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Ushuaia/Antarctica Adventure

In February we successfully completed a unique Adventure that we had been planning for several years: a ride from Buenos Aires to Ushuaia that included a cruise to Antarctica with a BMW motorcycle on board. Nine riders plus two of our tour directors were able to do something that has never been done before on a tour: ride a motorcycle on Antarctica. In addition to commemorative shirts, we also provided a special “Ride Antarctica” decal that riders can proudly display on their motorcycles. [Click here](#) to see some photos



from this historic event.

Participants represented six countries: Australia, Indonesia, Germany, South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Riders Alex and Ida Lunardi from Indonesia are pictured - the first Indonesians to claim the distinction of having ridden a motorcycle on all seven continents. The couple has previously traveled with us to Machu Picchu, Alaska and Canada and will travel with us in Africa later this year.

Thanks to tour directors John Jesson and Claus Lazik, we were able to accomplish this notable feat, but the logistics and legal issues were formidable, as was the risk that we'd be able to actually do the ride. The window of opportunity for landing the motorcycle was very small and subject to unpredictable weather conditions. That, coupled with our reluctance to contribute to the over-commercialization of the last remaining 'pristine' wilderness area on earth, has led us to decide not to offer the feature again. As in the past, we will continue to incorporate a cruise to Antarctica into our trips to Ushuaia, but we'll be leaving the motorcycle behind.



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And Now - on to OZ!

New - Adventure Down Under



We've wanted to add Australia to our list of tour destinations for some time and in October and November we'll finally do so. One of the trips is already booked by a private group but our trip beginning in Sydney on November 9 is available.

[*Australia - Adventure Down Under*](#) includes lush eucalypti forests, twisty roads, romantic beaches, the Australian Alps, and of course those adorable kangaroos. Marvel at Australia's stunning Great Ocean Road and enjoy an overnight ferry to Tasmania for four days of riding on this unique and beautiful island featuring great local food, rain forests and lovely wilderness back roads. Ride Australia's highest accessible road in the Snowy Mountains and peer through the blue mist to see the cliffs of the Blue Mountains.



Riders from North America can enjoy the Adventure just before Thanksgiving and the holiday season kicks in. Look for details on this exciting new tour - [*Australia - Adventure Down Under*](#) on our website.

Growing Our Talent Base

Introducing Our Newest Tour Leader

I'm delighted to announce the addition of Janis Cimins to our global leadership team. Janis was born in Latvia and lives in Riga, the nation's capital. He is our first tour leader from Northern Europe. Along with two tour leaders from Germany and one from Austria, Janis rounds-out our "quartet" of European tour leaders. He is fluent in Russian and English.

Russian-speaking customers comprise a large and growing percentage of our business; the addition of Janis to the team will be welcome news to them. Janis has already accompanied a group of our Russian guests on a private tour of New Zealand; he is now headed to Las Vegas to lead another group through the American Southwest.

Janis has travelled through most European countries, as well as Asia, North America and South America. He lives with his wife Aija (a professional film director and photographer) and his two daughters on the banks of the Salaca River. The Salaca is famous for salmon fishing and provides opportunities for ice skating as well as fishing - two of Janis's favorite pastimes. Even better, his favorite enduro trails begin at his terrace. Welcome aboard, Janis!



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Rider Video

Taste of Chile Adventure - A Seven Minute Preview

I just reviewed a short video that one of our riders, Tim Morton, posted to [YouTube](#). Watching it made me want to jump on a bike and head back to Argentina and Chile - my favorite riding destinations in South America. Tim shot the video during his participation in our [Taste of Chile \(and Dash of Argentina\) Adventure](#).

This 9-day Adventure begins and ends in Osorno, Chile. The itinerary is primarily on gravel roads and includes several of South America's top riding destinations, including the Chilean lakeside resort of Pucón, the Argentina lake resort of Bariloche and the Los Alerces National Park. The riding, which includes crossing the Andes twice, is spectacular and the scenery stunning. I hope Tim's short video inspires you to consider joining us in February for the next running of this exciting South American trip.



Two African Classics

Additional Africa Tour Dates



We've been running two of our most popular African trips ([Southern Cross](#) and [Call of the Wild](#)) twice per year (March and September) for the last ten years. When we published our schedule for 2014, we decided to run these two "classics" only once per year, beginning in March. We dropped the September trip because we had added several new trips during the same time. However, we received several calls and emails from riders who had been counting on doing these trips in the Fall, so we've added them back for 2014 and beyond. Whichever time of year you choose, you can be assured of a truly unique Africa experience.

Don't Miss the Boat (or the Norwegian Ferries)!

Last Minute Opportunities

We have some "last minute" opportunities on two popular Scandinavian trips:

[Viking Run](#) - This 15-day Adventure has only one slot available. Previously marked "fully-booked", we had a cancellation and can now accept one additional booking. The tour begins in Tromsø, Norway on July 5 with a ride to the North Cape - the northernmost point in the world to which it's possible to ride a motorcycle. The North Cape is more than 50 miles further north than Prudhoe Bay,



Alaska! The tour includes a total of nine countries and ends in Munich, Germany. Some riders opt to do the [Viking Run](#) "back-to-back" with our [Norwegian Midnight Sun Adventure](#).

The 16-day [Midnight Sun](#) begins in Oslo on June 19 and ends in Tromsø. The Adventure includes such attractions as Trollstigen (Norway's most famous pass road), a ferry ride on Geiranger Fjord ("the world's most beautiful fjord"), Finnish Lapland, and a ferry ride to the Lofoton Islands. The tour culminates with a ride to the North Cape, ending just prior to the start of the [Viking Run](#). Book now to reserve one of the few remaining slots.

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