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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1 - Depart Juneau by ferry through Inside Passage, explore Haines waterfront, enjoy dinner by the docks.

Our adventure begins as you board the ferry M/V Malaspina for a scenic voyage from Juneau to Haines. The magnificent landscapes of the Inside Passage are sure to keep you glued to your camera. Perhaps you will see dolphins dancing in the bow waves or sea otter lounging in the water. Your guide team will be awaiting your arrival in the port of Haines and then transfer to our delightful hotel in the historic part of town.

Relax: Ferry to Haines

Eat: on your own

Sleep: Hotel Halsingland

Day 2 - Bike through Chilkat Bald Eagle Reserve, see traditional salmon fishing wheels, return to Haines.

This morning we gather for breakfast and tour orientation, then after assembling the bikes will explore Haines town the rest of the morning. Around midday we set off on our adventure, pedaling a leisurely 25 miles through the Chilkat Bald Eagle Reserve to Mosquito Lake and our first night camped under the vast Alaskan skies. Unlike riders on our annual Alaska Highway Ride who enjoy 24 hour daylight, we enjoy some hours of darkness for a good night's sleep.

Ride: 28 mi / 45 km, Land: flat & small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Hotel Halsingland



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Day 3 - Bike into Canada, crossing Three Guardsman and Chilkat passes, camp by Million Dollar Falls.

Our ride today is quite a contrast to yesterday's spin, as we roll deep into the spectacular mountains that highlight this section of the bike tour. Early in the ride, we pass through customs into British Columbia, Canada, following the Klehini River. Then up and over, crossing two passes (Three Guardsmen and Chilkat) en route to the Yukon Territory, our third state/province for the day. The landscapes along this stretch are unbelievable, with glaciers draped on mountain tops and cascading rivers dividing the ranges. We bed down tonight at the aptly named Million Dollar Falls.

Ride: 66 mi / 106 km , Land: mountainous, Passes: Three Guardsman 3215 ft / 980 m; Chilkat 3493 ft / 1065 m

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Camping at Million Dollar Falls Provincial Park

Day 4 - Cycle along Dezadeash Lake, to Haines Junction.

More incredible scenery fills our final day on the Haines Highway, taking us along Dezadeash Lake and further north to the town of Haines Junction. In Haines Junction we will intercept the notorious Al-Can Highway, built in a short 9 months during World War II, which will guide us through the balance of the Yukon Territory. We will enjoy indoor accommodation in Haines Junction tonight.

Ride: 53 mi / 85 km, Land: small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch

Sleep: Alcan Motor Inn

Day 5 - Free day in Haines.

A relaxing day off the bikes is in store in Haines Junction. You might want to visit the Visitors Center for St Elias Park or relax on the porch of the bakery or maybe walk one of the area's hiking trails.

Relax: A free day to explore

Eat: on your own

Sleep: Alcan Motor Inn



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Day 6 - Dramatic cycling along the St Elias Mountain Range, camp on the shores of turquoise Kluane Lake.

Heading up the Alaska Highway (Al-Can) we continue to enjoy the beautiful St Elias Mountains to our left and untouched forested wilderness for as far as the eye can see to our right. Our goal today is the turquoise blue waters of Kluane Lake and Cottonwood Campground, one of the best campgrounds of all our Alaska and Canada trips. The mountains towering above the campground often have Dahl Sheep sprinkled across their upper slopes.

Ride: 50 mi / 80 km, Land: small & moderate hills Eat: Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Camping at Cottonwood Campground

Day 7 - Explore the Natural History Museum of Burwash Landing, bike along Kluane Lake, camp at Lake Creek.

Much of today's ride continues to roll along the shoreline of Kluane Lake, with a lunch time break at the Burwash Landing Natural History Museum. Afternoon will find us pedaling through the immense landscapes that characterize the next section of highway, untouched wilderness for as far as the eye can see in all directions. Tonight's campground is on the banks of Lake Creek.

Ride: 83 mi / 140 km, Land: flat & small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Camping at Lake Creek Provincial Park

Day 8 - Cycle across the rugged tundra, to Beaver Creek westernmost town in Canada.

Our last full day in Canada, takes us deeper into this wilderness region, with the Wrangell St Elias Range to our south and miles of untouched rolling forest lands to the north. We'll be bedding down indoors in Beaver Creek tonight.

