

## Ride The “Unc” Tour 2019

Ride The “Unc” is short for Ride The Uncompahgre (un-com-pah-gre – and sounds like an abbreviation for “uncle”). The



Uncompahgre is a Ute Indian word for dirty water or red water spring. It is also the name of a plateau in Western Colorado that rises over 4,000 feet above the valley floor and stretches over 60 miles in length. It’s also the name of a National Forest which covers almost 1,500 square miles. These massive land features, plus the San Miguel Mountains, Lizard Head Wilderness, the Grand Mesa (world’s largest flat top mountain) and the Colorado

National Monument all form the backdrop and landscape for an incredible journey through some of the most scenic and remote areas of Western Colorado.

From start to finish you will experience authentic rural Colorado, sometimes riding for hours and rarely seeing another soul. In three plus days of backcountry riding you will enjoy small town communities, endless landscapes of ranch lands, vistas, huge valleys and rugged mountains. It’s some of the best and least discovered parts of Western Colorado where you’ll see the countryside like a local and not a tourist. You’ll be more likely to encounter ranchers and cattle than you will tourists and traffic.

Day One: Thursday afternoon begins at the RockyTrax Ranch, located in Glade Park, CO which is 30 minutes from Grand Junction and above the Colorado



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National Monument. Whether you ride your own bike or we pick you up at the airport, you will quickly find yourself in rural and peaceful surroundings, setting the stage for the scenic and remote journey ahead. You will be treated to self guided tours, free time on the ranch, and optional activities like learning to rope or target shooting with “old west” style pistols. Evening comes with dinner and overnight lodging in our guest campers. All campers are modern, clean and comfortable with queen beds and memory foam mattresses! Unless specifically requested, all guests will enjoy private single occupancy lodging.



Day Two: Friday morning begins with a scenic twisty ride into town for breakfast at a small family owned coffee shop, a brief ride on the highway to Unaweep Canyon where twistier canyon riding awaits. Then its gravel and dirt roads for the majority of the day as we traverse the Uncompahgre Plateau on our way to the small ranching town of Norwood, CO where we will dine and lodge at the J2F Guest Ranch (also single occupancy unless requested

otherwise). While on the Plateau we will have lunch on the trail and offer some slightly more technical side routes for the more advanced riders while allowing the entry level riders to follow our 4x4 support truck for easier riding with epic scenery along the way.

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Day Three: Saturday morning begins with a hearty breakfast at the J2F, then a backcountry ride through the San Miguel Mountain Range down into the famous mountain town of Telluride, CO.



Our guests will enjoy several hours of free time to have lunch and visit the local shops and attractions (Okay so there are some “touristy” things to do). From Telluride it’s an easy self guided 40 minute trip by pavement back to Norwood and the J2F for a light dinner and relaxation on the upstairs patio while watching the sunset.

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Day Four: Sunday begins with breakfast at the J2F, a ride back over the Uncompahgre Plateau via a slightly different route and then over the Grand Mesa, back to Grand Junction for dinner at a local brewery and then back home to the RockyTrax Ranch (via the Colorado National Monument) for the evening.



Day Five: Sadly, guests will be heading home. Those on their own bikes and those catching a ride with us back to the airport will get to travel the Colorado National Monument one more time. Although we'll be saying farewell to new found friends and adventurers, it is our hope and prayer that each of our guests will be heading home with great stories, memories and a renewed spirit, filled not just by an experience, but by a way of life!



So why not start your adventure now? See below for tour dates, bike rental options and pricing. Also, please don't hesitate to contact me, Andy Hanks, owner of RockyTrax, at 970-361-0402 or email me at [info@rockytrax.com](mailto:info@rockytrax.com). I will be happy to answer your questions and help get you started on your next journey. You may want to check out [www.rockytrax.com](http://www.rockytrax.com) for more info about who we are and what we do. Also, check out the demo tour

review by EveRide ADV at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-sLDgZC68I>.

**2019 Tour Dates** (includes the arrival and departure date with four nights lodging - two nights at RockyTrax Ranch and two nights lodging at the J2F Guest Ranch):

- June 27 - July 1
- July 11 - 15

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- August 1 - 5
- August 29 - September 2
- September 12 - 16

## **Pricing:**

- Tour price per person without bike rental - \$1841.
- Tour price per person with bike rental (Honda CRF250L or Suzuki DRZ 400) - \$2453.
- If traveling with a companion and staying double occupancy, save \$200 per person.
- If four guests book together and stay double occupancy, save an additional \$100 per person.
- Tour reservation deposit - \$300
- Bike reservation and damage deposit - \$300
- Cancellation Policy (all cancellations require a \$50 cancellation fee):
  - More than 30 days prior to tour – full refund of deposit
  - 30 – 15 days prior to tour – 75% refund of deposit
  - Less than 15 days prior to tour – no refund
- Complete tour price will be paid three days prior to tour and no refund can be offered at that time; however, a future tour date can be selected

