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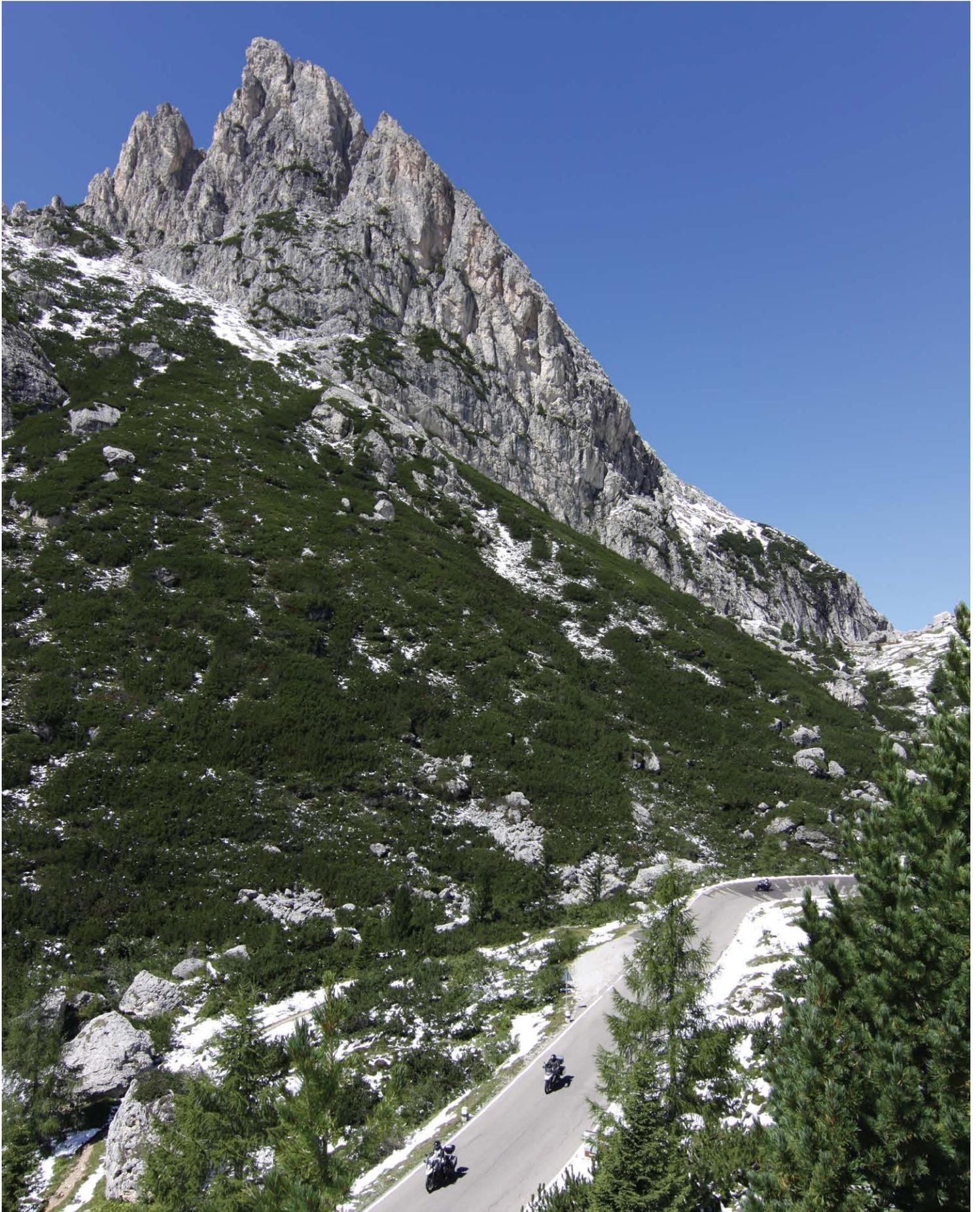
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Welcome to the world of Ayres Adventures – a world filled with incredible Adventures on all seven continents!

For the past 17 years, Ayres Adventures has earned a reputation for providing unique and innovative tours that showcase the very best a region has to offer, geographically and culturally. In many cases, our tours incorporate exotic and unique attractions, such as our gorilla safari in Africa, or a night spent in a luxury tented camp in the Sahara. And, all of our tours are delivered with style – we call it the *Ayres Adventures Style!*

Our objective of providing a premium experience from start to finish is exemplified by our staff of dedicated, professional tour leaders - just read some of the rave reviews our guests have written about them, on the last page of this catalog. You'll get a good idea of the kind of fun that awaits you!

And speaking of guest comments, numerous testimonials about our tours are interspersed throughout the catalog. We're proud of all the positive comments we've received, and hope you enjoy reading them. To quote an old Chinese proverb, "*To know the road ahead, ask those coming back.*"

Our portfolio of tours encompasses 38 distinct destinations worldwide, and we also offer a selection of special tours that can be customized for a private group. We will announce several new tours in 2020 so be sure to check our website, which always has the most current information about our tours. You can also sign up for our *Waypoints Bulletin* to keep up with the latest news at Ayres Adventures.

