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PEGASUS BIKE TOURS

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Initial 2017 Domestic Tour Registration Completed

Initial sign-up for the 2017 Domestic tours closed on November 6th. We had a great turn-out! As of right now, only the Wallawas-Blue Mountains Tour is completely full but you can still put yourself on the Wait List for that one. Omak has a spot for a single male. The other three tours remain open until they are filled but a couple of them are very close to full so don't tarry too long. You can check regularly updated tour status to see how much space is available for each at: <http://www.pegasusbiketours.com/tour-status>.

2017 PEGASUS BIKE TOURS SCHEDULE

DATES	TOUR	LOCATION	Status	LEADERS
April 1-9	Louisiana Bayou Country	New Orleans, LA	Open	R. & C. Nussbaum
May 18-22	4-Day Eastern Washington	Chelan, WA	Open	R. Nussbaum/P. Austin
June 1-5	4-Day Omak Hill Country	Omak, WA	1 male	P. Austin/D. Karlen
May 24-June 6	Heart of Holland Bike & Barge	Amsterdam, NL	Wait List	R. Nussbaum/Francien
June 7-17	Amsterdam-Friesland Tour	Amsterdam, NL	1 male	R. Nussbaum/Francien
June 24-July 3	Geneva-Nice Alps Tour	Annemasse, FR	Wait List	R. Nussbaum/Francien
July 15-22	Wallowas - Blue Mountains	Walla Walla, WA	Wait List	R. Nussbaum/P. Austin
September 9-17	Western Washington Tour	Mt. Vernon, WA	Open	R. & C. Nussbaum

Chehalis 4 Day Extended Weekend Tour Report (by Tina Vessels)

Ralph and Carol carefully scouted new territory in the Chehalis area and came up with an amazing 4 day tour. It did not appear to be a popular biking Mecca but I do believe Ralph and Carol put this ride ON THE ROAD BIKING MAP. Pulling this new route together, along with a new club, new people, new hotels, new cities had to be a monumental feat!! They even arranged a roadster/model T rally at the same hotel...

The Chehalis/Centralia area has an abundance of beautiful quiet roads through forests and farmland. We covered miles of roads and never seemed to be in the same place twice. Flats and rollers were plentiful allowing us to connect two daily routes. One route was called *easy* 50 to 60 miles (I suppose our definition of easy is not the same as Middle America) and the second, *intermediate* (nonslackers??) up to 80 miles per day.

Orientation began with a lively group of fellow riders playfully pitting one group of uppity Vancouverites with the *REAL* Vancouverites. At the tour ends it was still unclear as to who was real and who was fake?? New friends and inclusive social groups were formed around many meals bumping into one another at funky small town restaurants or coffee shops. Our final group dinner was at a farm to table restaurant with the proprietor taking special care of all our carb needs.

Daily rides took us through the foothills of Mr. Rainier, the west loop south of Chehalis, the Willapa Hills, paved quiet bike paths, Lewis County Trails, many old farms, and quiet



lush forests. Our wonderful sag drivers, Kathleen and Carol, set up daily spreads in the most picturesque parks in the area. As always careful attention was given to the gluten intolerant, fat intolerant, carb intolerant, meat intolerant, sugar intolerant yet highly flexible personalities (I bet the intolerants were the fake Vancouverites). We were spoiled as always with home-made treats...including as hot pepper jalapeno zucchini pineapple jelly, scrumptious salads, lip smacking desserts, and yum-my guilt free Cheetos!!! These ladies know the way to a bike rider's heart (through our ravenous stomachs).

Many, many thanks to all the riders, staff, volunteers.



Last Tour of the Season—North Utah Scenic By-Ways in Pictures

We couldn't find anyone to write an article about this tour so we'll let some photographs do the talking. Most of these outstanding shots were taken by Ken Condray. Locals told us that we were treated to the most beautiful fall foliage in decades!

