



## TOUR PROSPECTUS

This prospectus sets out the contents of the tour and together with the Booking Conditions and Booking Form is the basis of our contract with you.

### **USA – Colorado** **29 June - 15 July 2012** **Tour 1233**

This will be a moving-on tour through the state of Colorado with a support vehicle for luggage transfer. Situated in the Rocky Mountains in the mid west of the continent, Colorado boasts some of the world's most glorious scenery. America is a great place to cycle tour, and every year thousands of American cyclists head for the Rocky Mountains to enjoy the fabulous mountain views.

#### **Itinerary**

Fri 29 June	Fly from London Heathrow on British Airways flight BA219 to Denver, departing at 1605 and arriving at 1850. Transfer to Colorado Springs. Stay two nights.
Sat 30 June	Free day in Colorado Springs.
Sun 1 July	Cycle to Cripple Creek. Stay one night. (47 miles)
Mon 2 July	Cycle to Canon City. Stay one night. (49 miles)
Tue 3 July	Cycle to Salida. Stay one night. (60 miles)
Wed 4 July	Cycle to Gunnison. Stay one night. (60 miles)
Thur 5 July	Cycle to Crawford. Stay one night. (66 miles)
Fri 6 July	Cycle to Paonia. Stay one night. (15 miles)
Sat 7 July	Cycle to Carbondale. Stay one night. (60 miles)
Sun 8 July	Cycle to Aspen. Stay one night. (30 miles)
Mon 9 July	Cycle to Leadville. Stay one night. (60 miles)
Tues 10 July	Cycle to Frisco. Stay one night. (30 miles)
Wed 11 July	Cycle to Empire. Stay one night. (45 miles)
Thurs 12 July	Cycle to Grand Lake. Stay one night. (55 miles)
Fri 13 July	Cycle to Estes Park. Pack bikes for return flight. Stay one night. (44 miles)
Sat 14 July	Coach transfer to Denver for return British Airways flight BA218 to London Heathrow, departing 2040.
Sun 15 July	Arrive London Heathrow approx 1230.

#### **Accommodation**

All nights will be spent in motels or inns with ensuite facilities. Breakfasts are included, though not always at the accommodation.



## Price £2099

The price is based on a minimum number of 16 participants taking part in the tour and is calculated at a rate of US\$1.53 to £1 sterling (based on exchange rates published on [www.x-rates.com](http://www.x-rates.com) on 21 Sept 2011; please note Booking Conditions, clause 4). If there are insufficient bookings by the closing date of 25 November 2012, we will contact you and return all monies paid, though in certain circumstances the tour may still run at below minimum numbers but at the same price.

### Price includes:

- Return flights from London Heathrow to Denver, Colorado
- Coach transfers between airport and hotels in Colorado Springs and Estes Park
- 15 nights motel / inn accommodation, sharing rooms, on a breakfast only basis
- Vehicle for the transfer of luggage and support on cycling days
- CTC Cycling Holidays & Tours costs

### Price does not include:

- Travel to and from London Heathrow airport
- Any meals or refreshments other than breakfasts
- Entry fees at any attractions
- Any other personal expenses
- Travel Insurance
- ESTA cost – budget £15

## Payment schedule

A deposit of £300 per person must accompany the Booking Form, with a second payment of £600 per person due on 1 February 2012, and the final balance of £1199 per person to be paid ten weeks prior to departure, by 21 April 2012. Cheques should be made payable to **CTC Tours**, or complete the credit/debit card slip in the booking pack.

## Cancellations

Should you be forced to cancel your booking for any reason you must notify us in writing. Cancellation charges are as follows:

Written notice received:	Cancellation charge:
Before 1 February 2012	Deposit (£ 300)
1 February 2012 to 20 April 2012	43% (£ 900)
21 April 2012 through to departure	100% (£2099)

## To make a booking

Complete, sign and return the Booking Form together with your deposit and the relevant part of the Insurance Declaration Form **directly to the leader** (address on Booking Form).

### Passports, Visas and Health

EU citizens must hold a passport that is valid on for 90 days from their date of entry to the USA and must have an ESTA authority to enter the country (obtained online). Holders of non-EU passports are advised to check whether they require a visa.

There are no compulsory health-related requirements for UK residents, but you are strongly advised to check that your tetanus protection has not expired.

### Travel Insurance

It is a condition of booking that you are adequately insured for this tour.

Whether you already hold a policy or will be taking out a new one, the cover it offers must be comparable to that stated in clause 8 of the Booking Conditions, and you must complete the enclosed Insurance Declaration Form and return it with your Booking Form.

CTC Cycling Holidays & Tours Ltd can accept no responsibility for any costs you may incur due to insufficient insurance cover.