Ride: 51 mi / 81 km, Land: moderate hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch

Sleep: Beaver Creek Motel



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Day 9 - Biking across Tetlin Wildlife Refuge, camp on the shores of Jagger Lake.

We are heading back into Alaska today, after a break for photos straddling the border, we clear customs at Border Town. We will explore the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge visitor center at lunch, then continue to a scenic campground on Jagger Lake inside the Tetlin Wildlife Refuge. Sitting on the lake shore watching the birds and muskrats go about their daily lives as the sun sets is truly magical.

Ride: 54 mi / 87 km, Land: small hills Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Camping at Jagger Lake NWR

Day 10 - Last day on the Al-Can pedaling the pine forests to Tok Junction.

A leisurely day takes us to Tok Junction, a favorite watering hole for Alaska Highway travelers.

Ride: 57 mi / 92 km, Land: small hills

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch

Sleep: Burnt Paw Cabins

Day 11 - Free day in Tok.

Again the bikes have the day off and you can catch up on laundry or your diary, shop for souvenirs and gifts for the folks back home or perhaps get a few more miles in cycling more of the Al-Can to Moon Lake Park.

Relax: A free day to explore

Eat: on your own

Sleep: Burnt Paw Cabins

Day 12 - Bike through the magnificent Alaska Range, enjoy views of snow covered Mt Drum from our camp.

The third highway of our trip leads us south today, rolling down the Tok Cutoff. The ride starts flat and off in the distance the Alaska Range slowly rises into view. And while the range sports some of North America's highest peaks (including Mt McKinley), our route through it follows rivers for the most part and provides no major challenges ... but lots of photo opportunities. Tonight's campground is on a small ranch with beautiful vistas of the Wrangell Range.

Ride: 72 mi / 116 km, Land: flat then gradual uphill

Eat: Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Camping at Grizzly Lake Resort



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Day 13 - Cycle the Tok Cutoff to historic Gakona, the towering Wrangell Mountains to our left, the Alaska off to our right.

With the Alaska Range fading from view behind us and the Wrangells growing in the distance ahead of us, we roll further down the Tok Cutoff passing the occasional roadhouse and lodge. We are on our way to the historic Gakona Roadhouse where we camp out on their lush green lawn (while the lodge has rooms, they are usually booked for crews of the Alaska pipeline for the summer).

Ride: 51 mi / 81 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Camping at Gakona Alaska RV Park

Day 14 - Bike past the dramatic volcanic peaks of Wrangell National park, Camp at the remote Tielke River Lodge.

A short ways into today's ride and we switch to our final highway of the bike tour, the Richardson, Alaska's first highway. We roll through Glenallen, the only city between Tok Junction and the ride's terminus in Valdez. Also along today's ride is Copper Center, an historic agricultural town, plus the informative visitor's center for Wrangell St Elias National Park. We bed down on another old roadhouse, this time at Tielke River.

Ride: 76 mi / 122 km, Land: hilly

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Camping at Tielke River Lodge

Day 15 - Alaska's most dramatic cycling, through the spectacular Chugach Range, Cross Thompson Pass for a finale descent into the fishing village of Valdez.

The final ride for the tour is one of the most spectacular, taking us between the magnificent Chugach and Wrangell Mountains Ranges. The landscape is beyond being described as simply dramatic. Lots of photo ops will keep your camera busy, all the way to Valdez. We cross Thompson Pass and enjoy a spin through narrow Keystone Canyon, before reaching the fishing port of Valdez.

Ride: 53 mi / 85 km, Land: small hills then short climb, Pass: Thompson 2771 ft / 845 m

Eat: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sleep: Mountain Sky Hotel



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Day 16 - Ferry through Prince William Sound, Glacier viewing, Shuttle to Anchorage Airport.

The trip ends as it began, with a ferry trip, taking us across Prince William Sound with its glaciers, icebergs and abundant sea life. Perhaps we will be blessed with views of the glaciers calving into the bay, seals and other sea life enjoying the ocean waves and more. After arriving in Whittier, we will shuttle you to Anchorage Airport, where we all bid a fond farewell to our fellow Adventurers.

Travel: Ferry & shuttle to airport

Eat: on your own

Scheduled Dates You Can Join:

You can find the most up to date information on available departures and book your spots on the tour's webpage linked below. Lets Travel!

