



## CLASSIC CLIMBS OF SANTA BARBARA



2011 EXPLORER





Unbelievable riding, fabulous scenery, exquisite meals, boutique wines, and luxurious hotels combine in Santa Barbara. This region “wows” me every time I come back for all of these reasons!

—Mark Thomsen  
Trip Designer

## WELCOME TO YOUR TREK TRAVEL® CLASSIC CLIMBS OF SANTA BARBARA ADVENTURE!

With its rolling hills and majestic mountains overlooking the Pacific, it’s easy to see why this is referred to as the “American Riviera.” From days spent riding among the sun-dappled Santa Ynez Mountains, to evenings spent enjoying gourmet California cuisine, this exciting destination will surely indulge all your senses, while allowing you to fully explore its hills and valleys by bike. There is nothing quite like an epic day on the bike, realizing your own personal goal, then returning to your elegant hotel for a refreshing steam shower, to finally enjoying a gourmet meal with new friends. I look forward to exposing this little slice of paradise with you.

- Epic climbs like Mt Figueroa and Gibraltar.
- Scenic roads among the vineyards and ranches of Santa Ynez.
- Fun in the sun along the coast in Santa Barbara.
- Old world Spanish adobe missions.
- Savor Central Coast’s delectable meals with coastal fresh fish and local wines.

*Cheers!*

**Mark Thomsen**

Classic Climbs of Santa Barbara Trip  
Expert





## ITINERARY



### DAY 1

**Road Bike** | *Lompoc to Solvang* | approximately 25 miles with 900 feet of climbing

**Avid Option** | *Lompoc to Solvang to Nojoqui Falls* | approximately 37 miles with 1,400 feet of climbing

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Fess Parker Doubletree Resort (633 East Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara, CA 93103) at 10:30 AM on the first day of the trip. After a one-hour shuttle to the Santa Ynez Valley, you'll be treated to a bountiful picnic lunch. Afterward, your Trek Travel guides will familiarize you to the Trek bicycle you'll be riding, making sure that you and your bike are the perfect fit. They'll discuss the rules of bike safety and specific cycling tips for riding in Santa Barbara County. Once you feel comfortable on your bike, it's time for our warm-up ride through some of the region's most beautiful vineyards and into the heart of Ranch Country. The idyllic Santa Rosa road welcomes you after all your travels to get to this cyclist's paradise. At our hotel, you'll join the rest of your traveling companions for evening cocktails before enjoying the trip's first dinner together—fresh, healthy cuisine at the exquisite Root 246.

**Hotel** | *Hotel Corque* | 800 624 5572 | [www.HotelCorque.com](http://www.HotelCorque.com)

### DAY 2

**Road Bike** | *Figueroa Mountain Loop* | approximately 48 miles with 4,200 feet of climbing

**Short Option** | *Happy Canyon to Los Olivos Loop* | approximately 35 miles with 1,100 feet of climbing

Unparalleled riding on quiet roads, through forests and rolling hills in Happy Canyon, will bring you to the base of the mythic Figueroa Mountain. This world-class climb winds up through the Santa Ynez Mountains, before topping out around 4,000 feet above sea level. Many a pro cycling team has used this climb to train for the upcoming cycling season. After an almost 16-mile descent, we'll have lunch in the quaint town of Los Olivos, where you'll find numerous tasting rooms, boutique shops, and restaurants to refuel. And don't worry - should you want a boost, the Trek Travel van is never far away. After lunch, a scenic ride through Ballard Canyon, site of numerous Tour of California time trials, will bring us back into Solvang! Tonight head out on the town for dinner and don't forget to try some Akvavit to close the night.

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**Personal Cycling Gear...** *Trek Travel provides everything you need to ride, however you may bring your own helmet, seat, pedals, shoes, hydration pack, or other gear from home. Please label and pack these items in a separate bag, easily accessible for the first day of the trip. If you bring clipless pedals, please also bring spare cleats as it can be hard to find replacements during the trip.*



## ITINERARY



### DAY 3

**Road Bike** | *Drum Canyon to Santa Ynez* | approximately 50 miles with 2,300 feet of climbing

**Avid Option** | *Drum Canyon to Ballard Canyon to Santa Ynez* | approximately 50 miles with 2,400 feet of climbing

**Short Option** | *Drum Canyon to Foxen Canyon with shuttle* | approximately 34 miles with 1,900 feet of climbing

Today you'll ride through quiet, picturesque canyons of the Santa Ynez region, lined with forests and ranches. Drum Canyon welcomes us in the morning with its scenic mountain top views. Then it's off to the famous Foxen Canyon wine trail. Multiple wineries await us, including our gourmet picnic lunch with opportunities to taste. This region is definitely known for its Pinots, but Chardonnays also triumph in this climate and we recommend grabbing a couple of bottles. Should you want to call it a day after lunch, the Trek Travel van is never very far. Tonight you'll have a casual dinner at the Vineyard House before looking ahead to the coastal riding that awaits in Santa Barbara.

