What lies over the horizon? Beyond our town, our state? Beyond the predictable, the expected? And what’s the best way to experience it? We ride motorcycles because they’re such engaging, active, personal vehicles. Travel the same roads in a car and on a bike, eat at the same restaurants, see the same sights, and then tell us which trip is the most memorable.

Honda’s 2018 Gold Wing® is an all-new motorcycle this year, designed to put you more in touch with the essential experience of riding. Changing a bike as good and as refined as a Gold Wing isn’t something you undertake lightly. So we set out to improve the newest model in every category: Engineering, Handling, Technology, Comfort, Flexibility. The 2018 Gold Wing is lighter, more powerful, more nimble, and more engaging. It’s a better motorcycle on every day. What lies beyond? Ride there and find out.
YEARS OF ADVENTURE.

THE FIRST GOLD WING—the 1975 GL1000—was revolutionary, a motorcycle that offered superbike-level power, incredible smoothness, liquid cooling, shaft drive, and a host of technical innovation unmatched at the time in the motorcycling world. Riders across the globe recognized the genius in this machine, but especially riders who wanted to cover long distances and so the Gold Wing became a touring icon. Over the years we added bodywork, saddlebags, and increased the engine size. Now it’s time to go back to our roots, to the kind of performance and handling that made those first Gold Wings such awesome bikes. Hang on, and enjoy the ride!
The Honda Gold Wing is probably the best-known bike in all of motorcycling, a machine that single-handedly defines what a touring bike should be. But now it’s time to forget just about everything you thought you knew this bike was, because the new 2018 Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour are designed for the way we ride today. Maybe in high school or college you had a coach who taught you something called the athletic stance. Poised, balanced, feet spread about shoulder’s width apart, leaning forward slightly. It’s the way you stood on a basketball court, on a football field, or ready to rush the net on a tennis court. It’s the same with motorcycling. The new Gold Wing Tour and Gold Wing are designed to be more athletic, more engaging, to give you a greater sense of being one with your bike. The difference between the two? The Gold Wing Tour has a taller windshield, a trunk, and a full complement of touring bike features. The Gold Wing is lighter, uses a shorter windshield, and features no-nonsense blacked-out styling.

Navigation is now a standard feature, and both the Gold Wing and the Gold Wing Tour also feature standard Anti-Lock Brakes (ABS) as well. We think you’ll find that these are the best Gold Wings you’ve ever ridden. They’re also the most engaging and fulfilling to ride. And the more you ride them, the better they’re going to feel.
COUNTER-ROTATING TRANSMISSION  
Mounting the Gold Wing’s transmission below the crankshaft, and spinning it opposite the crank’s rotation helps neutralize any engine torque reaction. Combining the alternator and starter into one integrated unit is one reason why the new Gold Wing’s engine is over 13 pounds lighter!*

COMPACT 4-VALVE ENGINE  
The new Gold Wing’s engine is all about athletic performance. The horizontally opposed six-cylinder design is still super smooth, except now it makes even more power. Plus, nothing can match it when it comes to a low center of gravity—a key to superior handling and parking-lot maneuverability.

MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE.  
When it came time to design the new Gold Wing engine, we had four goals. Make it lighter. Make it more compact. Make it more powerful. And make it more fun to ride. Along the way, we also gave the new bikes a new exhaust system—once you hear it, you’ll know it was worth it. The bikes offer a level of performance that’s immediately noticeable too—part of that’s the engine’s power, part of it is because the new Gold Wings are lighter and accelerate harder, and part of it’s due to the compact center of mass compared to previous models.

ENGINEERING

7-SPEED AUTOMATIC DCT

One of the first things any rider will notice about the 2018 Gold Wings is the radical new double-wishbone front suspension. Gone is the familiar telescopic fork, replaced with a strong, twin-leg structure, a pair of “A” arms and a single shock and spring. Why? The innovative, Honda-engineered design changes the path the wheel follows through the suspension travel, making it more of a vertical movement. That lets us move both the engine and the rider/passenger closer to the front wheel for improved handling.

