



YOU ~~NEED~~ A BIKE VACATION THIS YEAR!



GET OUT! GO BIG!
CHECK ANOTHER RIDE OFF
YOUR BUCKET LIST!



MONTANA'S
BACKCOUNTRY
IS A GRAVEL
LOVER'S DREAM.

SPECTACULAR CYCLING GETAWAYS

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Riding your bike can be a fantastic escape from unprecedented stress—as many of us learned (or relearned) in 2020. And riding it someplace beyond your locals adds even more magic. But during a pandemic, everything from traveling to get someplace new to being part of a group is complicated. We debated skipping our annual travel awards, but ultimately decided to focus on stateside trips (potentially eliminating or reducing air travel) run by companies instituting rigorous safety protocols. Our editors vetted hundreds of tour outfitters and analyzed their itineraries for things like average tour size, traveler reviews, value, and quality of the rental fleet. Each company we chose to feature established practices to combat COVID (everything from providing masks to testing staff regularly to sanitizing equipment), and many have eased their cancellation policies, decreased group sizes, and bolstered their self-guided and private trip options. Of course, it's still up to you to travel responsibly: Ride within your limits to avoid taxing local health systems, check for travel restrictions in states and counties you'll pass through, and if you're sick, stay home. And if your personal situation, local conditions, or sense of caution keep you at home this year, we hope you use this list to shop for the trip you'll do during a better time.

Whether you want to pedal through Montana's Big Sky Country, tackle Malibu's toughest climbs, meander Florida's scenic Gulf Coast, or travel the Underground Railroad route by bike, these are the 26 most spectacular cycling getaways in the U.S. this year.



OVERLOOKING
THE PACIFIC
OCEAN AT THE
MENDOCINO
HEADLANDS.

Previous spread: Courtesy The Cycling House; this page: Will Frehofer

BEST FOR WINE/BEER LOVERS

THE TRIP

CALIFORNIA WINE COUNTRY

THE OUTFITTER

INGAMBA

When your meals are prepared by a Michelin-star chef (avid cyclist Matthew Accarrino) in Sonoma County, paired with hand-selected local wines, and served after you've ridden anywhere from 22 to 82 miles, you know you've hit the jackpot. Routes snake along manicured vineyards and offer up plenty of robust climbs. Trips start and end in Healdsburg, a cozy hamlet with great spots for off-bike exploring. Groups max out at 12, making for an intimate vibe. Included luxuries like postride massages and laundry service for your kit add to the pampered feel. 5 days | 210 miles | \$3,450 | Intermediate

YOU MIGHT ALSO LIKE

Asheville Craft Beer Bike Tour | Outfitter Bicycle

This self-guided road tour includes stops at premier craft breweries in and around Asheville, North Carolina—including the bike-focused Oskar Blues in Brevard. Daily routes range from 8 to 75 miles, with a mountain bike option on day five.

6 days | 60–250 miles | starts at \$1,595 | All levels

PREPPING
BIKES IN THE
HEALDSBURG,
CALIFORNIA,
MILL DISTRICT.



2021
Bicycling
TRAVEL
AWARDS

Courtesy Ingamba