**THE Epic Western US Motorcycle Tour**

**I don’t know how many more long rides I will be able to go on, before I can’t. So, I planned this tour with that in mind. I don’t want to be sitting on a rocker saying, “dammit, I should’ve, when I could’ve”**

**This ride will be 25 days!**

**It will include, bucket list, great roads, in Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Colorado, and Utah.**

**Butler Maps is the primary route source. The roads and locations will include, Death Valley, Yosemite NP, about 1,000 miles of The Pacific Coast Hiway, California-Oregon-Washington. The Avenue of the Giants Redwoods in CA. The farthest North West point in the US, Olympic National Park, Along the Columbia River with something like 40 waterfalls, Lolo Pass, Going to the Sun Road, Bear Tooth Pass, Chief Joseph Hiway. A couple days around Sturgis SD and the Black Hills, Mt. Rushmore, Badlands NP. All great roads. The Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Gateway, The Million $ Hiway, and others in CO. Rte. 12, Escalante Staircase, in Utah, and several other great roads in Utah.**

**There are no days over 400 miles. Total hours in the saddle, in a day, was the primary consideration, not total miles. \*\*, \*\*\* are great roads!**

**There will be a lot of scenic stops. And we will make frequent stops, drain & fill, and just to walk around! The routing avoids Interstates/Freeways, as much as practical.**

**Hotels/motels were all chosen with an eye toward price, but all have restaurants within easy walking distance.**

**Most hotels offer some sort of breakfast, lunch will be whatever/wherever. Dinner is, at least somewhat, planned every day.**

**I am planning on having to do laundry a time or 2.**

**This may seem obvious, but hydration is crucial. There will be days when it gets hot.**

**I will carry enough electrolyte packets for 2 or 3 a day. You can buy “Gatorade” in most convenience stores/gas stations. Just plain water isn’t enough.**

