



VUELTA A ESPAÑA

EXPLORING THE FINAL OF THE GRAND TOURS

We are now taking reservations for the 2018 Vuelta a España. These trips sell out every year so give us a call at 866 464 8735 to reserve your spot today!

Trek Travel will put you in the thick of the action during the most critical stages of the suspenseful final week of la Vuelta. This is sure to be another thrilling year of racing at the 2017 Vuelta a España and Trek Travel will put you in the thick of the action during the most critical stages of the suspenseful final week. You will ride the same routes as the racers, soak up the excitement of the enthusiastic Spanish fans, enjoy the beautiful natural surroundings, and admire the ferocity of the pro peloton. Get ready to topple the Spanish giant, the Alto de l'Angrilu, known as the hardest climb in Spain. But fear not: Alongside you on the day of our biggest ride will be UCI ProTour veteran and former US Postal domestique Chechu Rubiera, riding alongside you up the climb and giving you the pro's insight to La Vuelta and its magical subtleties. Read the interview with Chechu in our [blog](#)»

With first-class professional support and the best bikes in the business, there's no better way to celebrate the passion for this epic cycling event. This trip traverses the greenest countrysides in Spain, samples the finest northern Spanish cuisines, and lets you catch the race action in Cantabria and Asturias. Don't miss this chance to spend an evening at the Trek-Segafredo Racing team hotel and tour the team bus, meet the mechanics, and have a photo session with team officials and riders. Top it all with a

From
Prices Coming Soon

Rider Type
Active / Avid

Hotel Style
Luxury

Duration
7 days | 6 nights

Start | End
Santander, Spain |
Madrid, Spain

Dates
Dates Coming Soon

first-class VIP viewing in the heart of Madrid. The 2017 Vuelta a España promises to be this year's grandest Grand Tour of them all.

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RESERVE YOUR
SPOT

TRIP WOWS

Meet the Trek-Segafredo pro racing team and get a behind the scenes look into the race

Official VIP Race Access Passes to the Stage finish of Stage 17 and Stage 20

Ride with José Luis "Chechu" Rubiera a long serving UCI Pro Tour domestique

Ride on the official course before the pros on Stage 17, 18 and 20

Experience the Grand Finale in Madrid with an exclusive VIP race viewing

Relax in luxury at any of the top hotels during your stay in Spain



DAILY ITINERARY

2017

Day

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TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

Arrival

DESCRIPTION:

Bienvenidos a España! This is the heart of Northern Spain. Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Santander Train station (Calle Atilano Rodríguez, 39002 Santander) at 10:30 AM on the first day of the trip. We'll have a short private shuttle into the green labyrinth of the Pasiegan Valleys. Your guides will orient you to your Vuelta experience and ensure a comfortable fit on your on your award-winning Trek Domane. After a gourmet lunch we will begin our first warm-up ride. Choose to ride as far as you like today accompanied both by your guides and the spectacular views of green hills, through the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Caves of Monte Castillo. The picturesque riverside town of Puente Viesgo is your home for the next two nights, and our luxury hotel Balneario de Puente Viesgo is a perfect spot to relax and enjoy the spa, thermal pools, and other treatments. This evening we'll gather for cocktails and learn about the week ahead before indulging a gourmet fresh seasonal menu in the favorite El Jardin restaurant. Get ready for the excitement of the live race action tomorrow!

HOTEL:

Balneario de Puente Viesgo

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

TODAY'S STAGE:

Stage 16: ITT Circuito de Navarra to Logroño

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch | Social Hour | Dinner

[VIEW MEETING AND DEPARTING INFORMATION»](#)

Day

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TODAY'S RIDE:

Puente Viesgo a Los Machucos

Approximately 61 miles with 9,000 feet of climbing

TODAY'S RACE ACCESS:

Ride on the Stage 17 Official Race Course

TODAY'S TEAM ACCESS:

VIP Race Access Pass

Live viewing of Stage 17 and behind-the-scenes with Trek-Segafredo

DESCRIPTION:

Buenos días! Enjoy a hearty breakfast in anticipation of a long and beautiful climbing day of stage 17. After several scenic warm-up kilometers, we will join the official race course and enjoy a second category climb to La Lunada with a spectacular descent to Llierganes leading us straight onto the Alisas mountain pass. The final climb of Los Machucos is a signature of the 2017 Vuelta, and it's a narrow winding road going to the top of the mountain range of Cantabria, with 14 kilometers uphill with an average grade from 10% to 22% in some stretches. The views are rewarding and well worth the effort, as the peak opens up to the sky with extraordinary views over the Collados del Asón Natural Park. At the summit, it's time to celebrate and take a royal seat in the VIP area to watch the action in style. You'll bear witness to the big moments on the course as the pros battle toward the finish line on Los Machucos. After the race, we will make our way down to San Roque de Riomera where we take a short shuttle back to our hotel. Tonight, we will head to the Trek-Segafredo team hotel for a private tour of the team bus followed by a meet-and-greet with a team representative. Talk race strategy first-hand, autographs and pictures for an experience you will never forget!