We look forward to having an opportunity to share one of our Adventures with you soon!

John Jesson
President and CEO



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SCHEDULE 2020

AFRICA

March 21 - April 7	Cape Town to Victoria Falls
April 25 - May 29	Into Africa (Cape Town to Nairobi)
June 2 - 23	Out of Africa (Nairobi to Cape Town)
September 5 - 18	Heart of Africa
September 19 - October 2	Southern Cross (Cape Town to Johannesburg)
October 3 - 16	Call of the Wild (Johannesburg to Windhoek)
October 3 - October 16	Spain & Morocco Adventure

ASIA

April 4 - 17	Japan - Cherry Blossoms and Mount Fuji
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EUROPE

April 25 - May 3	Under the Tuscan Sun
May 9 - June 12	Munich to Istanbul
May 16 - 29	Barcelona to Lisbon
June 6 - 16	Scotland - Castles, Kilts and Whisky
June 17 - 28	Mystical Ireland
June 20 - 29	Treasures of Eastern Europe
July 11 - 26	Norwegian Midnight Sun
July 28 - August 11	Viking Run
August 15 - 21	Alps Switchback Challenge
August 22 - 28	Dolomites Switchback Challenge
August 22 - September 1	Iceland Adventure
September 5 - 16	Bohemian Rhapsody
September 5 - 19	Berlin to Budapest
September 19 - 26	Indian Summer in the Alps
September 19 - 25	Pyrenees Switchback Challenge
September 26 - October 2	Spanish Switchback Challenge
October 3 - 16	Spain & Morocco Adventure
October 3 - 16	Georgia and Armenia

NORTH AMERICA

July 11 - 23	Alaska/Yukon Adventure
July 25 - August 2	Prudhoe Bay Excursion

OCEANIA

January 18 - 30	New Zealand Top Down Adventure
October 17 - 31	Australia and Tasmania
November 1 - 13	New Zealand Top Down Adventure

SOUTH AMERICA

January 15 - 27	Bariloche to Ushuaia
January 15 - February 7	Antarctica Adventure
January 18 - February 1	Explore Colombia
February 22 - March 7	Machu Picchu Excursion
October 3 - 17	Ushuaia - Discover Patagonia
October 24 - November 6	Machu Picchu Excursion

ANTARCTICA

January 15 - February 7	Antarctica Adventure
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SCHEDULE 2021

AFRICA

March 20 - April 6	Cape Town to Victoria Falls
April 24 - May 28	Into Africa (Cape Town to Nairobi)
June 1 - 22	Out of Africa (Nairobi to Cape Town)
September 4 - 17	Heart of Africa
September 18 - October 1	Southern Cross (Cape Town to Johannesburg)
October 2 - 15	Call of the Wild (Johannesburg to Windhoek)
October 2 - 15	Spain & Morocco Adventure

ASIA

April 3 - 16	Japan - Cherry Blossoms and Mount Fuji
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EUROPE

April 24 - May 2	Under the Tuscan Sun
May 8 - June 11	Munich to Istanbul
May 15 - 28	Barcelona to Lisbon
June 5 - 15	Scotland - Castles, Kilts and Whisky
June 16 - 27	Mystical Ireland
June 19 - 28	Treasures of Eastern Europe
July 10 - 25	Norwegian Midnight Sun
July 27 - August 10	Viking Run
August 14 - 20	Alps Switchback Challenge
August 21 - 27	Dolomites Switchback Challenge
August 21 - August 31	Iceland Adventure
September 4 - 15	Bohemian Rhapsody
September 4 - 18	Berlin to Budapest
September 18 - 25	Indian Summer in the Alps
September 18 - 24	Pyrenees Switchback Challenge
September 25 - October 1	Spanish Switchback Challenge
October 2 - 15	Spain & Morocco Adventure
October 2 - 15	Georgia and Armenia

NORTH AMERICA

July 10 - 22	Alaska/Yukon Adventure
July 24 - August 1	Prudhoe Bay Excursion

OCEANIA

January 16 - 28	New Zealand Top Down Adventure
October 16 - 30	Australia and Tasmania
October 31 - November 12	New Zealand Top Down Adventure

SOUTH AMERICA

January 13 - 25	Bariloche to Ushuaia
January 13 - February 5	Antarctica Adventure
January 16 - 30	Explore Colombia
February 20 - March 5	Machu Picchu Excursion
October 2 - 16	Ushuaia - Discover Patagonia
October 23 - November 5	Machu Picchu Excursion

ANTARCTICA

January 13 - February 5	Antarctica Adventure
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Antarctic Glacier

ANTARCTICA

What's it Like to Travel to Antarctica?

Antarctica is the coldest, driest, windiest, and on average, the highest of the continents. Much of the continent is more than two miles above sea level. Approximately 98 percent of the land is beneath a sheet of ice that averages one mile in thickness.

