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An Additional "Into Africa" Adventure The Complete African Experience

I'm always a bit nervous when we introduce a new tour (especially a longer and more expensive "Super Tour") so it's very gratifying when the tour attracts a lot of riders.

Our *Into Africa Adventure* was sold out for 2011. It is fully booked for 2012 by a private group from China, and fully booked for 2013 by a private group from the Czech



Republic. Because we've heard from several riders who would like to book the Adventure in 2013, I'm announcing an additional

tour. Our *second* 35-day *Into Africa Adventure* for 2013 will begin on June 8 in Nairobi, Kenya and will end in Cape Town, South Africa on July 12.

With our own local management "on the ground" in Africa, and with the considerable number of tours we operate in various parts of the continent, it's fair to say that we're the world's most experienced company offering African motorcycle tours. *Into Africa* is the flagship Adventure of our African portfolio, featuring a collection of the continent's finest attractions: Cape Town, Victoria Falls, the wildlife of Botswana, Lake Malawi, the "spice island" of Zanzibar, the Serengeti, and the crown jewel of the Adventure - a gorilla safari in either Uganda or Rwanda.



With the incorporation of this additional tour into our schedule for 2013, we look forward to leading even more riders *Into Africa*.

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The second is to book a small expedition ship which offers landings. Many of these are converted Soviet trawlers or ice breakers which provide relatively spartan accommodations and cafeteria style meals. These budget trips appeal primarily to young adventurers who opt for low cost rather than comfort.

The third option is to book one of the few small luxury expedition ships that accommodate about 100 passengers and also offer landings. We were very fortunate to book the same ship for 2013 as we used for our previous Antarctica Adventure, the *Corinthian II*, which offers a classic luxury yacht-like atmos-

phere, 5-star accommodations, and other amenities usually found only on very large cruise ships. All cabins are outside suites with ocean views. Each suite includes an elegantly designed sitting area, TV, mini-refrigerator, safe, and marble bathroom. Several suites include private balconies.

The *Corinthian II* includes a library stocked with books related to the itinerary and computer terminals for e-mail access as well as WiFi. There is an elegant lounge and a club area with panoramic views. The ship also includes a gym, beauty salon, sun deck with Jacuzzi, and



an outdoor café and bar, where meals may be served al fresco. A fleet of Zodiacs permit passengers to make both morning and afternoon excursions onto Antarctica.



We'll ride out of Buenos Aires on our BMW GS motorcycles on January 15, 2013. On the way to Ushuaia we'll visit such popular South American attractions as Mar del Plata, the Peninsula Valdes, the historic seaside town of Puerto San Julian in Patagonia, Argentina's Perito Moreno Glacier, and Chile's Torres del

Paine National Park. We'll take a ferry across the Straits of Magellan to Tierra del Fuego and visit Tierra del Fuego National Park before departing for a 10-day cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula. After our cruise, we'll have a final free day to unwind in Ushuaia and celebrate this "once in a lifetime" Adventure.

Our previous [Antarctica and Ushuaia Adventure](#) was fully booked soon after we announced it. Based on the number of bookings we've already received for 2013, it's likely to sell out as well. Take a look at our photo galleries for [Antarctica](#) and for [Ushuaia](#) to see what's in store for the Adventurers who join us for this incredible and most unusual Super Tour.



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New Club Tour - Buy a Bike and Win an Ayres Adventure

Riding the Alps with Grass Roots BMW



Earlier this year [Grass Roots BMW](#) from Cape Girardeau, Missouri hosted our [Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay Adventure](#). For 2012, *Grass Roots* is sponsoring a Club Tour of the Alps. Two of our Alpine tour leaders, Claus and Axel, native to Germany and Austria, designed an itinerary through their own “back yard” for riders to experience the best the Alps have to offer. [Click here for tour details.](#)

Grass Roots will award a slot on the tour to one lucky customer who purchases a motorcycle between now and September 15, 2012. *Grass Roots* has also purchased Ayres Adventures Award Certificates for all customers who purchase a motorcycle. These certificates may be redeemed for a 10% discount (maximum of \$1,500) toward **ANY** Ayres Adventure booked within 12 months of the purchase of the motorcycle. If you’re planning to travel with us and are in the market for a new BMW, check with [Grass Roots BMW](#) before making your purchase. You’ll not only receive a discount on one of our tours, but you may wind up winning the slot on the Alps trip!



Iron Butt African Adventure

Iron Butt Association Revisits Africa

Most of our tours are a bit too leisurely for many hardcore Iron Butt Association members. I’ve always enjoyed sponsoring special trips that appeal to their more aggressive riding style. We operated our first Iron Butt tour in South Africa (Johannesburg to Cape Town) in 2007. Since then, we’ve offered Iron Butt tours in South America (round trip from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia), the Alps, and Scandinavia (Norway’s North Cape to Munich - touching nine different countries along the way).



The IBA asked us to develop another Africa tour for 2012. Except for the starting and ending cities (Johannesburg and Cape Town) there won’t be any repetition between this [9-day Adventure](#) and our 2007 Africa Iron Butt trip. Although the 2012 trip begins and ends in South Africa, most of our time will be spent in Botswana and Namibia, with an excursion into Zambia. Riding will be fast-paced compared to our regular Africa Adventures, and riders will still enjoy several of the most popular features of our standard Africa trips, beginning with a stay in the same first class game lodges that we use in Botswana’s Chobe National Park (including an exciting cruise on the Chobe River) and an excursion into Zambia to visit Victoria Falls. We’ll also travel Namibia’s Caprivi Strip separating Namibia and Angola and we’ll enjoy a great dinner at Joe’s Beerhouse in Namibia - my favorite restaurant in southern Africa. The restaurant is rich in atmosphere and features such wild game as zebra, warthog, kudu, springbok, ostrich, oryx, impala and more. Beef and vegetarian dishes, as well as typical southern African fare, are also available.



Like other special Iron Butt Adventures, this one features the option (but not the obligation), to ride a 1,000-mile day, earning a special Iron Butt African SaddleSore certificate and patch. Riders opting for the SaddleSore will have an additional day at the end of the trip to enjoy the Cape Peninsula, or perhaps to ride to Cape L’Agulhas - the southernmost point on the African continent. Being Iron Butt types, they will probably do both!

The [Iron Butt African Adventure](#) is open to anyone who prefers longer daily mileage than that of our standard tours.

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