Mark Your Calendar:

RIDE INTO NATURE'S CANVAS

Discover the Ten Most Scenic Highways in the US for Fall Foliage

As the vibrant colors of autumn grace the American landscape, bikers have a unique opportunity to experience the breathtaking beauty of the changing seasons. The open road beckons, and riders seek out the most scenic highways to immerse themselves in nature's spectacular display. In this month's newsletter, we are excited to present the ten most picturesque routes across the United States so that you can get a head start on planning your fall adventures! Get ready to grab your gear, rev your engines, and experience an unforgettable journey through the most beautiful fall landscapes of the US.

1. Blue Ridge Parkway (Virginia and North

Carolina): Meandering through the majestic Blue Ridge Mountains, this iconic 469-mile scenic byway offers an unrivaled feast for the eyes. **Mid-October** is the prime time to witness the vibrant hues of red, orange, and gold that blanket the landscape.

2. Beartooth Highway (Montana and Wyoming):

Ascending to dizzying heights and traversing the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, this highway offers panoramic vistas of alpine lakes, snow-capped peaks, and fiery autumn foliage. **Late September to early October** is the optimal period to embark on this thrilling adventure.

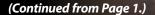
3. The Kancamagus Highway (New Hampshire):

Nestled in the heart of the White Mountains, this 34-mile stretch is a New England gem. During late September and early October, the dense forests showcase a captivating symphony of colors, making it a must-ride route for any motorcycle enthusiast.

4. Cherohala Skyway (North Carolina and

Tennessee): This 43-mile, two-lane highway winds through the Cherokee and Nantahala National Forests offering motorcyclists an enchanting journey with sweeping vistas and foliage-draped hillsides. The peak foliage period typically occurs in mid to late October.



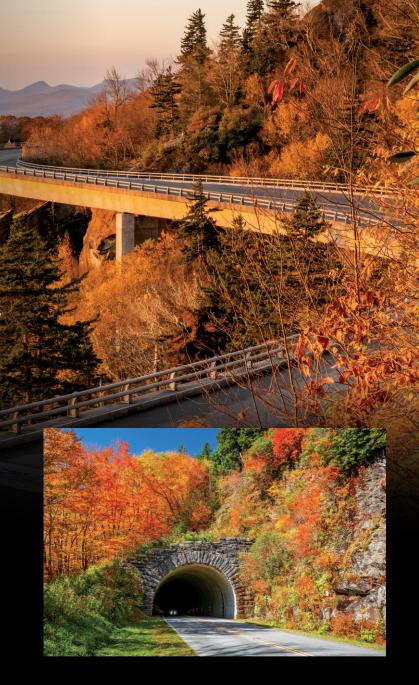


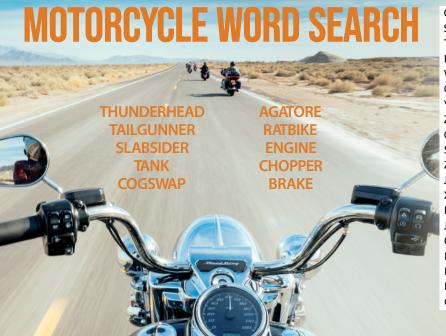
- 5. Pacific Coast Highway (California): Known for its stunning ocean views, the Pacific Coast Highway becomes even more extraordinary when the coastal scenery blends with autumn's vivid palette. For the best leaf-peeping experience, embark on this journey from late October through early November.
- 6. Peak to Peak Highway (Colorado): Embrace the Rocky Mountains' autumnal beauty as you traverse the 55 miles of the Peak to Peak Highway. The dense aspen groves, mountain meadows, and snow-dusted peaks create a mesmerizing backdrop from late September to mid-October.
- 7. Great River Road (Minnesota): Following the mighty Mississippi River for over 500 miles, the Great River Road unveils a picturesque landscape that bursts with fall colors Midseptember to early October is the ideal window to savor the vibrant foliage while riding alongside the timeless river.
- 8. Olympic Peninsula Loop (Washington): This scenic loop takes riders on an unforgettable journey through lush rainforests, rugged coastlines, and towering mountains. The diverse foliage spectacle can be witnessed from late September to early October.
- 9. Ozark Highlands Scenic Byway (Arkansas):

Discover the breathtaking beauty of the Ozark Mountains as you meander along this winding highway. **Mid-October** is when the foliage reaches its peak, enveloping the landscape in a tapestry of reds, oranges, and yellows.

