



SANTA BARBARA 4 DAY WEEKEND CUSTOM

MOUNTAINS, SEA AND WINE COUNTRY

Santa Barbara, California is one of this country's most unique destinations, with the perfect mix of sun, surf, and mountain skyline.

There are few gems in the world like Santa Barbara, California for a bike trip. It's the crossroads of so much: Where the old world meets the modern age. Where the mountains meet the ocean. And where luxury and friendliness meet sophistication, elegance and relaxation. This weekend bike tour offers four full days of cycling, sightseeing, dining, hiking, and relaxing along the Central Coast. With a home base in downtown Santa Barbara, you'll enjoy easy access to the shops, cafes, museums, and bars of famous State Street. You'll also spend a day in the wine country north of Santa Barbara and have a chance to tackle some of the classic climbs above the city—or you can just hang out at the rooftop pool of your luxury hotel.

TRIP WOWS

Ride along oceanfront bike paths; Into the Santa Ynez mountains; and through sun-kissed wine country as you experience this diverse and dramatic landscape like never before.

Savor the stunning early-morning beauty and wildlife Of the Gaviota Coast during our shuttle from Santa Barbara to Surf Beach.

Indulge in a gourmet picnic and wine tasting In the region made famous by the movie "Sideways."

From
Custom

Rider Type
Recreational

Hotel Style
Luxury

Duration
4 days | 3 nights

Start | End
Santa Barbara, California

Dates
Dates Coming Soon

Dine on innovative cuisine Prepared with ingredients from local farmer's markets at popular downtown and Funk Zone restaurants.

Take a hike through chaparral and shady canyons to Inspiration Point.



DAILY ITINERARY

SAMPLE ITINERARY

Day

1

TODAY'S RIDE:

Goleta to Santa Barbara

Approximately 18 miles with 625 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Goleta to Santa Barbara with Skofield Park Loop

Approximately 26 miles with 1,300 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at The Canary Hotel at 9:30 AM on the first day of the trip. After a 20-minute shuttle to Girsh Park, you'll be treated to light, brunch-style snacks while you meet your fellow travelers. Your Trek Travel guides will spend some time familiarizing you with your Trek bicycle to ensure a comfortable fit, and will discuss the rules of bike safety and riding in Santa Barbara. Then it's time for a warm-up ride along the coast. Pedal through the cycling-crazed campus of the University of California, Santa Barbara, which boasts more bikes than cars. Continue on oceanfront bike paths and through the exclusive Hope Ranch neighborhood before arriving in downtown Santa Barbara, where you'll lunch with your companions before choosing to ride further to Skofield Park or checking into your accommodations for the weekend. This evening, drinks and a delicious dinner of fresh California cuisine await at the well-known Wine Cask restaurant.

HOTEL:

The Canary

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

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Day

2

TODAY'S RIDE:

Surf Beach to Santa Rosa Road to Los Olivos

Approximately 38 miles with 2,500 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

Surf Beach to Santa Rosa Road with shuttle

Approximately 19 miles with 1200 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

The pristine Gaviota Coast is your destination this morning. You'll begin with a scenic shuttle along the Pacific Coast Highway to Surf Beach. Once you arrive, you'll ride inland to Santa Rosa Road (known for its brisk tailwinds), where you can stop and explore some of the tasting rooms along the Santa Rita Wine Trail. Your guides will prepare a stellar Trek Travel picnic for you at Sanford Winery, where you will enjoy a tasting of some of the region's famous Pinot Noirs. From here, choose to take a shuttle or continue riding through Ballard Canyon to the tiny, charming town of Los Olivos. After enjoying its quaint tasting rooms and shops, you'll return to your accommodations with a 45-minute drive back over San Marcos Pass - the old stagecoach route between Los Olivos and Santa Barbara. Tonight, you'll take your pick of one of the eclectic local restaurants for a memorable dining experience.