HOTEL:

Balneario de Puente Viesgo

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

TODAY'S STAGE:

Stage 17: Villadiego to Los Machucos

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Social Hour | Dinner

Day

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TODAY'S RIDE:

Cabazon de la Sal a Potes

Approximately 45 miles with 6,132 feet of climbing

TODAY'S RACE ACCESS:

Ride on the Stage 18 Official Race Course

TODAY'S RACE ACCESS:

Live Race viewing of Stage 18

DESCRIPTION:

Savor your morning cafe con leche before we make our way closer to the official race course. You will have a chance to bike the last 70km of today's stage, which offers several back-to-back climbs with a nice variety of scenery. The lower slopes offer views across to the valley to the Picos de Europa National Park, a feature in last year's Vuelta. This stage is famous for 2012's Alberto Contador attack on the Collado de Hoz, a gentle climb, where Contador caught his rivals unaware and won the stage and ultimately the overall victory. The stage finishes with 2,5km climb to a beautiful Monastery of Santo Toribio de Liébana, where we will enjoy a spectacular final. This afternoon we will shuttle to the region of Asturias, which hosts other incredible climbs and challenging routes. Tonight we will enjoy a Asturian cuisine in the hotel restaurant.

HOTEL:

Hotel Castillo del Bosque La Zoreda

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

TODAY'S STAGE:

Stage 18: Suances to Santo Toribio de Liébana

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

Chechu's climb Loop

Approximately 39 miles with 3,300 feet of climbing

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DESCRIPTION:

Today is our chance to discover a region of Asturias. We'll rest our legs after two days of climbing before tomorrow's big mountain stage. We will spin our way toward Mieres and continue to the Puerto de Cotobello, now better known as the Cima Chechu, dedicated to a former pro cyclist who introduced the climb to the Vuelta in 2010. It's a 10km long climb that maintains a fairly consistent gradient between 7% and 9% all the way to the top, with four or five sections that rise to 12%. Don't worry - the shaded, tree-lined sections and the mountain views from the top are well worth the effort to get there. After soaking up the scenery, we will descend to Piñeres to join the official race route. Pro riders continue all the way to the coast, but we'll go back to our hotel to watch the rest of the stage on TV, savoring Spanish gourmet cheese and Asturian cider. Enjoy a relax evening in our beautiful hotel.

HOTEL:

Hotel Castillo del Bosque La Zoreda

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

TODAY'S STAGE:

Stage 19: Caso. Parque Natural de Redes to Gijón

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

TODAY'S RIDE:

La Manjoya to L'Angliru Loop

Approximately 38 miles with 6,800 feet of climbing

TODAY'S RACE ACCESS:

Ride on the Stage 20 Official Race Course with Chechu Rubiera

TODAY'S RACE ACCESS:

VIP Race Access Pass
Live Race viewing of Stage 20

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DESCRIPTION:

You'll awake this morning in anticipation of the final mountaintop finish of the race! Hope you packed your climbing legs, because today we tackle Alto de l'Angliru, the toughest climb in Spain. Fortunately, you'll have Spanish cycling legend and US Postal Service domestique Chechu Rubiera riding with you up the +20% pitches, offering his counsel as you grind up together. L'Angliru was last featured in the 2013 Vuelta, when Vincenzo Nibali and Chris Horner battled each other into the clouds, with Horner emerging from the mist as the stage victor. Alberto Contador, winner of the Angliru in the 2008 Vuelta, described it as the hardest mountain he has ever climbed. It's the toughest challenge that professional road cycling can offer, so enjoy the victory feeling before we a long descend half-way back to the valley to the hospitality area and watch the grand finale battle between Vuelta champions.

