

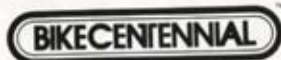
1988 Bikecentennial Tours



**43 Bicycle Trips From 5 to 90
Days in Length**



The Bicycle Travel Association



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Dear Friend:

Welcome to Bikecentennial's 14th touring season! I think you'll agree that we offer the widest selection of tours available in North America—both geographically and in terms of the different touring styles we feature.

The "Self-Contained Camping" tour is still at the forefront of our program. On these trips, which range in length from 12 to 90 days, you can cross the country or explore a smaller region of our vast nation. All of our Self-Contained Camping tours follow routes from Bikecentennial's 16,000-mile National Bicycle Trails Network. New offerings in the Self-Contained Camping style include the "Pacific Coaster," a 28-day trip along the northern West Coast (following our new Pacific Coast Bicycle Route from Vancouver, British Columbia, to San Francisco) and the "DC-to-Boston" tour, a 21-day trip that utilizes our new Eastern Seaboard Bicycle Route.

Bikecentennial's innovative "Light Touring" trips continue to be popular. The Northwest Islander is back for its fifth year, and we're again offering a beautiful fall foliage tour in Door County, Wisconsin.

In our "Vehicle-Accompanied" category of trips, you'll find the Yellowstone and Glacier Country mountain bike tours, which were offered last year, along with a new pair of autumn "fat-tire" tours in the gorgeous canyon country of southeast Utah. The OreIda Challenge Tour is another exciting addition to our lineup.

Finally, we're presenting two great new tours in Vermont that were designed by Bruce Burgess, former Associate Director of Vermont Bicycle Touring. The Vermont Country Inn Explorer is being offered in the Light Touring style, and the Vermont Lakesider is a Vehicle-Accompanied luxury camping vacation.

We believe we have something for every cyclist this year, and that it's going to be the most enjoyable year ever, for us, and for our trip participants. We hope you join us!

Sincerely,

Michael McCoy
Trips Director

SELF-CONTAINED CAMPING TOURS



Self-contained camping tours have been a Bikecentennial tradition for 13 years. Campsites range from small-town parks with minimal services to primitive federal campgrounds and commercial grounds with showers and laundry. Occasional overnights might be spent indoors at hostels or motels. Group members share in food selection, cooking, and cleanup chores on a rotating basis. A Bikecentennial leader accompanies each group of eight to 12 riders and, with the group's input, plans each day's adventure.

Only the starting and ending dates are fixed, so groups can adapt daily riding distances to the weather, terrain, and attractions along the way. On cross-country trips, riders usually travel between 50 and 70 miles per day; shorter trips typically average 40 to 60 miles per day. The distances tend to be shorter towards the beginnings of all trips and schedules include a rest day every 7 to 10 days.

Your multi-speed bicycle should be in excellent condition and fitted with front and rear racks. In your panniers (saddlebags), you'll carry your clothing. You'll

also carry a sleeping bag and pad, and a tent, if you have one. (If you don't have a tent, there is usually space to share with others.)

Typically, Bikecentennial trip participants are between 21 and 55 years of age (riders must be at least 18 at the trip's beginning) and are divided almost equally between men and women. While most participants come individually, couples and pairs of friends are welcome. The



structure of these tours allows each rider to enjoy a large measure of self-sufficiency, while benefiting from the security of traveling with a group, as well as from Bikecentennial's years of experience.

US WEST

Portland, OR—Boulder, CO. Length: 2150 miles; 48 days. **Price:** \$1060.

Trip Dates: June 24 to Aug. 10.

If you want to experience the best of the West, from coastal rain forest to high desert, this is the tour for you! You'll ride the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail from Oregon to Wyoming, and the Great Parks South Bicycle Route through Colorado.

Along Oregon's coast, one of the



most popular cycling destinations in America, you can spot seals, whales, and other sea life. Next, you'll turn inland through the McKenzie Pass lava flows, eastern Oregon's gold rush country, and along Idaho's Salmon River. Mountain passes and immense cattle ranches highlight southwest Montana's Big Hole Valley. You'll enjoy the wildlife of Yellowstone National Park and pass by the soaring peaks of the Tetons, considered by many to be the most beautiful mountain range in the world.

Next, northern Colorado's mountain-ringed basins will lead you to spectacular Rocky Mountain National Park. From here, you'll pedal along the "Peak to Peak Highway," used annually in the Coors Classic Bicycle Race, and into Boulder, a center of recreation in Colorado.



"Bravo to your organization! The routes were perfect, maps and directions very clear, food terrific, lodging excellent, weather beautiful, scenery unsurpassed." C.Z., Ohio

TRANSAMERICA TRAIL

Williamsburg, VA—Portland, OR. Length: 4450 miles;
90 days. **Price:** \$1790.

Trip Dates: (E to W) May 23 to Aug. 20 • June 3 to Aug. 31.
(W to E) June 1 to Aug. 29 • June 15 to Sept. 12.

