



**CLASSIC TOURING &
REGULARITY *RALLY***

JULY 26 TO AUGUST 21, 2023



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PAN AM CLASSIC

The second PanAm Classic takes us from colonial style Charleston on the Atlantic coast of the USA, through the mid-west over memorable mountains, across the dust bowl and Death Valley to the Yosemite National Park to finish on the Pacific Ocean at the great Pebble Beach Concours, where VIP entry is included.

Taking us on a fantastic ride up mountains, down switchbacks, twisting and turning all the way, this 24 day tour de force travels the byways of this great country in the footsteps of the pioneers of days gone by. While we enjoy the route following in their tracks we can marvel at the great scenery that must have been jaw dropping for the travellers of 200 or more years ago.



Not only do we go to some of the great music venues of more modern times, we will also visit the towns and times made famous by the cowboys and the drive to find new and exciting lands.

We stay off the highways as much as possible and travel the byways, searching out the best roads for such an amazing coast to coast trip.

We also offer the option of staying on for the duration of the Pebble Beach Concours giving you the opportunity to make the most of your visit.

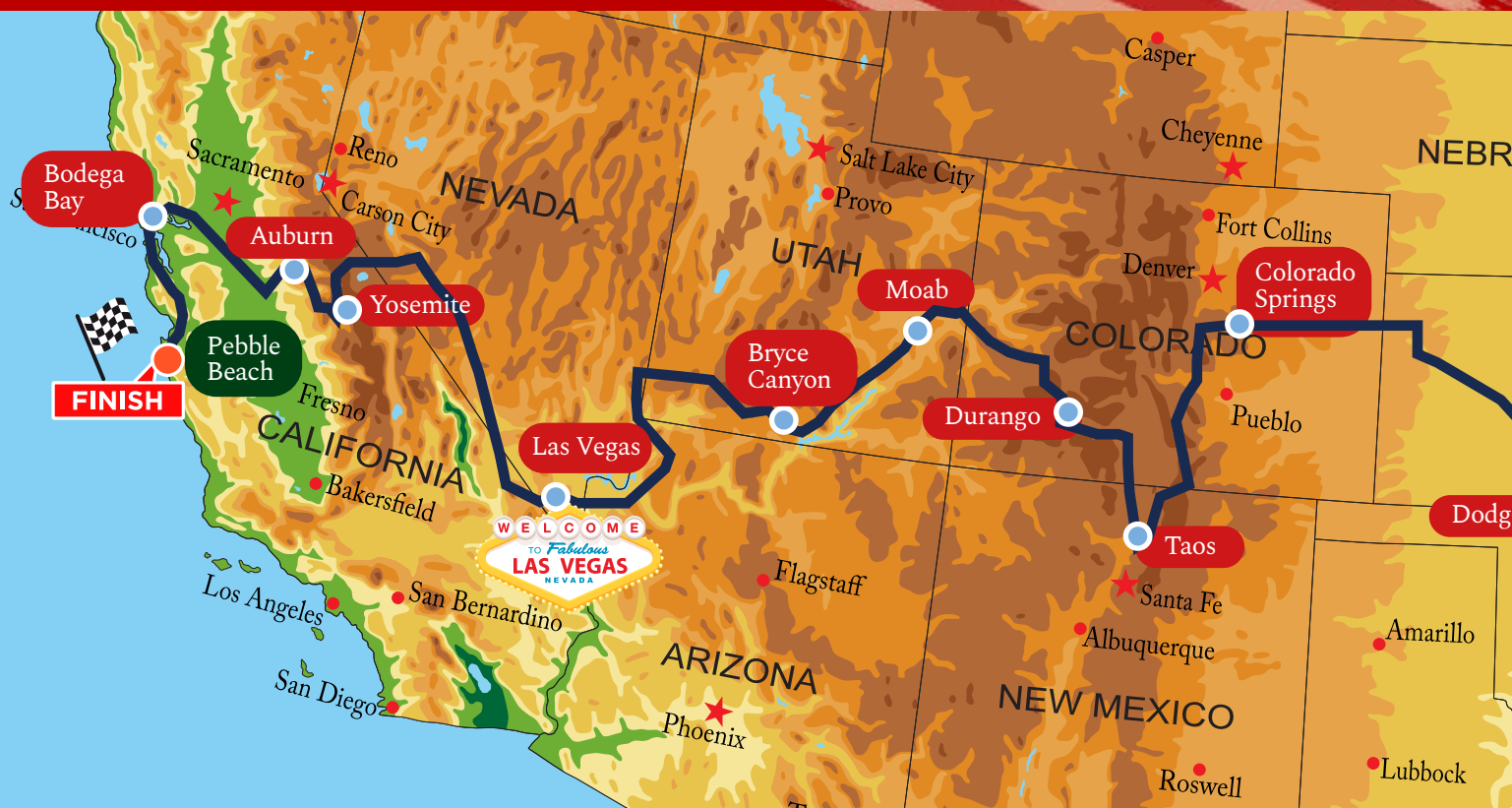
While the PanAm is designed as a competitive rally there is a Touring class as well plus a category for muscle cars, old and modern.

