

HeartCycle Bicycle Touring Club

Paso Robles, CA—Riding and Kayaking

- Dates:** Orientation meeting Saturday, April 10, 2027. Riding Sunday, April 11–Saturday, April 17, with departure on Sunday, April 18 (lodging last night included).
- Leaders:** Cindy Alvarez, Helayn Storch;
SAGs: Martha MacCormack, Danna Korak
- Rating:** Intermediate-Advanced. Options to make the tour entirely intermediate are available. heartcycle.org/tour-ratings
- Distance/gain:** Approximately 400 miles with up to 23,400 feet of elevation gain
- Riders:** 24 (not including leaders)
- Price:** \$2,900 (double occupancy). \$700 due at registration. Balance due by January 10, 2027. Single supplement +\$1,400.
- Cancellation:** [Standard cancellation policy](#)

Travel insurance is strongly recommended.

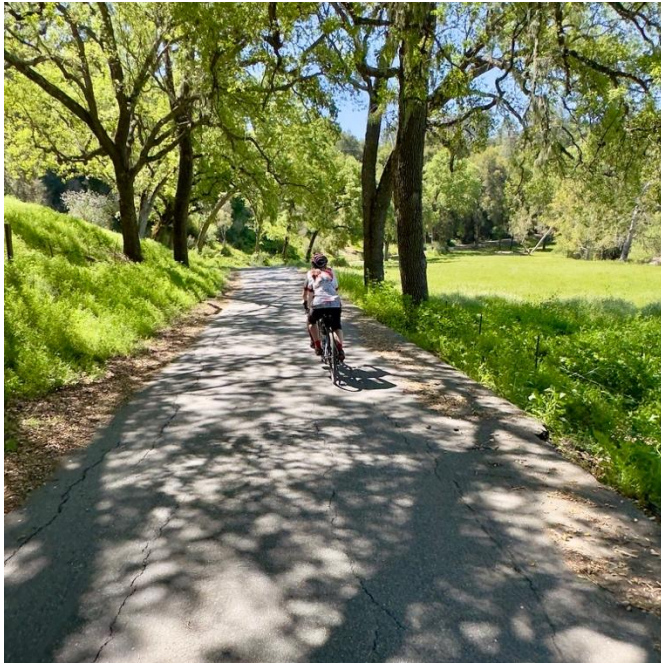
OVERVIEW

Paso Robles Wine Country has been one of HeartCycle's most popular fixed-base tours, and we hope that you can join us in 2027. Paso Robles, Spanish for "the Pass of Oaks," is one of California's fastest growing wine regions, located approximately halfway between San Francisco and Los Angeles, and just 30 miles from a beautiful section of the California coastline.

Springtime here is a gorgeous time of prolific wildflowers and new vines beginning to bloom. This area is home to more than 300 wineries, with award-winning wines and world-class restaurants. More than 40 wine-grape varieties are grown in Paso. In addition to wineries, the area is known for its distilleries, walnut, olive oil, and cheese tasting



rooms. Much of our riding is on quiet, windy, rolling backroads through



vineyards, farms, and oak-lined lanes. The daily mileage is approximately 50 miles with 2,100–4,900 ft of elevation gain. We will have one day off to explore the town or go wine tasting. Since this is a fixed-base tour, you do not have to ride every day but can choose instead to stay in town. We also have options to shorten two riding days. This tour is great for non-riding partners. The weather in April averages from a low of 40 to the mid-70s, making this a great start to your springtime riding.

We will also be spending one day kayaking in Morro Bay (included in the tour cost). Paddling through the wildlife-filled waters of Morro Bay in the morning and then having a picnic lunch on the pristine sand dunes at midday will truly be a memorable experience. After launching, our guided kayaking route may include possible visits to a seal haul-out area, a heron rookery, and an oyster farm, as well as chances to see otters.



Our hotel, the **Oxford Suites, Paso Robles**, serves a tasty hot breakfast and includes a free drink and snack happy hour. It also has an onsite restaurant

and lounge, pool, jacuzzi, laundry, and workout room. A short walk gets you to downtown Paso Robles' many shops and restaurants. The hotel has a shuttle service that can be used to travel within 5 miles of the hotel; an additional cost is charged to go and from the San Luis Obispo Airport.

The tour includes snacks and lunch on the ride days, except for one lunch on day 2 that is self-pay. A group dinner is included in your registration; other dinners are on your own. Detailed route maps, cue sheets, and GPS files will be provided to tour participants. Routes, along with miles and climbing, are approximate and may not be identical to the following itinerary. Most roads are narrow with no shoulder, some are a bit rough, but traffic is light.

ITINERARY

Day 0: Saturday, April 10, 2027

Orientation. We will meet at the hotel for our orientation meeting in the conference room at 4:00pm. Get to explore Paso Robles and its many restaurants and attractions.

Day 1: Sunday, April 11

Tobin James Winery

50 miles and 2,630 feet of elevation gain

Today, we head south out of Paso Robles on quiet roads past many of the most popular wineries in the region. The lunch stop will be at **Tobin James Winery**, giving you a chance for a quick visit and sip. Any wine purchases that you make throughout the tour can be transported back to the hotel on the SAG vehicle. We return to our hotel in Paso Robles through many lovely vineyards on some of the quietest roads in the region.

Day 2: Monday, April 12

Sculpterra Loop

52 miles and 2,600 feet of elevation gain

We will travel south again today and pass through the town of Santa Margarita on quiet roads through many vineyards and ranches. Lunch will be at **Cass Winery**, where you will get to sample their food and



wine menu (participant pays). Our final stop will be at **Sculpterra Winery & Sculpture Garden** where you may want to spend some time taking in the incredible sculptures that fill the grounds surrounding the winery. They feature a fine portfolio of ultra-premium wines, fine art, and a multimillion-dollar sculpture garden to greet guests and make for a memorable wine-tasting experience.