This summer, join us for the ultimate group bicycle tour: the TransAmerica! You can ride the trail from east to west, or west to east—each option has its merits. There's some truth to the rumor that winds prevail from west to

scenery—the Rocky and Cascade mountains—to look forward to as a goal.

Whichever direction you choose to ride, you'll experience rural America on your way between the trailhead cities of Portland, Oregon, and Williamsburg, Virginia. From Virginia's Blue Ridge to the mighty Columbia River, you'll collect images that will stay with you for years after the tour ends: the rolling farmlands of western Kentucky, barges negotiating the mile-wide Mississippi River, Colorado's lofty high country, the marvelous wildlife of Yellowstone National Park, the forests and deep canyons of the Northwest, and, everywhere along the way, the friendly people of small-town U.S.A.

Rediscover America in 1988 with Bikecentennial on the TransAmerica Bicycle Trail!



east during the summer, which convinces some people to start on the West Coast. On the other hand, those who begin on the East Coast pass through the generally hotter and more humid eastern states early in the tour. They also have what is popularly thought of as the grandest



*"I thoroughly enjoyed this tour! I rarely meet anyone with such a positive mental attitude as (our leader). I only wish more people were like him."
S.B., Tennessee*



NORTHERN TIER

Seattle, WA—Bar Harbor, ME. Length: 4500 miles; 90 days. **Price:** \$1790.

Trip Dates: June 2 to Aug. 30 • June 9 to Sept. 6 • June 16 to Sept. 13.

This cross-country trip links Bike-centennial's popular Washington to Minnesota, Great River, and Iowa to Maine bicycle touring routes. Your adventure begins in Seattle, queen city of the Northwest, perched on the sparkling waters of Puget Sound. Plan on spending a few days here prior to your trip if you've never visited Seattle before!

Leaving Seattle, you'll crest the volcanic Cascade Range on the fabulous North Cascades Highway, then cross the narrow panhandle of Idaho. After the ice-sculpted peaks of Glacier National Park, you'll enjoy the sweeping vistas of eastern Montana and North Dakota.

From Minnesota, "Land of 10,000 Lakes," you'll follow the Mississippi to the hilly river towns of Iowa and Wisconsin. You'll pass through the upper Midwest's rolling fields and into Pennsylvania's traditional Amish country. After upstate New York's Adirondacks and Lake Ontario, the special magic of New England will accompany



you through the hills and dales of Vermont and New Hampshire. Finally, you'll ride into Maine and travel "Down East" along the rocky Atlantic coastline to Bar Harbor. Cross America this summer on the Northern Tier—it'll be a trip you will never forget!



NORTH STAR

Missoula, MT—Anchorage, AK. Length: 3200 miles; 68 days. **Price:** \$1600.

Trip Date: June 13 to Aug. 19.

Head north to Alaska in 1988! Rather than follow the busy Alaska Highway, your group will travel on north country backroads, such as the Stewart-Cassiar Highway. More than 1000 miles of this trip will be over gravel roads!

You'll begin on Bikecentennial's popular Great Parks North Bicycle Route, riding through the heart of the northern Rockies to Jasper, Alberta. Continuing north, the names along your way, like Yellowhead, the Klondike and Dawson City, will evoke images of gold panners, trappers, and explorers.

The incredible "Top of the World Highway" leads into Alaska, where you'll visit Fairbanks, and then pedal into Denali National Park. Besides being home to Mt. McKinley, North America's highest mountain, this park is a world-renown wildlife sanctuary. You might spot grizzly bears, wolves,



caribou, Dall sheep or giant Alaskan moose. Transportation to the "lower 48" is available at Anchorage, your final destination.

This is our most rugged tour. You must have a good touring bicycle, a strong commitment, and a love for hardy outdoor adventure. Sign up early, as this trip fills fast!



PACIFIC COASTER

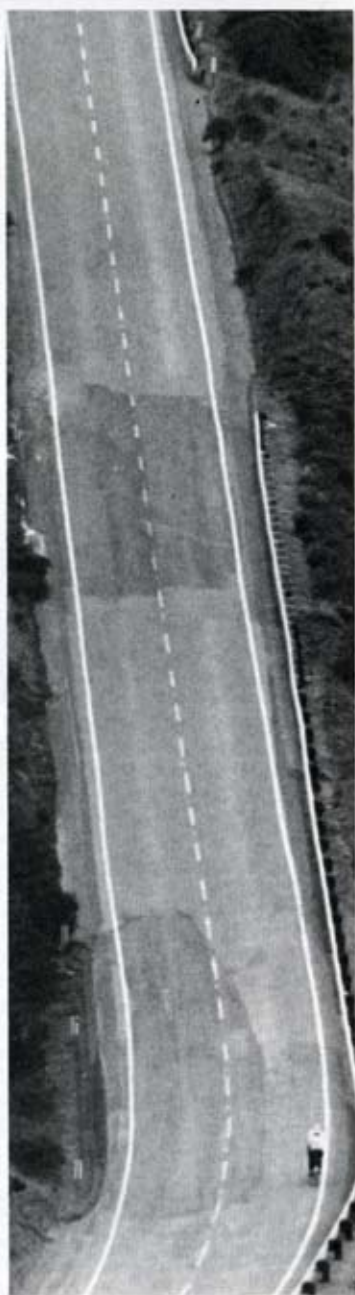
Vancouver, BC—San Francisco, CA. Length: 1180 miles; 28 days. **Price:** \$690.