HOTEL:

Hotel Castillo del Bosque La Zoreda

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

TODAY'S STAGE:

Stage 20: Corvera de Asturias to Alto de l'Angliru

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch

Day

TODAY'S RACE ACCESS:

VIP Race Access Pass

Grand Finale in Madrid

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DESCRIPTION:

This morning we will say goodbye to green hills of Spain and get on our private shuttle to the capital, Madrid. We'll settle into our luxurious hotel in the heart of the city, just a few block from the grand finale. We'll make our way to the finish to take in the spectacle that only a final stage can offer. Savor a celebratory glass of champagne and a buffet of delicious Spanish tapas. Feel the ripples of anticipation as the racers arrive on the streets of Madrid and cheer with the crowds as the passion of the race fills the heart of the city. After the last wheels cross the line, we'll watch the podium action and incredible ceremony of this vivid race. We will then gather for a final toast at dinner to cap off a week of hard miles, unforgettable landscapes, and a rich race experience.

HOTEL:

Hotel Hospes

[VISIT WEBSITE](#)

TODAY'S STAGE:

Stage 21: Arroyomolinos to Madrid

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

TODAY'S RIDE:**Departure****DESCRIPTION:**

It's hard to imagine, but your Spanish race tour has come to a close. Choose to sleep in today or enjoy a relaxing breakfast at the hotel as you contemplate the lasting memories you've made during your Vuelta vacation. You'll say adios to your guides at 10:00 AM at the Hotel Hospes. Check out at your leisure before 12:00 PM. Please make your own onward travel arrangements to the airport, train station, or other destination of your choice.

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

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WHAT'S INCLUDED

We Include More

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. See more

Activities

- Gratuities for all scheduled special events, restaurants, hotels, local guides and transportation during your trip.
- Private tours
- Entrance fees to all group events/activities
- All luggage transfers
- All transportation during the trip, including private coaches
- Exclusive Pro Team Access—get behind the scenes with the Trek-Segafredo team
- Ride on the official race course of Stages 17, 18 and 20.
- Official VIP Race Access Passes to the finish of Stage 17 at Los Machucos
- Official VIP Race Access Passes of Stage 20
- Soak up the race atmosphere at VIP Race Live viewing at the Grand Finale in Madrid

Lodging

- 6 nights of accommodation
- In every region we travel, we uncover the area's best, and most delightful accommodations. On our Vuelta a España trip, you will enjoy a variety of four and five-star unique accommodations, including a carefully restored early 20th-century villa, a four-star exquisite thermal spa that has been the place to recuperate after wearying travels for more than 100 years, and a luxury boutique hotel in a heart of Madrid.

Dining

- Daily breakfast, 5 lunches, 2 social hours, 4 dinners, and all snacks and drinks for each day
- Trek Travel scopes out unique and delicious dining locations, and we usually leave at least one meal for you to explore on your own. If you have any special dietary preferences, be sure that you have informed your Trek Travel Trip Consultant before you leave for your trip. We will do our best to accommodate your dietary requests. On our Vuelta a España trip, the cuisine is fresh and lively, much like the people themselves. Our dinners will range from casual tapas to multi-course dinners. Breakfast is served each morning at the hotel. Lunches will offer a bounty of local specialties at quaint bistros and our other favorite spots. Travelers should have minimal problems with vegetarian diets in Spain, as all of our restaurants can prepare special meals if necessary.

Support

- The knowledge, support, and camaraderie of experienced guides
- Daily route support
- Paper route guides also available upon request
- Comprehensive trip literature

Gear

- The use of a Trek Domane SL 7 carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting, or Trek 7.6 FX Hybrid bicycle
- The use of GPS cycling computer

- The use of Bontrager bike helmets and other gear and equipment to make your ride comfortable
- Trek Travel water bottles
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Contact us for details.
- Trek Travel Bontrager RL jersey and cycling socks
- Trek-Segafredo team kit and customized Road ID

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.

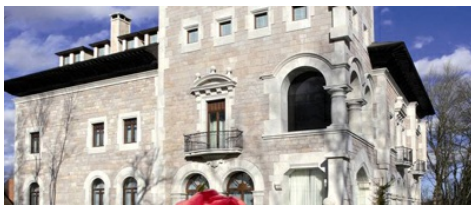
HOTELS



GRAN HOTEL BALNEARIO PUENTE VIESGO

PUENTE VIESGO, SPAIN

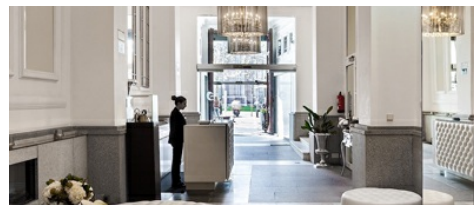
For centuries the medicinal spring waters along the Río Pas have been a destination for pilgrims seeking their healing powers: The Paleolithic art in the caves near Puerto Viesgo speak to the place's enduring importance. The Gran Hotel Balneario was started 100 years ago to bring luxury and relaxation to these mythic waters. The pools and spa of this four-star hotel are its purpose and attraction: don't leave without a good soak or a massage to alleviate your tired legs.