In total there are 16 driving days plus 5 rest days at the best places to ensure you don't see everything in your rear view mirror!

Most of the competition will be of the Regularity variety although there may also be driving tests. An awe inspiring route awaits.



Route Map



ITINERARY IN SUMMARY

DAY	DATES	FROM	TO
Day 1	26 July	Charleston	Arrive
Day 2	27 July	Charleston	Collect Cars
Day 3	28 July	Charleston	Greenville
Day 4	29 July	Greenville	Knoxville
Day 5	30 July	Knoxville	Nashville
Day 6	31 July	Nashville	Day Off
Day 7	1 August	Nashville	Cape Girardeau
Day 8	2 August	Cape Girardeau	Springfield
Day 9	3 August	Springfield	Tulsa
Day 10	4 August	Tulsa	Dodge City
Day 11	5 August	Dodge City	Colorado Springs
Day 12	6 August	Colorado Springs	Day Off
Day 13	7 August	Colorado Springs	Taos
Day 14	8 August	Taos	Durango
Day 15	9 August	Durango	Moab
Day 16	10 August	Moab	Bryce Canyon
Day 17	11 August	Bryce Canyon	Day off
Day 18	12 August	Bryce Canyon	Las Vegas
Day 19	13 August	Las Vegas	Day off
Day 20	14 August	Las Vegas	Yosemite
Day 21	15 August	Yosemite	Auburn
Day 22	16 August	Auburn	Bodega Bay
Day 23	17 August	Bodega Bay	Pebble Beach
Day 24	18 August	Pebble Beach	Pebble Beach
Day 25	19 August	Pebble beach	Pebble Beach
Day 26	20 August	Pebble beach	Pebble Beach
Day 27	21 August	Pebble beach	Depart



ITINERARY IN DETAIL

DAY 1 - ARRIVE CHARLESTON - 26TH JULY

DAY 2 - COLLECT CARS - 27TH JULY

DAY 3 - CHARLESTON TO GREENVILLE - 28TH JULY

We start in the pretty colonial town of Charleston, the South Carolina port city founded in 1670. It is defined by its cobblestone streets, horse-drawn carriages and pastel antebellum houses, particularly in the elegant French Quarter and Battery districts. The Battery promenade and Waterfront Park both overlook Charleston Harbour, while Fort Sumter, a federal stronghold where the first shots of the Civil War rang out, lies across the water. Our day is a mixture of tarmac and light gravel providing a straightforward start to the coast to coast adventure.

DAY 4 - GREENVILLE TO KNOXVILLE - 29TH JULY

Greenville claims to be the friendliest town in the USA as well as the 6th smallest. It has a quaint main street, bustling art scene including jazz and a culinary reputation. Set in the foothills of the Blue Ridge mountains it has spectacular views and nearby waterfalls. Our driving day is spectacular and includes the great Tail of the Dragon pass with 318 bends in just 11 miles. We also drive through Brevard, the heart of the Antebellum Southern Belles of the Carolinas of old. We drive through Caesars Head State Park and the Mountain Bridge Wilderness area where we pass the Looking Glass Falls.

