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Cancellations on Belgian Ardennes Tour & Western Colorado Still Open!

Belgian Ardennes Tour in late June/early July had a couple of cancellations so there are currently spots open. This is an incredible tour that starts in southeast corner of the Netherlands and ends up in Luxemburg traversing the Ardennes where so many of the Spring Classics are raced. Check out all the details at [Ardennes](#). Our Central Colorado Tour is also still open. Go to [Colorado](#) for all the details on that tour. In addition, over the past years many folks managed to get on to one of our tours from the Wait List! Check the status of any tour on the website at: [Tour Status](#).

2020 International Tours in Spain and Italy are a Go!

Thanks to all who participated in our 2020 International Tour survey! It really helps us get a sense of what is doable. You have spoken; there seems to be plenty of interest in both tours. As usual, registration will take place in August of this year. For all the details and what's included in the projected price and provisional itineraries go to: [Andalusia](#) and [Bolzano-Venice](#).



10-Day Andalusia, Spain – Fixed Base June 1 – June 10, 2020

Approx. \$2,700

This incredible tour will take us to the southeast corner of Spain along the Mediterranean to the region called Andalusia. Al-Andalus means Land of the Light. With its mild climate and amazing scenery, it's the perfect cycling destination. Unique in this beautiful region are the remains of the Moorish influences and as well as its famous White Villages. Andalusian capitals like Seville, Cordoba, Malaga and Granada boast spectacular remains of their monuments, the most unforgettable of which is Granada's Alhambra palace. Our fixed base tour will spend the first 7 days in Ronda. Ronda lies in a basin of the mountains of the Sierra de las Nieves National Park at 2375' and was first settled by Celts in 6th Century BC. Then came the Phoenicians, Romans and Moors. All have left their imprint. The Guadalquivir River runs through the city, dividing it in two and carving out the steep, 100 plus meters deep El Tajo canyon upon which the city perches. American writers Ernest Hemingway and Orson Welles spent many summers in Ronda as part-time residents of Ronda's old town



14-Day Bolzano-Venice Hotel / Bike & Barge Tour—June 20 – July 4, 2020

Approx. \$3,400

You will be delighted by the remarkable variety of this tour, offering you a unique opportunity to combine both a more classical bike and hotel tour with an incredible Bike and Barge trip in the Po Valley to Venice. The cycling route starts in the heart of the incredibly beautiful Dolomites. We will be dropped off at the Resia Pass at nearly 5,000'. Our first day is all downhill through picturesque mountain villages and eventually following the course of the river Adige that will take us to the palm-lined shores of Lake Garda. We will take a small ferry the length of Lago de Garda. This is sure to be one of the highlights of the tour. From the south end of the lake, we will make our way to the enchanting Renaissance town of Mantua, where you will embark aboard the *Vita Pugna* for the second week of our now Bike and Barge tour. Cycling along waterways, through hamlets and into the surprising town of Ferrara, we will reach the Po Delta, a unique wetland park which is the prime reserve in Europe for herons and home to several colonies of flamingos. The Po river flows eventually into the Venetian lagoon,

ANDLAUSIA TOUR DECIPTION (CONT.)

quarter. Both wrote about Ronda's beauty and famous bull-fighting traditions. Their collective accounts have contributed to Ronda's popularity over time. (e.g. Hemingway's novel, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*).

In Ronda you have everything at your disposal: sports, leisure, art, history, culture, shopping and authentic Spanish food at tapas bars or local restaurants. It also has a train station (connection with Granada) and a bus station (connection with Seville). The tour ends with a day and a half at a 4-star hotel on the beach in Malaga. More info at: [Andalusia](#).

BOLZANO-VENICE TOUR DESCRIPTION (CONT.)

where you will cycle through Chioggia, known as "little Venice". We end the trip in Venice, a town that has lured visitors for centuries.

The *Vita Pugna* is a comfortable passenger barge with a charming appearance. There's a salon, a spacious sitting area, a nice bar and a sun deck on the upper level. The *Vita Pugna* has 10 guest cabins for two persons (no bunk beds), all with private shower and toilet. The cabins are small compared to a hotel room but very practical and very nicely laid out. The barge has air-conditioning throughout all the common areas and in the hall downstairs. More info at: [Bolzano-Venice](#)

The Pegasus Tour Posse Lost a Great One



On Sunday, January 13 we lost a good friend and loyal member of the Pegasus Touring Posse. Sandy Thompson was killed in a freak low-speed accident in Colombia. He was riding slowly on a flat bike path leaving Bogota on the first day of a tour, hit an obstacle, fell but twisted his neck in the fall, resulting in a broken neck and instant death. Two doctors on the tour could not revive him or help in any way.

Sandy spent most of his professional career at Vassar College in upstate New York, first as a professor of economics (1977-95) and then later as a Dean of Students until his retirement in 2007. He moved to Boulder, Colorado in 2013 where he continued his passion for cycling. Even before we formed Pegasus, Sandy had joined us on tours that we led for Colorado HeartCycle Touring Club. He always had a ready smile. You could count on Sandy to lend a helping hand, provide a compliment, or tell a good story. It seems like on every tour Sandy came to the rescue at least once to help with a bicycle related mechanical. Our hearts go out to his family, and particularly his daughter Emily with whom he shared a very close relationship. He spoke of her often, and most fondly. He will be missed terribly by those of us fortunate enough to have ridden with him.

Sandy on the last Pegasus tour of 2018 in Southern Utah.

COGS WA-BC Tour: July 26-August 4, 2019

As many of you know, we have been leading one tour every summer for our local Seattle based bicycle club, Cyclists of Greater Seattle (COGS). This summer we are leading one of our all-time favorite NW tours in the northeast corner of Washington and southeast corner of British Columbia. The tour is currently full with existing COGS members but with the tour being so far out there is bound to be some attrition. So, like a Pegasus Tour, it's worth your while to get on the Wait List. Get all the details at: [WA-BC Tour](#). Please note you will need to become a COGS member to join the tour (\$20 individual/\$30 for a family membership).

2019 PEGASUS BIKE TOURS SCHEDULE

DATES	TOUR	LOCATION	LEVEL	STATUS
April 6– April 14	Central California Tour	San Luis Obispo, CA	Intermediate/Adv	Wait List
May 2—May 6	4-Day Omak Hill Country	Omak, WA	Intermediate/Adv	Wait List
May 16-May 20	4-Day Eastern Washington	Chelan, WA	Intermediate/Adv	Wait List
June 8–June 22	Bruges-Paris Bike & Barge	Bruges, BE	Easy/Intermediate	Wait List
June 29-July 6	Amsterdam-Maastricht Bike & Barge	Amsterdam, NL	Easy	Wait List
July 6-July 17	Maastricht-Luxemburg Ardennes Tour	Maastricht, NL	Intermediate/Adv	Open
August 17-25	Central Idaho Tour	Ketchum, ID	Intermediate/Adv	Wait List
Sept. 6-15	Western Colorado Tour	Grand Junction, CO	Intermediate/Adv	Open