



## THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY OF VIRGINIA

Harrisonburg - Woodstock - Front Royal - Luray - Staunton

Small Group Tour with Cargo Van SAG, AM Stop, Lunch Stop, Hotels

PRICE = \$1275 for 10 rider minimum, \$1075 for 15 rider maximum

Non-Refundable Deposit of \$300, add \$475 for single room

Thursday, April 13 to Thursday, April 20

The Shenandoah Valley is nestled between the Blue Ridge Mountains to the east and more of Appalachia to the west. It forms much of the border between West Virginia and Virginia. It offers spectacular cycling past rolling farmland with some overwhelming climbs up the Blue Ridge. Views pointing up and overlooking vistas. This is a week's worth of riding with no days off, so bring your climbing legs.



### Harrisonburg, Thursday April 13

We are at the home of James Madison University, so it is similar to other college towns in America. Be prepared for some great dining and five breweries to choose from. It also has a great cycling vibe with all types of cycling available. We'll be staying near the university at Hampton Inn for two nights so fill'r up! We'll have a warm-up ride to the breweries, university, and downtown. Orientation will be in the lobby at the hotel at 8pm.



### Friday Spring Hill Loop (60 miles, 3857 ft climbing)

We head south and west toward Spring Hill and have lunch beside some natural chimneys. Returning back to Harrisonburg, we pass through historic Dayton and Lake Mill. When we approach Harrisonburg, we'll have the opportunity to learn about the Mennonites at their heritage center.



### **Saturday Harrisonburg to Woodstock (58 miles, 3842 ft climbing)**

We roll out northwest through farmland and then climb into forests on the Orkney Grade. At one point we are only two miles from West Virginia but no roads to get there. As we coast down toward Woodstock why not stop at a nearby vineyard. There's a great brewery in town!



### **Sunday Woodstock to Front Royal (65 miles, 2905 ft climbing)**

During the Civil War West Virginia gained statehood due to the contentious difference of beliefs. Winchester exchanged occupations 72 times during the war. Stonewall Jackson and his troops were always raiding this land. A National Cemetery and an Arboretum also highlight today's route.



### **Monday Skyline Drive (55 miles, 4881 ft climbing)**

Today's ride is short but not sweet! One will be ready for a morning stop at just mile marker 6 at the visitor center. But, once we are up in the sky in the national park named Skyline Drive, traffic will quiet down. We'll be rolling along and then scream down to little old Luray. It will be rolling and then downhill to Luray.



### **Tuesday Hugging the Shenandoah (68 miles, 3550 ft climbing)**

The Shenandoah will be to your left pretty much the whole day. We'll have a few short climbs early on and then a gradual climb all the way to Staunton. Nothing spectacular but just some plain old good Jimmy type riding.



### **Wednesday Staunton Loop (72 miles, 5068 ft climbing)**

We'll be riding a clockwise loop south, west, then north. It is quite rustic and includes 18 miles of the Blue Ridge Parkway. BRP is actually the younger (1936-1966, 469 mi) but bigger brother of the Skyline (1934-1939, 105 mi). Most people think that the Skyline Drive is part of the Blue Ridge Parkway. This will undoubtedly be the queen stage!



### **Thursday Staunton to Harrisonburg (37 miles, 2149 ft climbing)**

Just a short jaunt north up to Harrisonburg to end the tour. There will be one stop as we enter Bridgewater and then we'll ride through the small college of Bridgewater. We'll have a room or two at the Hotel Madison for any of you to use for showers, but tonight's lodging is not included. Thank you for riding with us.