

Preparing Your Harley-Davidson Pan America 1250 for Long Adventures

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The Harley Pan America is among the most favorite ADV touring bikes for US riders. Learn how to prepare the Pan America 1250 for long ADV tours.

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The Harley Pan America 1250 is America's most favorite ADV bike. It is also among the most desired Harleys. The bike is purely built for long-haul ADV tours. It's also surprisingly very much capable of off-roading. However, as with every other ADV tourer, the Harley Pan America also needs to be prepared before the ride. When it comes to the bike's prep, **Viking Bags** can help you with this. Viking Bags, a leading name in the motorcycle luggage industry, deals with both the ADV and cruiser segments. With Viking Bags, you can transform your Pan America 1250 into a touring-ready bike.

1. Selecting the Right Harley Pan America Panniers

While preparing your Pan America 1250 for long journeys, you must decide between soft or hard panniers. The good thing? Viking Bags has both these options for this bike. However, it depends on where you want to ride and the terrain you choose.

1.1 ADV Hard Luggage Bags for Pan America



If you choose to go on a long-haul road trip on your Pan America and plan to mostly stay on urban roads, the Viking aluminum ADV side cases are a great choice. You have the [45L Apex XL Side Cases, available in both silver and black finishes](#). These hard-sided cases offer ideal strength and safety against bad weather, crashes, and falls.

1.2 ADV Soft Panniers for Pan America



If the rider loves hitting off-road tracks or uneven terrain like gravel, dirt, or forest roads, go for the soft luggage. You can either go with the 60L or 40 L Apex ADV Touring Panniers by Viking Bags, whichever suits your needs. They are quite versatile and flexible, also offering frame protection in case of falls.

2. Full Luggage System for Harley Pan America

Planning for a multi-day adventure trip on the Pan America 1250? A proper touring attire is recommended. For this purpose, riders can opt for the full luggage system.

2.1 Hard Luggage: Viking ADV Hard Side Cases With Top Case



Prefer the look and function of aluminum hard side cases and top cases? Viking Bags offers an in-demand 38L Apex XL Top Case in both silver and

black finishes. For the top case, you will need to install a luggage rack. This setup allows an ideal storage for long ADV tours.

2.2 Soft Luggage System: 80L Odyssey Luggage



If the soft ADV panniers aren't enough for you, you must try [Viking Bags 80L Odyssey ADV touring luggage system](#) on your Pan America. More than the

rugged look, it offers high value and great benefits to ADV riders. The system includes a 22L Tailpack Duffel, two 25L Dry Bags, and a Tent Pole Bag. The MOLLE panels allow riders to further attach pockets and small bags safely. The 80L Odyssey luggage is a top-rated Viking Bags product among ADV lovers.

3. ADV Touring Tank Bags for the Cockpit Setup

An all-inclusive Harley Pan America's ADV touring setup should include a top-quality tank bag. Riders need a bag that offers quick, easy access. This is where tank bags shine, especially in the ADV segment. It is a perfect place to store your phone, GPS, wallet, keys, documents, cash, and charger.

3.1 Viking Bags Apex 7L Tank Bag for Pan America



The 7L Apex Tank Bag by Viking Bags is a perfect match with your Pan America. The best feature of this tank bag is that it can also be used as a

backpack, thanks to the added shoulder straps. On top, the Apex Tank Bag also features a rain cover to keep your things safe. The 2L hydration pack is included to ensure riders don't need to carry an extra water bottle.

3.2 Viking Bags 8L Seeker Tank Bag for Pan America



If you want a tank bag that gives your Harley Pan America a sleeker look, this is the best option. What makes it different from the rest is the addition of a

touch-friendly window on top. The quick-release buckle helps riders to easily install or remove this bag from their bike.

4. Harley Pan America 1250 ADV Handlebar Bag and Odyssey Tool/Roll Bag

Looking for a bit more storage space on your Pan America that is easy to access? Look no further. The Viking 1L Explorer Handle Bar Bag fits perfectly. It may look small, but you can safely keep your phone and sunglasses in this bag.

In addition, another very handy gear is the Viking Odyssey ADV Touring Tool/Roll Bag. It is perfect for storing all the bike tools that you will need on a long ADV tour. It features multiple pockets and a roll-top design, taking up less volume. You can store it in any of your luggage bags.

5. Other Essential Parts for Your Harley Pan America

- **Crash Bar:** To ensure the safety of your bike's most crucial parts, such as the engine and radiator, a crash bar is a must-have.
- **Luggage Racks:** To install the tail bag, top case, or the ADV luggage system on your Harley Pan America, you will require a luggage rack.

6. Conclusion

The Harley Pan America 1250 was a great experiment by Harley, which turned out to be successful. Without a doubt, it is one of the most desired Harley bikes in the US. The long ADV tours have been made more fun and thrilling with the Pan America. However, you will need to prep your bike before taking it on long ADV tours that involve both on- and off-road terrain. After you set your preferences, your route, and your riding style, visit the Viking Bags'

online store where you will find everything to transform your Pan America for long ADV rides.