DCT stands for Dual-Clutch Transmission. Inside, the transmission looks like a normal manual, with strong, efficient, constant mesh steel gears. But there’s no shifter and no clutch lever—all your shifting is controlled by buttons on the handlebar. Or you can let the DCT function fully automatically, and the bike will upshift and downshift effortlessly. The twin clutch packs, one for odd gears, one for even, makes shifting quick and seamless, so the DCT handles a light load on many Honda motorcycles, and our Africa Twin® has proven it tough enough to fully load-off road travel. But the 2018 Gold Wings have the best DCT transmission offered, and the feel with seven speeds. Even better—our DCT models offer a special low-speed “Walking” mode in addition to reverse (see our Models and Options chart for more information). It’s a huge help when maneuvering into or out of parking spaces with a passenger on the back.

The new 2018 Gold Wings still use a horizontally opposed six-cylinder engine, but that’s where all similarity ends. The new bikes feature a new bone and stroke, and a displacement punched out to 1833cc. Even more important, they’re the first Gold Wings to use four valves per cylinder, a design based off our high-performance Unicam® head design. The new engine also features aluminum cylinder sleeves and a stiffer, cleaner engine. The engine is more compact front-to-back, and that lets you and your passenger move forward in the cockpit for more comfort, better handling, and a more connected feel with the bike’s steering. Other innovations include integrating the starter and alternator into one unit. The overall effect is groundbreaking: a Gold Wing that’s still a long-distance champion, but one that offers a degree of engaged, sporting performance that all motorcycles live for.

This is huge news for 2018. For the first time ever, both the Gold Wing and the Gold Wing Tour are available with a brand new 7-Speed Automatic DCT (if you’re not familiar with it, think of the paddle-shift gearbox Formula 1 cars use).  

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6-SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION

We know plenty of Gold Wing riders still prefer a traditional manual transmission. Four isn’t more than you’ve covered. You can opt for a conventional gearbox on both the Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour models. But we’ve gone ahead and made it even better for 2018, by adding a sixth speed. Closing up the gearbox ratios makes it easier to take the perfect gear for sporty riding, yet the overdrive sixth still serves up relaxed top-gear cruising.

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APPLE CARPLAY INTEGRATION / A first for the motorcycle industry! Apple CarPlay™ seamlessly integrates your iPhone® into your new Gold Wing. That means you can use your iPhone to access Apple Maps, Apple Music® and other services. You can access menus, adjust volume and even send messages when you're stopped. Available Bluetooth® enabled wireless headsets let you communicate easily! And best of all, with more apps available every day, Apple CarPlay keeps your bike’s technology on the cutting edge.

HOMELINK / Available as an optional feature, HomeLink® lets you integrate your new Gold Wing with other devices in your home. A typical example: you can operate your garage door without any dedicated controller. Just touch a switch on your bike’s center console. No more fumbling, and no hassle.

METERS / The new Gold Wing’s cockpit meters are information central. In addition to the basics like vehicle speed, fuel level, engine temperature and dual tripmeters, you can also monitor outside air temperature, cruise-control speed, heater levels, and more.

NAVIGATION / Electronic navigation just keeps getting better and more convenient, and your new Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour are right on the cutting edge. Both are equipped with an excellent, dedicated, GPS-based navigation system. It’s a feature-rich, stand-alone system that’s completely independent of the Apple CarPlay navigation. No phone or cell reception? No problem—your navi system doesn’t need them.

AUDIO / Your new Gold Wing’s premium audio system is an excellent example of today’s top electronic technology. In addition to listening to music, you can also find Bluetooth®-equipped wireless headsets, CD’s, and more apps available every day, Apple CarPlay keeps your bike’s technology on the cutting edge.

METERS /

- Vehicle speed
- Fuel level
- Engine temperature
- Dual tripmeters
- Outside air temperature
- Cruise-control speed
- Heater levels

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TECHNOLOGY / NAVIGATION

A hundred years ago, cars had hand-cranked engines, motorcycles had manual spark advance, and your telephone—if you had one—was a wooden box screwed to the wall. Who wants to go back to that? Technology is part of our lives today, and the smart motorcyclist embraces it. So do the new Gold Wings. They offer a suite of technologically advanced features that make planning and riding easier, freeing you up to enjoy the parts of riding where you really want to pay attention. A large, bright seven-inch LCD/TFT display is front and center, giving you all the information you need.
Electronics can frustrate you, or they make your life easier. Some systems require you to scroll through layer after layer of non-intuitive commands, pushing a button once, twice, or three times—a recipe for getting lost. The new Gold Wings take a different path: we give you a series of dedicated, easy-to-use controls mounted on the handlebar or center console. Controls like these just make sense on a motorcycle; they’re tactile, positive, and you can use them while wearing gloves. Best of all, they take the frustration level down to about zero. All your electronics should be so user friendly.