DAY 5 - KNOXVILLE TO NASHVILLE - 30TH JULY

Today we get a chance to see into the backyards of America as we truly get out into the boomdocks. We pass white weatherboarded churches in abundance and can marvel at the lawnmowing prowess of the locals. Today we cross into Tennessee and visit the Daniel Boone Forest. We barely touch the highways until we near Nashville, the country music capital of the world. Our hotel is near the Grand Old Opry but downtown is where the action is. We take a day off here to sample the music and the Lane Museum of Unique Cars.

DAY 6 - NASHVILLE DAY OFF - 31ST JULY



DAY 7 - NASHVILLE TO CAPE GIRADEAU - 1ST AUGUST

Located on the Mississippi River, Cape Girardeau is referred to as the prettiest town in Missouri, due to the preservation of its historic buildings. Sometimes called the City of Roses it once had a nine-mile stretch of highway lined with rose bushes. Today we drive by Kentucky Lake across the Mississippi river.



DAY 8 - CAPE GIRADEAU TO SPRINGFIELD

- 2ND AUGUST

Day eight takes us onwards through the Mark Twain National Forest on empty gravel and tarmac roads. It's a great area of wilderness with inspiring views and fabulous roads finishing in Springfield on the edge of the Ozark Mountains. A fabulous day's driving.



DAY 9 - SPRINGFIELD TO TULSA - 3RD AUGUST

Next up is Tulsa. Today we start to come out of the mountains for a while crossing the farming heartland of the state which has surprisingly excellent and smooth dirt roads. Tulsa is, of course, famous for the song 24 Hours from Tulsa. It is situated on the Arkansas River between the Osage Hills and the foothills of the Ozark Mountains in northeast Oklahoma, a region of the state known as "Green Country". Considered the cultural and arts centre of Oklahoma, Tulsa houses two art museums, full-time professional opera and ballet companies, and one of the nation's largest concentrations of art deco architecture.



DAY 10 - TULSA TO DODGE CITY - 4TH AUGUST

Today we truly drop out of the mountains and onto the mid-west to one of the most famous cowboy towns which has featured in many a western. Roads are long and straight but nonetheless the journey is exhilarating. Dodge City became famous as a true frontier settlement of the Old West. It had more famous (and infamous) gunfighters than any other town in the West. It also boasted the usual array of saloons, gambling halls, and brothels, including the famous Long Branch Saloon. For a time in 1884, Dodge City even had a bullfighting ring where Mexican bullfighters would fight specially chosen Longhorn bulls.



DAY 11 - DODGE CITY TO COLORADO SPRINGS

- 5TH AUGUST

We spend most of the day crossing the panhandle and it could be dry, dusty and hot. A vast agricultural area it suffered during the great depression and the dust bowl of the 1930s. Colorado Springs is a breath of fresh air after the dusty day on the road. It is the gateway to the Southern Rocky Mountains and at the base of Pike's Peak which we will drive on our day off.

DAY 12 - COLORADO SPRINGS DAY OFF - 6TH AUGUST

DAY 13 - COLORADO SPRINGS TO TAOS - 7TH AUGUST

After breakfast we head to the famous Pikes Peak hillclimb. We don't need to be the fastest but enjoy the curves as we climb to a height of 11,000 feet. Take it easy and enjoy the view. We cruise at around 3,000 feet for the rest of the day. The first surprise is Victor - an imperfectly preserved cowboy and gold rush town. Once the 5th largest town in Colorado, the area has produced 22million ounces of gold!

Leaving the ghosts of the mining bonanza behind us we climb the Rockies into the Big Country. Soon we are in 'the backyards of America' – randomly placed trailers which have grown into pre-fab style houses with more abandoned cars and trucks littered in their yards than you see on the road. Our destination is Taos, a reminder of the Mexican settlements with their adobe mud walled houses. Originally in Mexico it has a long history of conflict. Now though it's a peaceful town where music echoes round from the bandstand in the main square most evenings.