**I’ll do turn by turn, daily route sheets in big print for tank bags. Nav can fail!**

**So, as the man said: Here We Go!**

**Day 1,**

**June 16, Monday**

**Early Start! It can be HOT by mid-morning!**

**Prescott to Shoshone CA (Death Valley NP)**

**Rte. 89 N to Ash Fork 50**

**I-40 W to the Crookton Exit 7**

**Rte. 66 W thru Seligman (stop) to Kingman 110**

**I-40 W to Rte. 93 and Rte. 68 W 10**

**Rte. 68 W to Laughlin NV 30**

**Rte. 163 W to US 95 N 20**

**US 95 N to Searchlight NV (stop) 20**

**Rte. 164 W thru Nipton (stop) to I-15 S 32**

**I-15 S to Baker and Rte. 127 N (stop, gas!) 40**

**Rte. 127 N to Shoshone CA (there is gas) 56**

 **Total Miles 375**

**Shoshone Inn $196. Restaurant is across the St.**

**Old Hiway 127 Conf # 2402PJ**

**Shoshone CA Room # 9**

**760-852-4224 Rest opens at 8:00 AM?**

**Day 2,**

**June 17, Tuesday**

**Very Early Start! Death Valley will get HOT!!!**

**Thru Death Valley NP, US 395 N to Lee Vining CA**

**There is gas (and water) in DV NP**

**Rte. 127 N to D V NP entrance 1**

**Thru D V NP to Furnace Creek 100**

**Rte. 190 thru Panamint Springs, D V NP, Rte. 136 90**

**Rte. 136 W to Lone Pine CA 20**

**US 395 N to Bishop CA 60**

**US 395 N to Lee Vining CA 65**

 **Total Miles 335 (710)**

**Murphey’s Motel $166.75**

**51493 Hwy 395**

**Lee Vining CA**

**760-647-6316**

**Day 3,**

**June 18, Wednesday Y N P No reservations required!**

**From Lee Vining CA thru Yosemite N P, lots of stops!**

**8:00 AM Reservation if needed.**

**Rte. 120 W thru Yosemite to Rte. 140 S/E 51**

**Rte. 140 to Yosemite Village, back to Mariposa 45**

**Rte. 49 N to Jamestown CA 50**

**Rte. 49 N thru Sonora CA to Jackson/Martell CA 44**

**Rte. 88 W to Rte. 88/12 W, Rte. 12 W to CA 19 S**

 **Into Lodi CA 35**

 **Total Miles 225 (935)**

**Days Inn & Suites by Wyndham $93.93**

**710 S. Cherokee Ln Laundry**

**Lodi CA**

**209-369-8484**

**Day 4,**

**June 19, Thursday**

**To the Coast!**

**Rte. 12 W to Fairfield CA 80**

**Rte. 12 W thru Sonoma to Santa Rosa 52**

**Rte. 12 (Bodega Hwy) W to Bodega Bay 25**

**Rte. 1 PCH N to Gualala CA 50**

**Rte. 1 PCH N to Ft. Bragg CA 60**

 **Total Miles 267 (1202)**

**Seabird Lodge $175.32**

**191 South St.**

**Ft Bragg CA**

**707-964-8000**

**Day 5,**

**June 20, Friday**

**Ft Bragg CA to Crescent City CA**

**Redwoods! Ave. of the Giants!**

**Rte. 1 N to Leggett CA 50**

**US 101 N thru Garberville CA to Exit #36/Weott 45**

**Ave of the Giants! \*\*\* (Redwoods) 25**

**Rte. 36, Rte. 211 thru Ferndale CA 5**

**Return to US 101 N of Fortuna CA 4**

**US 101 N to Eureka CA 15**

**US 101 N to Crescent City CA 75**

 **Total Miles 235 (1437)**

**Bayview Inn $98.01**

**310 US Hwy 101 S. Annex, Ground Floor**

**Crescent City CA Schmidt’s House of Jambalaya**

**707-465-2050 110 Anchor Way**

**Day 6,**

**June 21, Saturday**

**Crescent City CA to Newport OR**

**US 101 N to Brookings OR 25**

**US 101 N to Port Orford OR 65**

**US 101 N to Coos Bay OR 50**

**US 101 N to Reedsport OR (then Florence\*\*) 30**

**US 101 N to Newport OR 70**

 **Total Miles 240 (1677)**

**Travelodge by Wyndham $153.11**

**1311 North Coast Hwy**

**Newport OR**

**541-265-8516 Big Sky HD**

 **Great Falls MT**

 **406-727-2161**

 **For: 406-727-2161 PM**

**Day 7,**

**June 22, Sunday**

**From Newport OR to Aberdeen WA**

**US 101 N to (thru Depoe Bay\*\*) Neskowin OR 40**

**US 101 N 3 Mi to left turn onto Rte. 871 N/W**

**Rte. 871 N to Cape Meares