



Join DBTC for an Out of Town Tour in 2017!

Encore of Salida Art and Ride Tour

Tour dates: June 21 – 25, 2017

Location: Salida, Colorado

NOTE: This tour is full, with the exception of needing one male participant to share the final room. Waitlist applications are being accepted; contact Kathy Stommel at OutOfTownTours@dbtc.org or 719-671-5579.

Tour Leaders Kathy and Joe Stommel are pleased to announce an encore of last year's sold-out Salida Art and Ride Tour. Most aspects of the tour will remain the same, including the price, but a couple tweaks will be appreciated by this year's participants. We will be in town June 21-25, 2017 during the annual Art Walk Festival, which highlights Salida's numerous galleries and small town hospitality.

This tour is geared toward independent, fun/intermediate level riders who are comfortable riding on roads with moderate traffic. Most routes start from the hotel with distances ranging from 18 to 42 miles and can be modified to fit the desires of each rider.

Registration price is \$375 per person, based on double occupancy. The hotel features rooms with two queen beds, in-room mini refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, hair dryers; complimentary extended continental breakfast; free parking and WiFi; and outdoor hot tub. Registration is limited to 20 participants, plus tour leaders. Tour payments are non-refundable but may be transferred if a suitable substitute can be secured.

Discover Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Tour dates: August 6 – 12, 2017

Location: Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Come explore the Northern Idaho Panhandle region of Coeur d'Alene and the bicycling opportunities offered! Learn about its history of railroad transportation and mining contributions. Regional waterways and mountains offer abundant flora and fauna viewing ops. We'll top off our week's adventures with an evening dinner cruise on beautiful Lake Coeur d'Alene.

This tour will take place from August 6-12, 2017. It is rated fun/intermediate, and our tour group of 12-14 participants should be independent riders capable of doing their own tire and bicycle repairs, if needed. Rides are out and back (one is optional loop) with leader or arranged shuttles on your own and consist of 25 to 70 miles/day – you choose your distance. All but one ride start at hotels, and we will have one free day to ride and/or explore.

Included in the trip cost of \$725 is six nights' double-occupancy (two queen beds) lodging, all group social events, last-evening group dinner cruise, and scheduled rides.

Lodging for the trip includes three days/nights in Kellogg, Idaho, and three days/nights in Coeur d'Alene. Hotel amenities include complimentary hot breakfast; in-room bike storage, mini fridge, microwave, coffeemaker, and free WIFI; free parking; pool/spa; and easy access to bike paths!

You are responsible for your transportation to/from Idaho – by car, plane (to Spokane airport), or bicycle! If you fly, you're also responsible for transportation to/from Coeur d'Alene.

PRELIMINARY TOUR ITINERARY

Sunday, August 6 – Arrive/check in at Kellogg, ID hotel after 3 p.m. Evening welcome meeting.

Monday, August 7 – Ride eastward and back on Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. Lunch spot and town visit TBD. 30-50 miles RT.

Tuesday, August 8 – A longer ride westward and back on Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes. Lunch spot and town visit TBD. 30-80 miles RT.

Wednesday, August 9 – Check out of Kellogg hotel, drive to Route of the Hiawatha. Ride 15 miles on crushed-gravel path and return to start via shuttle; sack lunch included. Drive to Coeur d'Alene hotel and check in. Option per individuals to skip Hiawatha and go directly to Coeur d'Alene or explore other opportunities.

Thursday, August 10 – Ride westward on the Northern Idaho Centennial Trail to the ID/WA border; loop north and eastward on roads and bike path back to hotel. Approx. 40 miles.

Friday, August 11 – Ride eastward on the NICT to its eastern terminus, a shorter ride today. 20 miles RT. Evening dinner cruise on Lake Coeur d'Alene.

Saturday, August 12 – Check out of hotel and depart.

To register, please mail a \$200 deposit check payable to Marilyn Choske, along with your completed DBTC liability waiver and registration/medical forms to: Marilyn Choske, 3900 Holland St., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033.

Balance of \$525 due by June 15, 2017.

NOTE that registration funds are non-refundable but may be transferrable. Please direct any questions to: mchoske@juno.com or by phone to Marilyn at 303-905-8510.

