



GLACIER UNDER CANVAS BIKE TOUR

MONTANA'S GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Have you ever wanted to try glamping? What better place to do it than Big Sky Country! Join us for this special edition glamping trip just a few miles outside of Glacier National Park with our friends at Under Canvas®. Glacier National Park isn't just another protected wildlife site in northwest Montana. It's one of Mother Nature's most prized possessions, crammed end-to-end with snow-capped peaks, blue skies, moose, big-horn sheep, mountain goats, aspen trees and inspiration. As you ride the smooth pavement of Going-to-the-Sun Road, your soundtrack will include the echo of Bird Woman Falls and the vast silences of the hinterland. And as you retire to your luxury tent for the evening, your lullaby will be a sea of stars, crystal clear and glittering. We'll explore this magical landscape on and off road as we tackle some gravel riding and raft the rapids of the Flathead River. What are you waiting for? There's no better time to visit this wild country, because only 25 glaciers remain, and with every passing day, they get a little smaller. If you're lucky enough to have some extra time in Montana before or after your trip, take advantage of all the great opportunities this state has, like hiking, rafting, fishing and horseback riding. So pack up your all-weather gear and get training—it's time for an adventure as big as the glacier itself. [Awarded Best National Parks Tour Operator and](#)

From
\$2799

Rider Type
Active

Hotel Style
Explorer

Duration
4 days | 3 nights

Start | End
Whitefish, Montana

Dates
2020/Jul



UNDER CANVAS®

TRIP WOWS

Ride Going-to-the-Sun Road across the Continental Divide and along the spine of the Rockies and discover why it's been named one of America's most scenic roads

Experience glamping at its finest in a luxury safari style tent, linger around the campfire and stargaze from your private deck

Tackle some gravel riding as you roll through the magical landscape in and around Glacier National Park

Raft the picturesque Flathead River and look for wildlife along the way

Dine at the historic Belton Chalet, the first lodge built by the Great Northern Railroad and the the original gateway to Glacier National Park



DAILY ITINERARY

2020

Day

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TODAY'S RIDE:

Whitefish to Coram

Approximately 26 miles with 1,200 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Your adventure begins when you meet your Trek Travel guides at the Firebrand Hotel at 11:00 AM. Enjoy a hearty picnic lunch under the wide open skies of what's known as God's Country, followed by a personal bike fitting session to ensure a comfortable ride on your Trek bicycle, before we set off on our first ride. You'll pedal from downtown Whitefish to the western edge of Glacier National Park. We'll settle in at Under Canvas where you'll experience glamping under the stars on this one-of-a-kind Trek Travel adventure! Stay in a luxurious safari style tent with a fireplace, luxury linens and an ensuite bathroom. Your guides will fill you in on what lies ahead during social hour tonight, which will be followed by a delicious dinner at the historic Belton Chalet.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Under Canvas

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Coram to West Glacier

Approximately 46 miles with 2,350 feet of climbing

TODAY'S AFTERNOON ACTIVITY:

Whitewater Raft The

Flathead River

3-4 hours

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DESCRIPTION:

Today's junket revolves around the Flathead River. You'll ride along the North Fork surrounded by evergreens and views of the Whitefish Range. Eventually the pavement gives way to gravel. If you are a gravel enthusiast, you'll get your fill for about 10 miles til the road returns to pavement. Your ride through this magical landscape ends in West Glacier, where you'll refuel with a packed lunch and suit up for a thrilling raft down the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. We'll be on the water for approximately 2 & 1/2 hours as we make our way through 8 miles of Class II to III rapids. Afterwards, it's time to kickback and toast to another gorgeous day in the great outdoors as your guides host an outdoor BBQ dinner. Following dinner, we'll shuttle back to Under Canvas, where you can stargaze from your private deck before you drift off for a good night's sleep.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Under Canvas

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Lake McDonald to Logan Pass and Return

Approximately 43 miles with 3,700 feet of climbing

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DESCRIPTION:

Today is a day you're sure to remember for a long time. We're riding Going-to-the-Sun Road, which is one of the most scenic roads in America. This engineering marvel was completed in 1932. It is narrow and windy, snaking around mountainsides to give you magnificent views of the surrounding peaks from every angle. We'll begin with an early 30 minute shuttle to Lake McDonald Lodge. From here, you'll climb past waterfalls, rivers, wildflowers, cedar forests and hopefully some of the local wildlife abundant in this stunning refuge. You will surely want to stop at some of the many viewpoints along the way as we make our way to the top of Logan Pass (6,646 ft) and the Continental Divide. Enjoy the epic descent back to Lake McDonald where we will regroup and shuttle to a local cafe for a celebratory lunch. Tonight, we'll celebrate under the stars with a final social hour and dinner at Under Canvas.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Under Canvas

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Coram to Hungry Horse and Return

Approximately 17 miles with 1,375 ft climbing

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DESCRIPTION:

It's time to say goodbye to God's Country with a tranquil spin to Hungry Horse. Our turnaround point is the Hungry Horse Dam, which, at 564 feet, is one of the largest concrete arch dams in the United States. Your trip concludes with an 11:00 AM shuttle back to the Firebrand Hotel in Whitefish. You'll say farewell to your guides here and then continue your adventures, or if you must, take a taxi to the airport. You may be leaving Montana, but Glacier National Park is sure to stay with you for a lifetime.

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

For us, the details matter most

Every moment of a Trek Travel bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories.

What's Included

- 3 nights of glamping accommodations in luxury safari style tents
- Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
- Daily route support with both guides and our support van
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- 2 social hours of drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc or Trek's newest Electric-Assist
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Trek Travel Bont rager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer, flat pack, front and rear Bont rager Flare R lights, a Bont rager saddle and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals)
- Bont rager WaveCel helmets
- All gratuities for drivers, local experts and hospitality staff
- All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip
- A personalized photobook of your trip
- Entrance fees for all activities, private tours and events

Gear

- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting
- Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
- Trek Travel Bont rager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
- Bont rager WaveCel helmet
- Bont rager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bont rager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
- Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
- Cinch sack day bag to keep
- Upgrade your bike to include carbon wheels (+\$200)
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
- *For the most comfortable ride, you may choose to bring your own pedals, saddle, and helmet on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.*

THANK YOUR GUIDES, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guides are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price for the guide team. Local currency is preferred and unless you want to tip separately, guides will divide tips amongst themselves. Please tip your guides at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care and service.

What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick-up/drop-off locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- On select trips some meals are not included. On these trips, Trek Travel invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.

HOTELS



UNDER CANVAS® - GLACIER

CORAM, MONTANA

Under Canvas® has perfected the art of luxury camping, allowing you to be close to nature without sacrificing comfort. Stay just a few miles from the western entrance of Glacier

National Park in a Deluxe tent, which includes its own private ensuite bathroom inside your tent complete with a shower, sink and flushing toilet. A wood stove keeps the tent warm at night and a private deck allows you to enjoy the night stars. Rooms feature a king bed with luxurious linens.



MEETING & DEPARTING

How To Get There

We recommend flying directly into Glacier Park International Airport (FCA) in Kalispell. We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. If you are staying at The Firebrand Hotel before the trip begins, you may reserve a seat on their free airport shuttle by calling 406-863-1900. 72-hour advance reservations required. The drive takes about 20 minutes. Otherwise, you may call Glacier Taxi (406-250-3603), Bigfoot Taxi (406-212-0000) or Big D's Taxi (406-892-3390) to schedule a cab.

Whitefish is also served by an Amtrak station where the Empire Builder train stops twice daily en route between Chicago and Seattle.