IT’S ALL ABOUT CREATING SOLUTIONS.

01 THROTTLE BY WIRE / The 2018 Gold Wing’s throttle-by-wire system enables features like our exclusive Honda Selectable Torque Control (HSTC), which you'll find only on Gold Wing Tour models.

02 ELECTRONIC PRELOAD SUSPENSION / The new Gold Wing Tour’s suspension features four modes for varying loads. You can select (1) Rider, (2) Rider with loaded bags, (3) Rider and passenger, and (4) Rider and passenger with loaded bags.

03 RIDE MODES / Gold Wing engines offer a wide range of user-friendly power, but now you can choose between four ride modes (Tour, Sport, Race, and Econ). Each mode changes the bike’s power delivery. On the Gold Wing Tour models, in addition to the riding modes, you can also change the shift points on the DCT models.

04 HILL START ASSIST / This feature momentarily holds your motorcycle’s position on inclines when the brakes are released and you apply the throttle, eliminating any roll-back drama. It’s a great convenience when starting from a stop on a hill.

05 SMART KEY / Your new Gold Wing features an electronic smart key. When the key is in close proximity (say, in your jacket pocket), you can just hop on, press a button, and ride off. An “answer back” feature lets you find your bike in the dark or in crowded rally parking.

06 SUSPENSION MODES / When you select a riding mode (Touring, Sport, Race, Econ.) in addition to tailoring the engine’s power characteristics, the mode also changes your suspension’s damping characteristics, automatically controlling the oil flow in the front and rear shocks. This helps optimize the bike’s maneuverability and ride under changing road conditions.

Electrifying Innovation.

Modern motorcycle electronics let the new Gold Wings offer a collection of features impossible to imagine just a few years ago, and the stuff of science-fiction movies when the first Gold Wing appeared. Some are convenience features, some are rider aids. Together, they make your new Gold Wing more fun and more enjoyable to ride.

Shown with optional accessories.
ATHLETIC COMFORT.

How you sit on a motorcycle determines how you’ll perform. A well-designed office chair, or the pilot’s seat in a fighter jet, are designed to keep you alert, active, and engaged for an entire day. That’s the philosophy behind the new 2018 Gold Wing and Gold Wing Tour. And an added plus: you’ll find your new Gold Wing is just as much fun for shorter, around-town rides as it is on long trips.

Before the 1980 Gold Wing Interstate, if you wanted a touring bike, you had to add a windscreen and fairing yourself. This year we’ve radically rethought the Gold Wing’s fairing and luggage. The bike still offers excellent wind- and weather protection for both rider and passenger, but it’s trimmer now, with a lower windscreen and more of the frame exposed. It’s stouter, too, making it much less likely to flex under load. The Gold Wing Tour comes with a standard travel trunk, while our second model removes the trunk, making the bike even lighter and more nimble. All the luggage opens remotely and features integral dampers.

BUILT FOR THE LONG HAUL.

The new Gold Wing’s fairing, offers excellent wind and weather protection, yet is trimmer and more aerodynamic than our previous models. It also functions as a through-ducting, helping keep you cooler on hot summer days.

The new Gold Wing Tour’s windscreen is electrically controlled, moving both up and down over a 4.9-inch range (4.1 inches for Gold Wing) as well as changing its angle as it raises and lowers. It automatically remembers the last setting.

All Gold Wingers feature integrated saddlebags, designed to hold enough for most weekend trips. The bags open electrically with the push of a button, and lock and unlock remotely with the smart key. They’re hydraulically damped for smooth operation, too. (Shown with optional accessory luggage bags)

All 2018 Gold Wing models feature a complete LED lighting package. All illumination is LED: the headlights, the tail lights, the turn indicators, and every bit of instrumentation.