Despite its inhospitable environment, Antarctica is a beautiful and extremely fascinating place to visit - one of the last remaining unspoiled and pristine locations in the world. Ayres Adventures offers a 24-day tour that provides motorcyclists the opportunity to ride from Bariloche to Ushuaia, Argentina, then board a luxury cruise ship for a 10-day expedition to the Antarctica Peninsula. Riding a motorcycle the length of Argentina, through the Pampas, Patagonia, and Tierra del Fuego on the way to Ushuaia is certainly a dream for most motorcycle adventurers. Continuing on to Antarctica with a group of like-minded motorcycle enthusiasts is an unforgettable, almost life-altering experience.

Some travelers book passage to Antarctica on a large cruise ship that accommodates several hundred passengers. While these ships are comfortable, many are too large to enter Antarctica's very small harbors. Passengers view Antarctica from the ship but never set foot on the continent. We take a different approach. We use a small expedition cruise ship that offers comfortable sailing and delicious meals, along with multiple landings. The ship is staffed with scientists and researchers of Antarctica who give informative speeches during the cruise. A fleet of Zodiacs permits guests to make morning and afternoon excursions onto Antarctica and to participate in activities such as hiking and kayaking. For the truly adventurous, there is even the opportunity to spend a night or two camping on the continent rather than sleeping on the ship.



Cruise Vessel



Gentoo Penguins

Our previous Antarctica Adventures were fully-booked well in advance. Riders interested in booking this unique Adventure are advised to do so early.



Kayaking in Antarctica



Whale Viewing from a Zodiac

ANTARCTICA ADVENTURE

Ride to Ushuaia - Then Take a Cruise to Antarctica!

Our 24-day *Antarctica Adventure* combines a motorcycling odyssey from Bariloche, Argentina to Ushuaia, followed by a 10-day cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula aboard a luxury expedition cruise ship. Almost all of the route is paved. The approximate 200-mile section which is not paved is hard-packed gravel in good condition. The trip is very suitable for two-up riding. Non-riding companions are welcome to ride in one of our comfortable support vehicles. Companions who may not wish to make the entire trip by motorcycle may fly to Ushuaia to join the group for the Antarctica cruise.

We'll sail through scenic waterways and witness a breathtaking panorama of icebergs, blue glaciers, and jagged, snow-capped mountains. While underway, we'll spot occasional whales and seabirds as we make our 600-mile voyage between Ushuaia and the Antarctic Peninsula. Arriving at Antarctica, we'll make several landings using the ship's fleet of Zodiacs, navigating numerous ice floes, making our way toward the beaches.

Key attractions include:

- A two-night stay in Bariloche
- A free day in Bariloche with the option to ride the beautiful motorcycling roads in the area
- An overnight stay in the historic town of Puerto San Julian, where Magellan and his crew spent the winter in the town's harbor in 1520
- A two-night stay in El Calafate, from which we will visit Los Glaciers National Park and the Perito Moreno Glacier. View one of the largest and most impressive glaciers in the world, where huge chunks of ice "calve" and crash into the water regularly
- A two-night stay at Torres del Paine National Park - one of South America's most popular national parks
- A ferry crossing of the Straits of Magellan to the island of Tierra del Fuego
- Tierra del Fuego National Park, just a half-hour ride from Ushuaia
- ANTARCTICA! - A cruise to the Antarctic Peninsula
- Daily excursions onto Antarctica via Zodiac boats

24 days, Bariloche to Ushuaia, Argentina

January 15 - February 7, 2020

January 13 - February 5, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Bariloche, Argentina
- Day 2** - Free day in Bariloche (Optional loop ride ~155 miles)
- Day 3** - Bariloche to Esquel, ~205 miles
- Day 4** - Esquel to Comodoro Rivadavia, ~345 miles
- Day 5** - Comodoro Rivadavia to Puerto San Julian, ~265 miles
- Day 6** - Puerto San Julian to El Calafate, ~360 miles
- Day 7** - Free day in El Calafate to visit Perito Moreno Glacier
- Day 8** - El Calafate to Torres del Paine, Chile, ~235 miles
- Day 9** - Free day at Torres del Paine
- Day 10** - Torres del Paine to Punta Arenas, ~240 miles
- Day 11** - Punta Arenas to Rio Grande, Argentina, ~165 miles
- Day 12** - Rio Grande to Ushuaia, ~125 miles
- Day 13** - Free day in Ushuaia
- Day 14** - Embark Cruise Ship
- Days 15 - 16** - Drake Passage, southbound
- Days 17 - 21** - Cruising Antarctica (optional rides in Zodiac boats)
- Days 22 - 23** - Drake Passage, northbound
- Day 24** - Disembark in Ushuaia

