Suggested Packing List

ESSENTIAL

Travel Items

- □ wallet (credit cards, bank cards & ID)
- □ cash for incidentals & leader gratuities
- □ airline tickets/e-ticket confirmation details
- sealable, quart-size plastic bags for stowing small liquid containers, swimsuit, etc.
- □ toiletries (including sunscreen & lip ointment)
- □ medications & copies of prescriptions
- □ list of important addresses & contact numbers

Active Clothing & Gear

- □ biking shoes (& pedals) or stiff-soled sneakers
- □ light hikers or boots
- □ biking & hiking socks
- biking shorts (preferably with padding/chamois)
- □ walking/hiking shorts and/or lightweight pants
- □ short-sleeved biking jerseys
- non-cotton base layers of varying weights
- □ short-fingered biking gloves
- □ lightweight biking/hiking jacket or vest
- □ hat with brim
- daypack/waistpack (for water, snacks, etc.)
- □ sport sandals and/or flip flops
- □ sunglasses (with retention strap)
- swimsuit

Rain Gear & Cold Weather Clothing

You may not need all of the items listed here, but they are necessary to stay comfortable in case of rain or unseasonably cold weather.

- waterproof (breathable) rain jacket & pants
- arm & knee/leg warmers (for biking)
- toe covers/booties (worn over bike shoes)
- □ waterproof/water-resistant warm gloves
- □ lightweight, but warm, cap that fits under helmet (skullcap) or headband that covers ears

LUGGAGE REMINDERS

Please limit your luggage to one medium-sized suitcase (we recommend 25"–28", preferably not hard case) and one small carry-on bag. Be sure to mark your luggage with your contact information.

Non-Active Clothing

- □ clothing & shoes for downtime & restaurants
- □ lightweight jacket (like fleece) or warm sweater
- warm hat

Backroads provides water bottles & walking sticks.

OPTIONAL

- camera & charger (remember to enter our guest Photo Contest!)
- □ cell phone & charger
- alarm clock
- □ helmet and/or saddle (if you prefer your own)
- bike mirror
- □ clear glasses/replaceable lenses for rainy days
- CamelBak or similar hydration backpack
- guide book and/or field guides
- notebook/travel journal & pens
- reading material
- earplugs
- insect repellent

GREAT GEAR VENDORS

For a list of some of our favorite gear and gadget retailers, visit: www.backroads.com/gearup.