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### DAY 4

**Road Bike** | *East Mountain Overlook Loop* | approximately 33 miles with 1,600 feet of climbing

**Avid Option** | *East Mountain Overlook via UCSB Loop* | approximately 57 miles with 2,100 feet of climbing

**Short Option** | *East Mountain Overlook via Toro Canyon Road* | approximately 25 miles with 1,500 feet of climbing

Santa Barbara, also known as the American Riviera for its similarities to its French counterpart, has plenty of scenic riding, literally right in and around the city—but this isn't like any city you have ridden in before! Your ride today follows the crests and contours of East Mountain Road among the Santa Ynez Mountains foothills, surely one of the prettiest road rides in North America. The ride undulates along the coast, with panoramic views of the Pacific Ocean below, the expansive private estates in the hills above. This will be a great ride to spin out your legs and take in all this town has to offer. After our morning ride, you'll have the chance to grab some lunch on eclectic State Street before having the rest of the day to explore. Or if more miles are calling, head out to the University of Santa Barbara to take in a few more miles. Of course you can always schedule a massage back at the hotel or take a dip in the Pacific. After a full day of experiencing all this coastal city paradise has to offer, sample one of the local, eclectic restaurants for dinner and then perhaps engage in the town's thriving nightlife.

**Hotel** | *Hotel Santa Barbara* | 805 957 9300 | [www.HotelSantaBarbara.com](http://www.HotelSantaBarbara.com)

### CLASSIC CLIMBS OF SANTA BARBARA EXPLORER

**Trip Length** 6 days | 5 nights

**Trip Start** Santa Barbara, CA

**Rider Level** 4

**Trip End** Santa Barbara, CA



## ITINERARY



### DAY 5

**Road Bike** | *Gibraltar Mountain Loop* | approximately 44 miles with 4,500 feet of climbing

Today finds us tackling another classic Santa Barbara area climb - Gibraltar Mountain, rising seemingly out of the Pacific Ocean. This savory ride challenges one up over 3,500 feet, with spectacular views awaiting us at the top. After a pause for pictures and high fives, we'll head down Painted Cave road and its steep hairpin switchbacks to the sweeping roads below. A bountiful picnic awaits us on the shores of Goleta Beach to refuel and chat about the week's accomplishments. After lunch, we'll spin out our legs along a quite bike path, back along the coast to our relaxing seaside vista. Tonight, we'll enjoy our final dinner among newfound friends, toasting away the week.

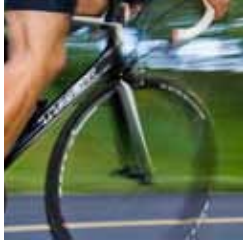
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### DAY 6

**Road Bike** | *Hope Ranch Return* | approximately 16 miles with 500 feet of climbing

Don't miss your final opportunity to enjoy Santa Barbara and its county by bicycle—at least until you return again! Take an early morning ride past beautiful homes in Hope Ranch and along the coast to soak in the beauty of it all. After the ride, you will have the chance to say your final goodbyes to your fellow cyclists. You'll say farewell to your guides at 11:30 AM at Santa Barbara Airport. You will arrive at the Santa Barbara Airport at approximately 11:30 AM. Please allow sufficient time for flights out of the airport. If you book a flight earlier than 1:00 PM, you will probably need to take a taxi from our hotel.