Trip Dates: July 3 to July 30 • July 31 to Aug. 27.

This inaugural West Coast tour links together two cities regarded as among the most cosmopolitan and colorful in North America. From Vancouver, British Columbia, you'll follow Bikecentennial's popular Canada to California Bicycle Route south, taking advantage of the summer northerlies that typically blow along the coast. After pedalling across picturesque Whidbey Island and skirting the eastern edge of the Olympic Peninsula, you'll begin traversing the route followed by the "Sound to Sea" tour, as far as Florence, Oregon.

At Florence, you'll continue south along some of the most scenic stretches of the Oregon Coast. A couple of the highlights on this part of your journey will be Oregon Dunes National Monument and the fishing and logging community of Coos Bay.

Continuing into northern California, you'll ride among the giants at Redwood National Park. After travelling inland for a few days, you'll rejoin the Pacific on the spectacular Shoreline Highway. The seaside villages of Mendocino and Bodega Bay (filming location for Hitchcock's "The Birds") will delight you as you near your destination. From Point Reyes National Seashore, you'll leave the open ocean and cross the Golden Gate Bridge into San Francisco, the City by the Bay.



"The group was fantastic! We had more laughs than any group I've been a part of. Several of us plan on touring together more in the future!"
B.D., Florida

GREAT PARKS NORTH

Missoula, MT—Jasper, Alberta. Length: 800 miles; 21 days. **Price:** \$510.

Trip Dates: June 25 to July 15 • July 9 to July 29 • July 16 to Aug. 5 • July 23 to Aug. 12 • July 30 to Aug. 19 • Aug. 6 to Aug. 26.

Consistently one of our fastest-filling tours, this excursion leads through some of North America's grandest scenery. In Glacier National Park, you'll crest the Continental Divide on the aptly named "Going-to-the-Sun Highway." You'll then ride into Glacier's Canadian counterpart, Waterton Lakes National Park. From here on, most of your riding is within Canadian national parks.

In the Kootenay River Valley, you can stop for a relaxing soak at Radium Hot Springs, and continue through Kootenay, Banff, and Jasper national parks. The climax of this land of rock, trees and ice comes north of Banff, on the Icefields Parkway. Here, you'll have an opportunity to travel in an oversnow vehicle across some of the most

accessible "living" glaciers in the world.

Your journey ends in the mountain village of Jasper. Most people will load their bicycles onto buses, trains or ren-



tal cars and head for Edmonton International Airport, 200 miles east.

You'll be continuously surrounded by mountains on this tour, but the majority of riding is in rolling river valleys, with only an occasional mountain pass to cross. Elevations are moderate—from 3000 to 6500 feet.

"Your presentation of maps and information (prior to the tour) was a pleasant surprise. Our leader was outstanding! We enjoyed the bicycling, scenery, beautiful weather and company."
D.B. & G.F., Utah

DC TO BOSTON

Washington, DC—Boston, MA. Length: 800 miles; 21 days. **Price:** \$540.

Trip dates: May 8 to May 28 • June 12 to July 2.

Combining the best of city and country, this tour follows Bikecentennial's new Maine to Virginia Bicycle Route. After spinning easily out of our nation's capital, you'll skirt the horse ranching country west and north of Baltimore. You'll ride rolling hills through the Pennsylvania Amish towns of Mount Joy and Ephrata, and visit Valley Forge

National Historic Park. Your group will have the option of bypassing or actually riding through downtown Philadelphia.

Next, you'll ride in the sparsely-populated Delaware River Valley, which defines the Pennsylvania/New Jersey border. In New York, after passing by the granite cliffs of the Shawangunk Mountains, you'll cross the Hudson River into Poughkeepsie, and follow the river north through F.D.R.'s former residence, Hyde Park.

In seafaring Connecticut (where else would the Sperm Whale be the state animal?), you'll pass by small "gentleman farms" and through charming towns. Just east of busy Hartford you'll cross the Connecticut River by ferry and ride into Massachusetts, where you'll visit a series of classic New England villages. You'll enter the bustling center of Boston on the Charles River bicycle path, which offers some of the best city cycling in the Northeast!



SOUND TO SEA

Seattle, WA—Eugene, OR. Length: 450 miles; 12 days.

Price: \$360.

Trip Dates: July 18 to July 29 • Aug. 15 to Aug. 26.

From Seattle, you'll begin this tour on Bikecentennial's very popular Canada to California Bicycle Route. Traveling south on rural backroads, which afford spectacular views of the Cascade Range's volcanic peaks (including recently-erupted Mount St. Helens), you'll skirt the bottom of the Olympic Peninsula. From here you'll follow the Columbia River to its mouth at Astoria, and begin riding down the rocky Oregon Coast.