DAY 14 - TAOS TO DURANGO - 8TH AUGUST

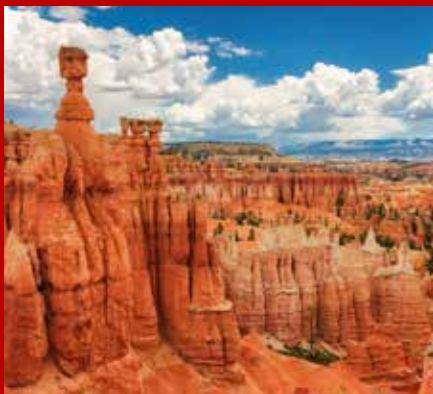
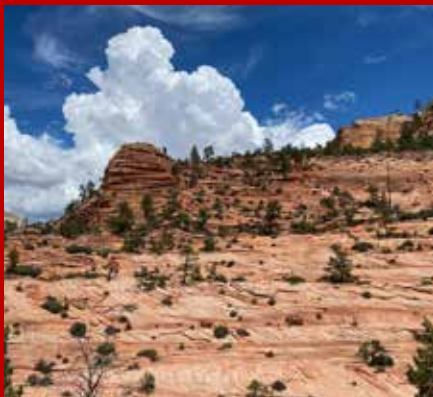
A few minutes out of Taos there is a remarkable view of the Rio Grande canyon. This deep gorge was almost impossible to cross in the early days of the Wild West. You can take a dawn balloon ride which will dip into the gorge and then rise to give you a birds-eye view of the stunning landscape. A few miles further on is an off-grid community of 139 'earthship' houses build partially below ground and using solar power to provide power.

Highlights of the day include the sweeping roads to the Navajo Dam, a true spectacle as you drop down the mountain to cross it. Here there is a houseboat community on the reservoir and bizarrely a dry dock up by the road.

Further on there is obviously an abundance of oil as well-heads are all around. We soon arrive at the town of Durango which has its place in cowboy history with a town centre sympathetically modernised but retaining its old time character.

A major attraction of the town is the Durango to Silverton steam railway which follows the million dollar highway to the gold mining town of Silverton.





DAY 15 - DURANGO TO MOAB - 9TH AUGUST

A day of wonder as we start with lush green rolling hills which seem to effortlessly meld into some of the most spectacular canyons you will ever see. The San Miguel canyon is first up with its red rock towering walls. We follow the river at the base of the gorge, which seems impossibly narrow at times. We climb out of the canyon to 2,229 metres onto a wide open plain with one street towns slumbering in the heat.

Dropping 700 metres we soon get to a viewpoint, or overlook, to the Hanging Flume, an open water wooden trough built along the Dolores River Canyon during the gold rush. Time has taken its toll and most of the wooden structure and boards have disappeared into the spectacular gorge below.

From here we go to Gateway and a fantastic classic car museum in the middle of a desert. Turning out of the museum we head to the John Brown Creek road, which is dirt until we reach the Bull Canyon overlook and Dinosaur track site. Here you are in the land of the giants. Its spectacular all the way to the Colorado River which we follow to within a couple of kilometres of Moab, our stop for the night.

DAY 16 - MOAB TO BRYCE CANYON - 10TH AUGUST

From Moab we quickly leave the canyons behind and head up onto the high country. In contrast to yesterday's drive this area is almost totally bereft of vegetation. It's big and open and rocky to the horizon.

But the desert slowly greens as we approach the aptly named Green River. Then it's back to the moon-like landscape. We meet up with and drive along the Fremont River at times, then cut through the Capitol Reef National Park. Towns that come and go are Torrey, Boulder and Escalante. We climb through unexpectedly forested areas and fabulously named locations such as Hell's Kitchen. It seems to have its own micro climate, as one moment we see some rain then round the next corner its sunshine! Eventually we climb up to Bryce Canyon City, which is surprisingly busy compared to everywhere else we have been in the last few days.

