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ADVENTURES

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Bike.

California's Central Coast

May-October

TOUR RATING: **INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED**



TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Scenic rides through over 32,000 acres of vineyards
- Epic climbs through the Pacific Coastal Range
- Exploration of the coast and interior of "America's Riviera"
- Sample local wines, coffee & cuisine

Half way between San Francisco and Los Angeles sits the expansive central coast of California. Often called the American Riviera for its ideal combination of mild weather and vast countryside, the central coast draws tens of thousands of cycling enthusiasts and pros alike every year. From the Great Western Bike Rally to the Solvang Century to training camps held for international cycling teams, there seems to be no limit to the variety of great opportunities when it comes to two-wheeled travel.

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**DAY
1**

Meet San Jose, Paso Robles Loop (29 miles)

Our tour begins this morning in San Jose. After meeting, we transfer south to the wine country town of Paso Robles. Upon arrival in Paso, we take a warm-up ride through the rolling orchards and vineyards surrounding the town. Tonight's stay is at the Paso Robles Inn, a historic hotel located in downtown right on the central square. Meals included: Lunch & Dinner

**DAY
2**

Paso Robles to Cambria (48 miles)

After breakfast in Paso Robles, our first full day of riding takes us through the rolling hills of wine country. With over 32,000 acres of planted vineyards, today's ride is sure to be scenic. We'll pay a visit to a well-known producer and taste some of the Zinfandel and Rhone varietals that thrive in this region. A challenging climb and exhilarating descent deliver us to the seaside community of Cambria, where we will call home tonight. Meals include: Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

**DAY
3**

Cambria to Avila Beach (34 - 55 miles)

After breakfast at our hotel, our route along Santa Rosa Creek brings us up into the coastal range before a stunning descent back to the Pacific Coast and the harbor town of Morro Bay. Enjoy lunch at the water's edge, where you can watch the fishing boats, sea birds and harbor seals search for dinner. If you choose to tackle the Bighorn Ride extension, you'll continue through San Luis Obispo county to Avila Beach, a tucked away ocean gem. Our lodging for the night is at Avila Lighthouse Suites and we'll reconvene this evening for another team dinner walking distance from the hotel. Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

**DAY
4**

Avila Beach to Santa Ynez (50 - 82 miles)

After a hearty breakfast, you can pedal from the hotel if you desire some extra miles or opt to shuttle by van to access the best part of the cycling route. We pedal out of Santa Maria Valley and inland through the rolling pastures and oak studded hillsides that recline beneath the majestic San Rafael Mountains. Here we are treated to one of the best bike rides around, which courses along Foxen Canyon and Ballard Canyon. Remote and scenic, this route rolls past quiet pastures and wineries with unobstructed views of the surrounding mountains. Our first town to visit is the Danish influenced Solvang, known for its quaint Scandinavian architecture and Old World hospitality. A final leg brings us to our destination for the night: Santa Ynez, an even tinier hideaway. Lodging for the next two nights is provided at the elegant and luxurious Santa Ynez Inn, a Victorian bed and breakfast. This evening you have an on your own dinner and the chance to explore town independently. Meals Included: Breakfast & Lunch



**DAY
5**

Rest Day or Ride a Santa Ynez Loop (up to 42 miles)

Today is officially a “rest” day. But since cyclists on a multi-stage tour know that riding on “rest” days is a good idea, there are a few rides to choose from. You may choose to embark on an epic challenge up Figueroa Mountain, join a casual ride to explore more of the local area, revisit Solvang and its eclectic mix of shops and tasting rooms or you may truly want a rest day to luxuriate at the Santa Ynez Inn’s spa. It’s your vacation, so we’ll leave it up to you. Meals included: Breakfast & Dinner

**DAY
6**

Ballard Canyon Loop, Depart San Jose (17 miles)

The final day of the tour is a morning promenade on another great ride that roughly follows the individual time trial route the pros rode in the Amgen Tour of California. We once again get to experience that little slice of cycling heaven, Ballard Canyon, but this time in the opposite direction. Then it’s a fast spin back to Santa Ynez to clean up before we transfer you back to our meeting location in San Jose. Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch

