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Exploring Russia

By the time I publish this bulletin, I will be on a flight to Moscow to spend a few weeks scouting a new trip that we will offer in 2014.

One of the blessings that I've enjoyed as a result of operating Ayres Adventures is the number of friends that I've made from around the world. Several years ago we began receiving bookings from Russian riders and later began leading private trips for Russian groups. I have personally led several Russian trips and have made many new friends during these tours. Today Russians represent a large part of our market and we recently hired our first Russian-speaking tour leader.

I'm looking forward to the help I'll receive from my Russian friends who have been encouraging me to set up tours there and are looking forward to helping plan a trip that will showcase their fascinating country. I'll be accompanied not only by my travel agency partner in Moscow, but by some Russian riders who have asked to come along.

This trip has provided the incentive for me to begin my first blog, which you can find on our home page under "[Ron's Travels](#)". Traveling in Russia will be a new experience for me and I'll try to keep the blog up to date as I make my way around the country.



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Whenever our tour leaders get together, a favorite topic is suggestions for improving our tour itineraries. I’m always receptive to their suggestions. Most improvements in our tours have resulted from their suggestions.

Beginning with our South American tours in 2014, we’re making changes to the itineraries for our trips to Ushuaia and Antarctica. The trips will begin in Bariloche, Argentina rather than Buenos Aires. Although Buenos Aires is a very popular South American destination, the riding from Bariloche is exciting from the moment riders get on their bikes. Flights to Bariloche (as well as flights from Ushuaia to most parts of the world) require a stop in Buenos Aires. If they wish, riders can visit Buenos Aires on their way to Bariloche, or on their way home from Ushuaia.



We have always used the 5-Star Lao Lao resort whenever we’ve operated trips from Bariloche and we’ll spend two nights of our Ushuaia-bound trips at this great Argentina “landmark”



hotel. Riders are always reluctant to leave Lao Lao, so I’m sure they will enjoy having the opportunity to spend two nights there. This will also provide the opportunity to enjoy the incredible motorcycling near Bariloche, including the popular “Seven Lakes” loop.



Take a look at the new itinerary for our [Bariloche to Ushuaia](#) and our [Ushuaia and Antarctica](#) Adventures. The trips beginning January 18 are already well-booked and cabin choices for the Antarctica cruise are now limited, but some space is available.

Ride to Eat

Lunch Ride at the BMW MOA International Rally



My good friend John Dinges, a rider who has taken many of our tours and who lives in Lebanon, Oregon, has graciously offered to assist me in organizing and leading lunch rides from the Oregon State Fairgrounds to a restaurant near The Oregon Garden - a showplace for nursery products produced in Oregon. The rides will take place over scenic roads through farmland, vineyards, nurseries, and Christmas tree farms.

We’ll do the ride on Friday, July 19 and on Saturday, July 20. You can sign up at the Ayres Adventures booth - Booth C2. Reservations will be limited to a maximum of 30 guests. There is no cost for the ride, but riders will pay for their own lunch. There will be an entry fee for anyone who would like to take a tour of the gardens after the lunch. There will be no speeches or sales presentations - just a nice ride and some fine food with friends.

Hang around for the door prize drawings on Saturday evening. One of the grand prizes is one of our Alpine tours - [Indian Summer in the Alps](#), beginning in Munich on September 28.

Growing Our Talent Base

Introducing Our Newest Tour Leader

I'm delighted to announce the addition of Jüergen Weiss to our global leadership team. Jüergen was born in Hamburg, Germany. After an early career as a joiner and cabinet maker, and pioneering in the solar panel business in the early 90's, Jüergen finally pursued his passion for travel and motorcycling. He has more than 17 years of experience as a professional motorcycle tour guide and has guided tours all over Europe, in the Americas and in a few Arabic countries. He also teaches MFS Motorcycle classes to US Army riders.

Having recently earned a bachelor and masters degree in Tourism and Entrepreneurship, Jüergen is enthusiastic about his career in tourism and is dedicated to supporting our continued growth. He is fluent in four languages. After residing in Barcelona, Spain for some time and then in Innsbruck, Austria, Jüergen now calls home the area of the beautiful vineyards on the west banks of the Rhine River in Neustadt an der Weinstraße, Germany.

Jüergen recently traveled to Australia to scout our new [Australia - Adventure Down Under](#) - which he will lead in October. He's currently heading to Africa and then to Alaska to help with our tours there. Welcome aboard Jüergen!



Last Minute Opportunities

August in Alaska

Our [Alaska and Yukon Adventure](#) beginning August 1 is almost fully booked, but we could accommodate another rider or two. There is also space available on our Prudhoe Bay Excursion which begins August 14, immediately after the conclusion of the [Alaska and Yukon Adventure](#).



Our [Alaska and Yukon Adventure](#) features the Top of the World Highway, Canada's Yukon Territory, Denali National Park, and the opportunity to ride the Dalton Highway to the Arctic Circle. The [Prudhoe Bay Excursion](#) features a ride to the northernmost point in North America to which it's possible to ride a motorcycle, with stops in interesting small towns along the way.

If you haven't firmed up your August plans and you're looking for an exciting motorcycle tour in America's "last frontier", consider booking one (or even both) of these exciting tours. The tours will be led by Ed McClure - our "almost native" Alaskan who has been living in Fairbanks most of his life and who knows motorcycling in Alaska like few others.

In addition to doing a fine job leading tours, Ed's also been known to regale guests with his recitations of favorite poems, such as *The Cremation of Sam McGee* by Robert Service. Lot's of interesting characters up there.

