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# Ayres Adventures

Premium Motorcycle Tours Worldwide



# **Waypoints**

Discover Africa Off-Road

## Off-Road in Africa with RawHyde Adventures

What do you get when you hook up the world's leading provider of off-road motorcycle training with the leading provider of African motorcycle tours? A premium-level, world-class African motorcycling experience. Our *RawHyde Discover Africa Off-Road Adventure* is an upscale African experience that integrates the training needed to prepare riders to confidently and competently enjoy riding in



remote areas of Namibia with the premium level accommodations, meals and support services that are a hallmark of Ayres Adventures premium tours.

The Adventure begins with a three-day training class at the *RawHyde Training Academy* in Castaic, California. I trained there recently and cannot recommend it highly enough. RawHyde has developed a special version of its off-road training

program to address the specific conditions riders will encounter in Namibia a few weeks after the course.

Reinforcement of skills learned in California will continue throughout the

African trip. Jim Hyde and I will assist our two resident African tour leaders, with Jim serving as training coach and advisor. The destinations on the trip are my personal favorites - many of which are not incorporated into our regularly-scheduled tours.

The tour begins in Cape Town where riders will experience the stunning motorcycling roads of South Africa's Cape



Peninsula before heading north to Namibia. We'll end the trip at Etosha National Park, where we'll switch to several 4x4s to do a self-drive safari. Etosha is one of the most popular wildlife areas in Africa and provides the perfect opportunity to photograph African wildlife in their native habitat.

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#### Ayres Adventures - an affiliate of McGraw Powersports

## Special Offer from McGraw

McGraw Powersports has negotiated an exclusive Ayres Adventures discount as a "thank you" to their policyholders. This special offer includes a \$500 discount on any Ayres Adventures tour (like the "Surf & Turf Tour" described below). Details are included in an insert sent to McGraw policyholders. If your insurance is with McGraw, look for your coupon. If you're not a customer, look into it the next time you're shopping for motorcycle insurance or coverage for your other recreational vehicles (like jet skis or ATVs).



Grass Roots BMW and Ayres Adventures Featured Ride

## Special Ride - BMW MOA International Rally



The 2012 BMW MOA International Rally will take place in Sedalia, Missouri from July 19-22. Herb Anderson (owner of Grass Roots BMW) and I are offering an escorted lunch ride from the fairgrounds to a special restaurant at Lake of the Ozarks. Each ride (one on Friday and one on Saturday) is limited to 20 particirass Roots pants (riders and co-riders) so be sure to stop by our booths early to register. Ayres Adventures and Grass Roots BMW have booths 13-15 in Building "B" - MEC Building. For additional information, see our flyer.

Ride the "Highway to Havasu" from Las Vegas

## "Surf & Turf" - The Weekend

We've added an exciting new "weekend getaway" to one of our Las Vegas based tours - "Surf & Turf - The

Weekend". It's your chance to ride the "Highway to Havasu" and enjoy a weekend

TH - Oct 4

Hotel in Las Vegas (1 night) Select your bike at EagleRider

#### FR - Oct 5

Depart Las Vegas (guided) Hotel in Lake Havasu (2 nights) Exclusive party (PM)

#### SA - Oct 6

Attend Jet Ski Championships Personal Jet Ski Ride (optional) Exclusive Party (PM)

#### SU - Oct 7

Depart Lake Havasu (self guided) Arrive Las Vegas

of exclusive parties and activities during the world jet ski racing championships. We're packing an incredible amount of excitement into this weekend.

On Thursday, you'll visit EagleRider to select a BMW, Harley Davidson, Honda, Triumph, or other motorcycle from their extensive inventory. It's like being a kid in a candy store. After a "restful" night in Las Vegas, you'll hit the road for Lake Havasu. You'll cross Hoover Dam, ride Route 66 and visit the historic town of Oatman, Arizona on the way. Once you arrive, the weekend shifts into high gear. The Nautical Beachfront Resort is home base, featuring one of the largest infinity pools in Arizona.



The weekend includes VIP access to all the racing action, as top jet ski riders from over 80 nations battle it out for a world championship. Plus you'll get an invite to exclusive parties on Friday and Saturday night. And if all the racing inspires you to ride a jet ski of your own, Ayres Adventures has arranged a special rental rate. You'll glide along the cool blue lake in the warm Havasu sun (typically over 90 degrees). It's like riding a motorcycle on the water.

