

# 2022 Northern Sonoma County Tour

## 7 Day Fixed-Base Tour (8 Nights Lodging)

### April 30 – May 8, 2022



Total cost: **\$2,100 if 18-24 Paid Participants**  
Total Cost: **\$1,840 if 25 or more Paid Participants**  
Single supplement: **\$1,000** (paid at time of registration)  
Deposit: **\$600** (paid at time of registration)  
Final Payment: **\$1,240/\$1,500 due by 1/30/22**  
Rider limit: **30**  
**Tour Leaders:** Dean Karlen & Ralph Nussbaum  
**Tour Rating:** Intermediate/Advanced (Read Level of Difficulty below.)

#### OVERVIEW:

Cyclists are attracted to northern Sonoma County for its picturesque valley roads and challenging climbs. It is definitely one for the wine lovers to come and visit the award-winning wineries of Alexander Valley and Dry Creek Valley. This tour is certain to please avid cyclists who enjoy fine wine! For those of you who have been with Pegasus for a while, you know what excellent tours Dean Karlen puts together. As with the Salish Tour he led in 2018, this is a tour in a region he knows well, and we know he has found us the very best roads in the area.

We stay in Healdsburg, the center of northern Sonoma wine country, with its many restaurants that feature the wines of the region and its many tasting rooms. From our hotel, we will explore the neighboring regions and include optional stops at wineries on our return. After the break day, we will have an optional excursion to the coast, via Skaggs Springs Road to Gualala, returning to Healdsburg the following day. On our way back, we visit Fort Ross, a Russian settlement from the early 1800's. If you do not feel up to the challenge, or if the coastal weather looks unsuitable, you will have the option to remain in Healdsburg, as the hotel is booked for all 8 nights. Those travelling to the coast will be able to leave things they do not need in their Healdsburg room. On the final night, we will have a group dinner to celebrate the completion of another great Pegasus tour!

#### WHAT TO EXPECT:

**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY:** The ride is intended for experienced riders with good biking skills. Everyone can ride at their own comfortable pace. Be aware, though, that there are three days with 5,000+ ft climbing. Although the route generally traverses lightly travelled rural roads, there are short stretches with no shoulder or with significant traffic.

**WEATHER:** Weather in this region is usually very pleasant in May. Nevertheless, riders should be prepared for rain and chilly conditions. Temperatures along the coast can drop significantly if there is fog.

**MEALS:** This tour will provide snacks, drinks, and lunch on riding days. Breakfasts and dinners are not included. [Adele's Family Restaurant](#) is on-site.

**LODGING:** The hotel in Healdsburg is the very nice [Dry Creek Inn](#). The Gualala hotel is much more basic, as options are limited along the coast in this region.

**DAY BY DAY ITINERARY:** (Mileages & Elevation gains are approximate – routes are subject to change.)

**DAY ZERO Saturday, April 30 – Arrival day:**

We meet the first night at the Healdsburg Best Western Dry Creek Inn, for an 8:00 PM briefing meeting.

**DAY ONE Sunday, May 1 – Windsor region - 57 miles, 1,900 ft:**

We will start off taking it a bit easy by cycling south on Westside road and return north on Chalk Hill road. No difficult climbs today. Stops include the Riverfront Regional Park and Shiloh Ranch Regional Park.



**DAY TWO Monday, May 2 – Geysers - 62 miles, 4,700 ft:**



We ride north to Cloverdale, with a stop at its River Park. We then tackle the challenging Geysers Road climb with a lunch stop near the top.

**DAY THREE Tuesday, May 3 – Santa Rosa and Sebastapol - 67 miles, 2,900 ft.:**

We venture southward on the Old Redwood Highway passing through Santa Rosa and Sebastopol. We return on minor roads and the Westside road.

**DAY FOUR Wednesday, May 4 – REST DAY:**



Take the day off or climb Pine Flat road and back. There is also an optional excursion to Jordan winery that day.

**DAY FIVE Thursday, May 5 – Healdsburg to Gualala - 61 miles, 6,400 ft.:**

We leave Healdsburg to ride to the coastal town of Gualala via the hilly Skaggs Springs Road. There are no services along the way, so our SAG vehicles will provide welcome rest stops. We'll experience very little traffic until we reach the coast. This coastal excursion is optional – riders can choose to remain in Healdsburg as we've kept your rooms in there.



**DAY SIX Friday, May 6 – Gualala to Healdsburg – 71 miles, 5,400 ft:**

We travel south along the coast on Highway 1 until our rest stop at Fort Ross State Historic Park. From there we climb inland on the Fort Ross road through Cazadero on our way back to Healdsburg.

**DAY SEVEN Saturday, May 7 – Southwest loop - 50 miles, 3,200 ft:**



The final day is moderate in length with lunch in the Armstrong Redwoods followed by a challenging climb up Sweetwater Springs road. We will be back at the hotel in good time for our farewell group dinner.

**DAY EIGHT Sunday, May 8 – Departure day:**

Pack up and make your way home after another wonderful tour!