HOTEL:

The Canary

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch

Day

3

TODAY'S RIDE:

East Mountain Drive Loop

Approximately 22 miles with 1,760 feet of climbing

SHORT OPTION:

East Mountain Drive Loop with hill shuttle

Approximately 19 miles with 1,000 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

East Mountain Drive Loop with Gibraltar Road

Approximately 36 miles with 4,400 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Following another delicious breakfast at the hotel, you'll head out for a full day of exploring the "American Riviera." Ride east along the coast before turning inland to climb up to East Mountain Drive. The jaw-dropping scenery makes this one of the prettiest rides in North America, with stunning panoramic views of private estates in the hills above and the glittering blue expanse of ocean below. If you're up for a challenge, you can take on the classic Gibraltar Road climb, where the views only get better the further you ascend. This afternoon, Santa Barbara is yours to discover. Choose a lunch spot from the array of restaurants and bistros, and then shop, pamper yourself with a spa treatment (advance reservations are recommended), visit the Old Mission Santa Barbara, or maybe just grab a cappuccino and relax as you watch the world go by. This evening you'll gather with your new-found friends for a farewell social hour at a lively venue on State Street before a memorable dinner at The Lark, one of Santa Barbara's most highly acclaimed new restaurants, located in the trendy Funk Zone.

HOTEL:

The Canary

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

4

TODAY'S RIDE:

Hope Ranch Return

Approximately 17 miles with 600 feet of climbing

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

Hike to Inspiration Point

Approximately 3.5 miles with 1000 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Don't miss your final opportunity to enjoy Santa Barbara this morning, either on foot or by bike. If you choose the former, it's a short shuttle to the trailhead for the Inspiration Point hike, which climbs through chaparral, in and out of shady canyons, and emerges at a gorgeous view of the city below and the ocean and Channel Islands beyond. If you prefer to ride, you can spin through Hope Ranch and enjoy the seaside bike path one last time. You'll then have a chance to freshen up and check out of your room by noon. You and your companions will dine together one last time at a downtown bistro before shuttling to the airport.

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch

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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

- 5 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, some lunches and dinners
- Social hour of drinks and hors d'oeuvres
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7, Trek's newest Electric-Assist, or a Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Snacks and drinks for each day's ride
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles 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)
- 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 carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bike
- Trek Electric Assist XM700+ also available in a limited quantity
- Trek Travel Bontrager cycling jersey to keep
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, caged or flat pedals
- Bontrager helmet and saddle
- Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights and a flat pack
- Garmin Edge 1030 GPS computer
- 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.
- *You may bring your own pedals and saddle 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.
- Gratuities for your Trek Travel Guides may be given at your discretion in response to their professionalism and leadership. Industry standard is for each individual guest to tip the guide team 7.5-10% of the trip price.

HOTELS



THE CANARY

SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

Located in the heart of downtown Santa Barbara and just steps from bustling State Street, The Canary

offers beautiful guest rooms with chic, modern styling. Complete with rooftop pool and fireplace, comfortable bar and elegant restaurant, the open design of this hotel offers a unique, tranquil backdrop for your Santa Barbara getaway.



MEETING & DEPARTING

How To Get There

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.

We recommend flying into Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA) in Goleta, approximately 8 miles from downtown Santa Barbara. From just outside baggage claim you can hail a cab for ground transportation. Cab rides from the airport to downtown will cost approximately \$50. You may contact S R Transportation at 805 708 1403 to prearrange a taxi. 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 for more information. Alternatively, you may book a private car service through S R Transportation at 805 708 1403 for approximately \$200 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, Onxard, or the big one, Los Angeles, which is located approximately 90 minutes south of Santa Barbara. We recommend the

Meeting Time And Location

The Canary Hotel | Santa Barbara, CA

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at The Canary Hotel (31 West Carrillo, Santa Barbara, CA 93101) at 9:30 AM on the first day of the trip. Once everyone has arrived, the group will transfer approximately 20 minutes to Girsh Park in Goleta. Those who choose to fly into Santa Barbara this morning can take a taxi to Girsh Park, which is located just 4 miles from the airport. If you plan on meeting the group at Girsh Park please let your trip consultant know. At the park you will enjoy a light brunch while your Trek Travel guides ensure a comfortable fit to your bicycle for the weekend. Afterwards you'll begin riding with a route heading down the coast. Please have your riding gear in a separate bag or readily accessible, to avoid having to unpack your luggage.

