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PEGASUS BIKE TOURS



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Pegasus Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic

As many of you already know and the rest of you can guess we have cancelled 5 of the 7 Pegasus Bike Tours for 2020. We must all do our part to try and limit the spread of this deadly illness and for us to travel is certainly not helping the situation. Pegasus is staying home at least for the foreseeable future. We are hopeful we will be able to offer our two August tours: Willamette Valley and Idaho Panhandle—it's just too early to make the call now.

Unlike other tour companies that are associated with a large club or are set up as a for-profit business, Pegasus Bike Tours has no reserves. We have, (perhaps foolishly in retrospect), always offered our tours at cost and if we were fortunate enough not to have any calamities, we have donated any left-overs to charity (see the November, 2019 newsletter). Now with numerous cancellations, for which folks have already paid in full, our cancellation policy is woefully inadequate. We have a number of fixed costs that can not be scaled back. We have business license and fees, business expenses related to paying for our website, domain and email, our RWGPS Club Account, our liability insurance and many more. Individually they are relatively minor but they do add up to approximately \$85 per tour day which translates to \$10-\$15 per person depending on the size of the tour. Clubs who collect a membership due can much more easily cover these expenses. We don't. In addition to these costs we also have the relatively large PayPal fee of 3.5% for each transaction. These come on top of any costs which might come from loss of deposits or cancellation fees for hotels, restaurants, sightseeing excursions, etc. We have been very fortunate that the first three local tours did not incur any of these cancellation costs. Unfortunately, the international tours will definitely incur some extra costs as we moved to re-schedule them for 2021. Bottom-line we need your understanding and willingness to cost-share if Pegasus is to remain afloat in these difficult times. Each cancelled tour is being handled individually according to each unique circumstance. If you are registered for one of the cancelled tours you should have heard from us as to how we hope to proceed.

2020 International Tours Moved to 2021 & 2021 Tours to 2022!

We have been working hard with our European vendors to re-schedule our two International Tours to 2021. We have been able to move our Italian Bolzano-Venice Tour to May 29 - June 12 and the Spanish Andalusia Tour to June 16-25, 2021. We are hoping that the majority of the folks already on these two tours will stay with us for 2021. There will undoubtedly be a few, who for a variety of reasons may not be able to stay with us. We will re-open registration for these two tours as soon as we know how many spots are available. We will as always start a Wait List when we reach our tour limit. We know from past experience that there is almost always opportunities for folks to move off the Wait List and onto the tour.

As a consequence of these moves, we will be offering our Portuguese Algarve and Best of Holland Bike and Barge Tours in 2022

2020 PEGASUS BIKE TOURS SCHEDULE

DATES	TOUR	LOCATION	LEVEL	STATUS
March 21-29	<u>Discover San Diego</u>	San Diego, CA	Intermediate	Cancelled COVID-19
April 30-May 4	<u>4-Day Omak Hill Country</u>	Omak, WA	Intermediate/Adv	Cancelled COVID-19
May 14-18	<u>4-Day Eastern Washington</u>	Chelan, WA	Intermediate/Adv	Cancelled COVID-19
Moved to 2021	<u>Andalusia, Spain - Fixed Base</u>	Ronda, Spain	Intermediate	Re-Scheduled to 2021
Moved to 2021	<u>Bolzano-Venice, Italy Hybrid Tour</u>	Bolzano, Italy	Easy/Intermediate	Re-Scheduled to 2021
August 8-16	<u>Willamette Valley Tour</u>	Salem, OR	Intermediate	Open
August 22-30	<u>Idaho Panhandle Tour</u>	Spokane, WA	Intermediate	Wait List Only