Fresh seafood and fabulous vistas of the Pacific will highlight the second half of the tour. You'll pass through Tillamook and sample its famous cheeses, then ride through the harbor village of Waldport. Eugene, where



your trip ends, could well be called "recreation capital of the Northwest." From here, you can get transportation home, or return to Seattle on AmTrak's Coast Starlight train.

"The Sound-to-Sea trip was, quite simply, excellent. Thanks for making my two weeks with Bikecentennial perhaps the best vacation I've ever had!"

J.G., New Jersey



NEW ENGLANDER

Bar Harbor, ME—Lake Placid, NY. Length: 450 miles;

12 days. **Price:** \$360.

Trip Dates: June 27 to July 8 • Aug. 8 to Aug. 19.

This tour originates in Bar Harbor, where old carriage paths within Acadia National Park will entice you to spend a few days cycling and exploring before your tour begins.

From Bar Harbor, you'll wind southwest along the rugged Atlantic coast before turning inland to pass through rural western Maine. Next you'll enter the hardwood-blanketed mountains of New Hampshire and Vermont where village squares and quaint general stores will tempt you to stop

and browse.

The New England charm continues as you cross Lake Champlain into New York state. Arriving at Lake Placid, where the tour ends, you'll feel right at home because this Olympic training center is alive with athletes riding bicycles, running, ice skating and—yes—even ski jumping in the summer! Bus service is available from Lake Placid; there's commercial airline service 16 miles from town; and an Amtrak station is located 40 miles away, in Essex Junction, Vermont. Car rentals and airport shuttles are also available in Lake Placid.

This tour's challenging terrain will make special demands on your pedaling muscles. The mountains are low when compared to the Rockies, but grades can be steep.

From the roller coaster hills of eastern New Hampshire to the bucolic villages of Vermont; from Bar Harbor—Maine's delightful oceanside village—to Bread Loaf, the Green Mountain campus of Middlebury College, it's classic New England. And, there's no better way to experience it than from atop your bicycle!



TRIP DATE SELECTION

TRIP ROUTE MAP

NORTH STAR

Anchorage

RENTAL BICYCLES

For the Vermont Country Inn Explorer and the Vermont Lakesider, Trek 18-speed all-terrain bicycles may be rented directly through Bicycle Holidays in Vermont. For the Glacier, Yellowstone, and Canyon Country mountain bike tours, and for the Oreida Challenge Tour, Cannondale touring or all-terrain bicycles are available for rent through the Braxton Bicycle Shop in Missoula, Montana. Also included with rentals are a handlebar bag or small rack pack and a new water bottle, which is yours to keep. Details on the rentals will be provided in your confirmation packet.

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Let us know which one, send a business-size SASE, and we'll rush details to you.

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TRIP COSTS INCLUDE



SELF-CONTAINED CAMPING TOURS

Camping fees, three meals per day, route maps and information, limited health/accident insurance coverage, group first-aid and tool kits, group cooking gear and stoves, safety triangles. No bicycle rentals available.



LIGHT TOURING

Lodging (double occupancy), breakfasts and suppers, route maps and information, ferries and shuttles, limited health/accident insurance, group first-aid and tool kits, safety triangles.



VEHICLE ACCOMPANIED TOURS

Lodging and/or camping fees (depending on the tour), van support, three meals per day, route maps and information, limited health/accident insurance coverage, group first-aid and tool kits, safety triangles.





VEHICLE-ACCOMPANIED TOURS

Bikecentennial's vehicle-accompanied tours offer comfort and flexibility. The vehicle carries your personal baggage, freeing you to ride an unloaded bicycle. A trained leader remains at the rear of the group, ready to assist with ad-

justments to bicycles and other concerns.

You'll have your lunches beside rushing rivers or in forested picnic grounds. Delicious dinners and breakfasts sized for cyclists' appetites utilize regional specialties and offer time for relaxing with your fellow riders.

On your well-tuned touring or mountain bicycle, you'll carry only a handlebar bag or small rack pack for holding items you might need during the riding day, such as rain gear. Clothing and personal items to go in the van each day should be packed in one piece of soft luggage. Cannondale rental bicycles for Vehicle-Accompanied tours are available through Braxton's Bike Shop, in Missoula, Montana.



GLACIER COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKE

Kalispell, MT—Kalispell, MT. Length: 5 days, 5 nights (all indoors). **Price:** \$525.

Trip Dates: July 17 to July 22 • Aug. 14 to Aug. 19.

*"The Glacier Country trip was an overwhelming experience."
M.H., New Jersey*

Glacier National Park is one of our nation's greatest treasures. Imagine spending five days here, riding an all-terrain bicycle along little-known and lightly trafficked gravel paths!

