



## 3 Flags Classic Tour 2018 Info

325 avid Long Distance motorcycle riders (ALL ages) cross 3 countries (3 Flags) Mexico, USA, and Canada on a 2,200+ mile journey. No interstates (almost) for us, virtually all 2 lane twisty challenging roads. Rain, shine, sleet or snow to get to your hotel for comradery, jocularly, many friendly lies, and a frosty beverage. And a belt buckle.

The 3 Flags Classic Tour features a **new, exciting ride every year**. Maximum of 325 registrations.

**Event details:** 3 Flags Classic Tour 2018 - 3FC18

**When:** Labour Day Long weekend.

**Whole event dates:** Thursday Aug 30 – Tuesday Sept 4-2018

**Start Hotel:** Playa Bonita Hotel, Puerto Penasco Mexico will have a riders meeting, and buffet Thursday Aug 30-18

**Finish Hotel:** Deerfoot Inn and Casino, Calgary AB.

Riders will start to arrive Sunday September 2, 2018, most arrive Mandatory Monday.

**Banquet:** Tuesday Sept 4, 2018

**Finish Hotel Usual Checkout:** Wednesday Sept 5, 2018

**The Finish:** Will be manned/staffed by members of the GWRRA Calgary AB-A chapter

**Organizer:** Southern California Motorcycle Association (SCMA)

2018 will be the **43rd year** running of the 3 Flags Classic Tour

**3FC routing and checkpoints** are now established.

**Roads:** Stay off interstates, mostly 2 lane “best roads”.

**Checkpoints:** There will be 3 mandatory checkpoints, where you will get your 3FC Passport stamped.

**Route design:** Is done by long time, long distance riders and local experts. GPS routes and turn by turn printable route sheets provided. You supply the maps. No, you don't have to follow the official route, although HIGHLY recommend for maximum enjoyment. You do need to hit all the checkpoints in the allotted timeframes.

**Registration:** for the event will start Midnight January 27 – May 15, 2018 online only [www.SC-MA.com](http://www.SC-MA.com) Max 325.

**43 Years running:** Think of the bikes used in 1975 to do the 2,100 mile run then.

You will find the riders to be **one big happy Family**, which you will comfortably fit into.

**Bike size:** Run what you bring, as they say.

**Riding styles:** There are a number of ways you can do the tour: Social style – Checkpoint to checkpoint, stay over, and have fun night with buddies. IBA (Iron Butt) style – go as hard and as far as you can, until you run out of open checkpoints. Or, whatever style you like – just make the checkpoints.

**Lodging:** There is official Start & Finish host hotels (Highly suggest you stay there). On the ride, it's up to you where you stay. All lodging costs and bookings are the riders responsibility.

How do you **GET to start:** Well, RIDE of course. (or ship you bike & fly – not the recommended way)

**Cost:** Registration in 2018 is \$285.00 USD.

**What you get:** One Hell of a ride!! Camaraderie, jocularly. Rider Swag, Route Sheets, Official 3FC Passport, Ball Cap, Snazzy Tee Shirt, Stunning Wall Plaque, Pin, Decal, Start Hotel Buffet, Checkpoint Snacks and Beverages, Ending Banquet, Door Prizes, AND Limited Edition Memorial Belt Buckle for Certified Finishers.

**Website:** [www.SC-MA.com](http://www.SC-MA.com) or <https://goo.gl/ui3z7x> (Over)

## Highly Unofficial 2017 3 Flags Classic Tour Statistics:

**3 Flags 2017 entrants** (registrations sold) 325 (Sold Out)

**3 Flags 2017 Official Starters:** (Rider cards handed in) USA:193, Canada: 119, Mexico: 3, Other:

**Number of Ladies riders:** 59 with more and more every year (and they are having FUN!).

**Oldest Male Finisher:** 86 years

**Oldest Female Finisher:** 74 years

**Youngest Male:** 21

**Youngest Female:** 18 on a Honda CBR500

**Oldest Team:** Bryan & Yvonna – total 168 years

**Most Miles to get there:** from Massachusetts

**Most 3 Flags Tours:** #39 for Danny & Gloria

**Bike Makes:** 97 Honda, 71 Harley Davidson, 69 BMW, 19 Yamaha, 11 Triumph, 4 Suzuki, 3 Can Am, 2 KTM, 15 Other.

**Smallest CC bike:** 500 cc - 3 way tie: Julianna, Allan, Darlene

**Oldest Bike:** 1983 Honda Goldwing, Don – Same Goldwing he has ALWAYS done 3FC on.

**Best Checkpoint:** Kanab UT

**Highest Poker Hand:** Prize

**Poker Chip:** Prize was Next year 3FC ticket

**New Aerostitch Riding Suit:** prize was won by a Calgarian – Colin

**50/30/20 draw winners:** 50% - \$1,640, 30% - \$963, 20% - \$642 (US \$\$!)