

Cruising The Great Outdoors

Top Destinations For Motorcycle Riders

(NAPSA)—For many, there's nothing more exhilarating than getting on a motorcycle and exploring the back roads of America. And in spite of the variety of motorcycles available in the market, the "bike of choice" for most Americans continues to be the iconic, chrome-laden cruiser, representing more than half of the on-highway motorcycle community.

"Whether they're used for a day trip for the weekend warrior or a long cross-country adventure, cruisers are great bikes because they fit a variety of lifestyles," said Mel Harris, vice president of American Suzuki Motor Corp., Motorcycle/ATV Division. "In fact, Suzuki developed the Boulevard line of cruisers to suit the wide-ranging needs and tastes of the entire cruiser community and to get would-be riders out on the road. Our latest addition, the Boulevard C109R, combines the styling of a classic cruiser with the high-performance capability that Suzuki is known for."

With so many bikes hitting the open road during the warm-weather months, here's a list of popular routes to help riders "cruise" the great outdoors:

A ride to bring out your "inner historian" is the stretch of highway from Phoenix to Tortilla Flat in Arizona. Be sure to check out the authentic stagecoach stop when you arrive in Tortilla Flat, the only stop of its kind along the Apache Trail to survive the 1900s.

For photography buffs, the Columbia Gorge Forest Loop in Washington offers top-notch views of the Columbia River, Mt. Hood, Mt. Adams and Mt. St. Helens.



Regardless of your destination or personal style, there's a cruiser that's built for you.

Seeking new heights? The Peak to Peak Highway in Colorado provides 50 miles of unparalleled views and access to multiple national parks along the way.

For what may be the ultimate challenge, head to the Suches Loop. Better known as "Georgia's Dragon," the road weaves through the Blue Ridge Mountains and the Chattahoochee National Forest.

If you're yearning for a longer ride, check out the Blue Ridge Parkway, which traverses the Appalachian Mountains for almost 500 miles.

Have a sweet tooth? If so, be sure to check out the ride from Brattleboro to Burlington in Vermont's countryside. The scenery includes rivers, waterfalls, mountain views and the Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream plant.

For more information on cruisers and other motorcycles, visit www.suzukicycles.com.