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Tour Catalogue



PREMIUM MOTORCYCLE TOURS WORLDWIDE

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Welcome!

Thanks for your interest in Ayres Adventures!

We offer a variety of exciting motorcycle tour itineraries in Africa, Europe, New Zealand, North America (including Alaska and Canada) and South America. I hope you'll enjoy reading about them in this catalogue.

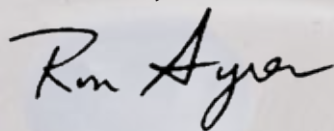
In just ten years I've been pleased to watch our company develop into a successful global enterprise. We have, in fact, earned the enviable reputation as the world's leading provider of *premium* motorcycle travel.

I am grateful to the loyal customer base we have acquired over the years, many of whom have taken multiple trips with us and helped spread the word about the company. In nearly all of their testimonials, they are quick to attribute their satisfaction to the highly-qualified, professional staff we have assembled, particularly our tour leaders, who are experienced, attentive to detail, and local to the regions in which we operate.

Indeed, our global tour leaders are our most valuable asset! They are intimately familiar with the markets we serve and are able to contribute interesting facts, local history and a touch of color to the tours. Most are multi-lingual. My managing partner lives in Cape Town, South Africa; three of our tour leaders live in Europe (Portugal, Austria and Germany); two are native New Zealanders, residing in Nelson and Christchurch; and one is Alaskan, living in Fairbanks. As for South America, most of our tour leaders have either traveled extensively in South America, or like me, have lived there. Rounding out the support staff, our hotel manager lives in Austria and all other support functions are performed at our North American Sales Office near Dallas, Texas.

I take pride in the global nature of our staff and rely on them to provide the very best motorcycle tours in the world. For more about our operating philosophy be sure to read about the *Ayres Adventures Style* on page 5 of this catalogue.

If you would like to stay informed of new trips and the latest news about Ayres Adventures, please go to our web site and sign up for our Waypoints Bulletin. I hope we have the opportunity to share an Adventure with you soon!

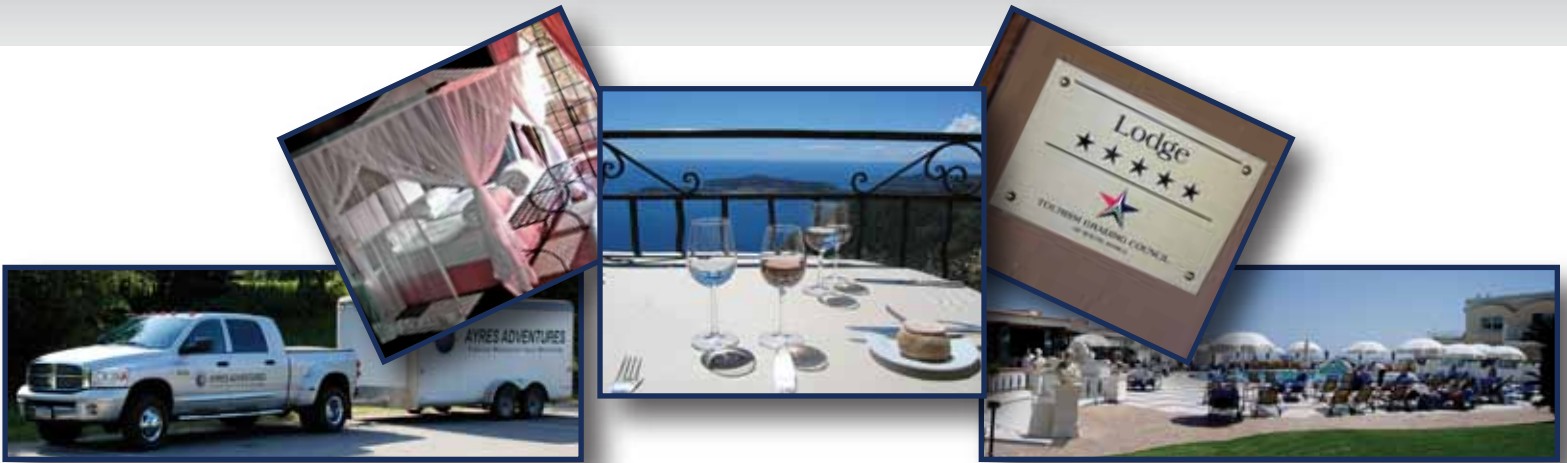


Ron Ayres

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The Ayres Adventures Style



Ayres Adventures observes a firm set of operating philosophies that distinguishes the company from most other motorcycle tour companies. These philosophies comprise a standard of excellence that has come to be known as, "The Ayres Adventures Style", providing a more personalized tour experience for our guests.