HOTEL CASTILLO DEL BOSQUE LA ZOREDA

LA MANJOYA, OVIEDO, SPAIN

Located in the Zoreda oak and chestnut forest 4km from Oviedo, this five-star hotel is a carefully restored early 20th-century villa. Built in 1930, this elegant, classical-style hotel boasts a beautiful location in the Asturian countryside, with great views of the mountains. The interior of Castillo Del Bosque La Zoreda is luxurious and stylish with spacious rooms that boast plenty of natural light. Enjoy breakfast in the hotel in the morning then head out to stroll through the lovely surrounding landscape.



HOTEL HOSPES

MADRID, SPAIN

Standing watch over the iconic Puerta de Alcalá, the Hotel Hospes Madrid welcomes travelers to the heart of Madrid with luxurious accommodation and a first-class spa. After a morning in the hotel's Restaurante Independencia, guests can satisfy their artistic palate by walking to the nearby Museo del Prado and Museo Reina Sofía, or taking advantage of world class shopping found in Barrio Salamanca. The Parque Retiro – the city's verdant core – is situated just across the Plaza de Independencia from the hotel, making it the perfect place to stroll as soft evening light ushers in a warm Spanish night.



MEETING & DEPARTING

How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the trip start, which will enable

Meeting Time And Location

Santander Train station | Santander, Spain

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 Madrid Barajas International Airport (MAD) and then taking a separate flight to the Airport of Santander (SDR).

Santander Airport is located five kilometers from the town center. A bus runs between Santander's main bus station and the airport. It departs every 30 minutes from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM. You can find more information at www.transportedecantabria.es. Taxis leave from outside the terminal building (Radiotaxi: +34 942 333 333). There is a bus number 15 which runs from RENFE train station to El Sardinero beach.

Before: Santander, Spain

You can jump-start your Spanish experience with a taste of everything in Santander. El Sardinero is the place to even your tan and watch surfers cruise the whitescaps. When you're not digging your toes into the sand, you can stroll the promenades, walk the green gardens of the Jardines de Pereda, or try sampling the cutting edge of fashion in Santander's shopping districts. At night, treat yourself to a feast of Cantabrian cuisine, reputed to be the best in Spain, and take a chance at the Gran Casiono El Sardinero. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre trip hotel:

After: Madrid, Spain

The Spanish capital is in the center of the Castilian plain, amid stunning scenery of beautiful mountains, forests and rivers. Madrid is the perfect city to walk around. Make sure you visit The Palacio Real, Madrid's Royal Palace and the largest palace in Europe. We also recommend visiting Puerta del Sol, Plaza Mayor, Cathedral of Almudena or some of the world-class museums. While wandering on beautiful streets filled with ornaments and decoration, stop for refreshments at one of the many plazas and try some tapas, or take time to wander the city's spectacular

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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, Gran Hotel Balneario Puente Viesgo (+34 942 598 061), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. A taxi from the Santander train station to the ride start at our first night's hotel will take about 30 minutes and cost \$30.

Departing Time And Location

Hotel Hospes | Madrid, Spain

Choose to sleep in today or enjoy a relaxing breakfast at the hotel as you contemplate the lasting memories you've made during your La Vuelta vacation. You'll say adios to your guides at 10:00 AM at the Hotel Hospes. Check out at your leisure before 12:00 PM. Please make your own onward travel arrangements to the airport, train station, or other destination of your choice.

GRAN HOTEL VICTORIA

At the Gran Hotel Victoria you will enjoy spectacular views of the sea from the terraces of its rooms. It is located at the end of Sardinero beach and 12 minutes from the train station. In the surroundings you can visit monuments such as the Magdalena Palace, the marina of Puertochico, the Palacete of the Embarcadero, the Planetarium of the city or city's parks like the Gardens of Pereda and La Marga.