10. Aspen to Glenwood Springs (Colorado):

Connecting the towns of Aspen and Glenwood Springs, this highway is an autumnal paradise. **Mid-September through early October** is the optimal time to experience the golden aspen groves that line the route, creating a truly magical ride.





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SAFETY CHECKLIST REVIEW:

Protect Yourself on the Road

Many of us have witnessed firsthand the devastating consequences that accidents can have on riders like us. With our vulnerability on the road, it is crucial that we prioritize safety and take proactive measures to prevent accidents and protect our lives. Use this checklist to review the safety measures you're already taking on the road and assess areas for improvement!

Gear Up: Your first line of defense is the gear you wear. Always wear a properly fitted helmet that meets safety standards and invest in protective clothing such as leather jackets, pants, gloves, and boots to minimize the risk of injury in case of a fall. Consider wearing reflective gear to enhance your visibility to other motorists.

Maintain Your Ride: Regular maintenance of your motorcycle is not just about performance; it's also about safety. Prioritize routine inspections to identify and rectify potential issues before they become hazardous. Pay attention to crucial components like brakes, tires, lights, and signals before every ride.

Stay Vigilant on the Road: Being aware of your surroundings is vital for your safety. As motorcyclists, we have to remember that we are often harder to spot than other vehicles. Stay alert and keep an eye out for potential hazards, such as distracted or reckless drivers, pedestrians, and debris on the road. Always assume that others may not see you and be prepared to react accordingly.

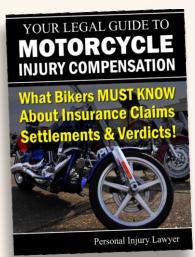
Obey the Law: Adhering to tra claws is not optional; it's a responsibility we must all uphold. Respect speed limits, use proper signals when changing lanes or making turns, and avoid risky maneuvers like weaving through track. Your commitment to following the law significantly reduces the likelihood of accidents.

Ride Defensively: Defensive riding should be second nature to every motorcyclist. Anticipate the actions of other drivers and maintain a safe following distance at all times.

Seek Proper Training: Enhancing your riding skills through a certified motorcycle safety course can be a gamechanger. These courses provide invaluable knowledge and techniques to handle different scenarios on the road. Many states even require new riders to complete such courses before obtaining a motorcycle license. Invest in your safety by investing in education.

Be the Example: Safety is a collective effort. Share these tips with your fellow motorcyclists and encourage them to prioritize safety as well. By promoting responsible riding within our community, we can create a safer environment for all.







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BIKER SPOTLIGHT:

Bridget McCutchen is Conquering the World on Two Wheels

Meet Bridget McCutchen, a young adventurer aiming to be the youngest female motorcyclist to bike around the world. At just 21 years old, Bridget's passion for motorcycles and exploration has fueled her determination for this extraordinary feat.

Born into a family of riders, Bridget's love for bikes blossomed early on. Inspired by the stories of fearless riders who conquered the globe, she decided to make her mark on history. Following extensive preparation and planning, Bridget is facing the physical and mental challenges that lie ahead with grit and determination.

Beyond personal triumph, Bridget hopes to inspire young women worldwide to fearlessly pursue their dreams and break stereotypes. Through social media, she is documen<u>ting her journey, sharing</u> breathtaking landscapes and encounters and showcasing the highs and lows of long-distance biking.

Bridget's quest emphasizes that age and gender should never limit aspirations. With determination, resilience, and a sense of adventure, anything is possible. She serves as a testament to the spirit of relentless pursuit, inspiring a new generation to chase their dreams and discover the wonders of the open road.

Follow Bridget's journey on her site on Instagram at @bike.will.travel