**Last minute question?** *Your guides will be available 24 hours before the start of your trip. You'll receive their mobile numbers in an e-mail one week before the trip start date. In the event you don't receive this email please contact our sales team at [sales@trektravel.com](mailto:sales@trektravel.com) or 866 464 8735.*



## WHAT'S INCLUDED



### INCLUDED IN THE TRIP PRICE

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#### **Food & Lodging**

- Accommodations during the trip
- Daily breakfast, 3 lunches, social hour on many evenings, 3 dinners, and all snacks and drinks for each day's ride

#### **Support**

- Dedicated Trip Consultants to answer all of your questions and aid you in choosing a vacation that suits you
- Email one week prior to your trip with guide contact details, meet time & location and any final information
- The knowledge, support and camaraderie of experienced guides
- Daily route support, detailed route guide, highlighted map, van support
- All transportation and luggage transfers during the trip

#### **Gear**

- The use of a Trek Madone™ 5.2 carbon road bike, or Trek Madone™ 5.1 Women's Specific Design carbon road bike (limited selection), or Trek 7.5 FX™ hybrid bike (visit [www.trektravel.com/ridethebest.cfm](http://www.trektravel.com/ridethebest.cfm) for more details)
- Complimentary Trek Travel merchandise
- Bike computer and a map case
- Two water-bottles for you to keep
- A pump and seat pack stocked with all the necessary items to change a flat
- Multiple stem lengths and rises to alter the geometry and choice of saddles to cushion your ride

#### **Activities**

- Private tours and tastings and entrance fees to all scheduled group activities and events
- Gratuities for all restaurants, hotels, local guides and transportation

### NOT INCLUDED

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- 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
- Some meals are not included in each destination, allowing you the opportunity to explore regional cuisine on your own
- 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 5-10% of the trip price.

### OPTIONAL EXTRAS

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- **Single Supplement** | For solo travelers who prefer a room to themselves (price varies by destination)
- **Bike Options** | Madone 6.5 - \$300 | Carbon Clincher Wheels - \$300 | FX+ Electric Hybrid - \$500 (on select trips)
- **Travel Agent** | Our agent will reserve your flights and book your pre and post trip hotels and activities
- **Trip Insurance** | Protect yourself in case of cancellation, travel interruptions and medical emergencies
- **Connections Club** | After two trips, you are invited to join and enjoy benefits both on and off our Trek Travel vacations



## WHERE WE STAY & EAT



### ACCOMMODATIONS

In every region we travel we uncover the area's best, and most unique, accommodations. On our Classic Climbs of Santa Barbara trip, you will stay in two quite comfortable hotels - one in the Danish town of Solvang has been completely remodeled in the past few years with all the modern amenities, the other in downtown Santa Barbara is a stone's throw from the ocean.

#### **Hotel Corque** | Solvang, California

A uniquely modern and elegant boutique hotel in the heart of Solvang. Close proximity to shopping, restaurants and all the Danish town of Solvang has to offer. Recently remodeled by it's owner and led by renowned architect David Bury.  
400 Alisal Road | 800 624 5572 | [www.HotelCorque.com](http://www.HotelCorque.com)

#### **Hotel Santa Barbara** | Santa Barbara, California

A charming Santa Barbara hotel located in the heart of downtown on State Street. Experience world-class shopping, fine dining, cultural venues, superb entertainment, great beaches, and so much more—all within walking distance of the front doors.  
533 State St. | 805 957 9300 | [www.HotelSantaBarbara.com](http://www.HotelSantaBarbara.com)

### MEALS

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 Classic Climbs of Santa Barbara trip, the region is known for nouveau cuisine that features plenty of fresh fish and vegetables. Additionally, the Santa Ynez Valley is ranching country, which means an amazing quality of meat and steaks are readily available. Not to mention, the wealth of boutique wines available throughout this region.

**This itinerary is an approximation of our Classic Climbs of Santa Barbara trip.** *As always, Trek Travel strives to offer each and every guest a vacation of a lifetime. To ensure this standard of excellence, routes, hotels, and activities listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides.*



## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS



### HOW TO GET THERE

**Flights** | 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 that you fly into the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport (SBA) in Goleta, approximately eight miles from downtown Santa Barbara. Most major airlines offer service to this airport. From here, scheduled flights arrive from and depart to most major cities in the U.S. From the Santa Barbara Municipal Airport, you may take a taxi to the meeting location at the Fess Parker Doubletree for approximately \$25 one-way, or take the Superride Shuttle for approximately \$18 per person, or \$24 for two.