<https://pedalers.travel/yukon-alaska-bike-tour-haines-anchorage.htm>

Private Dates For Your Gang:

Any Pedalers tour can be made private at your request. If you don't see the date you want, we'll create one for you. A tip from our local experts, this tour is best enjoyed May through September. Please note we have only a small crew based in Alaska, so private dates should be planned well in advance to assure someone is available to lead your trip.



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Why Pedalers?

Experience the Heart and Soul of Each Country with Our Local Expert Team

Our passionate and diverse team of local experts will guide you through their homeland, sharing intimate knowledge and hidden wonders. They are not just guides but also skilled bike mechanics, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable ride. Unlike other tour companies, Pedalers' local crew brings an insider's perspective to the table. You'll be pampered by a friendly team, equipped with the skills to fix anything. A sweep rider and sag wagon provide support, and your baggage travels comfortably with you. Pedalers treats you like family, making your journey unforgettable.

Indulge in Mouthwatering Local Delights on a Culinary Adventure

Unlock the essence of culture through food as we take you on a culinary extravaganza. Bond with fellow riders over scrumptious dishes at local restaurants specializing in regional cuisine. Family-style dining lets you sample outstanding dishes, carefully chosen by our expert guides. Lunch is satisfying but not overwhelming, and breakfast offers comforting Western delights. Pedalers knows the importance of good food for cyclists, creating a mouthwatering experience that combines riding and dining.

Immerse Yourself in Authentic Accommodations, Where Culture Meets Comfort

Discover the charm of our handpicked accommodations. Pedalers takes a unique approach to accommodations, ensuring an authentic and immersive experience. Choose between Classic and Première Classe tours, each offering carefully selected lodging options. Classic tours feature mid-priced boutique inns that blend comfort with local character, while Première Classe tours add a touch of luxury to your adventure with upscale lodges and inns. Regardless of your choice, Pedalers' accommodations reflect the local culture, providing a delightful and comfortable stay that complements your journey.

Lodging:

Camping & Motels



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What's Included:

- 7 nights in motels (double occupancy)
- 8 nights in campgrounds
- Most meals (breakfast, lunch & dinner) except as noted in itinerary
- Service of Team Pedalers Guide(s)
- Full Van Support
- Ferry: Juneau to Haines, Valdez to Whittier
- Morning Route Notes

Camping Equipment Rentals:

For folks without suitable camping gear, we offer a camping package that includes a roomy Eureka Timberline tent, warm sleeping bag with flannel liner, inflatable ground pad and storage duffel. There is no extra charge for using our camping package (but no discount for using your own).

Meeting & Flights:

Your group will meet in Haines at the ferry docks.

Fly into Juneau (JNU) before 12 noon on Day 1

Fly out of Anchorage (ANC) after 7 pm on Day 16

NOTE: Passenger tickets for the ferry from Juneau to Haines are included in the tour cost. Guests are responsible for getting themselves to the ferry docks at least one hour prior to sailing. Your guides will meet you at the port in Haines.

For assistance with flights contact our friends at Exito Travel: [help.pedalers.travel/flights.htm](https://pedalers.travel/flights.htm)



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Anchorage Dropoff:

Note: We ONLY drop off at the airport and the following hotels near the airport: The Lakefront Anchorage, Holiday Inn Express, Crown Plaza, Hilton Garden Inn. There are a number of hotels next door to these drop points

Route Conditions:

The entire ride is on paved roads, some with nice pavement and wide shoulders. Traffic is moderate and very bike friendly. The route is suitable for performance road, sport road and touring bikes. Terrain is quite mountainous and hilly, a couple of days involve a moderate to long alpine style climb.

Passport, Visa and Travel Documents:

Passports are required for all guests. Citizens of the USA and Canada do not need any additional documents. Citizens of other countries should check with the nearest USA and Canada Embassy to see if you can enter with an ESTA (USA portion) or ETA (Canada portion) or require a visa. We strongly recommend looking into this well in advance of your tour, as visa processing times can sometimes be quite long. To locate the nearest US Embassy visit: <https://www.usembassy.gov/> or Canadian Embassy visit: <https://travel.gc.ca/assistance/embassies-consulates/>.