You'll notice the difference even before stepping from the plane to be greeted by one of our tour leaders. It begins with personal attention provided by our office staff for the duration of the pre-trip phase. The staff offers planning assistance, answers your questions, and provides useful trip materials, including a customized trip planning booklet, *The Plan Ahead* - a day-by-day itinerary with suggestions on "must see" attractions along the way.

In addition to offering a great motorcycle travel experience, Ayres Adventures provides higher quality accommodations and meals than are typically found on a motorcycle tour. We often use small "boutique" hotels and lodges, and we shun limited choice, "set menus". You'll dine "à la carte", ordering what you wish from the menu in fine, local restaurants. Most dinners are included as part of the tour package, and dinner always includes non-alcoholic beverages.

The smaller and more intimate lodges and restaurants that we select don't cater to crowds, so we must necessarily limit the size of our tour groups - typically to about ten motorcycles. Many of our favorite places have only eight or ten rooms, so we often book the entire lodge for our group. This factor, too, contributes to a more personalized tour experience for everyone. Many riders report afterwards that they didn't feel as if they were on a tour at all, but rather have had a wonderful vacation with a small group of friends.

You can ride with a tour leader, ride by yourself, or ride with a few other Adventurers, as you wish. We provide a comfortable support vehicle on all of our trips for transporting luggage and non-riding guests. You'll appreciate our "leave the luggage to us" policy. We don't just load and unload baggage from the support vehicle - we deliver it to your room - usually before you arrive. At the conclusion of the tour, we'll provide your transfer to the airport for your return flight.

We never sell tours on behalf of another company, or delegate responsibility for our tours to a subcontractor. We operate our own tours worldwide, using our own employees. Our tour leaders are the best in the business. They are totally committed (and empowered) to operate in accordance with "The Ayres Adventures Style". Guests can expect the same high standards whether touring in Africa, Europe, New Zealand, North America or South America.

Many riders who have toured extensively claim that our trips are the best they've had. Take a look at the large collection of testimonials on our web site. Our riders say it much better than we ever could!

We believe that style IS substance!

Grand Tour



"New Zealand Complete"

Our 21-day *Grand Tour* offers the opportunity to delve into the best that New Zealand has to offer – on both islands! You'll see the country's most popular attractions and enjoy aspects of this lovely little country that most visitors never have the opportunity to experience.

The *Grand Tour* begins in Christchurch, New Zealand's "Garden City" on the South Island and ends in Auckland, "City of Sails" on the country's North Island. In between, you'll enjoy the country's most popular attractions:

- ✓ Mount Cook (or Aoraki, in the native Maori language) - at 12,300 ft. altitude, the highest mountain in New Zealand. You'll stay at The Hermitage - New Zealand's most famous hotel and one of our most popular stops.
- ✓ A two-night stop in Te Anau, providing time on the free day to ride to Milford Sound for a spectacular cruise of the fjord
- ✓ The "Southern Alps" and the Franz Joseph and Fox Glaciers. Weather permitting, you may opt for an optional helicopter flight that will land on the glacier.
- ✓ The volcanoes of Tongariro National Park
- ✓ The thermal activity and Maori cultural center of Rotorua
- ✓ The country's Scottish city of Dunedin - home to New Zealand's only castle - Larnach Castle – our preferred Dunedin accommodation
- ✓ A two-night stay in Queenstown – New Zealand's outdoor adventure capital located on Lake Wakatipu and surrounded by the breathtaking Remarkables and Eyre Mountains. Take a jet boat ride on the Shotover River, do a bungee jump, parasail, or schedule a wide range of other "adrenalin pumping" activities. Or just relax and do some shopping.

In addition to great riding and stunning landscapes, the quality of meals and lodging are in keeping with the high standards that have become an integral part of all Ayres Adventures. Accommodations range from comfortable, middle class hotels to luxury accommodations and "boutique" establishments. Permit our local "Kiwi" tour leaders to introduce you to their beautiful land.