**Driving Directions** | Available from your Trek Travel Trip Consultant at 866 464 8735.

### MEETING TIME AND LOCATION

**Fess Parker Doubletree Resort** | Santa Barbara, CA

Your Trek Travel guides will meet you at the Fess Parker Doubletree Resort (633 East Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara, CA 93103) at 10:30 AM on the first day of the trip. Once everyone has arrived, the group will transfer approximately one hour to Santa Ynez Valley, where you'll enjoy a classic Trek Travel picnic lunch. Please have your riding gear (including some warm layers) 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, Hotel Corque (800 624 5572), and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details. You may take a taxi (\$130) or an airport shuttle (\$75) to the first night's hotel.

### DEPARTING TIME AND LOCATION

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

You will say farewell to your guides at 11:30 AM at the Santa Barbara Airport. You will arrive at the Santa Barbara Airport at approximately 11:30 AM. Please allow sufficient time for flights out of the airport. If you book a flight earlier than 1:00 PM, you will probably need to take a taxi from our hotel.

**Let us take care of all your travel needs!** For a nominal fee, our dedicated Travel Agent can reserve your airfare, pre and post trip hotels, rental cars, train tickets and additional sightseeing activities. Call Trek Travel at 866 464 8735 and choose option #2 to take advantage of this convenient service.



## BEFORE & AFTER YOUR TRIP



### SANTA BARBARA, CA

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Santa Barbara is a lively cosmopolitan city with plenty of opportunities for shopping, nightlife and outdoor recreation. You can also explore some of the other coastal cities, including Ventura, Oxnard and the big one—Los Angeles, approximately a 1.5-hour drive south from Santa Barbara. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre and post trip hotel.

**Fess Parker Doubletree Resort** | 633 East Cabrillo Boulevard | 805 564 4333 | [www.FessParkerSantaBarbaraHotel.com](http://www.FessParkerSantaBarbaraHotel.com) | ~\$250

Come enjoy the paradise of Fess Parker's Doubletree Resort - a dramatic mission-style Santa Barbara hotel on 24 beautiful beachfront acres. Delight in the rich amenities and extensive array of activities - the ideal locale to embark on an unforgettable adventure.

**Inn of the Spanish Garden** | 915 Garden Street | 566 564 4700 | [www.SpanishGardenInn.com](http://www.SpanishGardenInn.com) | ~\$350

Within the historic neighborhoods of Santa Barbara awaits this Mediterranean-style boutique hotel that specializes in comfort. Enjoy luxurious accommodations and amenities, coupled with personalized service.

**Hotel Santa Barbara** | 533 State Street | 800 549 9869 | [www.HotelSantaBarbara.com](http://www.HotelSantaBarbara.com) | ~\$200

This Mediterranean-style inn is right on State Street. Throughout the hotel is beautiful natural lighting and a cool interior; it is one of the area's best values.



## HOW TO PREPARE



### CYCLING & OTHER ACTIVITIES

**Rider Level** | 4

**Terrain** | mountainous

**Average Daily Distance** | 35 miles

**Average Daily Climbing** | 2,335 feet

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. On most Trek Travel trips you can ride as much or as little as you like. Classic Climbs of Santa Barbara is best suited for our Level 4 Riders. Our Trek Travel guides can also easily accommodate Level 3 Riders, who seek less mileage or fewer uphill, with a boost in the van. Level 4 Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer. See *Itinerary* for specific daily ride distance and elevation options. For a description of our Rider Levels, please consult [www.trektravel.com/riderlevels.cfm](http://www.trektravel.com/riderlevels.cfm).

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: Santa Barbara Wine Country | New Mexico | Oregon Coast

### TRAINING & YOUR HEALTH

The best way to train for a Trek Travel adventure is to get out there and ride! However, if for some reason you cannot ride regularly or are limited in the amount of riding you can do, it is still important that you engage in another cardiovascular activity that suits your lifestyle like jogging, walking, swimming, or aerobics. The most important thing to remember is to maintain your level of physical fitness and to get used to being active for consecutive days. If you have any concerns or questions about your health, contact your physician and be sure to make your Trek Travel Trip Consultant aware of any relevant health concerns.

As you prepare for the trip, try to ride a variety of terrain—long, flat stretches and some hills—the kind of terrain that you can expect to find on your Classic Climbs of Santa Barbara biking vacation. You should feel comfortable getting back on a bike after having ridden an average of 35 miles for several days in a row. Build up your stamina for longer distances and hilly terrain as you lead up to the trip. Ride 2-3 times a week and build to include a longer ride at least once per week (about 57 miles). If you ride in a flat area, a spinning class or trainer can provide some more resistance to build strength.