State Park 26**

**Rte. 871/Rte. 6 E to Tillamook OR US 101 N 8**

**US 101 N to Astoria\* OR (Stop at Cannon Beach\*) 65**

**US 101 N on the coast, to Raymond WA 55**

**Rte. 105 W loop (on the water) to Aberdeen WA 50**

 **Total Miles 244 (1921)**

**Olympic Inn & Suites $106.40**

**616 W. Heron St. Laundry**

**Aberdeen WA**

**360-533-4200**

**Day 8,**

**June 23, Monday**

**From Aberdeen WA to Shelton WA**

**US 101 N (Olympic N P) to Forks WA 110**

**US 101 N to Rte. 113 N 11**

**Rte. 113 N to Rte. 112 W to Neah Bay 10**

**Rte. 112 W to Neah Bay (Western most point)\*\* 20**

**Rte. 112 E to Port Angeles WA 70**

**Hurricane Ridge Loop, Amazing Scenic Road!\*\*\* 36**

**US 101 E & S to Shelton WA 100**

 **Total Miles 357 (2278)**

**Shelton Inn $110.90**

**628 W. Railroad Ave.**

**Shelton WA**

**360-426-4468**

**Day 9,**

**June 24, Tuesday**

**Shelton WA to Umatilla/Hermiston WA**

**US 101 S to I-5 S & Olympia WA 15**

**I-5 S to Kelso WA 70**

**I-5 S to then I-205 S to Rte. 14 E 45**

**Rte. 14 E to Stevenson WA (along the Columbia 200) 45**

**Rte. 14 E to Umatilla/Hermiston OR 145**

 **Total Miles 320 (2598)**

**Econo Lodge Umatilla $111.54**

**1481 6th St.**

**Umatilla OR**

**541-394-5106**

**Day 10,**

**June 25, Wednesday**

**Umatilla/Hermiston WA to Kamiah ID**

**US 730 E or Rte. 207 N/E to US 12 E 30**

**US 12 E to Walla Walla WA 30**

**US 12 E to Lewiston ID\*\* 105**

**US 12 E to Orofino ID\*\* 45**

**US 12 E to Kamiah ID\*\* 25**

 **Total Miles 235 (2833)**

**Clearwater 12 Motel $126.32**

**108 E. 3rd St. Hwy 12**

**Kamiah ID**

**208-935-2671**

**Day 11,**

**June 26, Thursday**

**Kamiah ID to West Glacier MT**

**LOLO PASS! \*\*\***

**US 12 E to Kooskia ID 10**

**US 12 E to Lolo MT – LOLO PASS! 135**

**US 93 N to Polson MT 80**

**US 93 N to Kalispell MT 50**

 **Total Miles 275 (3108)**

**Econo Lodge Inn & Suites $148.28**

**1680 US Hwy 93 S Laundry**

**Kalispell Mt**

**406-752-3467**

**Paula**

**H D Rapid City, Call for 7/2 appointment**

**2820 Harley Dr**

**605-503-6771**

**Day 12,**

**June 27, Friday**

**Kalispell MT to Great Falls MT**

**GOING TO THE SUN ROAD! Reservation “tickets”!**

**Make 9:00 AM reservation! 2/27/25**

**US 2 N thru Columbia Falls to West Glacier\*\*\* 35**

**GOING TO THE SUN Rd. to St Mary MT!\*\*\* 50**

**US 89 S to Browning MT 45**

**US 89 S to Choteau MT 70**

**US 89 S to Vaughn MT (I-15 S) 40**

**I-15 S to Great Falls MT 15**

 **Total Miles 255 (3363)**

**Hotel Arvon $201.80**

**118 1st Ave. S. Covered Parking!**

**Great Falls MT Big Sky HD 4258 10th Ave So**

**406-952-1101 Great Falls 406-727-2161**

**Day 13,**

**June 28, Saturday**

**Great Falls MT to Red Lodge MT**

**US 89 S to White Sulphur Springs MT 100**

**US 89 S to Livingston MT 75**

**I-90 E to Columbus MT Rte. 78 S 75**

**Rte. 78 S to Red Lodge MT 50**

 **Total Miles 300 (3663)**

**Red Lodge Inn $212.90**

**811 S. Broadway Ave.**

**Red Lodge MT**

**406-446-2030**

**Day 14,**

**June 29, Sunday**

**Red Lodge MT to Sheridan WY**

**BEARTOOTH PASS – CHIEF JOSEPH HIWAY!! \*\*\***

**US 212 S/W Beartooth Scenic Hiway to Rte. 296 70**

**Rte. 296 S/E Chief Joseph Hiway to Rte. 120 43**

**Rte. 120 S to Cody WY 17**

**US 14 (16 and 20) E to Greybull WY 55**

**US 14 E & N to Burgess Junction WY 50**

**US 14 E to Ranchester WY & I-90 E 25**

**I-90 E to Sheridan WY 15**

 **Total Miles 275 (3938)**

**Best Western Sheridan Center $171.75.