



The Southeast has a great network of stunning roads, from Virginia to New Orleans. They are well maintained with no commercial traffic, and safer than any highway. It's a way for us to settle into a new rhythm, and get used to the bikes as we stretch the riding muscles on these perfect roads. The Skyline Drive starts in Virginia, and crosses into Shenandoah National Park. We connect with the Blue Ridge Parkway, 105 miles later, and then take the Natchez Trace right outside Nashville, Tennessee. From there, it is all one gorgeous road through Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, all the way to New Orleans.

Riding on these roads is like riding through a postcard. These protected scenic drives meander through National Parks with nothing man-made to taint their beauty. No gas stations, no restaurants—just about a thousand miles of perfectly paved road. Every rider dreams of never-ending twisting roads, but after entire days of leaning into a thousand bends, I admit that I am looking forward to some straight stretches.



Every time we stop someone comes up to us, always curious about the bikes and what we're up to. When we tell people we are riding all the way to the tip of South America, we get wide eyes, a handshake of respect, and plenty of wishes for a safe journey. Even I am impressed about the idea, especially as we are only 500 miles into the trip.