As a Trek partner, we've been involved in the cycling industry for over 30 years and are connected to the best cycling coaches in the industry. Whether you are a category-2 racer or a beginner, we can connect you to a trainer that will get you in tiptop shape! Simply give us a call.



## THE UNEXPECTED



### CHANGING OR CANCELLING YOUR TRIP

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If you must cancel your trip more than 90 days before the trip start, there is a cancellation fee of \$100; 61-90 days before the trip start there is a cancellation fee of 25% of the original trip price; 31-60 days before the trip start there is a cancellation fee of 50% of the original trip price and there is no refund for cancelling a trip 0-30 days before the trip start.

If you choose to change your trip more than 90 days before the trip start, you may do so with no fee. From 61-90 days, there will be a \$100 administration fee. If you choose to change trips within 60 days of the original trip start, the cancellation policy outlined above will apply. Please be aware that it is only possible to move to another trip within one year of the original trip departure date.

Trek Travel reserves the right to cancel a trip due to low enrollment or if we feel that the safety and quality of a trip could be compromised. If Trek Travel cancels a trip, a full refund will be issued. If a trip must be canceled due to low enrollment, we will make every effort to do so at least 60 days before the trip start. We recommend that you purchase airfare no sooner than 60 days before your departure date. Under no circumstances will Trek Travel reimburse guests or be responsible for the cost of their airfare or any cancellation or change fees that may apply. In the event of a conflict between these terms and the terms stated on Trek Travel's website, catalog or other publication, these terms shall prevail.

### INSURANCE

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Trek Travel highly recommends travel insurance to assist you in the event of medical emergency, lost baggage, cancelled trip or any other trip-related issue. For your convenience, Trek Travel has created a custom travel insurance package available through Travel Guard. Please contact a Trip Consultant for more details. You may purchase additional insurance on your own if you wish.

### TRIP CHANGES

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Trek Travel reserves the right to make route and hotel modifications or to withdraw any tour announced without notice and to make alterations and substitutions to the itinerary as necessary to improve the trip quality or to accommodate the comfort, convenience and well being of our travelers. In this event, Trek Travel will always substitute an equal or better option.

**Tipping your Trek Travel Guides...** *Gratuities to your Trek Travel guides are not included in the price of your trip. Please tip your guides at your discretion based on their level of professionalism and service. The industry standard is 5-10% of the trip price, to be divided amongst your guide team.*



## CLOTHING & GEAR



### CLOTHING & GEAR

We want you to be prepared for your trip with Trek Travel. To help you, we have put together a packing list for your trip. We highly recommend you bring the items listed on our *Packing List*. Keep in mind that you will be active for a good portion of each day, so make sure you bring enough changes of clothing to suit your needs.

**Staying Warm and Keeping Cool** | We recommend layering as the best way to stay warm and keep cool. Though we can't guarantee perfect weather, we can guarantee that the sun may not always shine. To keep you protected from the elements and feeling cool on a hot day, always carry rain gear and start with a breathable synthetic shirt to layer under a vest, windbreaker, or fleece jacket. Avoid cotton fabrics while exercising—the absorbent qualities prevent wicking and insulate poorly when wet.

**Biking Attire** | To ensure your comfort on the bike, it is important to wear the appropriate clothing. Padded shorts or cycling-specific shorts are recommended to help prevent chafing and soreness after a long day in the saddle. As well, we encourage you to wear a cycling jersey or a breathable synthetic shirt. This will help wick moisture away from your skin and prevent you from becoming chilled or overheated.

Many people wonder if they should bring things like cycling gloves and cycling shoes. Gloves provide much-needed padding for your hands and will prevent them from getting sore and tired as the day goes on. Cycling shoes that come with cleats and special pedals should only be used if you have been riding with them on a regular basis and are comfortable using them on long riding days. We encourage you to take the time to learn how to ride with them before using them on your Trek Travel vacation.

#### Evening Attire

##### North America

- *Luxury* | The evening activities on these trips revolve around a theme of *casual elegance* or *business casual*. Guests will not be required to have formal dress.
- *Explorer* | The evening activities on this trip revolve around a theme of *casual dress*.

