

# THE BIKE FLYER - A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



## PEGASUS BIKE TOURS



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**Best Wishes for Great Cycling in 2019!**

### Several Tours with No Wait List – Western Colorado Still Open!

Did you make a New Year's wish or set yourself a goal to take part in a Pegasus Bike Tour? Well your wish/goal may easily come true. Only the 4 Day Omak and the Bruges-Paris Bike and Barge Tours have a significant Wait List. Four of our tours have no Wait List what-so-ever and the Western Colorado Tour still has a number of openings. Over the past years many folks managed to get on to one of our tours from the Wait List! You can always check the status of a tour on the website at: <https://www.pegasusbiketours.com/tour-status>.

### Looking Ahead to 2020!

With the start of the New Year it's time to start thinking about tours for 2020. Unlike previous years, we are still mulling over the possibilities. For our **domestic tour calendar**, we are looking at starting off the season in March/April with a **fixed base** tour out of San Diego. This would be an ideal tour for those who have friends/partners who may not be cyclists, who would enjoy a week in sunny SoCal sightseeing while you take easy/moderate loop rides. There are wonderful possibilities along the coast from Oceanside, Coronado, Alpine, Point Loma and much more. Our 4-Day Eastern Washington and Omak Tours will certainly be back. We are looking at bringing back a tour we haven't done in a while: our week-long Idaho Panhandle Tour which starts in Spokane and highlights not only the 70+ mile fully paved Trail of the Coeur d'Alenes but also the gravel Tail of the Hiawatha from the top of Lookout Pass with its myriad of trestles and tunnels for which we will rent mountain bikes. Another possibility is our WA-BC Tour which starts in Colville and heads north to southeast British Columbia through Trail and Nelson to Creston with a day off at a 5-star hotel in Kaslo.

**Internationally** we are looking at an incredible tour in Italy! It starts off as an **easy** hotel tour starting in the foothills of the Italian Alps and then morphs into a 7-day Bike and Barge Tour from Mantova to Venice! This tour combines beautiful riding in pastoral landscapes on our way from Balzona to Montova and includes a long ferry ride through Lago di Garda. In addition, we enjoyed our Spain Tour so much in 2018 that we are thinking of going back there in 2020, this time to the Andalusia Region of Southern Spain with a fixed-base 10-day tour out of Roda which lies near the Mediterranean in the southeast corner of Spain. We would again offer shorter/easier rides and longer/tougher rides for those wanting a bit more. We would include a night of flamenco dancing, visit a vineyard or two and a bus trip to Granada with its famous Alhambra. We would end the tour with 2-3 days on the Mediterranean. As stated before, the International Tours always pose a significant financial risk for us. Please be on the look-out for a short survey in the coming weeks so we can gauge the interest in these two tours before we make any commitments.

### 2019 PEGASUS BIKE TOURS SCHEDULE

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