Christchurch to Auckland (21 Days)
January 6 - 26, 2012
October 27 - November 16, 2012
January 4 - 24, 2013
October 26 - November 15, 2013



- ### ITINERARY
- 1 ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH
 - 2 CHRISTCHURCH - MOUNT COOK
 - 3 MOUNT COOK - DUNEDIN
 - 4 DUNEDIN - BLUFF
 - 5 BLUFF - TE ANAU
 - 6 **TE ANAU FREE DAY**
 - 7 TE ANAU - QUEENSTOWN
 - 8 **QUEENSTOWN FREE DAY**
 - 9 Queenstown - Franz Joseph
 - 10 Franz Joseph - Punakaiki
 - 11 PUNAKAIKI - NELSON
 - 12 **NELSON FREE DAY**
 - 13 NELSON - GREYTOWN
 - 14 GREYTOWN - WANGANUI
 - 15 WANGANUI - ROTORUA
 - 16 ROTORUA - COROMANDEL
 - 17 COROMANDEL - WARKWORTH
 - 18 WARKWORTH - RUSSELL
 - 19 **RUSSELL FREE DAY**
 - 20 RUSSELL - AUCKLAND
 - 21 DEPART AUCKLAND



PRICING

RIDER: \$11,750 CO-RIDER: \$8,950
 (BMW G650GS, HONDA VT750 OR VLX600 OR VT1100, SUZUKI DL650, YAMAHA FZ6S)
 SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,750
 BOOKING DEPOSIT: \$400 PER PERSON

MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES:

SUZUKI DL1000:	\$285
SUZUKI BANDIT GSF 1250:	\$285
BMW F650GS (2-CYLINDER):	\$650
BMW R1200R:	\$800
HONDA FVR 800:	\$900
HONDA ST1300:	\$1,075
TRIUMPH TIGER 1050:	\$1,110
DUCATI ST3 OR MULTISTRADA 1000S:	\$1,775
BMW R1200GS/R1200RT:	\$1,900

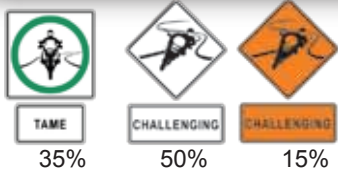
PRICE INCLUDES AIRPORT TRANSFERS, FERRY, BREAKFASTS, 16 DINNERS, CRUISE OF MILFORD SOUND, MAORI CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AT ROTORUA

Did you know...?

Milford Sound (pictured on the right) is one of New Zealand's most popular attractions, and we include a cruise of the fjord on our Grand Tour and our Bottoms Up Tour.

That's right - Milford Sound is not a sound at all - it's a fjord. A fjord is carved out by a glacier and then is back-filled by the sea, whereas a sound is carved out by water and back-filled by the sea. A fjord typically has a flat bottom and very steep sides, while a sound has a v-shaped bottom and sloping sides.

THE ROUTE IS ENTIRELY PAVED WITH A VARIETY OF ROAD FEATURES, FROM MILD SWEEPERS TO TIGHT, TWISTY CURVES.



Top Down Tour



"The Best of Both"

Our 13-day *Top Down Tour* offers the opportunity to experience some of the most popular New Zealand attractions available on both the North Island and the South Island. The Adventure begins on the North Island in Auckland and ends in Christchurch on the South Island, with a wealth of unforgettable experiences in between.

Highlights of our *Top Down Tour* include:

- ✓ The North Island's Coromandel Peninsula
- ✓ The thermal activity and Maori cultural center of Rotorua. Our evening in Rotorua includes a traditional Maori "hangi" feast - a dinner cooked outdoors followed by a cultural show and an interesting walk through the woods.
- ✓ The volcanoes of Tongariro National Park
- ✓ A four-hour ferry crossing of the Cook Strait to the South Island
- ✓ The "Southern Alps" and the Franz Joseph and Fox Glaciers. Weather permitting, you may book an optional helicopter flight that will land on the glacier.
- ✓ A two-night stay in Queenstown – New Zealand's outdoor adventure capital located on Lake Wakatipu and surrounded by the breathtaking Remarkables and Eyre Mountains. Take a jet boat ride on the Shotover River, do a bungee jump, parasail, or book a wide range of other "adrenalin pumping" activities. Or just relax and do some shopping.
- ✓ Mount Cook (or Aoraki, in the native Maori language) - at 12,300 ft. altitude, the highest mountain in New Zealand. You'll stay at The Hermitage - New Zealand's most famous hotel and one of our most popular stops.

In addition to great riding and stunning landscapes, the quality of the meals and lodging are in keeping with the high standards that we strive for with all of our tours. Accommodations range from comfortable, middle class hotels to luxury accommodations and "boutique" establishments that are off the usual motorcycle tour circuit. Dinners are typically à la carte in upscale restaurants. Our own local "Kiwi" tour leaders will be delighted to show off their beautiful country to you.

