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14 *INCREDIBLE*

# CYCLING ADVENTURES

AROUND THE WORLD



DISCOVER THE MOST EPIC RIDES ON THE PLANET







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## INDULGE YOUR SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE

At Ride & Seek, we don't use the word 'epic' lightly. With over 25 years of designing and leading bike tours across the globe, we've honed in on what makes the most extraordinary adventures. An epic bike tour should include:

**Spectacular Scenery:** Traverse some of the planet's most breathtaking landscapes.

**Unique Cultural Immersion:** Dive deep into the heart and soul of each region you visit.

**Rich Historical Insights:** Uncover the fascinating history woven into every mile of your journey.

**Delicious Food & Wine:** Savor the flavors of each destination, indulging in culinary delights along the way.

Every ride had to check these boxes to make our list of the most incredible cycling adventures around the world.

Why trust Ride & Seek? We were the first to pioneer epic, luxury, historical-based bike tours back in 2011 — and we've been setting the standard ever since.

**If you have any questions, please reach out. Your next great adventure could be only a few clicks away!**

## WHICH TOUR IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

To help you navigate which tour is for you, we've included an espresso grading system: **the more espresso shots you need to complete the journey, the more challenging the ride.**

### DUE ESPRESSI ☕☕

**Who am I:** I ride my bike on a regular basis for fitness, to commute, or just for fun. I enjoy an active lifestyle and a physical challenge.

### TRE ESPRESSI ☕☕☕

**Who am I:** Fitness is a central part of my life. I ride weekly and am comfortable with rides of 2 hours or more at a relatively strong tempo. I like a physical challenge and like to get my heart pumping.

### QUATTRO ESPRESSI ☕☕☕☕

**Who am I:** I ride on average at least 160km per week and enjoy riding at a fast pace for extended periods. I love to push my physical limits.









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# 1. CRO-MAGNON

LYON TO BORDEAUX



**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 1086 km / 675 mi

**ELEVATION:** 12336 m / 40475 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 20 days / 19 nights

Indulge in a remarkable gastronomic odyssey through France, a country where mesmerizing landscapes and prehistoric sites come together in a spectacular showcase.

This epic bike adventure gets its name for the cave art of the Cro-Magnon, early Homo sapiens dating from the Upper Paleolithic Period.

This cycling adventure stands out by allowing participants to savor the highlights of French cuisine, stroll through some of the country's most beautiful villages, and navigate through majestic valleys, all while visiting well-preserved prehistoric sites.

From the culinary capital of Lyon to the wine mecca of Bordeaux, France knows how to pack a punch.

- Encounter ancient cave paintings and cave sites that demonstrated the evolutionary path of mankind.
- Canoe through the spectacular Gorges de l'Ardèche
- Cross the wild and enchanting Cevennes region
- Cycle the road less travelled through the Dordogne region
- Celebrate the end of your tour in St Emilion and Bordeaux

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)







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## 2. RECONQUISTA

CORDOBA TO FEZ



Trace the captivating legacy of the Moorish conquest on a cycling journey from Fes to Cordoba. This route leads adventurers through a fascinating blend of UNESCO Heritage sites, archaeological wonders, and the vibrant cultures of Morocco and southern Spain.

Along the route, cyclists will navigate past lush olive groves, sprawling vineyards, whitewashed villages, and the picturesque towns and valleys of Morocco. Off the bike, the journey offers culinary delights—savor aromatic tagines and couscous dishes in Morocco, and unwind with fresh mint tea and traditional Spanish tapas.

The architectural, cultural, and geographical discoveries along the way provide a deep understanding of the complex history that has shaped the Iberian Peninsula.

- Enjoy challenging cycling through the Sierra Nevada mountain range
- Discover the Alhambra, a stunning palace and fortress complex
- Stay in traditional riads, Moroccan-style guesthouses known for their intricately designed courtyards, mosaic tiles, and serene atmosphere.
- Relax in hammams and enjoy wellness treatments to rejuvenate

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**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 929 km / 577 mi

**ELEVATION:** 12595 m / 38609 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 26 days / 25 nights







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## 3. IRON CURTAIN

BERLIN TO BUDAPEST



On this unforgettable cycling journey through Central Europe, experience five capitals and five distinct cultures, each bearing witness to a historic period that reshaped the world.

Starting in Berlin, where the fall of the Wall marked the dawn of a new era, the route traces the path of the Iron Curtain, bridging the divide between communism and democratic capitalism.

