

MAUI PRE-DAWN SUNRISE BIKE TOUR DOWN HALEAKALA

Haleakala Downhill Before the Crowds: Vibrant Pre-Dawn Skies and 29 Switchbacks

AGES	DURATION	GROUP SIZE	CHECK-IN
15+	5 Hours	Max 12	4:45 to 5:15 AM

CHECK-IN LOCATION: 497 Baldwin Ave, Paia HI 96779

Check-in times vary throughout the year depending on the time of the sunrise. A text message will confirm the exact meet time at our office the day before your tour.

PRE-DAWN MORNING BIKE TOUR

For those who prefer a later start or have already experienced Haleakala's sunrise, the Pre-Dawn Bike Tour offers a less crowded adventure. Starting at 6,500 feet, this tour lets you witness vibrant pre-dawn colors in the sky as you descend the mountain's exhilarating 29 switchbacks. Not once, but twice!

This tour is made for guests who may have been to Haleakala in the past, or who do not want the early wake up and the trip to 10,000 feet to watch the sunrise. It starts later, avoids the crowds and traffic, and still delivers all the vibrant colors in the sky over Maui. You will ride down the 29 exhilarating switchbacks while watching the sun peek over the mountain after taking in the pre-dawn colors. The upper portion of the switchbacks is experienced twice for double the fun.

Afterward, enjoy a van ride through the agricultural community of Kula and a stop in the charming paniolo town of Makawao, with coffee shops, eateries, and local boutiques to enjoy. The ride then continues down through the pineapple fields, rainbow shower trees, and historic churches to the seaside town of Paia, back to the starting location. This five-hour tour is made for experienced riders and leaves you plenty of time to enjoy the rest of your day on Maui.

ITINERARY

Check-in times vary seasonally with the sunrise. A text message confirms the exact meet time the day before. All times are approximate given traffic and guest riding abilities. Some riders are much slower than others.

4:45 AM	Check-In	4:45 to 5:15 AM at 497 Baldwin Ave, Paia (time confirmed by text)
45 min	Narrated Van Ride	History and focal points through Makawao, Kula, and upcountry to the 6,500 ft launch point
20 min	First Bike Ride	Safety briefing, gear fitting, then 29 switchbacks with bi-coastal views of Haleakala Ranch
10 min	Ride Back Up	Van returns you to the launch point
20 min	Second Bike Ride	Repeat the fabulous 29 switchbacks for a more exhilarating second run
15 min	Van Tour of Kula	Scenic drive through Kula to the town of Makawao
30 min	Explore Makawao	Coffee, breakfast, and local shopping
20 min	Final Bike Ride	Makawao down to the office on Baldwin Ave where the tour began

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Volcano Chrome Cruiser bike, designed with drum brakes to handle the downhill ride
- Full-face helmet
- Granola bars
- Bottled water

WHAT TO BRING

You can bring a backpack that will be stored in the van. It can carry extra layers of clothing and any purchases you make along the way.

Warm clothing for higher elevations	Sunglasses or prescription glasses
Closed-toe shoes	Sunscreen
Layered clothing	Camera
Pants (no dresses or baggy pants)	

WHAT TO WEAR

Wear whatever makes you comfortable. Closed-toe shoes and helmets are the only mandatory attire. Gloves, windbreakers, and windproof pants are highly recommended. Early morning temperatures can be quite brisk, and combined with the downhill speeds, you may find it chilly.

Jackets, sweatshirts, jeans, leggings, and long-sleeved shirts are all safe options. Dressing in layers is always a good idea. Check the weather before your tour and dress accordingly.

RESTRICTIONS

These restrictions exist for your safety. Questions? Call our office at (808) 877-4944.

- Riders must be competent, experienced, and confident. You should be able to get on and off the bike safely, keep it under complete control at all times, and maneuver through 180-degree turns at speeds of 18-25 mph
- Minimum age 15. Anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult
- Riders must not be pregnant
- Maximum rider weight is 280 lbs due to bike manufacturer limitations
- Minimum rider height is 4 ft 10 in
- Closed-toe shoes only. No exceptions
- Riders must be capable of engaging in activity at higher elevations
- Riders cannot be taking medication that may cause drowsiness or fatigue
- All riders must understand the risks involved and sign an acknowledgement of risk form

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How dangerous is the Haleakala Pre-Dawn bike tour?

We do not like to say that the bike tour is dangerous, but rather adventurous. As a rider, you have to be confident in handling yourself on a bike under certain conditions, including:

- Sharing a road with vehicles
- Traveling downhill from 6,500 vertical feet
- An average gradient of 5-6%
- Switchbacks and winding road
- Certain stretches of the road with no bike lane or shoulder

If you would not be comfortable traveling on a bike in this situation, this may not be the tour for you. You do not have to be a professional bike rider to enjoy the tour, but you do have to be able to control your bike. Remember, you are heading downhill for many miles at a fast pace, and you will have cars next to you. If none of this concerns you, you will be fine. As with most outdoor adventures, however, there are risks involved.

Is the Haleakala Pre-Dawn Bike Tour a good choice for you?

The Pre-Dawn bike tour is an unforgettable experience for anyone who participates. If you can appreciate the beauty around you, you will not want to miss the views throughout the entire tour, and you can stop to take pictures along the way. We only recommend our bike tours to those who have prior experience riding a bicycle downhill, as you will be traveling at a 5-6% gradient while sharing the roadway with other motor vehicles. You have to be a confident and steady rider who meets the age, height, and weight restrictions, as well as the skills above.

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