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 Canary (866 999 5401), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. A taxi from downtown Santa Barbara to Girsh Park will cost about \$50 and take about 20 minutes. A taxi from the Santa Barbara Airport to Girsh Park will cost about \$25 and take about 15 minutes.

Departing Time And Location

Santa Barbara Airport | Santa Barbara, CA

You will say farewell to your guides at 2:00 PM at the Santa Barbara Airport. From the airport you may catch a flight to your next destination, pick up a rental car, or take a taxi to meet the Santa Barbara Airbus in Goleta. If you are flying out today, please do not book a flight before 3:00 PM.

THE SANTA BARBARA INN

The Santa Barbara Inn has just re-opened after a complete renovation. Its red tile rooftop, gleaming white stucco and handcrafted tile domes showcase the Spanish Mediterranean architectural style of Santa Barbara, and its location allows you to take in the dramatic views of the palm trees and the Pacific Ocean from the heated pool or your elegantly appointed room.

901 East Cabrillo Boulevard | 800 231 0431 | www.SantaBarbaraInn.com | ~\$275

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 other Santa Barbara attractions and activities. Open your windows or sit in the

following accommodations for your pre and post-trip hotel:

courtyard or a poolside cabana to take in the refreshing sea breeze and the vibrant atmosphere along the oceanfront of this wonderful city.

202 West Cabrillo Boulevard | 805 965 4577 | www.hotelmilosantabarbara.com | ~\$200

BELMOND EL ENCANTO

Indulge yourself with a stay in a private bungalow at this beautiful and exclusive property. One of only 4 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.

800 Alvarado Place | 805 545 5800 | www.Belmond.com/el-encanto-santa-barbara.com | ~\$500

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



FAQS

Trip Changes

Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer each and 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.

What are the daily rides like?

- Rider Type | 2
- Average Daily Mileage | 24
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 1400

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. Santa Barbara is best suited for our Type 2 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate Type 1 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 3 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer. The terrain is widely varied, from flat, oceanside riding to the rolling hills of Santa Rosa Road and the steeper climbs around Santa Barbara. The routes are designed so the harder riding is offered as the avid routes and the shorter rides feature the least hilly terrain. See Itinerary for specific daily ride distance and elevation options.

What is the weather going to be like?

In an average year Santa Barbara enjoys over 300 days of sunshine. During both spring and fall, expect temperatures in the mid 60s to upper 70s during the day and the mid 40s to mid 50s at night. Rain is rare, but there is always a chance. Morning fog on the coast generally causes cooler temperatures until it burns off in the afternoon.

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. See Included In The Trip Price for more information. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Book a luxurious spa appointment
- Relax by the waterfront in Santa Barbara
- Join the group for a scenic shuttle to Surf Beach
- Hike to Inspiration Point with the group
- Take a yoga class at Yoga Soup or the Santa Barbara Yoga Center, guide favorite studios within walking distance of your hotel
- Tour the Old Mission Santa Barbara, known as the "Queen of the Missions"

If I book a tour, can I be guaranteed that it will run?

If you're going we're going on almost all our trips. Trips with 1 guest booked are guaranteed to run. Select trips like Cross Country, Race and Special Edition trips require a minimum number of guests to run and are not guaranteed until that number is reached. Contact your Trip Consultant for more details.

In the event that a departure has low enrollment, we will notify guests at 60-90 days before departure to give the option to select a different date with more guests booked. Please do not reserve airfare before confirming your Trek Travel trip.

What kind of information is provided?

When a trip is booked, a guest confirmation letter is immediately sent out. One week prior to the trip start you will receive an email containing a trip start meeting location reminder and any last minute information that you will need to know before your trip. Once you arrive at your destination Trek Travel staff will brief you on the day-to-day plan for the trip and provide you with daily route guides and a detailed map allowing you to ride with complete confidence and independence.

What should I pack?

Please review our [packing list](#) page for more details.

What if I have to change or cancel my trip?

We understand things happen in life and sometimes you have to cancel or change your bike tour. We want to make it as easy as possible to do so and below you will find our timeline. If you ever have a question, just give us a call, 866 464 8735. [Read our cancellation policy.](#)

General FAQs

Didn't find what you were looking for? [Check out our General FAQs section.](#) You will find answers to all the most common questions that don't necessarily pertain to a specific trip.