Ride through landscapes steeped in history, from the remnants of the Soviet Union to the vibrant capitals of the West. This epic adventure offers a unique perspective on the tumultuous events that defined the 20th century, making it a must for any avid cyclist and history enthusiast alike.

- Pedal through the remnants of history as you traverse the Berlin Wall and its Checkpoint Charlie, symbolic of the Iron Curtain divide that once separated East and West.
- Embark on a culinary journey through Central Europe, savoring the world's best beers, from German wheat brews to Czech Pilsners, each town boasting its own brewery and unique flavor profile.
- Immerse yourself in the architectural splendor of Prague and Budapest, UNESCO World Heritage sites that offer a blend of medieval charm and modern vibrancy along your cycling route.

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**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 1454 km / 904 mi

**ELEVATION:** 8596 m / 28203 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 19 days / 18 nights







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## 4. 3 ISLANDS

CORSICA, SARDINIA, SICILY



Looking for the perfect island cycling trip? This very well may be it.

Ride along spectacular coastal roads as you uncover the unique history of three sun-kissed Mediterranean islands: Corsica, Sardinia, and Sicily.

The exceptional diversity of the islands is represented through the numerous civilisations and cultures that have left their mark, the amazing gastronomic variations, the strikingly rugged interior landscapes paired with stunning coastlines of white beaches and emerald waters, and locals with an incredibly strong sense of place.

It's some of the best cycling Europe has to offer — with day after day of stunning coastline views.

- Sample some of Italy's rarest wines in Sardinia, an island with a winemaking history to rival the Greeks
- Visit ancient historic sites going back 6000 years
- Listen to the traditional Sardinian throat singing
- Marvel at UNESCO World Heritage sites
- Dine in the shadow of the Temple of Athena
- Explore the charming backstreets of bustling towns like Palermo, Siracusa, and Ragusa.

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**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 1788 km / 1111 mi

**ELEVATION:** 24878 m / 81621 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 25 days / 24 nights







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## 5. SAMURAI

MT. FUJI, HONSHU AND SHIKOKU



There's nothing quite like experiencing Japan from a bike, and this epic tour across Mt. Fuji, Honshu and Shikoku offers a unique glimpse into the culture and landscapes that make Japan so iconic.

Traverse the main island of Honshu, where centuries-old castles and picturesque towns await. Pedal through the rugged landscapes of the Kii and Izu peninsulas, echoing with the legacy of Samurai warriors.

Soak up Kyoto's serene temples before tackling Shikoku Island's breathtaking terrain, from the majestic Iya Gorge to the summit of Mt Ishizuchi. Finally, conclude your adventure on the famed Shimanami Kaido, crossing suspension bridges with panoramic views of the inland sea.

- Visit the famous Nachi Falls, Japan's tallest waterfall, and the Seiganto-ji Temple, which offers spectacular views through this ancient valley.
- Discover the ancient art of cormorant fishing on the Nagragawa River in Gifu City.
- Share your route with pilgrims travelling in homage to the Buddhist saint, Kobo Daishi and visit some of the 88 temples that make up this 1,200-year-old pilgrimage.
- Climb over the highest mountain in Western Japan – Mt Ishizuchi!

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 2284 km / 1419 mi

**ELEVATION:** 31219 m / 102428 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 39 days / 38 nights



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## 6. MAORI

NEW ZEALAND



Riding through New Zealand's spectacular landscapes should be on every cyclist's bucket list — and this epic bike tour takes you through some of the country's most scenic spots, from the steaming geothermal fields of the North Island to the towering, snowy peaks of the Southern Alps.

With a land area comparable to that of the United Kingdom but a population of just 5 million, this tour ventures along the road less traveled into the Southern Hemisphere. The journey is steeped in the rich heritage of Maori culture, providing an intriguing backdrop as you explore. New Zealand's unique flora and fauna, coupled with its remarkable landscapes and vibrant cultural tapestry, make every mile an unforgettable discovery.

Along the way, marvel at volcanoes, wild, untouched coastlines, and lush valleys that make you feel you've entered another world. As you travel south, each day concludes in the warm hospitality of hand-picked hotels and lodges, where you can relax with a glass of fine local wine and dishes prepared with the freshest seafood and seasonal produce. You'll also:

- Cycling along the rolling coastline of Queen Charlotte Sound.
- Ride through pristine nature in numerous World Heritage National parks.
- Cycling up Mt Mount Ruapehu, a still active volcano and in winter the biggest ski field the southern hemisphere.

