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Discover 200 of the best places to ride a bike in this beautifully illustrated hardback. From family-friendly, sightseeing urban rides to epic adventures off the beaten track. Destinations range from France and Italy, for the world's great bike races, to the wilds of Mongolia and Patagonia. These journeys will inspire - whether you are an experienced cyclist or just getting started.

The book is organised by continent. In the Americas we join a family bikepacking trip in Ecuador; we pedal the Natchez Trace Parkway and stop at legendary music spots; we ride the Pacific Coast Highway in Oregon and California; go mountain biking in Moab and Canada; and explore the cities of Buenos Aires and New York by bicycle.

European rides include easy-going trips around Lake Constance, along the Danube and the Loire, and coast-to-coast routes; routes in Tuscany, Spain and Corsica; and professional journeys up Mt Ventoux and around the Tour of Flanders.

In Asia, we venture through Vietnam's valleys; complete the Mae Hong Son circuit in northern Thailand; cross the Indian Himalayas; and pedal through Bhutan. And in Australia and New Zealand we take in Tasmania and Queensland by mountain bike; cycle into Victoria's high country and around Adelaide on road bikes; and try some of New Zealand's celebrated cycle trails.

Each ride is illustrated with stunning photography and a map. A toolkit of practical details - where to start and finish, how to get there, where to stay and more - helps riders plan their own trips. There are also suggestions for three more similar rides around the world for each story. Each piece shows how cycling is a fantastic way to get to know a place, a people and their culture.

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Mirthe says

Leuke fietsverhalen om bij weg te dromen. Ideaal ook dat alle soorten van fietsen aan bod komen: road cycling, MTB, long distance rides & family trips. Ik had alleen wat meer praktische info verwacht.

(Het boek is redelijk groot en zwaar, wat nogal onhandig is. De letters zijn ook redelijk klein. Slechte punten voor de vormgeving.)

Michelle says

I discovered this in a cruise-ship library. There are two types of rides in this book: ones you could conceivably make and those surely relegated to fearless trust-fund 19-year old hardcore cyclists. I wrote down some itineraries from the former category (Natchez Trace. Lake Como.) and enjoyed the outrageous concepts of the latter.

It has good pictures and would make a nice gift for your adventurous friends. If I were a doctor, I'd have it on the table in my waiting room. And it is just at home in the library of the cruise ship.

Worth a browse.

Stewart Reid says

Nice book, really for dipping in to read, not a flowing read in it's entirety. ONLY odd thing is the that "Similar Routes" are a long way from similar and tend to be shor day trips rather than the week+ tours I was expecting. Basically is has either Epic (Crossing Africa) or day trips!

Janet says

Amazing trips outlined here! Some places I'm very familiar with, others are brand new to me. All provide fodder for great travel ideas--whether on two wheels or not.

Michael says

Lonely Planet seems to have decided to publish more specialized guides - although this isn't a take-it-with-you sort of guide but more of a this-may-inspire-you introduction to possibilities for longer distant cycling (generally at some non-trivial expense, by the way).

The format is puzzling. It isn't a coffee table book, but is large-ish format. Physically it reminds me of a high school text book.

The book covers in some detail fifty different possible cycling routes (as they call them) in thirty different countries, organized by region (Africa, Americas, Asia, Europe, Oceania). The number of routes per region varies widely, with all of two for Africa but nineteen for Europe and fourteen for the Americas. The rides are categorized "easy, harder, epic." For each route, there is a "tools" section that gives some information for someone who might actually be considering one of these rides, but since these are mostly not in one's neighborhood and would require considerable preparation, they are just a bare bones start at the research that would be required.

The photography is nice - again, with the idea to perhaps inspire you.

In a nod at how such information would be presented on a web side, each of the fifty routes ends with brief "more like this" section with another three routes covered in a paragraph. Some of these rides were more interesting to me than the ones covered in details - oh well.

The front cover has the blurb, "Explore the planet's most thrilling cycling routes" at the bottom of it. Perhaps I don't think of "thrilling" the right way. Clearly a few of them are in what I would consider attractive for a thrill seeker, but I would say a more accurate blurb would be "the planet's most satisfying cycling routes." But I guess inspiration needs to be for thrills, not satisfaction.

Judy says

What a great book to curl up with on a cold, snowy day! Tons of pictures to encourage you to get out the bike and cycle all over the world, even if you aren't a great bike rider.

Goldenwattle says

Too hard core for me. Where are the gentle rides with coffee shops, places to stay that don't involve camping and the like?

In Australia where are the bike trails, such as the sealed Wangaratta to Bright and Beechworth routes? Maybe the best one, with good scenery (vineyards, etc), cafes, accommodation along the route.

No, this book lost me. It's for a younger readership who likes extreme riding. Actually not just younger, but only a small percentage of that demographic. When I was younger I took my bike to Europe and cycled about for several months. I cycled across country in Australia. Each time with full panniers full of luggage, but this book (as far as I got reading it) would have been too hard core for me.

Cairo to South Africa anyone!

Heather Rooney says

I love this book and I wish I could go ride all of these amazing places now!

Kevin says

Very Aspirational

I am not a bike rider but this book really makes me want to start training so I can do some of these rides.

Jesse Richards says

I don't know how to ride a bike, but this is now one of the nicest books I own. It's just very beautiful - a tour of the world whether you bike or not. The illustrations and photography are amazing.

Trudie says

In my ongoing effort to get through some of my "coffee table" books, I have finally gotten around to reading this Lonely Planet book of "Epic Rides".

I fully admit to gravitating towards this because of the cute illustrated cover and a vague desire to be encouraged to pedal around some picturesque riverside trail, while riding one of those bikes with a basket on the front containing, say, cheese and chocolate. However.... while there are *maybe* one or two rides like that in here, the majority seem to deal with grinding things out over mountaintops and along windswept and barren looking North Atlantic coastlines, not to mention some hard core mountain biking. I guess I knew this might not be pitched at my level when the first ride is 12,000 km from Egypt to South Africa.

Taken as an armchair adventure book I found *Epic Bike Rides* rather disappointing both in terms of writing and photography. It seemed like several images were taken from some sort of stock photography rather than being specific images from the ride itself. *Riding the Rif* for example inexplicably had an image of a hooded figure knocking on a blue door and not a single image of the bike route or even a cyclist. *Arty Copenhagen* was illustrated with a weather vane and random Danish commuters cycling ?

However, this book does provide a very good list of ideas for cycling adventures around the globe, just be prepared to do plenty of your own extra research.

Ietrio says

Stock photography, unrelated trivia, overall a cheaply made book for doubtful sales. Epic? Lame.

Kyra Hahn says

Geared toward a variety of abilities, highlights beautiful bicycle ride opportunities throughout the world with great pictures

Robert Max says

"Read"...mejor "Used" o "being used"

Kara says

My book of dreams. This guide describes cycling rides around the world, with a variety of types -- road, mountain, family, etc -- and a variety of distances. Although not every single ride appealed to me, there were plenty that did. This is a great starting point for planning a bike vacation, and a real motivator to just get out there and make it happen.
