



## SANTA BARBARA LONG WEEKEND BIKE TOUR

MOUNTAINS, OCEAN, AND WINE COUNTRY

There are few gems like the American Riviera. Santa Barbara is more than just an oceanside escape for Hollywood's elite. It's a crossroads where the old world meets the modern age and where the mountains meet the ocean. It's also where luxury and sophistication meet elegance and relaxation, as exemplified by the Belmond El Encanto. On this weekend Santa Barbara bike tour, you'll experience the sun, surf, and mountain skyline of the city and the vineyards of the Santa Ynez Valley. [Book your trip with confidence »](#)

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### TRIP WOWS

Experience a sunset sail on the Pacific Ocean and admire Santa Barbara's twinkling coastline

Relax and unwind among the Belmond El Encanto's exquisitely manicured gardens or next to the infinity pool overlooking the coastline below

Ride along the Pacific Ocean and take in the views as you climb the renowned Gibraltar Road

Enjoy a picnic lunch and wine tasting nestled among the vineyards and valleys of Santa Ynez wine country

From  
**\$3099**

Rider Type  
**Active / Recreational**

Hotel Style  
**Luxury**

Duration  
**4 days | 3 nights**

Start | End  
**Santa Barbara, California**

Dates  
**2021/Apr/Oct/Nov**



## DAILY ITINERARY

2021

Day  
1

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Hope Ranch Loop

Approximately 22 miles with 1,200 feet of climbing

### AVID OPTION:

#### Hope Ranch Loop with Goleta Beach

Approximately 32 miles with 1,350 feet of climbing

### DESCRIPTION:

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Belmond El Encanto to start your Santa Barbara bike and wine tour. We'll begin with a bike fitting session before we set off for our first ride. Today's relaxing warm-up ride features a mix of bike paths, views of the Pacific Ocean, and pedaling the palm-lined streets of the exclusive Hope Ranch neighborhood. If you want a few additional miles, the avid option features serene miles of bike path along Atascadero Creek to Goleta Beach. We'll wrap up our ride with a late lunch in the heart of Santa Barbara's art neighborhood, The Funk Zone. Then it's time to check into the hotel and relax by the pool for a bit. This evening, you'll gather for social hour and dinner at the hotel, and your guides will give you an overview of what's in store for the rest of the weekend.

### HOTEL:

Belmond El Encanto

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

## Day

# 2

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Solvang to Tepusquet to Fess Parker Winery

Approximately 39 miles with 2,950 feet of climbing

### SHORT OPTION:

#### Solvang to Alisos to Fess Parker Winery

Approximately 22 miles with 2,100 feet of climbing

### AVID OPTION:

#### Solvang to Los Olivos

Approximately 47 miles with 3,200 feet of climbing

### DESCRIPTION:

After a 45-minute shuttle this morning, we'll enjoy a lovely ride through the heart of Santa Ynez Valley. Countless grape varieties flourish here thanks to the micro-climates created by ocean breezes sweeping in off the Pacific and traveling eastward down the valleys, which are ringed by the Santa Ynez and San Rafael mountain ranges. Enjoy the views and notice how the landscape changes as you pedal from one vineyard to the next. We'll stop for a wine tasting and picnic lunch at the picturesque Fess Parker winery. Afterwards, continue pedaling or take a ride in the van as we make our way to the charming town of Los Olivos. Sample additional vintages at wineries you pass along the way or in one of the many tasting rooms in Los Olivos. When everyone is ready, we will regroup and shuttle back to Santa Barbara. This evening, you are free to explore town and enjoy dinner at a restaurant of your choice.

