



# Mountain Biking Marin

*The Ultimate Bike Experience*

## Bay Area / Marin Cross Country Mountain Bike Adventure

### Program

#### **Thursday May 27, 2010 – Arrival to San Francisco International Airport**

Transportation from the San Francisco Airport to the first class Marin hotel will be provided. Estimated pick up time is 12 noon: tour participants, luggage and bikes will be transported to the Marin Hotel. Bike stands and bike tools will be available at the hotel to set up bikes including the rental bikes. All bikes and equipment should be ready for the first tour the following day.

Transportation is available for an optional visit to a local Marin brewery for beers and dinner. (Dinner and drinks are not included).

#### **Friday May 28, 2010 – The Marin Headlands & Visit to San Francisco**

After having breakfast at the hotel, lunch bags (gourmet deli sandwiches and snacks) for the ride will be distributed. The ride will start and end at the Marin hotel in Mill Valley. This ride will include pedaling on the paved road (about 15 minutes) to cute and cozy Mill Valley downtown followed by singletracks and fire roads to climb Mt. Tam and enjoy spectacular views of the Pacifica Ocean, San Francisco, the Bay, Marin, Mt. Tam and the East Bay including Berkeley and Oakland. We will be able to see the Farallon Islands and Mt. Diablo if we have good visibility. The estimated duration of the ride is 4-5 hours.

Optional San Francisco visit: Transportation will be provided for an optional visit to San Francisco that includes visiting touristic attractions e.g. Golden Gate bridge, Fisherman's Wharf, Chinatown, Italian Town (North Beach), Ghirardelli Square for yummy Sunday ice cream. We will have dinner in San Francisco (Dinner and drinks are not included).

#### **Saturday May 29, 2010 - China Camp State Park & Visit to Napa, the wine country**

After having breakfast at the hotel, lunch bags (gourmet deli sandwiches and snacks) for the ride will be distributed. Transportation will be provided to bring the group to China Camp State Park (about 15 minutes drive) for singletrack gluttony! Get ready for fun singletracks narrow and wide with wider and tight switchbacks going through tree forests, creeks, hills, and valleys. This

ride will be 100% singletracks trails. Transportation back to the hotel will be provided to check bikes and equipment so everything is ready for the tour next day. The estimated duration of the ride is 3-4 hours.

Optional Napa visit: Transportation will be provided for an optional wine tasting trip to Napa, the wine country, to experience and taste some of the finest Californian wines. We will have dinner at Napa. (Dinner and drinks are not included).

### **Sunday May 30, 2010 – Tamarancho & Fairfax**

After having breakfast at the hotel, lunch bags (gourmet deli sandwiches and snacks) for the ride will be distributed. Transportation will be provided to bring the group to the layback bike centered town of Fairfax, home town of National and International mountain bike champions like Rachel Lloyd, Marla Streb, Mark Weir, and Mary McConelough among many others (about 20 minutes drive). Get ready for more super fun singletracks with tight switchbacks, rolling hills, rock gardens, tree forests. This ride will also include riding around the West Marin area which is where the mountain bike pioneers (Joe Breeze, Gary Fisher and others) were testing fat tires for the first time in the dirt! The estimated duration of the ride is 5-6 hours.

*Important note:* this day participants should pack a change of clothes after the ride as we will have dinner at the local Fairfax Brewery company to celebrate the end of this awesome tour at one of the favorite mountain bikers' breweries in Marin. (Dinner and drinks are not included).

Transportation back to the hotel will be provided. Rental bikes will be collected; bike stands and bike tools will be available for packing bikes in travel boxes and leave everything ready for the traveling the next day.

### **Monday May 31, 2010 – Departure from San Francisco International Airport**

Transportation to the San Francisco Airport from the Marin hotel will be provided. Estimated pick up time is 7:00 am: tour participants, luggage and bikes will be transported to the airport. Many hugs and goodbyes will be provided 😊