Total ~2,095 Riding miles

PRICING

Rider: \$18,100*

Co-rider: \$14,200*

Single Room Supplement (land portion only):
\$975

Booking Deposit: \$1,600 per person

Includes BMW F700GS/F750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

*Price will depend on cabin selection and is subject to change as the cruise ship periodically changes its pricing.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes a Perito Moreno glacier boat excursion, a ferry across the Straits of Magellan, and the Antarctica cruise! All breakfasts, several lunches and 21 dinners are also included.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The roads are mostly paved and in very good condition. There are approximately 200 or so miles of gravel but the gravel is hard packed and well maintained. The paved roads vary from straight and level to wide mountain sweepers. High winds are often prevalent in Patagonia but the windy sections of the trip are almost entirely on paved straight roads. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Torres Del Paine National Park

Recipe for an awesome motorcycle adventure: start with a destination that's on every motorcyclist's bucket list (Ushuaia, "The End of The World"), toss in a trip to Antarctica on a world-class cruise ship, and then finish it off with drop-dead gorgeous scenery in the southern Andes. How does Ayres Adventures keep coming up with these ideas?!

- Don Toothman, Cornelius, NC



Chapman's Peak Drive, South Africa

RIDE AFRICA

Motorcycle Adventures in Africa

There are probably as many misconceptions about Africa as there are independent countries within it (nearly 60). In addition to questions about the riding conditions, language and cultural issues, we're often asked about safety, comfort, and sanitary conditions. We have a stock answer: "There are some nasty places in Africa, but we don't go near them."

Riders are invariably impressed with the beauty of the land, the great riding, and the cultural riches of the continent. English is the dominant language and is widely understood in all but small, rural communities. Nothing impresses our guests more than the friendly and welcoming attitude of the African people. A rider once told us that she felt like a visiting dignitary because so many people along the road provided cheerful waves as we rode by them.

All of our scheduled Africa tours take place on paved roads. If you are interested in off-road riding, several of our private tours are specifically designed for riding off-the-pavement.

In Africa you'll ride on the left. You may ride with a tour leader during the entire trip or if you wish, venture forth on your own. We encourage riders who aren't familiar with riding on the left to stick with a tour leader, at least for the first day or two. Switching sides isn't particularly difficult once you become accustomed to differences in making turns at intersections and in handling traffic circles.

We think it would be a pity to travel all the way to Africa and not have an opportunity to experience the continent's wildlife. Most of our African Adventures include planned wildlife experiences, conducted from the safety and comfort of specially-equipped safari and game viewing vehicles. Some of our "jaw dropping" photos depicting wildlife were taken while riding in a safari vehicle, as we avoid riding our motorcycles in areas where we're likely to encounter predators or aggressive animals. On many of our Adventures we see elephant, giraffe, zebra, kudu and other wildlife along the road, but we exercise caution and don't attempt to approach them. It's exciting enough just to photograph them!



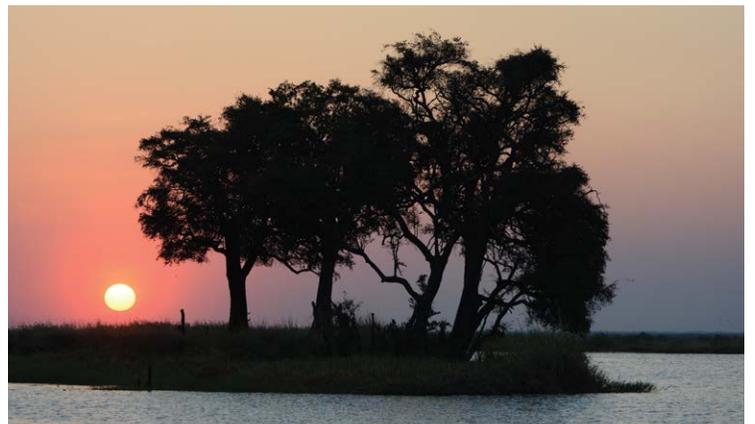
Gorilla Trekking in Rwanda



Elephants, Chobe National Park

Our customers have found travel in Africa to be surprisingly unique, incredibly beautiful and adventurous. Most describe it as the experience of a lifetime. More of our customers make return trips to Africa with us than to any other destination. To quote an old African proverb: “Once you’ve tasted the waters of Africa, you will forever thirst for them”.

On many of our tours, we use upscale game lodges for overnight stays inside popular game reserves. Spending several evenings under the stars in the African bush is an indescribable experience that is often the highlight of an African Adventure.



Sunset in Kasane



Elephants in Botswana

CAPE TOWN TO VICTORIA FALLS

The Best of Southern Africa

Starting in one of the world's most beautiful cities, the Ayres Adventures *Cape Town to Victoria Falls* tour takes you on an incredible ride along some of the most beautiful and scenic roads in South Africa. The tour ends with a visit to one of the seven wonders of the world, the impressive Victoria Falls known also as the Smoke that Thunders.