##### Europe

- *Luxury* | Guests will not be required to have formal dress. Dinner jackets for men are optional. Certain trips do require men wear dinner jackets, this will be communicated in an email one week prior to the trip start.
- *Explorer* | Most evening activities on this trip revolve around a theme of *casual dress*, however it is best to bring one outfit of *casual elegance*.

**What is casual elegance?** | For women this theme can be defined as anything you might wear to work or for a night out on the town with the girls! Skirts, dresses, dress pants and elegant or funky tops are very acceptable. Tip from your guides—accessorize! Earrings and scarves take-up much less room than a entirely new outfit! For men this theme can be defined as anything you might wear for an afternoon at the country club. Khaki pants, dress pants, shirt with a collar (short or long sleeved) or polo shirts are acceptable. Jeans/sneakers/shorts/etc. *are strongly discouraged* as attire for evening meals on our Luxury trips. Our recommendations stem from a commitment to ensuring all of our guests feel comfortable in the restaurant venues we choose.

**Casual Dress** | Clean and un-tattered jeans and shorts are acceptable attire on our Explorer trips.



## PACKING LIST



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#### **Luggage Recommendation**

- 1 suitcase and 1 carry-on per person

#### **Clothing & Gear**

- Hat
- Bathing suit
- Sweater/jacket for cool evenings
- Walking shorts
- Comfortable walking shoes/sandals
- Evening wear (consult your trip itinerary)

#### **Don't Forget!**

- Required medications and their prescriptions
- Airline tickets
- Trek Travel Trip Itinerary

#### **International Travel**

- Passport/Visa
- International power adapter
- Power converter

#### **Cycling Clothing & Gear** *To purchase suggested items below, please visit a Trek dealer near you—[www.TrekBikes.com](http://www.TrekBikes.com)*

- Cycling shorts | *Bontrager RXL Bib* | *RXL Short* | *RXL WSD Short*
- Breathable, synthetic tops | *RXL SS Jersey* | *RXL WSD SS Jersey* | *Race LS Jersey* | *Race WSD LS Jersey*
- Cycling socks | *Bontrager RL Sock*
- Cycling shoes and pedals | *Bontrager RXL Road* | *RXL WSD Road; Street* | *Street WSD*  
(either clipless with your own pedals or firm-soled shoes suitable for cycling)
- Cycling gloves | *Bontrager Satellite Fusion GelFoam* | *Satellite Fusion GelFoam WSD*
- Helmet—if you prefer your own | *Trek Circuit* | *Circuit WSD*
- Saddle—if you prefer your own
- Wind jacket | *Bontrager Sport Packable Wind Jacket* | *Sport Packable WSD Wind Jacket*
- Fleece jacket or warm vest/jacket
- Rain jacket and pants
- Full-finger, wind-resistant gloves
- Shoe covers—toe or full foot | *Bontrager Sport Neoprene Toe Covers* | *Bontrager Race Waterproof Road Shoe Cover*
- Arm and leg warmers | *Bontrager Sport Arm Warmers* | *Sport Leg Warmers*

**Keeping your valuables safe...***Trek Travel will transport items such as mobile phones, cameras, jewelry and other valuables during the trip. However, Trek Travel is not responsible for any damage, malfunctioning, or loss of these or other valuable items brought from home or purchased on trip.*



## CYCLING SAFETY



On a Trek Travel vacation, understanding and abiding by the rules of bicycling safety are the most important part of each day. You are probably familiar with some common safety guidelines. Below are those that we follow at Trek Travel, and we ask that you follow them while traveling with us.

### ROAD CYCLING SAFETY

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- It is required that you wear a helmet at all times when on your bike.
- Obey all traffic signs.
- Always yield the right-of-way to pedestrians.
- Ride on the same side of the road as the direction of moving traffic.
- Use the appropriate hand signals when stopping, slowing down, and turning.
- Ride in a single-file line, leaving at least 2 bike lengths between you and the rider ahead of you.
- Maintain a safe distance between you and the edge of the road.
- Communicate with other riders—let them know when there are bumps, rocks, cars, or other hazards on the road.
- Be ready for vehicles to pass you on the left.
- Use both the rear and front brakes simultaneously—NEVER use the front brake alone.
- When going downhill, pump both the front and rear brakes simultaneously, and increase the distance between you and the rider ahead of you.
- Always maintain a speed that is comfortable for you.
- Use caution when crossing over railroad tracks, cattle crossings, gravel patches, slippery or sandy roads, descending steeply, or when encountering a situation that is potentially dangerous or uncomfortable for you.
- Always get off your bike and walk if you feel uncomfortable riding.
- Gear up and gear down appropriately to maintain a safe and comfortable riding speed.
- When admiring the view or taking a photo, always stop first and then look or snap.
- Above all, have fun and enjoy your ride!