Pricing

TRIP COST	PAYMENT TERMS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$2,695 each based on double occupancy • Single Supplement: \$995 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$750 deposit due to hold space • Balance due 90 days prior to departure (can be auto-collected if you pay by credit card)
TRIP PRICE INCLUDES	TRIP PRICE EXCLUDES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lodging as outlined in lodging section below based on double occupancy • Meals as noted in itinerary above • Non-optional activities as outlined in itinerary above • Ride-friendly snacks and beverages throughout each day • Hybrid or alloy road bike rental – carbon road bike or E-bike available for an upgrade fee • Services of professional trip leader(s) • Van support during the trip & portering service • Black Sheep Adventures jersey, water bottles & luggage tags 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre & post tour travel • Alcoholic beverages • Optional activities such as spa treatments • Gratuities for your BSA guides

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Lodging

Hotel Cheval – 1 night

Located less than a block from the historic town square you are just a few steps away from the a number of art studios. Your room features free WiFi, 37-inch flat-screen TV and a coffeemaker. In addition the hotel has common areas include a cozy library and a courtyard with outdoor fireplaces.

Pelican Inn & Suites – 1 night

Overlooking Moonstone Beach, this polished hotel just off Highway 1 is 2 miles from Cambria Historical Museum and 8 miles from Hearst Castle. Plush, warmly decorated rooms and suites have complimentary Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, microwaves, minifridges and coffeemakers..

Avila Lighthouse Suites - 1 night

An all-suites hotel overlooking the ocean at Avila Beach. Every suite overlooks the ocean from its own private balcony or patio. There is a full service day spa, pool and hot tub.

Santa Ynez Inn - 2 nights

Four-star elegant Victorian with lavishly appointed rooms. The inn has an outdoor whirlpool tub, a fully equipped fitness room with sauna, a private massage room, spa services and beauty treatments on site. Some rooms have their own private whirlpool tubs. Enjoy wine, hors d'oeuvres and a full gourmet breakfast in the morning.

Terms

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel for any reason the following refund schedule applies:

- 91+ days prior to trip start: A \$100 fee per person will be deducted from any refund.
- 61-90 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 25% of trip cost
- 31-60 days prior to trip start: Cancellation fee equal to 50% of trip cost
- 0-30 days prior to trip start: No refund

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We recommend travel insurance. For more information and to purchase, go to <http://my.travelinsure.com/bsaselect>

WAIVER

All participants must complete our waiver online at <https://www.smartwaiver.com/v/bsabike2022/>

DISCLAIMER

The above itinerary is subject to change depending on a variety of factors. In every case, Black Sheep Adventures will endeavor to make you aware of changes as soon as possible, but, occasionally, changes must be made immediately prior to, or during, a departure. We strive to offer the best quality trip for each area and will make every effort to offer a comparable or better vacation. Rest assured our goal is to leave you with the best possible experience so you choose to travel with us again and tell your friends all about us. Black Sheep Adventures acts only as an agent for the various independent suppliers that provide hotel accommodations, transportation, sightseeing, activities, or other services connected with this tour. Such services are subject to the terms and conditions of those suppliers. Black Sheep Adventures and their respective employees, agents, representatives, and assigns accept no liability whatsoever from any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or any other incident which may be caused by the negligence, defect, default of any company or person in performing these services. Responsibility is not accepted for losses, injury, damages or expenses of any kind due to sickness, weather, strikes, hostilities, wars, terrorist acts, acts of nature, local laws or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws and regulations of the country in which they are provided. Black Sheep Adventures is not responsible for any baggage or personal effects (including bicycles or bicycle gear) of any individual participating in the tours arranged by Black Sheep Adventures. Individual travelers are responsible for purchasing a travel insurance policy, if desired, that will cover some of the expenses associated with the loss of luggage or personal effects.

IMPORTANT NOTE ON BRINGING YOUR OWN BIKE

If you are bringing your own bike, per the above disclaimer, it is at your own risk. BSA will transport it, and our guides will endeavor to protect your bike as best they can. If you have a custom bicycle, rare bike or one that you are just terribly fond of, we encourage you to carefully consider the choice to bring it. If you do choose to bring your own bike, please ensure your homeowner's, renter's or trip insurance policy will cover the bike for loss to your satisfaction. Alternatively, please consider renting a bicycle from us. We have some nice full carbon and alloy road bikes for rent at a reduced rate.

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