In addition to the iconic start and end locations, this 18-day tour features invigorating mountain passes, sweeping coastal highways, and roads that lead through wine country, fertile valleys and along rural landscapes dotted with traditional African villages. To complete the African experience, a full day on safari in Kruger National Park and a wild-life cruise on the Chobe River are included.

Cape Town is a great place to spend a couple of extra days prior to the start of the tour. If you decide to arrive early, some of the activities you might enjoy include walking up Table Mountain, taking a city tour, touring Robben Island or just enjoying the numerous cafes, restaurants and shopping diversions that the waterfront has to offer.

Key attractions include:

- A night in the beautiful city of Cape Town
- Tradouw Pass, South Africa's wine route, The Klein Karoo (semi-arid region), Oudtshoorn (ostrich capital of the world)
- Overnight accommodations in an upscale lodge at the southernmost point of the African continent – where the Atlantic and Indian Oceans meet
- Full day game drive in Kruger National Park – home to the African Big Five
- A river boat safari on the Chobe River in Northern Botswana
- A visit to Victoria Falls – “*The Smoke that Thunders*”

18 days, Cape Town to Victoria Falls, Zambia

March 21 - April 7, 2020

March 20 - April 6, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Cape Town, South Africa
- Day 2** - Cape Town to Cape L'Agulhas, ~170 miles
- Day 3** - Cape L'Agulhas to Oudtshoorn, ~200 miles
- Day 4** - Oudtshoorn to Knysna, ~90 - 200 miles
- Day 5** - Free day in Knysna
- Day 6** - Knysna to Port Alfred, ~275 miles
- Day 7** - Port Alfred to Port St. Johns, ~290 miles
- Day 8** - Port St. Johns to Himeville, ~175 miles
- Day 9** - Himeville to Dundee, ~210 miles
- Day 10** - Dundee to Piggs Peak, Swaziland, ~210 miles
- Day 11** - Piggs Peak to Kruger National Park, ~155 miles
- Day 12** - Free day in Kruger National Park (Optional game drive)
- Day 13** - Kruger National Park to Polokwane, ~255 miles
- Day 14** - Polokwane to Palapye, Botswana, ~200 miles
- Day 15** - Palapye to Nata, ~225 miles
- Day 16** - Nata to Kasane, ~195 miles
- Day 17** - Kasane to Victoria Falls, Zambia, ~55 miles
- Day 18** - Depart Livingstone, Zambia

Total ~2,815 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$11,300

Co-rider: \$8,300

Single Room Supplement: \$1,900

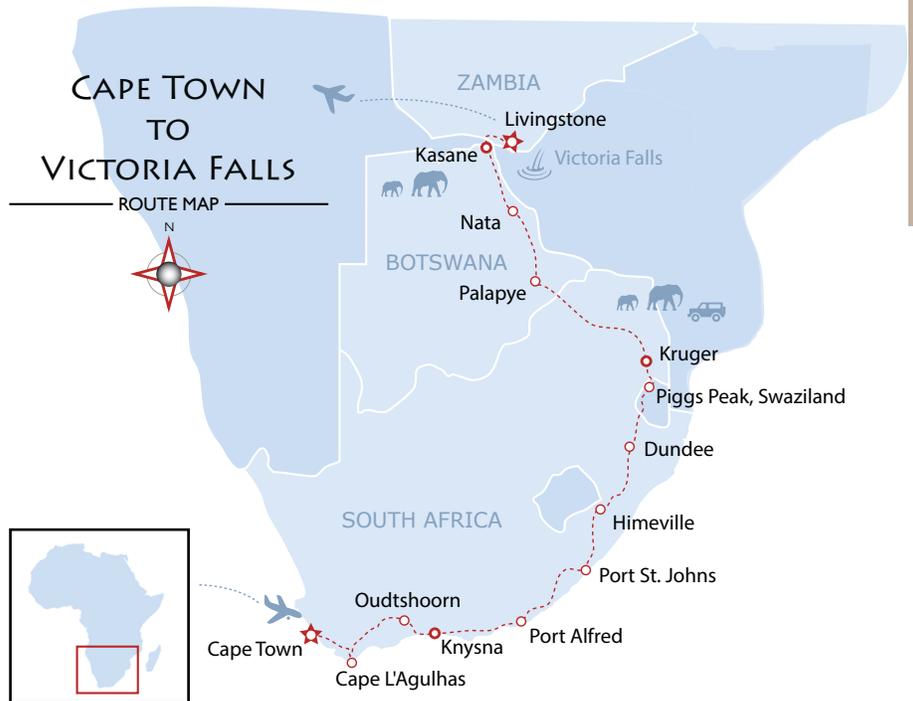
Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes a full-day game drive in Kruger National Park, entrance to Victoria Falls, national park fees, all breakfasts and 16 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road features including several twisty mountain passes and scenic riding on easier, straight roads. Riders can expect people and animals on the roads in some of the smaller towns through which you will pass. There are optional side-trips on good unpaved roads. This tour is perfectly suited for two-up riding.



