluride where we will have lunch before continuing on our way to Moab and the Ramada Inn where we will stay the night.

Day 7: Fantastic sights await us as we leave Moab in route to Canyon Lands and Arches National Parks, both unforgettable works of nature. Afterwards, we make our way along the Colorado River where we will have lunch. Afterwards, we will continue on our way to Grand Junction CO., stopping briefly at Grand Junction Harley-Davidson, and then on to Delta, CO. where we will stay overnight at the Days Inn.

Day 8: Leaving Delta we have another day of riding scenic highways and visit to well-known Sky Resort towns such as Snowmass and Aspen. Again, experience breathtaking elevations and incredible scenery as we cross Independence Pass, nicknamed "The Top Of The Rockies", at an elevation of over 12,000 feet. Crossing the Continental Divide, we make our way to the Old Mining Town of Leadville, CO. and to the Silver King Inn where we will stay the night.

Day 9: From Leadville we return back to Denver and to the Quality Inn and Suites for the last night of our tour. In route, we will visit both Vail and Breckenridge along with Mountain Passes and Old Mining Towns. A casual dinner will be hosted by Ride America Tours this evening in appreciation of you and your fellow participants, The event is always filled with good fun and great fellowship.

Day 10: Following breakfast, checkout and return your bike and luggage to the staging area for reloading upon arrival of the transport.

Flying home? The Quality Inn provides free shuttle service back to the airport with pickup times at least 2 hours before flight time.

### **Additional Tour Information:**

#### **Other Tour Information:**

- Price: \$1,600.00 (No fee for second rider)
- Approximate Riding Distance: 1,900 miles
- Approximate Lodging Costs: 9 nights; \$1,200.00 plus taxes and fees. Deposit may be required.
- Fuel surcharge may apply

**Shipping Bikes:** Bikes and luggage should be delivered to the staging area 4-5 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 date and 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 to be attached to the bike prior to transport. An envelope will be provided to you at time of shipping. Typically, Bikes will be delivered to the point of origin within 7 days from end of the tour date. You will be notified in advance as to the precise date and time for pickup.

**Packing Recommendations For The Tour:** When considering what to pack, we suggest that you make a list of everything you think you need, and then divide that 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 cloths 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. This time of year, prepare for cold mornings (especially at high elevations) 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.**

#### **Excursions and Park Fees:**

Entrance fees at Mesa Verde, Canyon Land and Arches National Parks are \$15 each and good for 7 days.