



TOUR ITINERARY

United States / Aspen, CO

Aspen Bike Tour

A Ride Retreat in the Colorado Rocky Mountains

RIDING
LEVEL

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TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

- Climb through stunning mountain scenery to the top of Independence Pass and conquer one of America's highest-elevation paved roads
- Spend 3 luxurious nights at an impeccable hotel in the buzzing center of Aspen—a world class enclave of restaurants and boutiques surrounded by the wild beauty of the Rockies
- Ride right into a ghost town and explore Aspen's silver mining history with a retired miner
- Be treated to hand-picked highlights from Aspen's booming food scene, ranging from local treasures to top chefs and featured farm-fresh fare from the surrounding valleys



ARRIVAL + DEPARTURE

Arrival Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Aspen, Colorado
- 📍 **Pick-Up Location:**
Aspen Airport or anywhere in Aspen
- 🕒 **Pick-Up Time:**
11:00 am

Departure Details

- ✈ **Airport City:**
Aspen, Colorado
- 📍 **Drop-Off Location:**
Aspen Airport or anywhere in Aspen
- 🕒 **Drop-Off Time:**
1:00 pm

NOTE: DuVine provides group transfers to and from the tour, within reason and in accordance with the pick-up and drop-off recommendations. In the event your train, flight, or other travel falls outside the recommended departure or arrival time or location, you may be responsible for extra costs incurred in arranging a separate transfer.

Emergency Assistance

For urgent assistance on your way to tour or while on tour, please always contact your guides first. You may also contact the Boston office during business hours at +1 617 776 4441 or emergency@duvine.com.

Travelers Take Note

The elevation in Aspen is 8,000 feet (2,438 meters) above sea level, and the riding takes us up to 12,000 feet (3,687 meters). Please be aware of any altitude sensitivity and prepare yourself physically for strenuous exercise at altitude.

COVID-19 Travel Restrictions

For the latest travel restrictions related to the coronavirus pandemic—including quarantine requirements—please review [Colorado's state travel guidelines](#).

Tour By Day

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Ghost Towns and Glacial Valleys

Meet your guides at the Aspen airport or in town. Before we head out for our first ride, fuel up with a cyclist-friendly lunch at the hotel. Then we'll set off for the mountains, following the contours of Castle Creek as we climb out of town. At a 2.5% average grade for 12 miles, this ride is an excellent warmup, but remember to pace yourself—at 10,000 feet, your bike may well feel heavier than normal. We'll reach the ghost town of Ashcroft, which was home to the boom and bust of silver mining in the 1880s. In its heyday Ashcroft had 3,500 residents, but as the silver vein was mined dry, the population dwindled and the last inhabitant died in 1939. What remains is the shell of a town in a spectacular high-mountain valley, perfect for exploring on two wheels. From here, you can cruise back down to Aspen or challenge yourself with an additional climb up the next glacial valley, known for its oft-photographed views of the Maroon Bells peaks. Tonight, regroup for an introduction to Aspen's famed dining scene at our favorite local restaurant.

Meals: Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Aspen, Ashcroft, Maroon Bells

Accomplished: 30 miles / 48 km, elevation gain: 2,339 feet / 713 meters

Longer Option: 50 miles / 80 km, elevation gain: 4,192 feet / 1,278 meters

Accommodations: [The Little Nell](#) or [Hotel Jerome](#)

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Ruedi Reservoir Epic

A full day of cycling lies ahead: after breakfast, we'll warm up our legs on a scenic spin into Roaring Fork valley. Stop for coffee in the western railroad town of Basalt and refuel for the next 13 miles of climbing up to Ruedi Reservoir. At 1.5%, it seems like a false flat until the grade picks up for the final mile. At the top, enjoy the lake views you worked so hard for—the only thing better is our lunch at an iconic local hangout that serves the best tamales in the valley (and their margaritas are icing on the cake). Tonight we'll let you explore Aspen's great restaurant selection; your guides are happy to make recommendations or reservations.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch

Destinations: Basalt, Ruedi Reservoir, Woody Creek

Accomplished: 60 miles / 97 km, elevation gain: 3,060 feet / 933 meters

Shorter Option: 33 miles / 55 km, elevation gain: 1,919 feet / 585 meters

Accommodations: [The Little Nell](#) or [Hotel Jerome](#)

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Choose Your Mountain Adventure

Today you're spoiled for choice when it comes to exploring the Rockies. Can't get enough road riding? Take a fast loop over to Snowmass, another nearby resort known for its epic wintertime runs. Want to try some mountain or e-mountain biking? Your guides can arrange a great backcountry route. Want to hit the trails on foot? Hike up to one of the surrounding summits or peaceful mountain lakes. There's also plenty of time to hit the hotel spa, explore Aspen, or meet a retired miner at a local silver mine for a fascinating tour. Tonight we'll gather for a final private dinner, prepared especially for us by our favorite local chef.

Meals: Breakfast / Lunch / Dinner

Destinations: Aspen, Snowmass, Brush Creek

Accomplished: 27 miles / 43 km, elevation gain: 2,644 feet / 806 meters

Other Options: Full- or half-day hiking, mountain biking, or stand-up paddleboarding

Accommodations: [The Little Nell](#) or [Hotel Jerome](#)

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Independence Pass

No bike trip to Aspen is complete without the big one: at 12,095 feet, Independence Pass indisputably falls under the "bucket list" category. We'll start the 18-mile climb from Aspen, with grades that kick up to 6-7% for long stretches. The views of shimmering mountain lakes and snow-capped peaks provide some welcome distraction and invite a sense of awe. For your triumphant finish, breeze back down to the hotel where a well-earned brunch is waiting. After, we'll say our farewells and send you off to your next adventure.

Meals: Breakfast / Brunch

Destinations: Aspen, Independence Pass

Accomplished: 39 miles / 63 km, elevation gain: 4,251 feet / 1,296 meters

Shorter Option: 19 miles / 31 km, elevation gain: 4,202 feet / 1,281 meters