### HOTEL:

Belmond El Encanto

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch

## Day

# 3

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### East Mountain Drive Loop

Approximately 28 miles with 2,250 feet of climbing

### AVID OPTION:

#### East Mountain Drive Loop with Gibraltar Road Climb

Approximately 39 miles with 4,500 feet of climbing

### DESCRIPTION:

Today you'll head out for a full day of exploring the American Riviera. After a casual warm-up along the coast, you'll wind your way back as you climb up Toro Canyon and make your way to the scenic terrace road called East Mountain Drive. This favorite local route is fun and challenging and will delight you with incredible views around every turn. Once you reach the intersection with Gibraltar Road, you may complete the loop and ride the last few miles back to the hotel, or if you're up for a challenge, take on the 6.5 mile climb up Gibraltar Road. The views only get better the further you ascend! Whatever you choose, after your ride, the rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Santa Barbara. Enjoy lunch at one of the many downtown cafes or linger at the hotel and pamper yourself with a spa treatment (spa cost not included; advance reservations recommended). This evening, we'll finish in style as we cruise the shoreline aboard a 50-foot catamaran. Enjoy a glass of wine as you admire the sunset and share your favorite memories of the past few days. Afterwards, we will enjoy our final dinner at one of Santa Barbara's top-rated restaurants.

### HOTEL:

Belmond El Encanto

### INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Social Hour | Dinner

## Day

# 4

### TODAY'S RIDE:

#### Montecito Loop

Approximately 19 miles with 1,450 feet of climbing

### DESCRIPTION:

This is your last morning in the Santa Barbara, so make sure you drink it all in. Soak up the last rays of sunshine by the pool or take a final spin through the quaint village of Montecito and past Butterfly Beach. Maybe even stop for an espresso at Handlebar Coffee Roasters before returning to the hotel. If you prefer, there are also fantastic hikes nearby offering views of coastline and the Channel Islands. Check-out is at noon, at which point we'll say our farewells and your guides will offer a shuttle to the Santa Barbara airport.

### 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

- Three nights of accommodation at handpicked hotels
- Two experienced guides to provide local knowledge, support, and camaraderie
- Daily route support with both guides and our support van
- Daily breakfast, two lunches, and two dinners
- Two social hours of drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey and socks 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 Bontrager Flare R lights, a Bontrager saddle, and pedals (Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged, or flat pedals)
- Bontrager WaveCel helmets
- All gratuities for drivers, local experts, and hospitality staff
- All luggage transfers and transportation during your trip
- A personalized digital 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 or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+, available in a limited quantity
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey and socks to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged, or flat pedals
- Bontrager WaveCel helmet
- Bontrager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bontrager 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



### BELMOND EL ENCANTO

#### SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

The Belmond El Encanto exudes timeless Californian glamour. Rooms invite coastal-style serenity with a blend of light, airy textures and locally carved furnishings that echo the tranquility outside. Marble baths invite truly decadent bathing. Throw

open your ocean-facing patio doors and drink in the breeze from the privacy of your terrace. Gaze out across the Pacific while soaking up the sun in our lavish zero-edge swimming pool or unwind with a deluxe spa treatment or a walk through seven acres of gloriously landscaped gardens that offer sweeping views of Santa Barbara and the Pacific Ocean.



## MEETING & DEPARTING

### How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the start of your Santa Barbara bike tour, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays.

We recommend flying into Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA) in Goleta, approximately 15 minutes from downtown Santa Barbara. A taxi will cost approximately \$50. We suggest calling Shah at S R Transportation at 805-708-1403 to prearrange a car. Please be sure to mention that you are a guest of Trek Travel.

Due to better connections from most major cities, you may alternatively fly into Los Angeles (LAX) and take the Santa Barbara Airbus to Santa Barbara. Visit [www.SBAirBus.com](http://www.SBAirBus.com) for more information. Alternatively, you may book a private car service through S R Transportation at 805-708-1403 for approximately \$240 one way. Please be sure to mention that you are a guest of Trek Travel.