The ride to Lake Havasu will be led by one of our expert guides, while the return to Las Vegas will be selfguided. Riders who have booked our 9-day Surf & Turf Tour will continue to the Grand Canyon, Monument Valley, and Zion National Park before returning to Las Vegas.

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### Last-Minute Opportunities

## Don't Miss the Boat - To Antarctica, That Is!



We don't fully book every tour, but many of our most popular ones are sold out well in advance of the tour date. I'd like to highlight a few that are nearly full so that you don't miss out if they interest you.

Buenos Aires to Ushuaia and Antarctica - beginning January 12. Riders will begin this tour in Buenos Aires, ride to Ushuaia, and board an expedition cruise ship for a ten day cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula. For the first time, we'll take a motorcycle with us to Antarctica. Take a

look at our <u>Ushuaia</u> and Antarctica Adventure if you're interested in this unique trip. If you have a non-riding companion, or a companion who



cannot do the entire trip, they can join us in Ushuaia for the cruise to Antarctica. This truly is a "trip of a lifetime" and we don't run it every year, so if you want to ride to Ushuaia, cruise Antarctica, and be one of only a handful of people who have ever ridden on the continent, act now, as there is only one remaining slot.

### The Focus on AFRICA



I'd like to highlight three of our African "last minute" Adventures. If it seems that this issue is weighted heavily on our African Adventures, it's because of the popularity of Africa as a motorcycling destination. A significant portion of our business now takes place in Africa and two of our experienced tour leaders live in Cape Town, including our General Manager, John Jesson.

Many riders are surprised to learn that most of our African Tours (including the ones mentioned below) feature totally paved routes, premium-level accommodations, meals and support services, and offer riding and cultural experiences that are truly beyond compare. I honestly cannot remember an occasion in which one of our Adventurers was anything but "blown away" by their African experience.

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African Southern Cross Adventure - beginning September 8. Mark Tuttle (editor of Rider Magazine) and his wife Genie will join me and Barb in hosting our Southern Cross Adventure beginning in Cape Town and



ending in Johannesburg. The itinerary features a host of South Africa's most popular attractions, including two nights at a luxury game lodge inside Kruger National Park. This tour is suitable for individual or two-up riding. Only a few spots are

still available. Barb and I would enjoy showing you the Africa that we love so much. We offer more than a half-dozen different trips in Africa

and we're often asked to recommend our favorite. It's always difficult because there is something special about each tour. However, we enthusiastically recommend the Southern Cross Adventure as the ideal introduction to Africa, due to the number of very different aspects of Africa that are experienced during this 14-day tour. The trip includes stunning



landscapes, rich cultural attractions, and the continent's unique and exciting wildlife.

South African Panorama Tour - beginning October 20. This special "Club Tour" of South Africa and Swaziland is sponsored by the BMW Club of Northeast Florida, but is open to all riders. It's the most attractively



priced tour we've ever offered in Africa and it's almost full. BMWNEF members receive a special club discount, but it's easy enough to become a member and enjoy the benefit of the discount. The Club discount places the base price of the trip under \$5,000.

When I lived in South Africa several years ago, I looked forward to weekend rides in the amazing Mpumalanga Province. The "Panorama" area, along with the mountains of Swaziland, were my favorites and inspired me to organize this tour for my fellow BMWNEF club members.

The route is entirely paved, so if you're interested in riding some of the most beautiful roads in South Africa and Swaziland, coupled with a safari in

Kruger National Park, check it out. Our two local South African tour leaders are looking forward to showcasing their beautiful country. And if you're up for an additional two weeks of Adventure, stay on after this trip and ride the *Call of the Wild Adventure* with our Russian friends (see article below).

South African Call of the Wild Adventure - beginning October 30. Still another African option! In case you can't make our regularlyscheduled Call of the Wild Adventure beginning September 22, we're also operating that tour for a group of Russian riders beginning on October 30. Several slots are available and our Russian friends would be delighted to have a few guests share the trip with them. I've personally traveled with this group and I can promise you'll have the time of your life. Let me know if you'd like additional information about traveling with these fun-loving folks. You won't get a more incredible



African wildlife experience on any other tour. Although we incorporate wildlife experiences into all of our African tours, you'll find the <u>Call of the Wild Adventure</u> to be like using a motorcycle to get from one first-class safari to another. Join us for this life-changing experience. If you're interested, consider coming ten days earlier and ride the *South African Panorama* too (see article above).