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 2052 km / 1275 mi

**ELEVATION:** 22047 m / 72336 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 24 days / 23 nights







## 7. MARCO POLO

LAKE BLEED TO ATHENS



When we first created our Marco Polo route in 2020, it was one of our most ambitious rides yet. Now, we're enhancing it even further with a new itinerary that takes you through some of the Balkans' most stunning and remote, off-the-beaten-track landscapes.

This reimagined tour doesn't retrace Marco Polo's exact path—instead, it embraces a more adventurous approach. Beginning at the shimmering Lake Bled in Slovenia, the route winds through alpine valleys, rolling countryside, and the dramatic mountain passages of the Balkans. While moving beyond strict historical constraints, the tour stays true to its essence: an immersive cycling experience that celebrates exploration and discovery.

One of the standout highlights of this new route is Albania, a destination that's been generating serious buzz. With the prestigious Giro d'Italia kicking off here this year, our updated itinerary ventures inland to uncover the charm, intrigue, and UNESCO treasures of this beguiling country.

- Pedal through Slovenia's emerald landscapes, passing Lake Bled's iconic island church and medieval castle.
- Enjoy challenging but rewarding mountain passes with sweeping vistas of the Velebit mountain range.
- Experience the culinary delights of the region, sampling local specialties like Albanian tavë kosi and Greek moussaka.

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 1900 km / 1181 mi

**ELEVATION:** 26365 m / 86500 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 31 days / 30 nights







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## 8. STRZELECKI

SYDNEY TO HOBART



In the spirit of Sir Paul Edmund de Strzelecki, a pioneering explorer who embarked on a monumental 1839 expedition from Sydney through Australia's rugged Great Dividing Range, the Strzelecki Tour retraces his epic five-month journey.

This challenging bike tour tackles Australia's most iconic climbs, including the ascent of Mt. Kosciuszko, the country's highest peak, which Strzelecki himself scaled and named. From the historic ski town of Thredbo in the Snowy Mountains to the lush, fern-filled Yarra Ranges, each pedal stroke follows in the footsteps of adventure.

Venture further as the tour explores bushranger country along the scenic Murray River, before climbing Mt. Hotham, the highest sealed road in Australia. The tour's climax comes with a journey across the Bass Strait to Tasmania, where wild beauty and historical intrigue await on one of the world's most visually stunning cycling routes, finishing in the charismatic city of Hobart.

- Cycle the length of the Great Dividing Range from the Pacific Ocean to the Southern Ocean
- Climb Mt Kosciuszko and enjoy the 360-degree views on top of Australia
- See Australia's wildlife, its vibrant birdlife, the kangaroos that dot the fields in the mornings and the wombats that appear at the day's end

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 2222 km / 1381 mi

**ELEVATION:** 25097 m / 82345 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 26 days / 25 nights







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## 9. SULTANS TRAIL

VIENNA TO ISTANBUL



Embark on a transformative journey tracing the footsteps of Sultan Suleiman along the Sultan's Trail. This historic route winds through five countries, shaped by diverse civilizations, offering a tapestry of history, nature, and culture. Delve into ancient cities, traverse majestic landscapes, and immerse yourself in the vibrant tapestry of cultures along the way.

From bustling markets to tranquil countryside, each step unveils new surprises and insights. Completing the Sultan's Trail not only fills your passport with stamps but also earns you the prestigious Ferman Register certificate, symbolizing your accomplishment in traversing this remarkable path. Prepare for an unforgettable cultural adventure, where every mile is infused with the legacy of empires and the spirit of exploration. Join us as we journey through time and space, discovering the endless variety and richness of the Sultan's Trail.

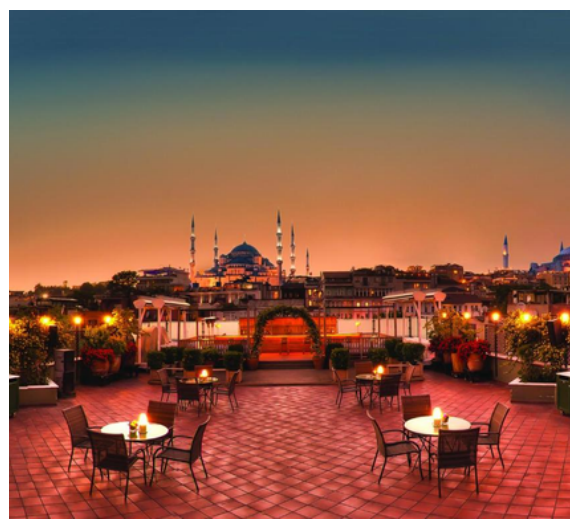
- Ride through 5 countries, from the West to the East and feel the traces that the many different civilizations left on this route.
- Climb the beautiful Serbian mountains and find the Monastery Manasija, with its immense walls and towers.
- Relax and recharge in the famous thermal baths and spas in Budapest, the City of Spas.