## LEADER'S INFORMATION SHEET

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#### The area and terrain

The state of Colorado is located in the mid west of America, the western half being dominated by the Rocky Mountains. It is this beautiful environment that we shall explore.

Colorado is a fabulous place to cycle. Roads are designed for ease of travel; they are usually in excellent repair, and are well graded. An added bonus is that many roads have wide shoulders, almost providing a cycle lane.

The route will include a variety of terrains, with some days flatter, others more undulating and some involving long climbs. There are a number of passes that we shall cross, and participants must feel comfortable climbing gradients of 5-9% over several miles. The highest pass that we shall climb is Independence Pass, at 12,095ft above sea level, and the route goes over Trail Ridge Road which, at 12,183ft, boasts the title of highest continual surfaced highway in the United States. There are several other passes over 10,000ft. However, Colorado is a high state, with Denver sitting at 5280ft, and thus we will be climbing from a high base.

After a day in Colorado Springs to acclimatise to the elevation difference and recover a little from jet-lag, the route will head west into the Rocky Mountains and to Cripple Creek, a former mining centre. Passing Royal Canyon, you can visit the suspension bridge spanning the canyon 1500ft above it. We cross the Continental Divide for the first time heading for Gunnison, then press onwards to Aspen, famous for skiing but also a popular summer resort. Over the Continental Divide again, we ride onto Leadville, a former mining town with its main street seemingly taken out of a western. The route passes the ski resort of Breckenridge before we head into the Rocky Mountain National Park, which has an outstanding portion of the Front Range of the Rocky Mountains. The final day takes us over Trail Ridge Road, 11 miles of which are above the treeline.



#### Rides and rest days

This tour is suitable for experienced cyclists able to ride distances up to 60 miles. You may cycle at your own pace, taking time to explore and take photographs. We do not attempt to keep everyone together as one group but generally riders form smaller groups of similar ability. There is a rest day at the beginning of the tour to allow for acclimatisation and jet-lag. For the remainder of the tour, we will move on every day, but some days are short to allow for recovery. There will be room for a couple of people and bikes on the support vehicle in an emergency.

You will enjoy this holiday more if you prepare by riding on a regular basis during the weeks leading up to the tour.

Detailed route descriptions will be sent with the final tour information approximately 3 weeks before the tour starts.

#### Accommodation / Meals

All motels and Inns will be of a good standard with one or two large beds in each room and private facilities. As single rooms in America are charged at nearly the same rate as a double room, all rooms are offered on a two-sharing basis. Generous 'continental' breakfasts will be included at some of the

motels, but otherwise the group will eat at a local diner. Participants are responsible for all their own lunches and evening meals, for which there is an excellent choice and very reasonably priced.

### **Group information**

The maximum group size will be approximately 20 (including the leaders).

### **Weather, clothing and altitude**

At this time of year the weather can range from pleasantly warm to quite chilly, and rain is a possibility, thus you should carry sufficient clothing to ensure that you can remain warm and (reasonably) dry. Suncream is recommended.

Most of the higher passes are towards the end of the tour and we should be fully acclimatised by then. Due to the higher altitude, it is recommended that you take it steady for the first few days, possibly even cycling slower than usual, and drink plenty of water.

### **Cycles / Equipment**

A touring cycle, hybrid or lightweight ATB with road tyres would be suitable for this tour, but do make sure that it is in good working order, with good brakes, and that you are able to carry what you require on a day ride – camera, snacks, extra clothing, sun screen etc. Gears of 27 inches or less are recommended. Lights will not be needed, but please bring a cycle lock. Each rider or couple is expected to bring sufficient spare parts and tools to take care of their own minor repairs. Helmets are not mandatory but if you do **not** intend to wear one, please check that your travel insurance will cover you in the event of a claim.

### **Money**

US Dollars can be obtained in the UK. Credit/debit cards are widely accepted.

### **Maps**

Route sheets will be provided shortly before the tour. State tourist maps should be obtainable once you arrive in Colorado, and free local tourist maps are often available in the lobbies of motels and restaurants.

### **Travel Insurance and Advice**

Make sure you have read Clause 8 in the Booking Conditions. Before booking you should check the Foreign Office 'Travel Advice by Country' at [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk) or on 0845 850 2829.

### **About the leaders**

We are both enthusiastic cyclists and have been CTC members for 20 years. We have led tours to many worldwide destinations, and each year we look forward to the reunion with regular travelling companions but also get great satisfaction from introducing new members to the unique camaraderie of CTC holidays. We do not have a set style of leadership but adapt to suit the needs of the group. We encourage all prospective participants to contact us to talk through the tour prior to booking.

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