Calle María Luisa Pelayo, 38, 39005 Santander, Cantabria, Spain | 00 34 942 29 11 00 | www.granhotelvictoria.com/EN/hotel.html | ~\$160

LE PETIT BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Le Petit Boutique hotel has an elegant decoration inspired by different cities of the world. Rooms are inspired by cities such as Stockholm, Tokyo, New York and Siena.

Avenida Castros 10, 39005 Santander, Cantabria, Spain | 00 34 942 07 57 68 | www.lepetithotelsantander.com/webseite/en | ~\$120

VINCCI PUERTOCHICO

This charming little hotel assures not only beautiful views but also a luxury place to relax. Its excellent location in the heart of Santander, facing the Bay of Puertochico, gives this hotel the privilege of having one of the best views of Santander.

Calle Cadiz 22, 39002 Santander, Cantabria, Spain | 00 34 902 45 45 85 | www.vinccihoteles.com/eng/Hotels/Spain/Santander/Vincci-Puertochico | ~\$200

ONLY YOU HOTEL

The hotel is situated close to Gran Vía and has easy and convenient access to all the city's central attractions. The hotel is an old remodeled palace, with an excellent service and very attentive staff that makes you feel at home. Here you can enjoy a Spanish breakfast any time of the day and enjoy a drink in the friendly atmosphere of the lounge bar.

Calle Barquillo 21 | 0034 910 05 22 22 | www.senatorgranvia70spahotel.com/en/ | ~\$185

HOTEL PETIT PALACE PLAZA DEL CARMEN

This charming hotel is situated next to the popular Puerta del Sol, offers an intimate atmosphere and a personalized service in the heart of the city.

Plaza del Carmen 4, 28013, Madrid | 0034 902 28 36 86 | www.hpetitpalaceplazadelcarmen.com | ~\$250

shopping areas. On Sunday, don't forget to visit El Rastro', Madrid's largest open-air market. This popular flea market is packed full of locals and tourists every week and it is worth a trip just for its unique atmosphere. As a capital city, Madrid caters different cuisines for every taste. If you want to try a bit of everything and interact with the locals, Mercado de San Miguel is a perfect choice. We recommend the following accommodations for your post-trip hotel:

PALACIO DE TEPA

The building was designed by the same architect as the Plaza Mayor. All rooms feature exceptionally detailed 18-century Spanish architecture combined with modern amenities and renovations that add to the historic splendor. The hotel has a panoramic gym and a terrace overlooking the Square of Neptune.

San Sebastian 2, 28012, Madrid | 0034 913 98 46 61 | www.nh-collection.com/es/hotel/nh-collection-madrid-palacio-de-tepa | ~\$180

* 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 | 3/4
- Average Daily Mileage | 40
- Terrain | Mountainous
- Average Daily Elevation | 5,400 ft.

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. La Vuelta is best suited for our Type 3 and 4 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate lower type of riders who seek less mileage and climbing with a boost in the van. The terrain is challenging, with steep climbs followed by long descents. See Itinerary for specific daily ride distance and elevation options.

What is the weather going to be like?

Northern Spain is greener and rainier than the typical Spanish description would have you believe. Average temperatures in August range between 60-80F. Our route will take us along the coast and into the mountains, drastically increasing the range of weather we could experience. Dress in layers, to be prepared for shifts between daytime and evening and make sure to bring wet-weather gear in order to best enjoy your vacation.

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

This destination is best suited to guests who want to cycle every day. Because of the terrain and/or remoteness of the hotels and riding routes, there are few, if any, non-riding options available. If a non-rider wants to accompany a rider guest on this trip, they would need to spend many hours in the van and/or at the hotels on the trip. There are non-riding options such as hiking, walking, sightseeing, sidra tastings and visiting the coast. Non-riding options need to be scheduled before your trip and expenses and/or related transportation to these activities are not included in the trip price. Please contact one of our Trip Consultants at 866 464 8735 for more information and for trip suggestions where more non-rider activities are available, such as:

- Tour de France
- Andalucia
- Cinque Terre
- Costa Brava

Do you have upgrade options available?

For an additional fee you may request to upgrade to the Trek Emonda SLR with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Bontrager Aeolus carbon wheels for the ultimate riding

experience. Contact our trip consultants for more details.

What should I pack?

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

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 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.

Race FAQs

Want to learn more about our race trip difference? [Check out our Race FAQs section.](#) You will find answers to all the most common questions that pertain to our race trips.