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 397 km / 247 mi

**ELEVATION:** 5874 m / 1927 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 7 days / 6 nights







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## 10. NORSEMEN

TROMSØ TO BERGEN



Cycling from the Lofoten Islands to Bergen offers a captivating journey through Norway's dramatic landscapes and breathtaking natural beauty. Starting above the Arctic Circle, the route traverses rugged coastlines and quaint fishing villages, showcasing the raw beauty of the Lofoten Islands.

From Trondheim, known for its vibrant history, you embark on the scenic Trollstigen, with its panoramic views and serpentine roads. The ride continues through the majestic Geirangerfjord, a UNESCO World Heritage site, characterized by steep cliffs and cascading waterfalls, offering stunning vistas that epitomize Norway's natural splendor.

The journey concludes in Bergen, where the historic and colorful wooden houses of Bryggen Wharf illustrate the city's rich maritime heritage. This cycling tour not only reveals Norway's breathtaking landscapes but also weaves through areas rich with Norse heritage, reflecting a deep connection to the past amid the stunning natural scenery.

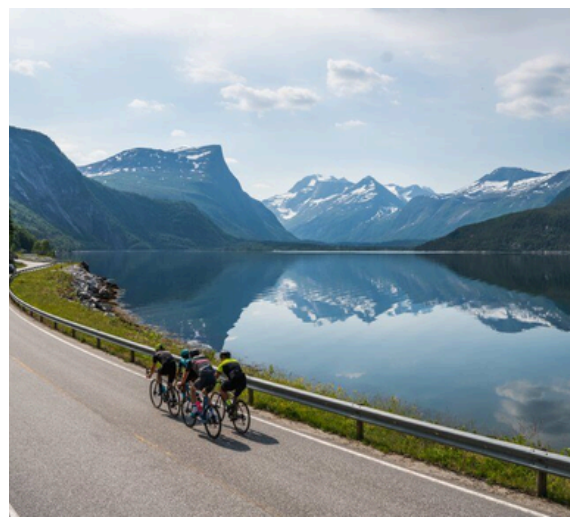
- Test your endurance on the Troll's Path, a serpentine mountain road that offers a thrilling climb
- Journey through some of the world's most spectacular scenery, from the dramatic fjords of Geiranger to the pristine arctic beauty of the Lofoten Islands,

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 1680 km / 1044 mi

**ELEVATION:** 21587 km / 1044 mi

**TOTAL DAYS:** 24 days / 23 nights







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# 11. HANNIBAL

BIARRITZ TO ALBA



Journey back in time on the Hannibal – Classic Climbs of the Pyrenees and Alps Tour, a cycling expedition from Biarritz to Alba that traces one of history's most audacious military maneuvers. This route challenges riders with the formidable climbs of the Pyrenees and Alps, closely mirroring the path Hannibal Barca took to challenge Rome.

As the journey unfolds through France and Italy, cyclists are treated to some of Europe's most celebrated and visually stunning touring routes. The tour is thoughtfully divided into two stages, each offering a rich blend of scenic beauty and historical depth.

Riders will cycle past the breathtaking vistas of the Grand Tours and through the verdant vineyards of Languedoc, Provence, and Piedmont. This route is more than a physical challenge; it's an immersive experience in the landscapes, history, and culture of these legendary regions, echoing the bold strategic moves of Hannibal in 218 BC—a venture that came close to altering the course of Western civilization.

- Cycle some of the world's best ridgelines through Barolo country in the Langhe hills.
- Marvel at the engineering masterpiece that is the Pont du Gard
- Ride between the vines of some of Europe's great wine producers with plenty of opportunities for taste-testing after a long day's ride

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 1838 km / 1142 mi

**ELEVATION:** 32648 m / 107119 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 23 days / 21 nights







## 12. BOLIVAR

BOGOTA TO CARTAGENA



Cycling from Bogotá to Cartagena offers an exhilarating glimpse into Colombia's diverse landscapes and rich culture. This route takes you from the lively streets of Bogotá up the challenging Alto de Letras climb, known for its rigorous ascent, and down into the welcoming arms of cities like Medellín and the colonial beauty of Villa de Leyva.