The rally will stop here for a well deserved break and an opportunity to take a helicopter ride over the canyon to see the Hoodoos or take a 4x4 for a dirt trail day.

DAY 17 – DAY OFF IN BRYCE CANYON - 11TH AUGUST

DAY 18 - BRYCE CANYON TO LAS VEGAS - 12TH AUGUST

Turning out of Bryce Canyon you immediately encounter the Red Rock Canyon – and very well named. It differs in having pine trees dotted through the canyon and some smaller examples of hoodoos. As if you hadn't seen it all by now, our route takes us through Zion National Park with yet more variations on rocks and canyons. This time there's an entry fee of \$35, which they take from you most gracefully. To get through the park there's a massive tunnel carved out of the rock, which becomes one-way when a large vehicle tries to traverse the park. Take your time and stop at the odd overlook to get your money's worth.

Once out of the park we are in a sandy rock area before jumping on the Veterans Memorial Highway which takes us all the way to Las Vegas. For a motorway it's pretty spectacular. We take the ring road round Las Vegas to get to our hotel on the south side of The Strip and ensure a quick getaway the next day

DAY 19 - DAY OFF IN LAS VEGAS - 13TH AUGUST

DAY 20 - LAS VEGAS TO YOSEMITE - 14TH AUGUST

Leaving Las Vegas we are immediately in the desert with a hazy landscape of cactus and sand blowing across the road. We turn off onto the 266 and then onto the 168 and over the foothills into Big Pine. Here we turn parallel to the Sierra Nevadas into Bishop which has plenty of fuel and cafes for a break from the heat.

It's almost an Alpine landscape as we head for Yosemite. At the gate there is a charge of \$15 from 6am to 4pm – after that it is free so there is usually a queue at the gate waiting for the clock to strike the hour. Once in, its easy to find somewhere to stop and let the crowds go by so you can enjoy the scenery more or less on your own



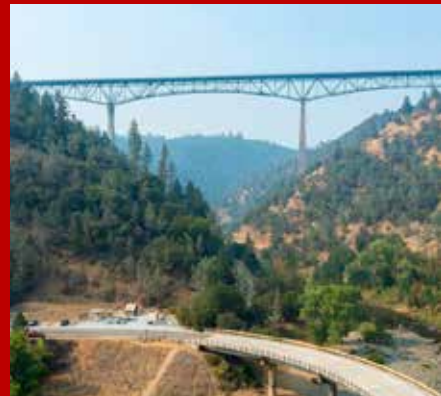
DAY 21 - YOSEMITE TO AUBURN - 15TH AUGUST

A short day in kilometres follows the longest day, but today we are on traditional Californian roads which are narrower and twistier than in the rest of the country. Out of Groveland we turn past the Around the Horn Brewing Company and we are straight into the hills.

The road alternates for a short while between tarmac and dirt but nothing is rough. As we come out of the hills we are in Murphy (around 88kms), where there are plenty of great restaurants and coffee houses. Ideal for a stop.

Out of Murphy we have our first sight of vineyards before finding the Emigrant Road Trail which takes us deeper into the hills. Twisting our way we move from vineyards to fruit growing and Boa Vista where you can stop and get some fresh fruit, ice cream and refreshments.

Approaching Auburn we get a great view of one of the highest bridges in America, the Forest Hill Bridge at 730 feet. It's the 4th highest in the USA and in the top 70 in the world. Not bad for a sleepy town.



DAY 22 - AUBURN TO BODEGA BAY - 16TH AUGUST

Today you get the typical Californian white picket fence ranches with free range cattle and manicured grounds. As we move east the weather begins to cool from the heat we have experienced for the last few days.

From Maxwell we begin to climb the hills again over the Sierra Nevada range to Clear Lake. On the way there are orchards as far as the eye can see. Our stop is Bodega Bay and when we pulled up at The Tides it was 14 degrees – a drop of 25 degrees on the day!