Gems of the Pacific Northwest Tour

Tour dates: September 10 – 17, 2017

Location: San Juan Islands & La Conner, Washington

*NOTE: Registrations for this tour **MUST BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 15, 2017** in order to guarantee lodging on San Juan Island. Don't delay! The trip will be canceled if not filled by the deadline.*

It's been a long time since DBTC offered a tour in this bicyclist's paradise - so let's go! Kathy and Joe Stommel will lead 18 riders through the breathtaking, and sometimes challenging, scenery of Washington State in the Pacific Northwest. Tour dates are Sunday, September 10 through Sunday, September 17, 2017. This tour is best suited for independent riders who are comfortable riding on roads with little or no shoulder, rolling terrain, and moderate traffic. Drivers in this area are accustomed to cyclists, but extreme caution and single-file riding will still be required.

Routes will range from approximately 20-45 miles, with plenty of options to customize the distance to suit each rider. Maps and cue sheets will be provided, and participants will be encouraged to ride at their own pace.

PRELIMINARY TRIP ITINERARY

Day #1, September 10 – Travel by State of Washington ferry from Anacortes, Washington, to Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. Ferry transportation and dinner is on your own before Welcome Meeting at our hotel this evening.

Day #2, September 11 – Ride on San Juan Island with visits to a lavender farm and winery; optional longer route will lead to a sculpture park and historic Roche Harbor Village.

Day #3, September 12 – Another ride on San Juan Island with stops at a county park featuring a historic lighthouse and opportunity for whale watching.

Day #4, September 13 – We'll travel by ferry with our bikes to Lopez Island, the "friendly" island with gentler terrain. Be ready to wave "hello" to each local resident you encounter.

Day #5, September 14 – Check out of hotel before boarding the morning ferry with a stop at Shaw Island. This tiny island has minimal development, but there are plenty of interesting sites to visit along our bike route. After the ride, re-board the ferry and return to Anacortes. Transport yourself to our next destination, the quaint waterfront town of La Conner, Washington, in the Skagit Valley.

Day #6, September 15 – Ride from La Conner to Deception Pass State Park with a breath-taking ride over the Deception Pass Bridge (Google it!).

Day #7, September 16 – Enjoy one final ride through the agricultural Skagit Valley region. Farewell dinner this evening.

Day #8, September 17 – Tour ends after breakfast.

Our lodging in Friday Harbor on San Juan Islands offers two room types - Standard and Deluxe; both include two queen beds; in-room refrigerator, microwave, and coffeemaker. The Deluxe room is slightly larger, with air conditioning and a small patio. PLEASE NOTE: This hotel does not offer breakfast and does not allow bikes in the rooms. On the plus side, the hotel has the only indoor pool and hot tub on the island and is within easy walking distance of the ferry, a full-service grocery store, and many restaurants!

Our hotel in La Conner provides a free continental breakfast and welcomes bike storage in your room or in a secured location behind the front desk. All rooms have two queen beds, in-room refrigerators, and gourmet coffee & teas.

Tour price is \$1,150 per person with the standard room in Friday Harbor or \$1,200 per person with a deluxe room; La Conner hotel rooms are included and do not differ in price. Although this tour price is higher than other DBTC trips, you will find that comparable commercial tours are at least two to three time more expensive! Registration price includes seven nights of lodging, happy hour refreshments, ferry transportation on day #4 and #5, one group farewell dinner, and at least one picnic lunch.

Room type requests are on a first-come, first-served basis only! Prices are based on double occupancy, but a single supplement can be arranged. **Please guarantee your spot with a \$300 deposit no later than March 15, 2017. The San Juan Island hotel requires a non-refundable deposit in March, so we can only proceed with the tour if firm commitments for all 18 spaces are received by this deadline – DON'T DELAY!**

Send deposit checks payable to Kathy Stommel, along with the required DBTC Registration/Medical Form and Liability Waiver Form (Items #1 and #2 of the “Out of Town Tours” tab at www.dbtc.org). Mail check and required forms to: Kathy Stommel, 9631 Autumnwood Pl, Highlands Ranch, CO, 80129. Deposits will be returned in full if the tour does not fill by March 15, 2017.

Remember that all tour payments are non-refundable, but may be transferred if a suitable substitute can be secured. Questions can be directed to Kathy Stommel at OutOfTownTours@dbtc.org or 719-671-5579.