

# D&L Trail and Schuylkill River Trail



On this amazing adventure you'll cycle the two longest and most scenic trails to be found in Pennsylvania. We begin with 3 days of cycling on the beautiful Delaware & Lehigh Trail which takes us through the remarkable Lehigh Gorge and along the Delaware River with the historic remnants of the canal that once fostered commerce along its banks. Then it's onto the Schuylkill River Trail offering its own beautiful scenery as we meander with its namesake river and through the charming little communities that dot its banks. In addition to fantastic cycling, we also enjoy a 2-night stay in super cool Jim Thorpe, and we'll take time to explore to the Revolutionary War history of Valley Forge and Washington's Crossing along our way.

**Tour Includes:** All lodging, full ride support, daily luggage shuttle, tour guides, immense amounts of fun!

**Meals:** Daily Breakfast, 4 Lunches, 1 Dinner

**Duration:** 6 Days / 5 Nights

**Lodging:** Hotels & Inns

**Difficulty:** Easy

**Total Miles:** Approx. 180 miles

**Daily Miles:** 35 - 45

**Hills:** Easy



*Cycling Lehigh Gorge*



*Schuylkill River Trail*



*Cycling Valley Forge NP*

## Getting Here

**Flying to the Tour:** If you'll fly in for the tour use Philadelphia International Airport. Your overnight stay at our designated airport hotel is included. Please plan to meet our team for trip orientation.

**Driving to the Tour:** Plan to arrive in time for trip orientation. Your overnight stay at our designated airport hotel is included. Parking at the hotel is free for the night of your stay. Before departing for cycling, we'll load your luggage, bikes & gear into our van then follow you to long term (see below), where you'll leave your car for the duration of the tour. We'll return you to the same parking lot after the tour.

**MS Parking Philly:** 37001 Holstein Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania : \$9/day

## Day 1: Arrive Philly & Trip Orientation

Arrive at our designated hotel at your convenience, then plan to meet our team and other guests in the hotel lobby at 7:00 PM for trip orientation.

## Day 2: D&L Trail - Mountain Top to Jim Thorpe

**35 Miles**

We depart for D&L Black Diamond trailhead where we'll hop on the bikes and begin our adventure with an exciting 35 mile ride through the spectacularly beautiful Lehigh Gorge. The gentle, downhill slope makes cycling a delight as we meander through the gorge along its namesake river, with stunning scenery in every direction. We'll stop in White Haven where you may have to indulge in the almost obligatory trail-side ice cream. Continuing on, we'll pass beautiful Butternut Falls, and the Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway, before

reaching super charming Jim Thorpe. After settling into the hotel you'll have a wonderful evening strolling through town, and of course enjoying a scrumptious dinner!

### Day 3: D&L Trail - Jim Thorpe to Easton

37 Miles

This morning we bid farewell to lovely Jim Thorpe, jump on the bikes and hit the trail, and while the *gorge* is now in the rearview mirror, our course continues along the beautiful Lehigh River taking us through the charming little towns that dot its banks. We'll stop for a trailside picnic in lovely North Hampton, where we'll also cycle the nearby Ironton Trail with interesting relics of the steel and coal days displayed along its path. After lunch we wrap up our last few miles on the Nor-Bath trail, where we load the bikes for a short shuttle to charming Easton PA and our overnight stay.

### Day 4: D&L Trail – Easton to Washington Crossing

44 Miles

Today we'll wrap up our cycling on the D&L. While the Lehigh River diverges west, our course now follows the Delaware River which had been "canalized" and heavily used for trade and commerce during the mid-1800's. As we cycle we'll encounter many of the historic artifacts that are still intact along the canal. We stop for lunch in lovely New Hope with wonderful eateries and shops. After lunch it's onto historic Washington Crossing National Historic Park where we're immersed in the history of Washington's Crossing of the Delaware during the American Revolution. We end the day with a short shuttle to Valley Forge where our amazing adventure continues.

### Day 5: Schuylkill River Trail – Reading to Valley Forge

45 Miles

We begin with a short shuttle to the SRT Trailhead in Reading, where our journey for the next two days will follow the beautiful Schuylkill River Trail. We cycle across the historically rich region of southeastern PA taking us through rural, agricultural, suburban, and industrial landscapes, providing everchanging scenery. Along today's route we're treated to the historic communities of Morlatton and Fricks Locks Villages. Both are well preserved relics offering a glimpse of what life was like in a 1700's Swede community. After a great day of cycling we'll regroup to enjoy a dinner social to share fun, food and stories about our adventures!

### Day 6: Schuylkill River Trail – Valley Forge to Philadelphia

23 Miles

Today you'll have the entire morning to explore Valley Forge National Historic Park. The fort played a crucial role in the American Revolutionary War as it was where George Washington and his troops struggled to survive during the brutal winter of 1777-78. The site of the fort spans hundreds of acres and includes barracks, battlefields, artillery depots and more, and the beautiful sprawling grounds are perfect for cycling. After your visit, we'll have a picnic lunch, then it's back on the bikes as we wrap up the SRT enjoying fabulous cycling on our way to lively Philadelphia.

After completing our day of cycling we'll shuttle guests to retrieve their parked vehicles and to the Fairfield Inn at PHL Airport where you'll make your own plans for homebound or onward travel.