Auckland to Christchurch (13 Days)
January 27 - February 8, 2012
November 17 - 29, 2012
January 25 - February 6, 2013
November 16 - 28, 2013



ITINERARY

- 1 ARRIVE AUCKLAND
- 2 AUCKLAND - COROMANDEL
- 3 COROMANDEL - ROTORUA
- 4 ROTORUA - GREYTOWN
- 5 GREYTOWN - NELSON
- 6 NELSON FREE DAY
- 7 NELSON - PUNAKAIKI
- 8 PUNAKAIKI - FRANZ JOSEPH
- 9 FRANZ JOSEPH - QUEENSTOWN
- 10 QUEENSTOWN FREE DAY
- 11 QUEENSTOWN - MOUNT COOK
- 12 MOUNT COOK - CHRISTCHURCH
- 13 DEPART CHRISTCHURCH



PRICING

RIDER: \$7,250 CO-RIDER: \$5,850
 (BMW G650GS, HONDA VT750 OR VLX600 OR VT1100, SUZUKI DL650, YAMAHA FZ6S)
 SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,150
 BOOKING DEPOSIT: \$400 PER PERSON

MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES:

SUZUKI DL1000:	\$185
SUZUKI BANDIT GSF 1250:	\$185
BMW F650GS (2-CYLINDER):	\$400
BMW R1200R:	\$500
HONDA FVR 800:	\$550
HONDA ST1300:	\$660
TRIUMPH TIGER 1050:	\$650
DUCATI ST3 OR MULTISTRADA 1000S:	\$1,100
BMW R1200GS/R1200RT:	\$1,175

PRICE INCLUDES AIRPORT TRANSFERS, FERRY, ALL BREAKFASTS, 10 DINNERS, MAORI CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AT ROTORUA

What our customers are saying...

"Before we left for New Zealand, we told ourselves it would be the trip of a lifetime. It was all that and ten times more. Every aspect of the entire experience far exceeded our wildest expectations. The accommodations and the meals were fabulous, the rides amazing, and the people were the absolute best. It was without a doubt the most wonderful vacation we've ever had."

*John and Jane Jonesco
 Oberlin, Ohio*



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Bottoms Up Tour



"Solitude in the South"

We love both the North and the South Island, but we know that some riders prefer the less-populated and more rural South Island. Our 16-day *Bottoms Up Tour* affords the opportunity to delve into the attractions of the South Island much more thoroughly than other tours. Our local "Kiwi" tour leaders are natives of the South Island and will be proud to show it to you.

You'll experience all of the major South Island attractions, from the Queen Charlotte Drive in the north (arguably one of the most scenic motorcycling roads in the world) to the quaint little village of Bluff at the south end of the island – and everything in between. Attractions include:

- ✓ Mount Cook (or Aoraki, in the native Maori language) - at 12,300 ft. altitude, the highest mountain in New Zealand. You'll stay at The Hermitage - New Zealand's most famous hotel and one of our most popular stops.
- ✓ The country's Scottish city of Dunedin - home to New Zealand's only castle - Larnach Castle – our preferred Dunedin accommodation
- ✓ A two-night stop in Te Anau, providing time on the free day to ride to Milford Sound for a spectacular cruise of the fjord
- ✓ The "Southern Alps" and the Franz Joseph and Fox Glaciers. Weather permitting, you may book an optional helicopter flight that will land on the glacier.
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In addition to great riding and stunning landscapes, the quality of the meals and lodging are in keeping with the high standards that we strive for with all of our tours. Accommodations range from comfortable, middle class hotels to luxury accommodations and "boutique" establishments that are off the usual motorcycle tour circuit. Dinners are typically à la carte in upscale restaurants.

Begin/End in Christchurch (16 Days)
February 10 - 25, 2012
February 8 - 23, 2013



PRICING

RIDER: \$8,900 CO-RIDER: \$6,950
 (BMW G650GS, HONDA VT750 OR
 VLX600 OR VT1100, SUZUKI DL650,
 YAMAHA FZ6S)
 SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,375
 BOOKING DEPOSIT: \$400 PER PERSON

MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES:

SUZUKI DL1000:	\$225
SUZUKI BANDIT GSF 1250:	\$225
BMW F650GS (2-CYLINDER):	\$515
BMW R1200R:	\$630
HONDA FVR 800:	\$700
HONDA ST1300:	\$850
TRIUMPH TIGER 1050:	\$825
DUCATI ST3 OR	
MULTISTRADA 1000S:	\$1,400
BMW R1200GS/R1200RT:	\$1,500

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 CRUISE OF MILFORD SOUND

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- 10 FRANZ JOSEPH - PUNAKAIKI
- 11 PUNAKAIKI - NELSON
- 12 NELSON FREE DAY
- 13 NELSON - KAIKOURA
- 14 KAIKOURA - CHRISTCHURCH
- 15 CHRISTCHURCH FREE DAY
- 16 DEPART CHRISTCHURCH

What our customers are saying...