From Kalispell, we'll be shuttled into the Park, where we begin our first day's ride. The ride ends at the backcountry settlement of Polebridge, where we'll settle into the North Fork Hostel for four nights. The power lines stop short of Polebridge and outhouses are still a fact of life here. The multiple-occupancy accommodations are rustic—one participant compared his stay here to "camping indoors." You'll find that the old place has a lot of character. At night we might head over to the Northern Lights Saloon, for some backwoods conviviality. Delicious meals will be

*"Two weeks ago, we thought mountain bikes were a fad. Now, after completing the Yellowstone Country tour, we have seen the light."
B.G. & D.M., California*



prepared by your leaders.

Daily adventures will find us pedaling along primitive roadways which lead to sparkling wilderness lakes, mountaintop fire lookouts, and high, steep spruce basins. We may sight a bear or moose, or perhaps hear the howl of the elusive timber wolf.

Top-notch Cannondale mountain bikes are available for rent. The elevation range is from 3000 to 7000 feet; all riding is on gravel or dirt roads and trails.



YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKE & FLOAT

West Yellowstone, MT—Bozeman, MT. Length: 5 days, 5 nights (3 camping, 2 indoors). **Price:** \$575.

Trip Dates: July 24 to July 29 • Aug. 21 to Aug. 26.

A large share of the Yellowstone ecosystem is justifiably protected by national park or wilderness designation, and summer travel into the back-country is limited to hiking and horseback riding. However, mountain bikes are welcome on the many dirt roads and trails that penetrate the adjacent national forest lands.

This trip features four days of the best mountain biking in the West. We'll pedal on single-track trails along the Continental Divide and coast down from alpine meadows on deserted jeep roads. Each day there are challenging, enjoyable rides for everyone—from seasoned mountain bikers to road riders straddling these new-fangled, fat-tired bicycles for the first time.

Mid-week we'll try something entirely different: we won't ride our mountain bikes and we won't camp. Instead, we'll



be guided by a commercial outfitter through the Beartrap Canyon of the Madison River, which rushes west out of Yellowstone Park. On another day we'll spend the night at the Parade Rest, a traditional dude ranch and flyfishing center that features Western hospitality at its finest.

Rental mountain bikes and a pre-trip shuttle from Bozeman are available. Come join us for some Yellowstone Country fun!

"I thank Bikecentennial for giving me this fantastic opportunity to expand my horizons, test and stretch my personal limits, discover America at its best, and have an absolutely great time doing it!"

*G.T.,
Pennsylvania*

CANYON COUNTRY MOUNTAIN BIKE

Moab, UT—Moab, UT. Length: 6 days, 6 nights (4 camping, 2 indoors). **Price:** \$575.

Trip Dates: Sept. 17 to Sept. 23 • Oct. 22 to Oct. 28.

At the end of each season, we send out a "feedback sheet" to all tour participants. One of the questions posed is "Where would you like to see Bikecentennial offer similar tours?" Our mountain bike tour participants from the past three years have offered us this overwhelming, unequivocal answer: "Southern Utah in the fall!"

So, we're heading for the land of Edward Abbey's *Monkey Wrench Gang*. A vehicle will accompany the group on its wanderings over "double tracks" through the heart of the red rimrock country in Canyonlands National Park and on the jeep trails of the Manti-La Sal National Forest. If there's a Fat Tire Heaven, it probably looks a lot like southeast Utah!

Four of the overnights will be camping and one night will be spent at a canyon country resort. Delicious meals



prepared by your leaders, clear and warm autumn weather, and desert sunsets will combine to make this one of your most memorable outings! (Moab's annual mountain biking festival takes place on Halloween weekend, which will follow the October trip.)

Orelda CHALLENGE TOUR

Boise, ID—Boise, ID. Length: 6 days, 6 nights (all indoors). **Price:** \$660 double occupancy. **Trip Date:** June 26 to July 2.



This vehicle-accompanied tour represents a new concept for Bikecentennial trips, in that it's built around an event separate from the tour itself. The Orelda Challenge, sponsored by the giant food company, is the most prestigious women-only bicycle race in North America. It's a "stage race," which travels from point to point throughout the week. Some of the stages are long-distance road races going from town to town; others are criteriums or short time trials that begin and end in the same general vicinity. Such an itinerary lends itself well to spectating and following by bicycle. You'll be able to join in the festivities (banquets, parties...) and will undoubtedly have opportunities to "rub

elbows" with some of the top racers.

Beginning in Boise, you'll spend one night at the South Fork Lodge in Lowman, two nights at Redfish Lake Lodge perched high in the magnificent Sawtooth Mountains south of Stanley, and two nights at exquisite condominium units at Elkhorn Resort in Sun Valley. And as if riding and watching the races won't give you enough to do, you'll have the options of floating the Salmon River near Stanley and participating in a mountain bike outing at Sun Valley!

This tour's combination of scenic road riding, fine western accommodations and exciting women's bicycle racing will make for a magical vacation indeed!

VERMONT LAKESIDER

Length: 7 days, 7 nights (6 camping, 1 indoors).

Price: \$625.