Day 3: Tuesday, April 13

OPTION DAY

Relax and enjoy “Pasobilites” in and around Paso Robles or ride

- 54 miles and 4,300 feet of elevation gain to Lake Nacimiento (unsupported)
- Visit the coast—Cambria, Morrow Bay, Hearst Castle, Elephant Seals
- Tin City, a collection of small, artisanal producers who have set up shop in repurposed industrial buildings, creating a charming, eclectic mix of tasting rooms, breweries, wineries, and distilleries
- Estrella Warbird Air Museum
- Paso Robles Pioneer Museum
- Or just hang out and enjoy the shops and sites in this charming town.



Day 4: Wednesday, April 14

Peachy Canyon

48 miles and 4,400 feet of elevation gain

The Queen Stage of our tour.

Option to shorten this ride by 9 miles and approximately 1,100 feet of climbing.

This ride takes us west of Paso Robles into rolling hills on quiet backroads lined by ancient oaks. We travel through the Adelaide Wine District and pass many of our favorite wineries on this route including Adelaide, Daou, Halter Ranch, Justin, and Opolo. Our lunch stop is at [Opolo Winery](#). A catered luncheon will be served at this winery (included in registration), which was established in 1999 and is most known for fine Zinfandels, Cabernets, and elegant whites.

Day 5: Thursday, April 15

Kayaking and Picnic Lunch

Pack appropriately for what could be a cool day. We should experience many fun sea otters who enjoy life in Morro Bay. We'll finish our guided kayaking tour with a picnic lunch on the sand dunes.

Day 6: Friday, April 16

San Andreas Fault, Parkfield Lodge

67 miles and 4,200 feet of elevation gain

A shorter option will be available today that reduces the ride by 25 miles and 1,100 feet of climbing. The full route starts at the hotel. This is an out-and-back ride to the Parkfield Ranch and Cafe, where we will enjoy a delicious BBQ lunch. Parkfield is known as the "Earthquake Capital of the World," because the town sits astride the San Andreas Fault and is one of the most heavily studied earthquake areas in the world. You can actually see the fault from your saddle. We will encounter little traffic and many miles of beautiful backroads.

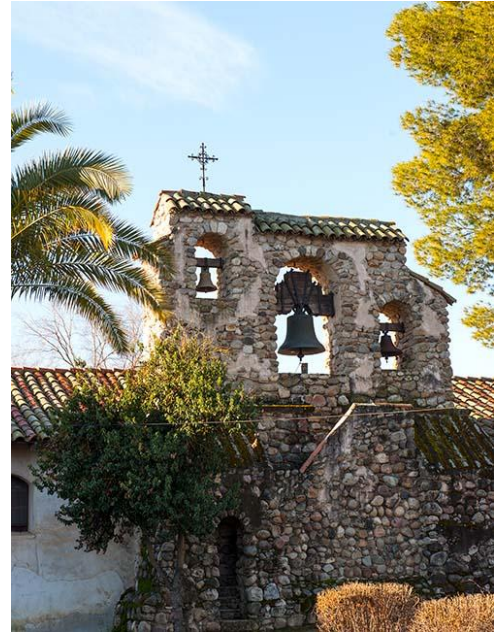


Day 7: Saturday, April 17

Hog Canyon & Mission San Miguel

46 miles and 2,200 feet of elevation gain

This route heads northeast into Hog Canyon and back along the Salinas River, the world's largest underground river, called the "upside down river" by locals. Lunch is at the Mission San Miguel Arcángel. The mission was established on July 25, 1797, put on the National Register of Historic Places in 1971, and named a National Historic Landmark in 2006. This authentic mission is one of the jewels of the California mission chain. The picturesque colonnade that leads to the church contains 12 arches of different sizes and shapes—unique among the California missions. Rich in vibrantly painted fresco murals, an all-seeing Eye-of-God tops the altar. The expansive cemetery on the east side of the church is one of the largest remaining original mission-era "campo santo" (cemetery). Over 2,000 Native Americans were buried here. San Miguel has collected an



awesome number of mission-era and post mission-era artifacts on display in the museum and on the grounds of the mission. One of the most interesting artifacts that has been preserved is part of a tree trunk that has an embedded cross carved into it. Crosses were carved into trees along "The King

Highway" to signal the approach of a mission. A ride around the full perimeter of the adobe-walled mission will give you a good sense of the scale of the average California mission complexes, many of which are now much reduced in size.

Your last night's stay is included.



Sunday, April 18

Say goodbye to your old and new friends. Gather your booty of Paso wines and memories and travel on with a smile.

TRAVEL INFO:

- United, American, Delta, and Alaska Airlines serve San Luis Obispo Airport. Hotel shuttle available, by reservation.
- Amtrak's Coast Starlight makes stops daily southbound and northbound in San Luis Obispo.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- For those traveling from the Denver metro area, the Sprinter will be available to transport bicycles (\$150 roundtrip). A lottery may be needed if the demand exceeds available space.
- Electric bicycles and tandems, please read the answer to the FAQ: *Are e-bikes and tandems allowed on HeartCycle tours?*
<https://www.heartcycle.org/frequently-asked-questions>.
- Bike rental is not readily available. Contact **Kman Cyclery Paso**.
- Front and rear lights are highly recommended due to windy rural roads.
- **Road surfaces and tire recommendation:** Most tour roads are in good condition, but some sections have older, rough, or crumbling pavement. For a smoother and more comfortable ride, consider using 28-mm tires or wider, based on your personal preference.

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