The seats use a new material that makes it easier to move around for both rider and passenger, and the front portion of the rider’s seat is narrower, making it easier to reach the ground. The rider can enjoy an optional backrest, and on our Gold Wing models without a trunk, there’s also an optional backrest for the passenger.

Even the new Gold Wing’s paint is high tech, using BASF’s nano technology. The darks look darker, and the lights look brighter. The paint itself has a luxurious wet appearance.
GOLD WING SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE TYPE
1833cc liquid-cooled horizontally opposed six-cylinder

BORE AND STROKE
73mm x 73mm

INDUCTION
Programmed Fuel Injection (PGM-FI)

IGNITION
Computer-controlled digital with three-dimensional mapping

COMPRESSION RATIO
10.5:1

VALVE TRAIN
SOHC Unicam; four valves per cylinder

FINAL DRIVE
Shaft

FRONT SUSPENSION
Double A-arm fork with single coil-over shock absorber; 4.3 inches of travel

REAR SUSPENSION
Pro Arm® single-sided swingarm with Pro-Link® single shock; computer-controlled spring-preload adjustment with four presets; 4.1 inches of travel

LUGGAGE CAPACITY
110 liters (Gold Wing Tour) / 60 liters (Gold Wing

WHEELBASE
66.7 inches

TIRE SIZE
130/70R-18 front; 200/55R-16 rear

SEAT HEIGHT
29.3 inches

FUEL CAPACITY
5.55 gallons

FUEL ECONOMY
42 MPG

MODELS AND OPTIONS

GOLD WING TOUR DCT
AIRBAG
X
X

GOLD WING TOUR
AIRBAG
X

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AIRBAG
X

GOLD WING DCT
AIRBAG
X

TRUNK
X

REVERSE
X

APPLE CAR PLAY
X

SELECTABLE RIDE MODES
X

CRUISE CONTROL
X

HI START
X

HEATED STEERING
tube (HSTC)
X

HEATED SEATS
X

HEATED STEERING
tube (HSTC)
X

TIREFORM
X

ELECTRONIC REAR SUSPENSION
X

Cock Weight
882
835
805
785
787

◊ Includes all standard equipment, required fluids and a full tank of fuel—ready to ride.
Gold Wing owners are famous for adding individual touches to their motorcycles. And here's some great news: Even though the 2018 Gold Wings are brand-new bikes, we already have a full line of accessories ready for you. Especially notable is the new available Trunk Add or Removal Kit.

1. LED BRAKE LIGHT & CHROME TRUNK RACK / Functional, and great looking.
2. PASSENGER BACKREST / This is sure to be a super-popular accessory on our no-trunk models.
3. HOMELINK / Open your garage door and much more with the push of a button.
4. RIDER BACKREST / Easy on and off, plus you'll appreciate the added comfort and support.
5. LED FOGLIGHTS / A finishing touch that also adds an extra degree of visibility.

We've shown a few here, but you can see the entire line at: shop.powersports.honda.com

Environmental Commitment
At Honda, we believe in performance and leadership. That's why we're taking a leadership position when it comes to the environment, in our products and in all other aspects of our business as well. For more information visit http://powersports.honda.com/about/environment.aspx.

Be a Responsible Rider
Riding a motorcycle is an exercise in responsibility—to yourself, to others, to the environment and to the sport. So remember, always wear a helmet, eye protection and protective clothing whenever you ride. Never ride after consuming drugs or alcohol and never use the street as a racetrack. Inspect your motorcycle before riding, and read your owner's manual. Log on to the Colton Rider Education website powersports.honda.com/experience/colton.aspx for information concerning reimbursement through the Honda Rider's Club of America® for state-approved rider training. Obey the law, use common sense, respect the rights of others when you ride, and make sure you have a proper license when riding on public roads.

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Dress for Success.
Now that you have that brand-new Gold Wing parked in your garage, why not treat yourself to some new riding gear to go with it? Honda has teamed with premium manufacturers like Klim, Alpinestars and Arai to bring you a line of new apparel specifically tailored to the Gold Wing riding experience. And just as the new Gold Wing offers a fresh, new look, so does this new gear.