Before & After: Whitefish, Montana

If you are able to spend a few extra days after your trip exploring the area, the mountain town of Whitefish is a great place to relax and enjoy the laid back attitude of a Montana summer. You might choose to shop or check out a local cafe downtown, relax at the Whitefish City Beach on the shores of gorgeous Whitefish Lake, or explore the options for hiking and mountain biking at Whitefish Mountain Resort. The Resort also features an alpine slide and zip-line tours during the summer months. There are also opportunities for fly fishing lessons, horseback riding, and whitewater rafting adventures within a short drive of Whitefish. We

Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Firebrand Hotel (650 E. 3rd Street, Whitefish, MT 59937) at 11:00 AM on the first day of the trip. Dress in your riding gear and have your pedals and anything else you will need for the ride, handy. After a hearty picnic and bike-fitting session, we'll set off on our first ride through the Last Best Place on Earth!

If you will be late for the pick-up or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guides. You will receive an email a week before the trip start with their names and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call our lodging partner, Under Canvas® (406-552-4195), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details.

Departing Time And Location

Your guides will provide a shuttle, departing at 11:00 AM, from Under Canvas to the Firebrand Hotel in downtown Whitefish. You'll arrive and say your farewells at 11:30 AM. If you are heading directly to Glacier Park International Airport (FCA), you may arrange a cab via Glacier Taxi (406-250-3603), Bigfoot Taxi (406-212-0000) or Big D's Taxi (406-892-3390).

FIREBRAND HOTEL

Located in the heart of downtown Whitefish, the newly-opened Firebrand Hotel brings urban sophistication and service to the adventurous style of Northwest Montana's rugged landscapes. Enjoy the views from the rooftop patio, take a stroll through town or relax in your deluxe room. Each room includes leathered granite counter tops and a European floor-to-ceiling glass shower and stone floor as well as custom-select luxury beds.

www.firebrandhotel.com | ~\$330

GOOD MEDICINE LODGE

Recently named one of Travel America Magazine's 10 Most Romantic Inns, The Good Medicine Lodge is built of cedar timbers with a rustic, informal atmosphere, punctuated by crackling fireplaces and solid wood furnishings. Its nine rooms are the perfect blend of intimacy, romance and access to the call of the wild.

www.GoodMedicineLodge.com | ~\$150

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE

This charming hotel, with its heated pool and hot tub and complimentary breakfast, is the perfect choice for travelers who want to maximize their access

recommend the following accommodations for your pre and post trip hotel.

to the great outdoors. After all, around here paradise is on the outside.
www.RockyMtnLodge.com | ~\$175

* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.



FAQS

What Are The Daily Rides Like?

- Rider Type | 3 - Active
- Average Daily Mileage | 33
- Terrain | Mountainous
- Average Daily Elevation | 2,131 feet
- Total Miles | 132
- Total Elevation | 8,525 feet

Averages and totals are calculated from our "Today's Ride" options.

The terrain is varied from flat to mountainous. On Day 2, 15 of the first 20 miles are on gravel roads. Guests who are not familiar or comfortable riding gravel are encouraged to shuttle through this section. Going to the Sun Road is a long gradual climb and descent on a narrow mountain road with some tight corners. While traffic is constant on Going to the Sun Road, it is slow moving, cyclists are common and we ride single file so cars can pass. Our Glacier Under Canvas® bike trip is best suited for our Type 3 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also accommodate Type 1 and 2 Riders, who seek less mileage or fewer uphills, with a boost in the van. Those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability may want to try our electric bike option—you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Options are available for riding more or fewer miles, and your Trek Travel guides and support vehicle are always close behind!

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

This destination is best suited to guests who want to cycle every day. If a non-rider wants to accompany a rider guest on this trip, they would need to spend many hours in the van. There are non-riding options such as hiking, horseback riding, canoeing/kayaking and rafting. Non-riding options need to be scheduled before your trip - please contact one of our Trip Consultants at 866.464.8735 for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities (with the exception of rafting) are not included in the trip price. See Included In The Trip Price for more information.

Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel strives to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.