Victoria Falls



Small Swazi Community



Zebra Drinking Water

INTO AFRICA

The Complete African Motorcycling Experience!

The *Into Africa* Adventure is the most unique and all-encompassing African experience ever offered as a motorcycle tour. Spend 35 days traveling nearly 6,000 miles through eight African countries - from the southernmost point on the African Continent to beyond the Equator, enjoying premium level accommodations, meals, attractions, and support services along the way. The Adventure begins in Cape Town, South Africa – one of the world’s most beautiful cities, and ends in Nairobi, Kenya.

A comfortable support vehicle is available for non-riding companions. We also utilize a trailer for transporting luggage and a spare motorcycle. The itinerary calls for several long riding days.



Game Drive

Key attractions include:

- A stay on Cape Town's Waterfront - in the midst of the city's vibrant nightlife
- South Africa's Swartberg Mountains, including the Swartberg Pass
- Two nights in Botswana's Chobe National Park, including a game drive by 4x4
- A wildlife cruise on the Chobe River, teeming with elephant, hippo, giraffe, and numerous other wildlife species
- An overnight stay at Victoria Falls, including entrance to the Falls
- Two nights on the shores of Lake Malawi (Africa's third largest lake, and the eighth largest lake in the world)
- Two nights on the "spice island" of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean
- Two nights at a luxury lodge in the Serengeti, including a 4x4 safari
- A gorilla trek in either Uganda or Rwanda: experience mountain gorillas "up close"
- Two crossings of the Equator

35 days, Cape Town, South Africa to Nairobi, Kenya

April 25 - May 29, 2020

April 24 - May 28, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Cape Town, South Africa
- Day 2** - Cape Town to Cape L'Agulhas, ~170 miles
- Day 3** - Cape L'Agulhas to Prince Albert, ~270 miles
- Day 4** - Prince Albert to Kimberley, ~390 miles
- Day 5** - Free day in Kimberley
- Day 6** - Kimberley to Gabarone, ~320 miles
- Day 7** - Gabarone to Francistown, Botswana, ~270 miles
- Day 8** - Francistown to Kasane, ~310 miles
- Day 9** - Free day in Kasane
- Day 10** - Kasane to Livingstone, Zambia, ~55 miles
- Day 11** - Livingstone to Lusaka, ~310 miles
- Day 12** - Lusaka to Chipata, ~355 miles
- Day 13** - Chipata to Senga Bay, Malawi, ~170 miles
- Day 14** - Free day in Senga Bay
- Day 15** - Senga Bay to Mzuzu, ~245 miles
- Day 16** - Mzuzu to Mbeya, Tanzania, ~250 miles
- Day 17** - Mbeya to Mikumi National Park, ~365 miles
- Day 18** - Mikumi to Dar es Salaam, ~180 miles
- Day 19** - Dar es Salaam to Zanzibar (Ferry)
- Day 20** - Free day in Zanzibar
- Day 21** - Zanzibar to Dar es Salaam (Ferry)
- Day 22** - Dar es Salaam to Moshi, ~345 miles
- Day 23** - Moshi to Karatu, ~155 miles
- Day 24** - Karatu to The Serengeti (Game drive)
- Day 25** - Free day in Serengeti (Optional game drive)
- Day 26** - Serengeti to Karatu via Ngorongoro Crater (Game drive)
- Day 27** - Karatu to Kahama, ~390 miles
- Day 28** - Kahama to Kigali, Rwanda, ~285 miles
- Day 29** - Kigali to Ruhengeri, ~80 miles
- Day 30** - Free day in Ruhengeri (Gorilla trekking)
- Day 31** - Ruhengeri to Lake Bunyonyi, Uganda, ~140 miles
- Day 32** - Lake Bunyonyi to Kampala, ~260 miles
- Day 33** - Kampala to Kisumu, Kenya, ~195 miles
- Day 34** - Kisumu to Nairobi, ~220 miles
- Day 35** - Depart Nairobi, Kenya

Total ~ 5,730 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$27,750

Co-rider: \$19,500

Single Room Supplement: \$3,500

Booking Deposit: \$1,600 per person

Includes BMW F750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options. In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes mountain gorilla trekking, entry fees for the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater, a wildlife river cruise, several game drives, the ferry to Zanzibar, Victoria Falls entrance fee, all national park fees, all breakfasts, several lunches, and 31 dinners.



Did You Know?

There are less than 1,000 East African mountain gorillas living in the wild, putting them on the critically endangered list. These fascinating primates live in troops of 15 to 20, consisting mostly of females and their babies. They are led by a silverback, a male gorilla with a patch of silver hair on his back. The silverback, who is usually more than 12 years of age, takes responsibility for the safety and well-being of the group, resolving conflicts, determining their movements and leading them to feeding sites.