## **Meals Included with price:**

- Dinner Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday night
- Trail side lunches Friday and Sunday (Saturday afternoon is free time where guests can purchase lunch from one of many great locations in Telluride.)
- Breakfast Friday, Saturday and Sunday
- Snacks will be provided throughout the tour
- Limited beer and/or wine will be served with each dinner

## **Rental Bikes, Support Vehicle and Guest provided bikes:**

- RockyTrax has four rental bikes - 2 each: Honda CRF250L and 2 each: Suzuki DRZ 400
  - The CRF250L bikes are ideal for entry level riders or smaller adults.
  - The DRZ 400 bikes are suitable for entry level riders and ideal for advanced level riders or larger adults.
  - All RockyTrax bikes include gas, small packs for some gear and charging ports for phones, GPS, etc.
- RockyTrax support vehicle:
  - A 4x4 support vehicle will accompany the tour. Guests' luggage, trail side lunches, tools, first aid, and other equipment will be transported in the support vehicle.

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- For a small section of the tour, the support vehicle will lead entry level riders along a portion of the main route; while more experienced riders will have an opportunity to ride a more technical side route and meet up with the group later.
- One or two seats will be available for anyone interested in taking the tour but not riding a bike
- Guest provided bikes must meet the following criteria:
  - Must be licensed and street legal with DOT rated off road tires.
  - Must have functioning safety equipment including brakes and lights.
  - Bikes must be dual sport or adventure type bikes with suspension and tires for off road use.
  - Must have proof of insurance.
  - Bike owners will be responsible for their bike maintenance, repairs, and gas.

## **Tour length:**

- Four nights / 3.5 days
- 400 miles with 50/50 split between pavement and off road

## **Who this tour is for:**

- Entry level dual sport riders or experienced riders with their larger ADV bikes. All riders must have their motorcycle license.
- The main route is by paved, gravel and dirt roads. All routes are considered two-wheel drive accessible, but riders should be comfortable on roads with long stretches of loose gravel, some sand and rocky sections, and occasional cliff side exposure. Rain is possible and can lead to slick or muddy conditions.
- Riders interested in scenic rides, traveling at a pace suitable for the least experienced riders in the group.
- Folks that enjoy a family friendly atmosphere and encouraging their fellow riders along the way.

## **Who this tour may not be suited for:**

- Riders with no off road experience or new riders with large adventure bikes and minimal off road experience.
- Riders who are looking for extremely fast-paced or technical routes.
- Folks looking to stay in locations with a variety of night life options.

## **Lodging:**

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- Two nights at RockyTrax Ranch – all guests will stay in new, modern campers. Go to [www.rockytrax.com](http://www.rockytrax.com) to view all campers. Choose one of the following campers at time of booking (if available):
  - 1 each, deluxe camper (2017 Jayco Jay Feather) – 30 foot, walk around queen bed, large slide-out, two double bunks, full bath, and TV. The above tour pricing includes this camper.
  - 2 each, standard campers (2018 Jayco Jay Flight) – 19 foot, side access queen bed, twin bunks, small bath. It's small but comfortable and you won't be in it for very long. The tour package price for this camper will be reduced by \$50 dollars.
  - 1 each tear drop camper (Vintage Overland) – 5x8 tear drop with queen size memory foam mattress and rear kitchen galley. This camper is a thing of beauty; hand built and truly an inspiration for an adventure trip. But don't worry; a guest(s) staying in this camper will have full access to a nearby private bathroom in our home. And you get to take \$100 off of the tour package price.
  - In addition to the campers, all guests are invited to enjoy our beautiful patios, front porch rocking chairs or enjoy our indoor living room and dining area for additional comfort and relaxation. As well as coffee, tea and snacks.



- Two nights at J2F Guest Ranch – there are four guest rooms. All have a private bath. Two rooms have one king bed and two rooms have two queen beds. Please specify if needing a room with two beds. Pricing is the same for all rooms and included in the tour package price. This guest house has a large open great room and dining area as well as two large patios with great views.

**Book a Tour:** These are small intimate tours (4 – 6 guests max). I do not currently have an on line booking feature, and I may not, a bit impersonal. For now give me a call or text at 970-361-0402 or email me at [info@rockytrax.com](mailto:info@rockytrax.com) and I'll be happy to answer any questions and get you signed up. This trip needs a minimum of two guests, if for some reason we are not able to reach the two guest minimum, the tour will be cancelled and you will receive a full refund, without cancellation fee, plus a \$50 discount to apply to another scheduled tour. Better yet, grab a buddy and let's make it happen!