

THE BIKE FLYER - A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



PEGASUS BIKE TOURS



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2021 Pegasus Tour Registration Opens March 12th!

Have we turned a corner? Personally we hope we have as Carol and I each got the first of our two Moderna shots and will have the 2nd one soon. Hopefully others of you (at least old farts like us ☺) are able to start getting them as well. We are hopeful that all those who come on our tours this year will have had the ability to get their vaccines in time. We are just itching to get back to leading our tours and hope you are as well. Please make sure to mark your calendars and be ready to sign up on March 12th! Check out the tour descriptions below.

As to our International Tours, we have been able to re-schedule them to the summer of 2022. The Andalusia (Spain) Tour will most likely start at the very end of May and extend into the beginning of June. The Bolzano-Venice (Italy) Tour has been re-scheduled for June 18 to July 2. The itinerary for that one is back to what it was originally, ending in Venice. Click the link below for the expected itinerary. We have openings on both tours and will hold our usual mid-August International Tour open registration period for those two tours. If you haven't already you will want to check them out. They are going to be awesome!

Eastern Washington Tour August 12-16 & Omak 4-Day Tour September 22-26

Since 2002 the 4-Day Eastern Washington Tour has been our signature tour. We have run this tour for 19 years straight until COVID laid us low last year. Over the years we have tried to get rid of it several times but we were always convinced to offer it again. In fact there were a number of years, where we ran two of these tours back-to-back weekends to satisfy the demand. Starting off as a 3-day tour it has been a 4-day tour since 2008. We start in the beautiful setting of Lake Chelan. Day 1 has us riding along the Columbia River to Pateros and then gently up the orchard bounded Methow River before heading up and over Loup Pass to Omak. From Omak we head to Republic where you have two options. The shorter one takes you straight over Wauconda Pass while the longer one winds along Toroda Creek and Kettle River to Curlew and from there on to Republic. Republic is always great fun with good food and live music at the brew pub. Day 3 starts with a lovely descent down the Sanpoil River Valley, through ranches, forest lands, and the Colville Indian Reservation. It is our favorite road in all of the state of Washington. After approximately 50 miles, we have a gorgeous lunch stop right on Lake Roosevelt. After lunch we have a steep but short climb - up Manila Creek Road. This road climbs through pine forests to an elevation of 3,100 feet, then plunges down to the Columbia River, affording panoramic views of the valley north of the Coulee Dam. The descent brings us shortly into the town of Coulee Dam where we will stay at one of our favorite motels at the foot of the dam. On our last day we have a steep climb out of Coulee Dam to a viewpoint above the dam and then across the high plateau where ranchlands can be seen extending for miles in all directions to the small town of Mansfield for lunch. We drop back down on McNeil Canyon Road where we can look down on Lake Chelan and the Columbia River before crossing it and back to Chelan. For those who have done this tour in the past we hope you'll come back and for those who have missed it in the past here's your chance to enjoy the tour that "just won't die".

We are also offering our 4-Day Omak fixed-base tour in September. Here's another opportunity to enjoy the scenery and grandeur of the eastern part of the state. This tour offers some great challenges to strong riders. While the tour is based in Omak, the ride start location may be as much as 40 miles away in order to keep the daily mileage down to under 100 miles. Each day's route will have varying lengths and elevation gains, though three days go over mountain passes. Omak itself lies at only 800 feet and the surrounding passes go up as high as 3,500 to 4,300 feet which should be snow free in September. We expect that we might even see some pretty fall foliage!

Brand New Oregon Coast Tour— September 10-19

We have run an Oregon Coast Tour several times in the past but this is a brand new 8-day loop tour. We start in Forest Grove outside of Portland. One of the highlights of the first day is a 20-mile ride on a beautifully paved Rail-Trail to Vernonia and then on to Clatskanie on the Columbia River. Days 3-6 will be spent along the stunning Oregon Coast with its miles of flat beaches punctuated by rugged cliffs and outcroppings which are still doing battle with the persistent waves. When we reach Newport, we turn inland and spend two days getting back to our starting point, going through the rolling hills, farmland, and vineyards of the Willamette Valley. We enjoy lunch at one of the renown Willamette Valley vineyards. This is truly one of our favorite areas to lead our tours.

2021 Pegasus Bike Tours COVID-19 Policy

As stated above, we believe that we can't restart our tours program until we know that folks have had the opportunity to be vaccinated. We will not put you or others at risk. With that in mind here is our COVID-19 policy:

The safety of all participants is the responsibility of everyone. It is our intent that all participants on our tours have been vaccinated for the COVID-19 virus. Refusal to take the vaccine when available will forfeit your participation on the tour. Please be prepared to show proof of vaccination at the orientation meeting on the first day of the tour. Failure to do so will result in your exclusion from the tour and the loss of all fees paid.

Folks who wish to join us for a 2021 tour will have to affirm on their registration form that they will have had their vaccination prior to the start of the tour.

REVISED 2021 PEGASUS BIKE TOURS SCHEDULE

DATES	TOUR	LOCATION	LEVEL
August 12-16	<u>4-Day Eastern Washington Tour</u>	Chelan, WA	Intermediate/Adv
September 11-19	<u>Oregon Coast Tour</u>	McMinnville, OR	Intermediate
September 22-26	<u>4-Day Fixed Base Omak Tour</u>	Omak, WA	Intermediate/Adv
Moved to May, 2022	<u>North Sonoma County Fixed Base Tour</u>	Healdsburg, CA	Intermediate/Adv
June 18—July 2, 2022	<u>Bolzano-Venice, Italy Hybrid Tour</u>	Bolzano, Italy	Easy/Intermediate
Moved to May/June 2022	<u>Andalusia, Spain - Fixed Base</u>	Ronda, Spain	Intermediate

