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Motorcycle Tours
Worldwide



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Heading into 2012

Thanks for Another Great Year

I'd like to thank our many friends who rode with us in 2011, as well as those who have booked trips for 2012 and 2013. I want to especially thank those who have returned to ride with us again.

We have some exciting new tours planned for the coming year, including two new Club Tours described below. Our 9-Day Surf & Turf Tour includes motorcycling as well as some jet skiing; and, a new 10-day South African Panorama Tour sponsored by BMWNEF (BMW Motorcycle Club of Northeast Florida) showcases South Africa at its very best. While these tours have sponsoring organizations, they are open to everyone. Have a look!

Nine Days of "Sensory Overload"

New for 2012 - Surf & Turf Tour

Our new Surf & Turf Tour combines the beauty of the American Southwest with the thrill of international jet ski racing. The tour begins in Las Vegas and includes a ride to Hoover Dam and historic Route 66 on the way to Lake Havasu. We'll attend qualifying heats at the IJSBA (International Jet Sport Boating Association) World Finals of Jet Skiing and receive VIP credentials for World Finals and other exclusive weekend activities. Our two-night stay at Lake Havasu includes the opportunity to pilot our own jet skis!



When we leave lake Havasu, we'll ride to the stunning Arizona town

of Sedona, make our way along the rim of the Grand Canyon, visit Monument Valley, ride Utah's famed Grand Staircase and Escalante



National Monument, and visit Zion National Park. On the way back to Las Vegas, we'll travel through Nevada's Valley of Fire before wrapping up our Adventure with a visit to the Las Vegas Strip. During the tour, riders can book an optional helicopter ride over the Grand Canyon, or a famous Las Vegas show.

Motorcycle selections include BMW, Harley Davidson, and Honda. For details, check out

our Surf & Turf Tour on our web site.



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South African Panorama

When I was in the corporate world, I lived in Johannesburg, South Africa for a few years. I never tired of taking off for the weekend to ride South Africa's Panorama Route in the Mpumalanga Province - the country's "Cultural Heartland". I looked forward to the incredible two-lane rural roads in the country's motorcycling paradise, coupled with the opportunity to stop at the province's many interesting cafes and restaurants. I'd often include a ride into nearby Swaziland through the beautiful Swazi Mountains.



Developing an itinerary for a special [Club Tour](#) for friends and fellow members of the BMWNEF Motorcycle Club conjured up great memories of those outstanding riding experiences. I'm looking forward to sharing many of my favorite riding destinations on our new 10-day [South African Panorama Adventure](#).

It's a long way from most places to South Africa, but travelers from North America will probably be surprised at the very affordable airline fares. The duration and special pricing of this [Club Tour](#) makes riding in Africa more alluring than ever.



I'm often asked to recommend places and activities that should not be missed during a visit to South Africa. Several of my top choices are incorporated into this tour, beginning with a safari by Land Rover in Kruger National Park - one of the largest and most popular game reserves on the continent. You'll be on the lookout for Africa's "Big Five" (lion, elephant, leopard, rhinoceros and Cape Buffalo) as well as countless other African species. Riders will also enjoy a river cruise in the wetlands area of St. Lucia, followed by over-

night stays in several small South African towns, providing the cultural experience of life in rural South African communities.

Although the tour is sponsored by BMW NEF, all experienced riders are welcome to book the tour.

Featuring the new BMW K1600GT!

Europe by BMW K1600GT



Beginning in 2012 we're offering BMW's wonderful new K1600GT on all of our European Adventures. Space is still available on our [Awesome Andalucía](#) tour in southern Spain in March, our [Portugal and Spain](#) Adventure in April, and our [Bohemian Rhapsody](#) Adventure in May. Book the K1600GT or other popular BMW model on one of these exciting tours.

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Legendary Norway with the BMW MOA

BMW MOA Sponsors our 2012 Legendary Norway Adventure

For 2012, the BMW MOA and Ayres Adventures are featuring a 13-day European and Scandinavian Adventure that culminates with a week in “Legendary Norway”. This is one of our most upscale European Adventures - featuring luxury accommodations, à la carte dining, and upscale services that are hallmarks of our Premium Tours. Many stays are in the 5-star “Legendary Hotels of Norway”. An overnight luxury ferry cruise to Norway along the coast of Denmark further enhances this fantastic European and Scandinavian getaway. For a great two-up getaway, consider booking [Legendary Norway](#) on a new BMW K1600GT!



If you have the time for a longer trip, consider two, or even all three legs of our Norwegian Trilogy, beginning with [Legendary Norway](#). We learned some time ago that some riders, after investing in an international airline ticket, prefer to spend a bit more time on tour than many tours provide. We first introduced the concept of a trilogy - three tours back-to-back - in Africa and we've done the same thing with our Norwegian Trilogy. Join us for [Legendary Norway](#) from Munich to Trondheim, stay on for the [Norwegian Midnight Sun Adventure](#) from Trondheim to Tromsø, and hang around for the [Viking Run](#) back to Munich via Finland and the Baltic States. The [Norwegian Midnight Sun Adventure](#) and [Viking Run](#) include Norway's North Cape - the northernmost point in the world to which it's possible to ride a motorcycle. The [Viking Run](#) entails riding half the distance through Europe in nine different countries. With two exceptions, each night of the [Viking Run](#) will be spent in a different European country.



Look for Susan Johnston's article about our 2011 running of the [Norwegian Midnight Sun](#), in the February issue of BMW/ON.

A Touch of Alaska

Fairbanks to Seattle by Motorcycle - 1939

Slim Williams and John Logan were promoters of the Alaska Highway in the 1930s. To get the attention of the United States government, they rode from Fairbanks to Seattle on 300-pound motorcycles in 1939. Marilyn Makepeace, who recently rode with us to Prudhoe Bay, brought a video of the trip to my attention. The title of the video, [The First ALCAN Ride by Motorcycle](#), is a bit of a misnomer, as the route traveled by those early adventurers did not follow very much of the route of the present ALCAN (which was built during the Second World War, in 1942). I think riders - especially any who have traveled Alaska's Top of the World Highway and the Cassier Highway - will find the video enjoyable. Fairbanks, Chicken, the Top of the World Highway, Dawson City, and Whitehorse appear in the video and are currently part of the itinerary for our [Alaska and Yukon Adventure](#).