**

**612 N. Main St. Laundry**

**Sheridan WY**

**657-749-6853**

**Day 15,**

**June 30, Monday**

**Sheridan WY to Custer SD**

**I-90 E (S) to Buffalo WY 35**

**I-90 E to Gillette WY 70**

**I-90 E to Moorcroft WY 30**

**US 16 E (S) to Newcastle WY 50**

**US 16 to Custer SD\*\* 40**

 **Total Miles 225 (4163)**

**Chief Motel $426.67 (3 Nights)**

**120 Mt. Rushmore Rd $142.22 per night**

**Custer S D Laundromat 3 doors away**

**605-673-2318 $8.00 drop off laundry**

**Arrive 6/30 Depart 7/3 H D Rapid City**

 **2820 Harley Dr**

 **605-503-6771**

**Day 15, 6/30/24 Monday, Continued**

**Custer SD to MT. RUSHMORE N M Loop**

**US 16 E to US 16A N 15**

**US 16A N to Rte. 244 Keystone SD 10**

**Rte. 244 W to MT. RUSHMORE N M 5**

**Go West on Rte. 244 to Rte. 87 S to Rte. 89 S 4**

**Rte. 89 S to US 16 W 6**

**US 16 W into Custer SD 1**

 **Total miles 41 (4204)**

**Chief Motel**

**120 Mt Rushmore RD**

**Custer SD**

**Day 16,**

**July 1, Tuesday**

**Custer SD to Wall SD and BADLANDS N P**

**Rte. 89 N to Rte. 87 NEEDLES HIGHWAY 6**

**Rte. 87 E NEEDLES HIGHWAY to Rte. 87 N 12**

**Rte. 87 N to Keystone SD 20**

**US 16A N to US 16 N to Rapid City SD 20**

**I-90 E to Wall SD (Wall Drug) 55**

**Rte. 240 S into Badlands N P Visitor Center 27**

**Rte. 44 W to Rapid City SD US 16 70**

**US 16 W & S into Custer SD 40**

 **Total miles 250 (4454)**

**HD Rapid City O C & A F**

**2820 Harley Dr**

**605-503-6771**

**Day 17,**

**July 2, Wednesday**

**Deadwood, Lead, Spearfish Canyon, Sturgis**

**From Custer SD, US 385 N to Hill City SD 15**

**US 385 N thru Pluma SD to Deadwood SD 40**

**US 85 S to Lead SD 5**

**US 85 S to Cheyenne Crossing SD 7**

**US 14 N thru Spearfish Canyon to Spearfish SD 20**

**I-90 E to Sturgis SD 15**

 **Sturgis HD 1040 Junction Ave. T-shirt!**

**I-90 E to exit # 60 Rte. 79 S 27**

**Rte. 79 S to Hermosa SD 19**

**Rte. 36 W to Custer State Park 10**

**US 16 thru Custer S P into Custer SD 15**

 **Total Miles 173 (4627)**

**H D Rapid City O C & A F**

**2820 Harley Dr**

**605-503-6771**

**Day 18, July 3, Thursday**

**Custer SD to Laramie WY**

**From Custer SD US 16 E into Custer S P 5**

**Rte. 87 S thru Wind Cave NP to US 385 S \*\*\* 17**

**US 385 S to Hot Springs SD 20**

**US 18 W to Minnekahta SD 12**

**US 18 W to US 85 S 35**

**US 85 S to Lusk WY 45**

**US 20/US 18 W to Orin Junction WY 45**

**I-25 S to Exit # 73 Rte. 34 S/W 60**

**Rte. 34 S/W to US 30/US 287 S 52**

**US 30/US 287 S to Laramie WY 20**

 **Total Miles 311 (4938)**

**Travel Inn $110.**

**262 N. 3rd St. Conf. # TI36242K**

**Laramie WY**

**307-745-4853**

**Day 19,**

**July 4, Friday**

**Laramie WY to Gunnison CO \*\*\***

**Rte. 230 W/S to Rte. 127 in CO 40**

**Rte. 127 S to Rte. 125 S to Walden CO 25**

**Rte. 14 S to US 40 E to Kremmling 25**

**Rte. 9 S to Silverthorne CO 40**

**I-70 W thru Vail to US 24 S/E to 35**

**US 24 S/E to Leadville CO 35**

**US 24 S/E to US 285 S 40**

**US 285 S to US 50 W 20**

**US 50 W to Gunnison CO 60**

 **Total Miles 320 (5258)**

**Wingate by Wyndham $182.88**

**400 E. Tomichi**

**Gunnison CO Laundry**

**970-641-1237**

**Day 20**

**July 5, Saturday**

**Gunnison CO to Dove Creek CO**

**US 50 W to Sapinero CO Rte. 92 W\*\* 20**

**Rte. 92 W then N to Hotchkiss CO\*\*\* 50**

**Rte. 92 W to Delta CO 20**

**US 50 W to Whitewater Rte. 141 W 30**

**Rte. 141 W/S to Gateway CO GAS! 45**

**Rte. 141 S !!! to Naturita CO \*\*\* 55**

**Rte. 141 S to Dove Creek CO (at US 491) 60**

 **Total Miles 280 (5538)**

**Country Inn Motel $70.20**

**442 W. Hwy 491**

**Dove Creek CO**

**970-639-1874**

**Day 21,**

**July 6, Sunday**

**Dove Creek CO to Montrose CO**

**US 491 S to Rte. 184 E to Mancos CO \*\* 55**

**US 160 E to Durango CO 30**

**US 550 N (MM $$ Hiway!) to Ridgway CO \*\*\* 80**

 **Stops in Silverton, Ouray**

**US 550 N to Montrose CO 30**

 **Total Miles 195 (5733)**

**Days Inn by Wyndham $106.14**

**1417 E. Main St. Laundry**

**Montrose CO**

**970-249-4507**

**Day 22,**

**July 7, Monday**

**Montrose CO to Blanding Utah**

**US 50 N-W thru Delta CO to Grand Junc I-70 W 60**

**I-70 W to Utah Border 30**

**I-70 W to Exit 284 Rte. 128 S 30**

**Rte. 128 S (Amazing Road) to Moab UT \*\*\* 50**

**(Arches if we have time, Noon res, not required)**

**US 191 S to Monticello UT 55**

**US 191 S to Blanding UT 20**

 **Total Miles 245 (5978)**

**Four Corners Inn $85.92**

**131 E Center St, Hwy 191**

**Blanding Utah**

**435-678-3257**

**Day 23,**

**July 8, Tuesday**

**Blanding UT to Panguitch UT**

**US 191 S to Rte. 95 W 1**

**Rte. 95 W thru Glen Canyon to Hanksville UT\*\* 130**

**Rte. 24 W thru Capitol Reef to Torrey UT\*\* 50**

**Rte. 12 !! S & W to Escalante UT\*\*\* 60**

**Rte. 12 !! W thru Tropic UT to Panguitch UT\*\*\* 70**

 **Total Miles 310 (6288)**

**Church’s Blue Pine Motel $106.85**

**130 N. Main St. Laundry**

**Panguitch UT**

**855-497-8380**

**Closed for the season!**

**Re-opens 3/1/25**

**Book on line, their website, you will get a confirmation**

**Day 24,**

**July 9, Wednesday**

**Panguitch UT to Winslow AZ**

**US 89 S to Kanab UT 60**

**New Route! Rte 143 W/S to Cedar Breaks \*\*\* 31**

**Rte 148 thru Cedar Breaks \*\*\* 8**

**Rte 14 E to US 89 S to Kanab \*\*\* 40**

**US 89A S to Fredonia AZ 10**

**US 89A S & E (Navajo Bridge) to Bitter Springs AZ \* 85**

**US 89 S to Cameron AZ 55**

**US 89 S to I-40 E 50**

**I-40 E to Winslow AZ 55**

 **Total Miles 357 (6645)**

**La Posada Hotel \*\*\* $228.33 King Patio Rm # 108**

**303 E. 2nd St.**

**Winslow AZ**

**928-289-4366**

**Celebration Dinner!**

**Linda will drive to Winslow, if anyone wants a ride.**

**Donnalee wants a ride!**

**Day 25,**

**July 10, Thursday**

**Winslow AZ to Home**

**Rte. 87 S to Rte. 260 65**

**Rte. 260 W to Camp Verde AZ 35**

**I-17 S to Rte. 169 W 9**

**Rte. 169 W to Rte. 69 15**

**Rte. 69 to Home! 10**

 **Total Miles 135 (6780)**

**6,780 Total Miles! (About 8.5%, 570 miles, on Freeways)**

**Highest mile days: Day 1, 375 miles, Days 8 & 24, 357 miles each.**

**Lowest mile days: Day 17, 173 miles (around the Black Hills) Day 21, 195 miles in CO including The Million $ Hwy. The last day is 135 miles to Home.**

**11 States!**

 **Includes, at least partial travel days in each state as follows: 6 in CA, 5 in WY, 4 in CO, WA, MT, SD, 3 in UT, OR, AZ, 2 in ID and 1 in NV.**

**About 1,200 miles of Coastline!**

**About 135 gallons of 91/93 octane gas. (50 mpg)**

**At least 22 National Parks, National Monuments, State Parks, etc.**

**30 different Bucket List roads, or sections of roads, that are amazing for just the ride. Or for the ride and the scenery.**

**11,000 ft of elevation, and over 10,000 ft several times.**

**Lowest point is in Death Valley – 282 ft below sea level, (and in the same day we will see Mt Whitney, 14,505 ft high).**

**More than 6 mountain passes.**

**Temperatures can range from the high 30’s/low 40’s to as high as 115!**

**The list goes on!**