DAY 23 - BODEGA BAY TO MONTEREY - 17TH AUGUST

Within minutes of leaving Bodega Bay we were again in a swirling sea mist, reminiscent of a Hitchcock movie!! But wait, a small diversion brings us to Bodega village with Saint Teresa of Avila Church and, yes, a familiar house. Here Hitchcock filmed one of his best known films, The Birds. Stop here for a photo opportunity before heading on down Route 1 to The Golden Gate bridge – surely the most iconic in the world. We continue down to Half Moon Bay and then on to Monterey.



DAY 24 - PEBBLE BEACH - 18TH AUGUST

COLLECT PASSES AND ENJOY THE AUCTION PREVIEWS

Arriving in Monterey we head to the Pebble Beach Golf club to collect our passes. After that we have time to attend the auction viewing days. The following day we are off to Laguna Seca raceway to see a full day of classics on this amazing track.



DAY 25 – PEBBLE BEACH, LAGUNA SECA RACES AND AUCTIONS - 19TH AUGUST

DAY 26 – PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D’ELEGANCE - 20TH AUGUST

Sunday morning, get up early to see the Dawn Patrol as cars arrive for the Concours d’Elegance from around 6am. The results are out at around 15:00 and the winner is crowned at 16:30. It’s a truly amazing spectacle and is rightfully the greatest concours and car show on earth. It must be on your bucket list – right at the top.



DAY 27– DEPART - 21ST AUGUST

Details correct at time of going to print. Please be aware that route and hotels may vary.



RALLY INCLUSIONS

INCLUDED IN THE RALLY

- Accommodation with breakfast for all nights of the rally
- Evening meal on driving days
- The back yards of America
- Music cities
- Dirt roads and mountains
- Back roads and small town America
- Indian reservations and Canyons
- Cowboy towns
- The Great Plains
- The Ozarks and Blue Ridge Mountains
- Death Valley and Yosemite
- Pikes Peak and the Rockies
- Welcome and Farewell dinners
- Mechanical support team
- Rally decals, tulip road book and our experienced team
- VirtualMarshal™ timing system

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Return airfares to USA and airport transfers
- Cost of meals and drinks and entry to places of interest other than those specifically included in the final itinerary
- Personal expenses
- Fuel and Tolls







ACCOMODATION

We aim to provide the best and most suitable accommodation throughout the rally, taking into account the need for parking and ease of access. Breakfast is included for each night and evening meals are provided on travelling days.

BACK UP

As usual mechanical back up will be masterminded by Toby and Finella

VEHICLES

- Chevrolet Camaro, Dodge Challenger or Mustang Coupe or exotics at additional cost.
- Ask about tour discounts if you drive your own car. Open to all Classic cars.

How to enter

Download an entry form from our website or drop us an email if you require more information. We have 20 places on this fantastic event that will surprise you with the beauty and breadth and scale of the country. The Americans love their classic cars as well as meeting new people so expect a warm and genuine welcome.

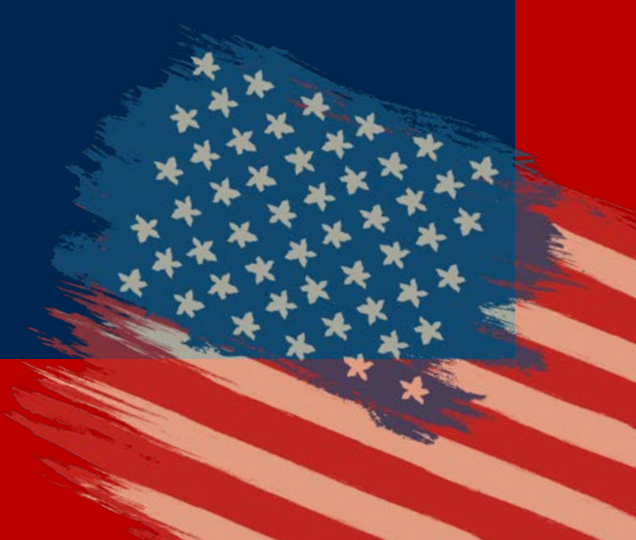
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