## WHY TRAVEL WITH TREK TRAVEL



### VACATIONS OF A LIFETIME

Like a master chef, we can't give away all of our secrets but we'd like to give you a little insight into what makes us different:

**The Absolute Best Guides** | Whether suggesting the perfect route to match your cycling ability, sharing their regional knowledge over dinner or anticipating your needs, our guides are consummate professionals. What sets them apart from the rest is their infinitely accommodating, fun and flexible attitude. They live by the motto *Your Day, You Decide* and will attempt anything to ensure that your trip is your trip of a lifetime.

**Ride the Best** | We have the best bikes—period. Included in the price of your trip is the OCLV carbon fiber 5.2 Madone, the Women's Specific Design 5.1 Madone (limited sizes available), 7.5 FX hybrid or choose the Madone 6.5 or Electric Bike. With every pedal stroke you'll benefit from Trek Bicycles' 30-year tradition of innovation, performance and quality.

**Your Day, You Decide** | It's a simple philosophy, yet it influences everything we do. It's your vacation of a lifetime, so each and every day you should decide how you'd like it to unfold and with the help of your guides, each day is customized to you.

**Local Connections** | Getting an insider's view is about being *in the know*. Whether it be exclusive Team Radio Shack access or weaving you into the local culture of a region, our cycling ties & local friends connect you to the soul of the region.

**We like to WOW You** | We listen for subtle cues that help us make your vacation magical. Sometimes it's lifting you off Alpe d'Huez via helicopter at the Tour de France and other times it is organizing an impromptu cooking course; whatever it is, we strive to make the impossible possible!

**It's in the Design** | Prior to your trip, we review every detail and take into account all the needs and desires of each guest. From the historian or wine connoisseurs to our leisurely or avid riders, no one is left behind and nothing is left to chance.

**The Details** | Knowledgeable trip consultants, guest packets filled with regional information, complimentary clothing, 20-guest maximum capacity, luxury social hours and so many other fine details are included in your vacation. Excellence is the standard.





## WHY TRAVEL WITH TREK TRAVEL



### WHAT OUR GUESTS SAY

*You have THE BEST Active Travel Company in the world. There are dozens of them out there, but your quality, commitment and professionalism stand out far above the rest. If I never take another trip, I will always remember this as the best!*

—Brian

#### **The Absolute Best Guides**

*Your guides provided “seamless”, “no problem” service, & consistently went beyond expectations to provide a really wonderful experience. The guides did a fantastic job both in preparing the trip and customizing it to respond to our requests and suggestions.*

#### **Ride the Best**

*The quality of the bikes was way beyond my expectations and the level of daily care that our guides lavished on the group and our bikes bordered on superhuman.*

—Patrick & Jennifer

#### **Your Day, You Decide**

*They did cool things with the routes that gave you the option to take a shorter route back to the hotel if you chose. We rode the long route the first day or two, then took the shorter option...to get back into town to shop, relax, and send postcards.*

—Robin

#### **Local Connections**

*Philippe was simply awesome. His command of the Vietnamese language brought the experience to life. Several times throughout the day, something would catch the eye of one of the guests and rather than just becoming a photo opportunity, Philippe would stop and start a conversation.*

—John

#### **We Like to WOW You**

*Of all our vacations, this was our favorite. The fact that we were a part of the Tour [of California], in the VIP tent, mingling with pro riders—*

*WOW*

—Edward and Katherine

*To call the trip anything short of amazing is an understatement equivalent to calling Lance a pretty good bike rider. Everything was as promised and the surprises that were thrown in along the way put it right over the top.*

—Jim

#### **It's in the Design**

*My wife and I usually do trips on our own, but now realize that guided tours are the way to go! All the mistakes that you can make on your own were eliminated, and (our guides), Kevin and Laura, found some great attractions that we'd surely have missed on our own.—Jeff*





## THE ABSOLUTE BEST GUIDES

They are hand-picked for their natural charm and undergo extensive training to make them the best in the industry. They are teachers and scientists, writers and painters, all natural leaders who are passionate about biking, exploring and making sure our guests have the experience of a lifetime.