"I've taken two Ayres Adventures motorcycle tours, two years apart, on two continents - they were both topnotch! I don't normally treat myself to the finest things, but Ayres Adventures did treat us to the finest things, and they did it humbly, with knowing smiles on their faces. They knew the next site, the next route, or the next hotel, was going to knock our socks off. And, sure enough, it did!"

*Steve Morgan
 Chicago, IL*



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TAME	CHALLENGING	CHALLENGING
25%	50%	25%

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Frequently Asked Questions

We've included the most frequently asked questions. If you have additional questions, send an e-mail message to info@ayresadventures.com. You'll receive a prompt response. Or, you may call toll free at 877-275-8238, or from outside of North America, call +1 972-635-5210.

1. How many miles will we ride per day?

It varies, depending on road conditions and attractions along our route. Many days include fewer than 200 miles of riding, and it's unusual for any day to exceed 300 miles. If so, be assured you'll be on good, high-speed roads. Our trips are designed to provide a good mix of stopping at places of interest and riding. The schedule provides time for a nice breakfast, a leisurely lunch, some sightseeing and arrival at the hotel in time for some local sightseeing and relaxation before dinner. There are usually optional, alternate routes for riders who wish to ride more miles per day.

2. How much riding experience must I have to participate in one of your trips?

If you're comfortable averaging 200 miles per day, with an occasional longer day, you should do fine on trips that are specified as 100% pavement. For trips where non-paved roads are specified, you should have off-road riding experience. If you have any doubt about whether your experience is adequate for the trip, please contact us.

3. Do we ride every day?

No. We plan occasional free days. This is generally scheduled for cities or towns where there are special attractions for which you'll want to spend more than one night. It's up to you if you wish to ride on these free days.

4. Can I ride with one of your tour leaders?

You're always welcome to do so, but it isn't a requirement. You can select your own riding companions, or even ride alone, if that's more agreeable with your riding style.

5. Are support vehicles used?

Yes. A support vehicle accompanies each trip. The vehicle is used to carry rider luggage and the occasional non-riding companion.

6. How many riders will be in the group?

For most trips, we limit the number of motorcycles to ten. We accommodate more riders if the trip is for a private group.

7. What type of accommodations do you provide?

Accommodations vary from comfortable, middle-class hotels and lodges to luxury hotels and game lodges, depending on the type of accommodations available along the route.

8. What's for dinner?

In most cases, you'll order whatever you want from the restaurant menu. You can count on restaurant selections to be first class.

9. What's included in the cost?

The tour price includes transfers from the airport to and from your hotel, provided you arrive and depart on the published arrival and departure dates. Rental of a motorcycle, including insurance and unlimited mileage. Lodging based on double occupancy (single rooms are available at additional cost). All breakfasts and most dinners (see individual trip descriptions for number of meals). Dinners always include non-alcoholic beverages. Special activities may be included, such as game drives, admission to National Parks, night club events, etc. Consult individual tour descriptions for details. *The Plan Ahead*, a customized booklet that includes route maps, directions, addresses and contact information for our hotels, emergency contact numbers, and an overview of the activities and attractions for each day of the trip.

10. What's not included?

The fee does not include airfare, lunch, alcoholic beverages, or fuel cost for the motorcycle. Any items not mentioned as included are not included.

11. How can I tell what the riding conditions on a particular tour will be like?

These legends shown in the tour descriptions will assist you in determining the riding conditions for the tour.



TAME - the roads are primarily straight and level.



CHALLENGING (INTERESTING) - White means easy sweepers and curves that do not require technical expertise. Orange indicates very tight curves and steep switchbacks, with changes in altitude, as found in mountainous areas.



GRAVEL - White indicates good hard-packed gravel, stone or dirt and does not require technical proficiency. Orange requires off-pavement experience as it can include loose and/or deep gravel or sand, and may include frequent changes in elevation.



TRAFFIC - White indicates moderate urban traffic. Orange indicates heavy, sometimes chaotic city traffic that requires significant riding experience in urban environments.



WILDLIFE - There is a likelihood of wild animals on the road. Orange suggests the possibility of dangerous ones.



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