The journey weaves through the lush Coffee Triangle, where the aroma of fresh coffee envelops you, and concludes in Cartagena, where historic charm meets Caribbean coastline. Along the way, you'll experience firsthand the warm hospitality of locals, enjoy traditional Colombian cuisine, and delve into the country's history, particularly the legacy of Simon Bolivar, who shaped Colombia's path to independence.

This cycling adventure showcases Colombia's passion for cycling, reflected in its vibrant cycling community and world-class athletes like Nairo Quintana and Egan Bernal.

- Tackle the iconic Alto de Letras and explore varied landscapes
- Immerse yourself in Colombia's deep-rooted history while tracing the legacy of Simon Bolivar.
- Experience the warm hospitality of the Colombian people, savor traditional dishes, and discover the aromatic coffee in the world-renowned Coffee Triangle

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** Inquire for details

**ELEVATION:** Inquire for details

**TOTAL DAYS:** 17 days / 16 nights







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## 13. CAESAR

LONDON TO ROME



Spanning six European countries, the Caesar Tour combines historical exploration, culinary delights, and cultural immersion. Cyclists on this epic journey traverse diverse landscapes, from rolling hills to historic city centers, connecting deeply with the continent's rich past and vibrant present.

Starting at the iconic white cliffs of Dover, the tour makes its way across the English Channel and dives into the heart of France. Cyclists wind through the storied roads of the Classics, the vineyards of Champagne, and the culinary capitals of Burgundy.

Crossing into Switzerland, the adventure continues through the majestic Alps and into the scenic wonders of Italy. The Italian leg of the journey is a feast for the senses, traversing the chic shores of Lake Como, the dramatic peaks of the Dolomites, and the historic canals of Venice. The crossing of the Rubicon marks a pivotal point in the tour, echoing Julius Caesar's irreversible leap into history, before rolling through the lush landscapes of Tuscany and into the rugged terrain of Lazio, culminating in the eternal city of Rome.

- Experience a perfect blend of history, culture, and gastronomic delights
- Cycle through a vast array of dramatic landscapes
- Retrace Caesar's footsteps while soaking up the highlights of western Europe

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 3143 km / 1953 mi

**ELEVATION:** 34141 m / 112015 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 36 days / 35 nights







# 14. NAPOLEON

PARIS TO TALLINN



The Napoleon Europe Bike Trip is a journey of epic proportions, stretching across seven countries and two continents — and an absolute must-include on any list of epic bike tours around the world.

This adventure retraces the formidable march of Napoleon's Grande Armée, offering a unique blend of historical intrigue and breathtaking scenery.

One of the largest and most expansive tours available, it invites cyclists to traverse a landscape rich with history, culture, and natural beauty.

Starting in Paris then venturing to the lush Champagne region of France, riders pedal through castle-clad hills in southern Germany and UNESCO-protected medieval villages in Poland. The route then leads adventurers to the windswept shores of the North Sea, cutting eastward through the majestic lakes of Poland and the verdant landscapes of the Baltics.

- Experience fairy-tale castles, green rolling hills, and beautiful historic villages
- Cycle the length of Poland, an undiscovered cycling gem
- Enjoy expansive views and quiet roads in the Balkans

[Learn more about this bike tour here.](#)

**TOTAL DISTANCE:** 3693 km / 2238 mi

**ELEVATION:** 24517 m / 77762 ft

**TOTAL DAYS:** 36 days / 35 nights







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## THE RIDE & SEEK EXPERIENCE

At Ride and Seek, we believe cycling is about much more than traveling from point A to point B...

It's about finding your tribe, boosting your health, rediscovering joy in the everyday, and indulging your spirit of adventure.

Our tours connect you deeply with different cultures and immerse you in the historical essence of each place you visit.

We see the cycle tour journey as the perfect conduit to help you achieve your own purpose, whether it's personal growth, fitness, or exploration. Our role is to provide unrivaled support, handling the mundane details so you can focus fully on enjoying the journey.

Interest in learning more about any of the epic bike tours included in this roundup?

**[Get in touch with us today to start planning your next ride of a lifetime.](#)**

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*This was my first R&S tour, but not my last! They have a unique niche in creating these Epic Journeys. It greatly added to the feeling of accomplishment knowing we were covering the first half of Marco Polo's journey. Hotels reflected the character of each region, and most of the meals were excellent. Guides had a great attitude and went over and above the call of duty every day, in dealing with e-bike issues, special requests, etc.*

Robin S – Marco Polo