Gorilla Trek in Rwanda

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is almost entirely paved but road conditions are constantly changing. There will be beautiful twisty roads and scenic straight roads, however, we will also encounter areas of road construction which will be unpaved and roads with numerous potholes. Expect a lot of traffic with people and animals on and next to the roads, especially in small towns and cities. We will ride through wildlife reserves where animals may be seen next to and on the road. The trip is intended for experienced riders but is suitable for two-up riding.



Grazing Hippopotamus, Chobe River National Park, Botswana

OUT OF AFRICA

The Allure of Africa

The *Out of Africa* Adventure is similar to our *Into Africa* Adventure except that it does not include Zanzibar or the gorilla safari. If you wish to experience the gorilla safari you may arrive before the trip begins. We will be happy to arrange your participation in this activity. Spend 22 days riding 4,100 miles through six African countries enjoying premium level accommodations, meals, attractions, and support services along the way. The Adventure begins in Nairobi, Kenya and ends in Cape Town, South Africa – one of the world's most beautiful cities.

This premium-level Adventure is especially suitable for experienced two-up riders. A comfortable support vehicle is available for non-riding companions. We also utilize a trailer for transporting luggage and a spare motorcycle. Except for those few locations in which premium accommodations are not available, the tour features luxury accommodations and game lodges throughout.

A distinguishing feature of our *Into Africa* (p. 16) and *Out of Africa* Adventures is the option to select a 4x4 vehicle in lieu of (or in addition to) a motorcycle. Guests may either reserve a private vehicle for their group or family, or may share a vehicle with other members of the tour group.

Key attractions include:

- Two nights at a luxury lodge in the Serengeti, including a 4x4 safari
- A visit to the Ngorongoro Crater, adjoining the Serengeti. This conservation area has the densest known population of lions as well as large numbers of leopards and elephants
- Two nights on the shores of Lake Malawi (Africa's third largest lake, and the eighth largest lake in the world)
- An overnight stay at Victoria Falls, including entrance to the Falls
- Two nights in Botswana's Chobe National Park, including a game drive
- A wildlife cruise on the Chobe River, teeming with elephant, hippo, giraffe, and numerous other wildlife species
- South Africa's Swartberg Mountains, including the Swartberg Pass
- Final night and celebration dinner on Cape Town's Waterfront

22 days, Nairobi, Kenya to Cape Town, South Africa

June 2 - June 23, 2020

June 1 - June 22, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Nairobi, Kenya
- Day 2** - Nairobi to Karatu, Tanzania, ~265 miles
- Day 3** - Karatu to The Serengeti (Game drive)
- Day 4** - Free day in Serengeti (Optional game drive)
- Day 5** - Serengeti to Karatu via Ngorongoro Crater (Game drive)
- Day 6** - Karatu to Moshi, ~155 miles
- Day 7** - Moshi to Mikumi, ~370 miles
- Day 8** - Mikumi to Mbeya, ~365 miles
- Day 9** - Mbeya to Mzuzu, Malawi, ~250 miles
- Day 10** - Mzuzu to Senga Bay, ~245 miles
- Day 11** - Free day in Senga Bay
- Day 12** - Senga Bay to Chipata, Zambia, ~170 miles
- Day 13** - Chipata to Lusaka, ~355 miles
- Day 14** - Lusaka to Livingstone, ~310 miles
- Day 15** - Livingstone to Kasane, Botswana, ~55 miles
- Day 16** - Free day in Kasane
- Day 17** - Kasane to Nata, ~195 miles
- Day 18** - Nata to Gabarone, ~275 miles
- Day 19** - Gabarone to Kimberley, South Africa, ~320 miles
- Day 20** - Kimberley to Prince Albert, ~390 miles
- Day 21** - Prince Albert to Cape Town, ~335 miles
- Day 22** - Depart Cape Town, South Africa