Trip Dates: June 25 to July 2 • July 16 to July 23 • Aug. 13 to Aug. 20 • Sept. 3 to Sept. 10 • Sept. 24 to Oct. 1.

*"We had no idea what an exciting experience we were in for. Our helmets are off to Bikecentennial for the excellent planning and routing!"
H.K. & B.K.,
Connecticut*

Most cyclists know that Vermont is a popular center for country inn bicycle vacations. Few know that Vermont is also ideally-suited for luxury camping tours. We've developed a camping tour of Vermont which links the best lakeside, Class-A campgrounds in the Green Mountain State. And, for a special treat, we'll spend the fourth night at one of the most delightful and casual mountaintop country inns in New England!

Our tour begins on the expansive shores of Lake Champlain. Easy cy-

cling characterizes the first two days of travel. We'll spin by bright red barns, tall blue silos, and black and white cows grazing in fertile green pastures. Later, we pedal through the elegant villages of Dorset and Manchester, where the sidewalks are paved with marble from nearby quarries.

The literal "pinnacle" of our tour is reached after a six-mile climb up Bromley Mountain to Johnny Seesaws Lodge, a 1920's dance hall and brothel-turned country inn. Our innkeeper and host, Gary Okun, has perfected the art of relaxation. The spectacular panorama from the inn includes the famous ski areas of Stratton and Magic Mountain.

Coasting down the eastern slope of the Green Mountains, we'll camp on the shores of Stoughton Pond and Silver Lake. Recrossing the Green Mountains, we'll spend the last evening of our tour at Lake Dunmore.

This tour is recommended for intermediate and advanced cyclists. The daily rides range from 20 to 45 miles.



LIGHT TOURING

This style of touring combines luxurious country inns with the freedom of riding self-contained. You'll need a 10- or 15- speed bicycle in excellent condition, with rack and panniers (saddlebags) for carrying clothing and rain gear. A handlebar bag is also convenient for snacks, cameras and valuables.

Groups usually number between 8 and 14 cyclists. Each afternoon you'll meet at an outstanding inn or resort motel where you may rest, socialize, and enjoy the superb food and drink. Rental bikes are not available for these tours (except in Vermont). Riders younger than 18 should be accompanied by an adult.



*"The quality and quantity of food far exceeded my expectations."
R.T., Ohio*

DOOR COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Sturgeon Bay, WI—Sturgeon Bay, WI. Length: 5 days,

5 nights. **Price:** \$550 double occupancy.

Trip Dates: Oct. 2 to Oct. 7.

Although it's largely a secret in other regions of the country, if you mention the Door Peninsula to midwesterners, their eyes light up. Antiques, quiet Lake Michigan harbors, fish fries, traditional Scandinavian log homes and luxurious bed & breakfasts—these things, and more, make up Door County, the "Cape Cod of the Midwest."

Although mild summers make this an attractive place to visit in July and August, the region really comes alive in autumn, when the hardwoods put on a

colorful display. Our trip has been scheduled so that we should visit the peninsula at the climax of its fall colors. As you'll see, Door County's hardwoods rival anything New England can dish out!

Beginning at Sturgeon Bay, the first day of your trip will take you to an overnight at the lavish Bailey's Harbor Yacht Club. You'll then continue north and stop at Ellison Bay for two comfortable nights at the Griffin Inn. Their five acres of lawns are graced with maple trees and a lovely gazebo, perfect for reading and relaxing.

During your stay on the peninsula, you'll explore state parks and take a ferry out to Washington Island. Your final evening will be spent in the Sisters Bay/Ephraim vicinity, where the profusion of shopping opportunities will make it difficult to keep your credit card out of sight! The ambitious cyclist, with energy to spare, may choose to take a windsurfing lesson here.

This is a relatively flat, leisurely tour (daily distances range from 25 to 45 miles) with plenty of things to do besides riding. It's ideal for anyone who enjoys "antiquing," sampling ethnic foods, cycling on traffic-free country lanes, and relaxing and dining in style.



"The Northwest Islander was very well organized with excellent choices for lodging and meals. I look forward to next year's trip with Bicentennial."
C.M., Washington

NORTHWEST ISLANDER

Seattle, WA—Seattle, WA. Length: 6 days, 6 nights.

Price: \$590 double occupancy.

Trip Dates: Aug. 6 to Aug. 12 • Sept. 3 to Sept. 9.