### Before & After: Santa Barbara, California

Santa Barbara is a lively cosmopolitan city with plenty of opportunities for shopping, nightlife, and outdoor recreation. You can also explore some of southern California's other coastal cities, including Ventura, Oxnard, or the big one, Los Angeles, which is located approximately 90 minutes south of Santa Barbara. We recommend the

### Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Belmond El Encanto (800 Alvarado Place, Santa Barbara, California, 93103) at 11:00 AM on the first day of the bike tour. Please come dressed ready to ride. After a personal bike fitting, your guides will present an overview of the day's ride and off you will go!

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 first hotel, the Belmond El Encanto (805-845-5800), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details.

### Departing Time And Location

#### **Santa Barbara Airport** | Santa Barbara, CA

The trip ends with a 12:00 PM shuttle from the Belmond El Encanto to the Santa Barbara airport which will take approximately 20 minutes. Say farewell to your guides at the airport (or at the hotel if you are extending your stay in Santa Barbara). If you are flying out of Santa Barbara today, please do not book a flight before 2:00 PM.

#### BELMOND EL ENCANTO

Indulge yourself with a stay in a private bungalow at this beautiful and exclusive property. One of only four Belmond hotels in the US, El Encanto offers beautiful views of the city and ocean from its accommodations, lounge, and restaurant. Treat yourself at the full-service spa, walk in the gardens, or simply take in the views from the infinity pool as you relax in classic 1920s style.

[www.belmond.com/hotels/north-america/usa/ca/santa-barbara/belmond-el-encanto/](http://www.belmond.com/hotels/north-america/usa/ca/santa-barbara/belmond-el-encanto/) | ~\$500

#### HOTEL MILO

The colorful grounds of Hotel Milo blend beach-chic décor and classic Spanish Colonial architecture in an enviable waterfront location. This cozy property is located just a short walk from the Marina, Stearns Wharf, State Street, and many

following accommodations for your pre and post-trip hotel:

other Santa Barbara attractions and activities. Open your windows, sit in the courtyard, or relax in a poolside cabana to take in the refreshing sea breeze and the vibrant atmosphere along the oceanfront of this wonderful city.

[www.hotelmilosantabarbara.com](http://www.hotelmilosantabarbara.com) | ~\$200

#### HOTEL CALIFORNIAN

This hotel may be called Californian, but it's pure Santa Barbara, from its Funk Zone location to its two signature restaurants. You'll lavish in every luxurious touch, whether it's taking a break on the rooftop pool with a panoramic view of the palm trees and Pacific shoreline or treating your skin to a decadent purist oil blend at the surreal spa. The rooms are a magical mix of Spanish Colonial Revival architecture and Moroccan flourishes, with modern touches from celebrity designer Martyn Lawrence Bullard. And even the facade tells a special story, with history dating back to the original 1925 hotel itself.

[www.hotelcalifornian.com](http://www.hotelcalifornian.com) | ~\$350

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



## FAQS

### What Are The Daily Rides Like?

- Rider Type | 2/3 - Recreational/Active
- Average Daily Mileage | 26
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 1,800 feet
- Total Miles | 79
- Total Elevation | 5,400 feet

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

The terrain is widely varied, from flat, oceanside riding to the rolling hills of the Santa Ynez Valley and the steeper climbs above Santa Barbara. Santa Barbara is best suited for our Type 2 & 3 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate riders who seek less mileage or fewer uphill, 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. Type 4 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.

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

On most Trek Travel trips, we offer non-riding options for riders who want to take the afternoon off, or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Expenses and/or related transportation to these activities may not be included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Book a luxurious spa appointment
- Kayak, stand up paddle board, or take a surfing lesson
- Relax by the waterfront in Santa Barbara
- Take a yoga class at Yoga Soup or the Santa Barbara Yoga Center (our guides' favorite studios)
- Tour the Old Mission Santa Barbara, known as the "Queen of the Missions"
- Explore the shops, tasting rooms, and galleries of Los Olivos and Santa Barbara
- Tour wineries in the Santa Ynez Valley

### Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel seeks 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.