

Steve Bauer **Bike Tours Inc.**

“EL TOUR” de Tucson ; Steve Bauer Invitational

November 15th to 19th, 2006

Dear Travelers,

Steve Bauer Bike Tours is approaching its' Tenth anniversary (2007) so we decided to begin celebrations early by completing our 2006 cycling season with great company. This trip welcomes all travelers that have joined a Steve Bauer Bike Tour during the past 9 years. I cannot think of a better way to finish up this cycling season, than in the same place it began for us in March at our spring training camp in Tucson Arizona.

We have chosen the Hilton Tucson East proximate to some of the best biking in town. During the first ride, you will immediately feel like you have entered into the true southwest environment as you roll from our hotel onto “Old Spanish Trail” and enter into the Saguaro Park East. Riding through the fabulous reserve amongst towering Saguaro cacti and various statuesque desert species is a fantastic experience.

Great ride routes are planned and ready to go. Mount Lemmon is a must ride for any cycling enthusiast.

The highlight of your weekend getaway will be to ride the famous "El Tour de Tucson" event on Saturday the 18th.

Great dining is planned every evening and we have already tested all the hot spots. Be prepared for some good ol' Bauer hospitality. It's going to be a great little trip, with the excellent Steve Bauer Bike Tour service you have become accustomed to.

See you in Tucson soon. Be there!!
Don't hesitate to send me a note on this email below if you have questions.
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Sincerely
Steve Bauer

Day 1: November 15 > Arrivals: Lets get riding!!

Arrival in Tucson airport: Pick up guests, between 11 am and Noon. Upon everyone's arrival at the airport, we will make a short transfer across the city to our hotel; The Hilton Tucson East. At the hotel we will welcome everyone with a short reception and prepare the bikes for our first warm up spin. The first ride will head to the east side of Tucson and will include the fabulous loop of Saguaro Park East Desert Reserve.

Estimated ride distance = 50 to 75 km

First Group dinner

Our first evening gathering will include: Staff introductions, guest introductions, schedule / overview of the trip

Day 2 : November 16 > Into the Catalina Mountains: Mount Lemmon

A must do ride during any Tucson visit is the famous Mount Lemmon. This mountain climb has been described as driving from Mexico to Canada. This is easy to understand once you experience the drastic change in ecosystems as you climb from the bottom to the top. The estimated distance to the summit of Mt. Lemmon (Summerhaven) and return to our base at the Hilton is about 110km.

The climb has grades of 5 to 7 % on average all the way to the top. Piece a cake right! In all honesty the climb is very steady and even though it is a tough day, El Tour de Tucson challengers can decide how much effort they want to do today and how much they want to save for the "main event" on Saturday. As all of our rides will be fully supported by a shadow van so riders can choose their distance to ride each day

Lunch at the base of Mount Lemmon: Buzz Cafe

Group dinner included

Day 3: November 17 > Colossal Caves: : El Tour pre ride

The route out to Colossal Caves is a nice rolling road and the perfect choice for an easy tune up before the "El Tour". Ride as much or as little as you like and charge up your energies for tomorrow event.

Group dinner included

Day 4: November 18 > El Tour de Tucson

The famous El Tour de Tucson is a Classic cycling event. Participants of all abilities take the challenge. Expect to see some pros, ex pros (hmm) and tons of enthusiasm during the ride. Celebrating its 24th year of existence this years El Tour will be another great celebration. Richard DeBernardis Founder and President of Perimeter Bicycling will be happy to have us support the event and challenge ourselves. Choose from 109, 80 , 67 , or 33 miles. Go to www.pbaa.com for the best information on "El Tour" and other perimeter events this charitable company organizes.

Dinner party

Day 5: November 19 > Departure Day.

Transfers to Tucson airport for those departing from town.

Price: \$2,600 Canadian Dollars based on Double occupancy

Single Supplement for a Single Room: \$300 Canadian

All Inclusive for the “EI Tour” Steve Bauer Invitational

- Accommodation at the Hilton Tucson East for 4 nights incl. all taxes and gratuities
- All Breakfasts, All Dinners including wine, 2 Lunches
- 3 guides minimum : Steve + 2 Skilled guides, riders / Mechanic
- Support Vehicle (s) (we will have 12 passenger vans, as many as required)
- All shuttles to airports (Arrival Day = 12 noon rendezvous @ Tucson Airport)
- Custom Tucson “Steve Bauer Invitational” Cycling Jersey
- EI Tour de Tucson entry to the event
- Steve Bauer Bike Tours waterbottles
- Energy bars, gels, fruit, snacks and cold water for all the rides
- Fully equipped follow support vehicle for all the rides but NOT for “EI Tour”
- Excellent biking, Excellent Company, Excellent Fun.