Ferries, islands, and delightful Northwest country inns highlight this extremely popular tour. From Seattle,

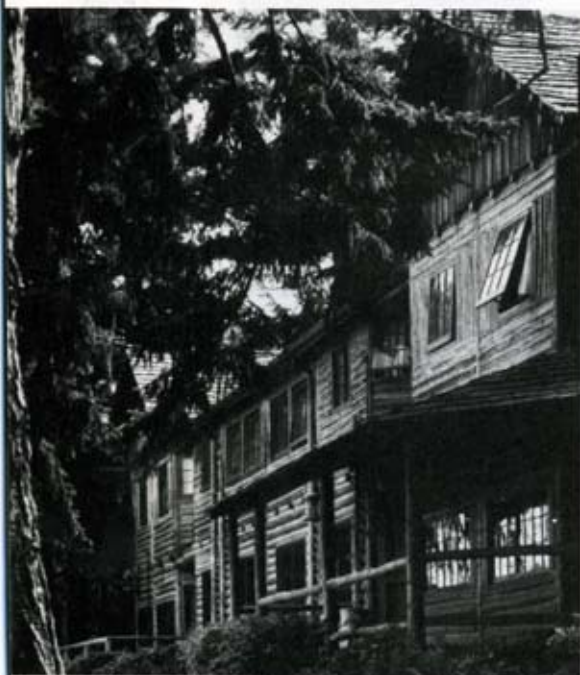
we're transported by ferry to the Kitsap Peninsula, where we'll ride rural roads along Admiralty Inlet to Port Townsend, the charming "Victorian Seaport." Our home for the night will be former officers' residences at Fort Worden, where the smorgasbord spread before us will include fresh barbecued Pacific salmon.

A night at the Captain Whidbey Inn highlights two days of cycling the rolling hills of Whidbey Island. We'll then be based on Orcas Island at the Outlook Inn for two days of riding, beachcombing, and relaxing in the San Juan Islands, a true cycling paradise.

On Canada's Vancouver Island, we'll feel as if we've been ferried to the British Isles, as the city of Victoria crowns our final day. The route through the city's opulent waterfront neighborhoods just might be the finest day's ride you'll ever experience! From Victoria, British Columbia's PRINCESS MARGUERITE will ferry us back to Seattle's Pier 69 in royal fashion.

While this tour is entirely at or near sea level (with the exception of the optional ride up 2400-foot Mt. Constitution!), the riding is quite hilly on most days.

Sign up early for this one!



VERMONT COUNTRY INN EXPLORER

Length: 7 days, 7 nights. **Price:** \$775 double occupancy.

Trip Dates: June 18 to June 25 • July 2 to July 9 • Aug. 6 to Aug. 13 • Aug. 20 to Aug. 27 • Sept. 17 to Sept. 24.

Stately New England villages and churches, picturesque farms, quiet back roads—this is the setting that awaits us in glorious Vermont, the most popular state for bicycle touring in the entire United States! Combine all this with accommodations at deluxe country inns and it's easy to understand why we believe you'll be as excited as we are about this NEW offering!

The Vermont Country Inn Explorer carves a great circle through New England's most beautiful state. Each night we'll stay in a unique country inn that has been carefully selected for its charm, comfort, and bountiful meals.

Beginning our 7-day adventure in the Champlain Valley, we'll be afforded splendid views of the Adirondacks and the Green Mountains as we pedal past tidy dairy farms that dot the gently-rolling terrain. Crossing the Green Mountains over the state's easiest gap, we'll enter Vermont's unspoiled heartland where we'll search out hidden waterfalls, ride through covered bridges, browse in antique shops, visit with the friendly natives, and stop for swims in rushing mountain streams.

Our ride through the pastoral Connecticut River Valley will take us to some of New England's most elegant villages, including Hanover, Woodstock, and Orford, which Washington Irving called the most beautiful village in America. Later, we'll stop at President Calvin Coolidge's home town of Plymouth before recrossing the Green Mountains at the conclusion of our outing.

This tour is recommended for intermediate and advanced cyclists. The



average daily distance is 38 miles, with each day's shortest ride ranging from 21 to 50 miles (longer, more challenging rides are also offered each day).



"I've spent time in New England before but never have I discovered so much about its people and places. Thanks for giving me this fantastic opportunity to see America at its best!"
G.T., Pennsylvania

GENERAL INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Trip participants must be current Bikecentennial members. Those who are not currently members should complete the Membership Form next to the Trip Reservation Form and include it with their trip reservation.

Full trip payment is due at least 35 days before a trip's departure; we cannot guarantee your reservation if full payment is not received in our office by this time. *Space may be available fewer than 35 days before departure; please call for information concerning a particular trip.*

Also, we'll accept trip deposits with credit cards (MasterCard, VISA or American Express) by telephone. Please call the Trips Department at (406) 721-1776 to reserve space.

Complete the enclosed Trip Reservation Form (*please be sure to sign it!*) and return it with a deposit check or money order in U.S. funds:

\$300 for TransAmerica, North Star and Northern Tier trips

\$150 for all other Bikecentennial trips

We recommend that you take out trip cancellation insurance by filling out and sending in the Mutual of Omaha Travel Insurance application, which will be included in your Trip Confirmation Packet (these are also available through travel agents). This will help safeguard you against financial loss, should you need to cancel your trip, or depart before the tour's end, because of injuries or illness.