Whether it's having a warm exchange with the children of Vietnam with the help of Philippe, falling in love with Cendrine's French accent in Bordeaux, or learning how to frame the perfect memory with the help of Zack's professional photographic eye, you'll find our guides eager to share their endearing qualities. Along the way, they might just become the most memorable part of your vacation.

*I can't possibly say enough about our experience with the guides! From Katie's advice about my pedaling on the hills, to Bruno's patient translation of the menus, to Leanne's efforts in fitting and tuning my bike, to the attention they gave to even the tiniest details. They were delightful companions, and did so much more than I expected.*

—Lisa





## RIDE THE BEST



### STANDARD BIKES

It's simple really. We think the best should just be the standard. Trek Travel is a company born from Trek Bicycles—the world's leader in creating innovative cycling technologies—so when you ride with us, you experience the world from the seat of the **best bike**. You'll benefit from 30 years of cycling experience, a team of mechanics and guides that are the most skilled in the active travel industry and a bike that is professionally tailored to fit you at no extra charge.

We offer two completely different styles of bikes—the 5.2 Madone road bike and the 7.7 Hybrid—to ensure that you have the best geometry for your ride. We also offer Women's Specific Design in our smaller 5.2 Madone sizes (limited sizes available). Or if you do want to pay a little extra, you can upgrade to our Madone 6.5, Electric Bike or Bontrager's XXX Lite Carbon Clincher Wheelset. No matter which bike you select, you'll benefit from Trek's latest bike technology on every trip. For more information on the bikes we offer for family multisport and mountain biking, visit us online at [www.trektravel.com/ridethebest.cfm](http://www.trektravel.com/ridethebest.cfm).



#### TREK MADONE 5.2 ROAD BIKE

The Trek Madone 5.2 is for the rider who likes to travel; it is fast and responsive, perfect for the open road.

- *5 Series TCT Carbon with E2 tapered leadtube is light, snappy and responsive*
- *Bontrager Race X Lite carbon fork with an E2 steerer to provide amazing handling and steering accuracy*
- *Shimano Ultegra Triple components with 12-28T cassettes for more gear ratios to conquer any climb*
- *Bontrager Race Wheels are ultra smooth and light*



#### TREK 7.7 FX HYBRID BIKE

The Trek 7.7 FX Hybrid Bike is for the traveler who likes to ride; it is comfortable and smooth with components that are easy to understand.

- *Bontrager H2 Saddle features Flex Form so you can ride comfortably for longer*
- *FX Alpha Black Aluminum frame with IsoZone monostay to create a more compliant ride*
- *Shimano 105 Triple 10spd components with 12-27T cassettes for more gear ratios to conquer any climb*
- *Bontrager Race wheelset which provides better acceleration and more confident handling*



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## TREK MADONE 5.2 ROAD BIKE WOMEN SPECIFIC DESIGN (LIMITED SIZES AVAILABLE)

The WSD Madone was created with special features for women who like to ride.

- *5 Series TCT Carbon with E2 tapered leadtube is light, snappy and responsive with a shorter top tube to adjust for a woman's geometry*
- *Bontrager Race X Lite carbon fork with an E2 steerer to provide amazing handling and steering accuracy*
- *Shimano Ultegra Triple components with 12-28T cassettes for more gear ratios to conquer any climb*
- *Bontrager Race Wheels are ultra smooth and light*

### OPTIONAL BIKES



## TREK MADONE 6.5 ROAD BIKE

The Trek Madone 6.5 is ultra light and engineered to win races.

- *OCLV Red Frame is extremely lightweight*
- *Shimano's Dura-Ace compact drivetrain gives you the elite performance with a gear ratio to conquer any climb*
- *Integrated headset and bottom bracket*
- *Bontrager Race X Lite wheels are as light as a feather*



## TREK FX+ ELECTRIC BIKE (LIMITED SIZES AVAILABLE)

With the Trek FX+ Electric Bike enjoy the same upright and comfortable ride.

- *FX Alpha Black Aluminum frame*
- *Trek Syn Drive power management system automatically adjusts power based on rider input, speed, and terrain*
- *Silent Drive motor provides up to 350 watts of assistance*
- *27 Speed Shimano Rapid Fire Shifting*