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Mountain Bicycles Made For Bike Touring Around The World

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The following is a list of touring bikes with 26 inch wheels.

The biggest advantage of a touring bike with 26" wheels vs. 700c wheels is that 26 inch wheels are easier to repair and find replacement parts for no matter where you are in the world. 700c wheels can typically only be found in North America, Europe, and other large cities around the world.

Additionally, 26" wheels are typically wider than 700c wheels and therefore handle off-road conditions much better than a [traditional touring bike](#). For this reason, 26 inch wheeled touring bikes are often the choice of bicycle travelers who are cycling around the world and through a diverse range of road conditions.

You can get more information about each of these bicycles on their corresponding company websites. The touring bikes shown below have been listed in alphabetical order according to their manufacturer. Some of these bicycles can be ordered with either 700c or 26" wheels.

Bilenky

Hedgehog – www.bilenky.com



Midlands – www.bilenky.com



Nor'Easter – www.bilenky.com



Tourlite 26" – www.bilenky.com



Bruce Gordon

BLT-X – www.bgcycles.com



Co-Motion

Pangea – www.co-motion.com



Koga-Miyata

WorldTraveller – www.koga.com



Kross

Navigo – www.kross.pl



Novara

Safari – www.rei.com



Riese & Müller

Intercontinental Extreme – www.en.r-m.de



Surley

Long Haul Trucker – www.surlybikes.com



Thorn Raven

Nomad S&S – www.thorncycles.co.uk



Sherpa – www.thorncycles.co.uk



Sterling – www.thorncycles.co.uk



Tour – www.thorncycles.co.uk



Sport Tour – www.thorncycles.co.uk



Tout Terrain

Panamericana – www.tout-terrain.de



Silkroad – www.tout-terrain.de



VSF Fahrrad Manufaktur

T-400 Rohloff 14-Gang – www.fahrradmanufaktur.de



T-400 SLX 27-Gang – www.fahrradmanufaktur.de



T-400 Deore 24-Gang – www.fahrradmanufaktur.de



T-400 Nexus 8-Gang – www.fahrradmanufaktur.de



Have I missed any? I'm sure I have!

If you know of a 26 inch wheeled bicycle made specifically for touring that you think should be on this list, please leave a comment below with the name of the company, the bike model, and a link to the appropriate website. The bike should be a complete bicycle with wheels, components, and front and rear braze-ons for the placement of racks and panniers.

Other Models To Consider:

I'm not sure if these bikes should be added to this list or not. Can you help me decide?

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- Does the [Giant Journey X](#) have 26" wheels?
- I left the [Gunnar Rock Tour](#) off the list because I couldn't tell if there were eyelets for a front rack. Do you know if you can mount a rack to the front of this bike?
- These two Brodie bikes ([Drifter](#) & [Cohort](#)) appear to have front eyelets, but I can't tell if they have eyelets for a rear rack. What do you think?
- Does [RodCycle](#) have any 26" touring bikes? It looks like they might.
- The [Salsa Fargo](#) is a 29" Touring Bike, not 26". Maybe this is another list I should create – touring bicycles with 29" wheels?

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