LEADERS

Bikecentennial's trained leaders are mature men and women who enjoy bicycling and group travel. They are trained in first-aid and can help you learn to fix your bicycle, prepare a camp meal, or interpret a map. In general, they look after the details that will make your tour a success. Many have previously led Bikecentennial tours and request new route assignments in order to share your sense of adventure and discovery. We invited them to lead your tour because we've enjoyed traveling with them and we're convinced that you'll share our feelings.

CANCELLATIONS, REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

If you must cancel your trip reservation, please notify us immediately so that you may receive the maximum refund possible. If your *written* notification of cancellation is received:

- more than 45 days prior to trip departure, you're eligible for a refund of all funds minus

one-half of the trip deposit and the membership fee.

- between 45 and 15 days prior to the trip departure, you're eligible for a refund of all funds minus the entire trip deposit and the membership fee.
- fewer than 15 days prior to the trip departure, you'll receive only your food & overnight allotment as a refund (which is between one-third and one-half of the total amount paid, depending on the tour), unless we are able to fill your vacated spot at this last moment. In this case, you'll forfeit only the deposit and membership fee.

Please pay close attention to the above cancellation information, for there are no exceptions to the rules. The deposit is \$300 for TransAmerica, Northern Tier and North Star tours; all other trips require a \$150 deposit.

We reserve the right to cancel or combine trips. If this results in a revised departure date unacceptable to you, all funds except the membership fee will be returned to you.

To transfer from one trip to another, please send the \$25 transfer fee so that we receive it no fewer than 15 days ahead of the departure date. Transfers received after this date will be subject to the cancellation penalties as described above. Transfers are dependent upon space being available in the trip. If space is not available, and you must cancel, then all cancellation policies are in effect.

COMPLETING THE RESERVATION FORM

- 1) If you are not a current Bikecentennial member please complete the membership form. Note in the "Membership Number" space on your Trip Reservation Form that a membership form is attached, and include your membership fee with your trip payments. (Membership fee is non-refundable.)
- 2) Read all trip and general information carefully. Trips are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Incomplete or inaccurate reservation forms will be returned for corrections before processing and trip assignments take place.
- 3) Read through and then complete the Trip Reservation Form. **Be sure to sign the reservation form where indicated.** Persons who wish to travel in the same group must send reservation forms together (limit of three, please).
- 4) After your reservation form has been received and processed you will be sent a Confirmation Packet containing complete information on preparing you and your equipment for a trip, transportation information for you and your bicycle, trip itinerary, and maps for your entire trip.
- 5) Send your completed Trip Reservation Form, membership form, and check to: Bikecentennial Trips, P.O. Box 8308, Missoula, MT 59807.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

Your membership fee includes a subscription to the *BikeReport*, a free copy of *The Cyclists' Yellow Pages*, and discounts on other Bikecentennial publications.

Name		
Address		
City	State	Zip

New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Renewal	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Individual	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$22
Student	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$19
Family	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$25
Contributing	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$30
Senior Cyclist*	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$17
*60 years or older		

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Separate form required for each applicant. Please print. Duplicate forms acceptable.

Name (Last)	(First)	(Middle Initial)	Age
Birthdate		<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male	
		Membership # (if already a member)	

Mailing Address		Permanent Address (if different)	
City	State	City	State
Zip	Valid until (date)	Zip	Valid until (date)
Home Phone ()	Work Phone ()	Phone ()	

Trip preference: Please indicate your first and second trip choices, along with a first and second date choice for each trip. If you wish to take more than one trip, photocopy this form before filling in the trip preference section. Use one copy for each additional trip. A separate check must accompany each form.

	Name of Trip	Date Choice	
Trip Choice	1st	1st	2nd
	2nd	1st	2nd

TRIP PAYMENT

- ☐ My check/money order is enclosed
☐ AmEx ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

Card # _____
 Card Holder's Signature _____ Exp. Date _____

Agreement—Bikecentennial assumes that group participants are of sound mind and body, capable and willing to make rational and mature decisions regarding their own actions. Bikecentennial assumes no responsibility for the welfare of the participants, particularly when they leave the general area of the group or when they act in a manner contrary to advice given by the group leader.

I have read and understand all policies and instructions. I understand the intent of this release, and agree to absolve all sponsors, organizers, and associated entities, be they individuals or organizations, singly or collectively, of all blame for injury, misadventure, harm, loss, or inconvenience suffered as result of taking part in a Bikecentennial tour or in connection with any activity associated with or related to said tour.

In the event of accident or illness during a Bikecentennial trip I understand and agree that I may be required to have a medical examination and undergo any treatment prescribed by the proper medical authorities.

(If applicant is 21 or over, he or she signs for self below; if not, the parent or legal guardian signs here):

Signature of Participant or Parent	Date
X	

Bikecentennial has authorized no agents to act in its behalf. All trip arrangements are made through Bikecentennial headquarters in Missoula, Montana.

TRIP COST (see trip description)	\$
DEPOSIT	\$
BALANCE DUE	\$
MEMBERSHIP FEE (if non-member)	\$
TOTAL ENCLOSED (Deposit and Membership Fee)	\$

Make checks payable to Bikecentennial

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