Total ~4,055 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$15,750

Co-rider: \$11,750

Single Room Supplement: \$2,200

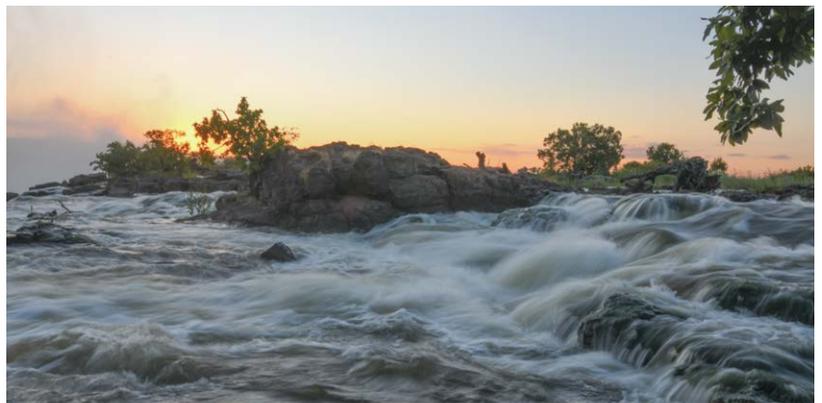
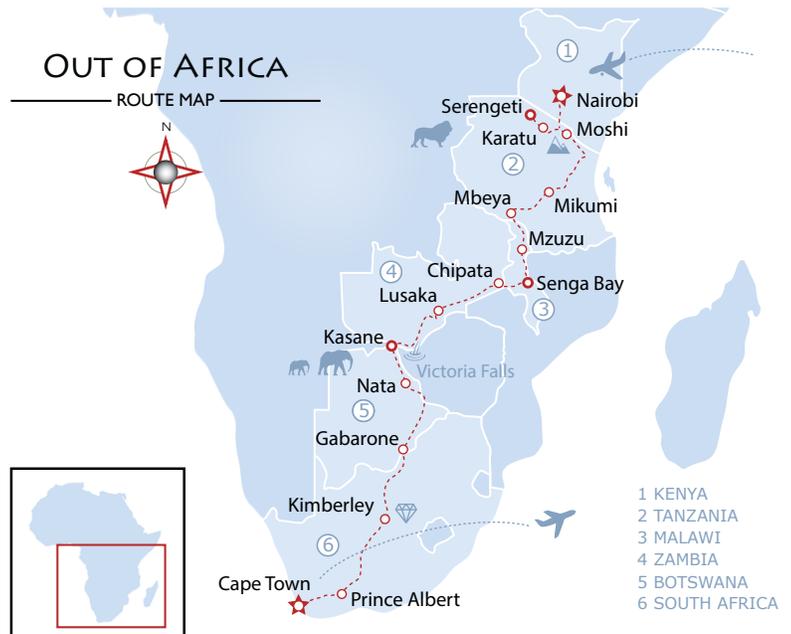
Booking Deposit: \$1,600 per person

Includes BMW F750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes entrance to Serengeti National Park and Ngorongoro Crater, a wildlife river cruise, several game drives, Victoria Falls entrance fee, all national park fees, all breakfasts, several lunches, and 20 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is almost entirely paved but road conditions are constantly changing. There will be beautiful twisty roads and scenic straight roads, however, we will also encounter areas of road construction which will be unpaved and roads with numerous potholes. Expect a lot of traffic with people and animals on and next to the roads, especially in small towns and cities. We will ride through wildlife reserves where animals may be seen next to and on the road. The trip is intended for experienced riders but is suitable for two-up riding.



Sunset at the Top of Victoria Falls

All I wanted to do was get back to Africa. We had not left it yet, but when I would wake in the night, I would lie, listening, homesick for it already.

- Ernest Hemingway, Green Hills of Africa (1935)



Elephant Sighting



Serengeti National Park, Tanzania

HEART OF AFRICA

The Gorillas, The Serengeti, and The Ngorongoro Crater

Before the introduction of our motorcycle safaris through East Africa, you'd have to arrange an African vacation with a luxury travel company to experience what we've included in our *Heart of Africa* Adventure.

This 14-day East African motorcycle safari begins and ends in Nairobi, Kenya and takes riders through four of the six countries that make up East Africa – the “heart of Africa”! In addition to great riding, stunning scenery and upscale accommodations, this Adventure includes incredible wild-life experiences. Gorilla trekking and a two-night stay inside the Serengeti National Park, with a side trip to the Ngorongoro crater, are highlights of this Adventure that are not typically found on African motorcycle tours. You will also get to see and experience the hustle and bustle of East African life as we ride through many small African towns and interact with the locals. Although this Adventure takes place almost entirely on paved roads, road conditions are poor at times and we'll encounter some occasional hectic traffic and poor drivers. The tour is intended for experienced riders with a keen sense of adventure and a taste for the unusual.

Key attractions include:

- Stunning views of the Great Rift Valley, which extends more than 3,000 miles from Syria to Mozambique.
- Several crossings of the Equator, as we pass back and forth between the Northern and Southern Hemispheres.
- A free day in Rwanda, including an exclusive gorilla safari. Beginning at our home base in the jungles of Rwanda, we'll set off on foot to track down the magnificent animals in their natural environment. It's a sight experienced by only a few.
- Two full days “on safari” in the Serengeti. Approximately seventy large mammal species are found in the Serengeti, including elephant, rhino, lion, leopard, hippo, buffalo, zebra, wildebeest, and giraffe. The Serengeti is also famous for its large population of lion.
- A visit to the Ngorongoro Crater, adjoining the Serengeti. This conservation area has the densest known population of lions as well as large numbers of leopards and elephants.

14 days, Begin/End in: Nairobi, Kenya

September 5 - September 18, 2020

September 4 - September 17, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Nairobi, Kenya
 - Day 2** - Nairobi to Kisumu, ~220 miles
 - Day 3** - Kisumu to Kampala, Uganda, ~195 miles
 - Day 4** - Kampala to Kabale, 260 miles
 - Day 5** - Kabale to Ruhengeri, Rwanda, ~140 miles
 - Day 6** - Free day in Ruhengeri (Gorilla trekking)
 - Day 7** - Ruhengeri to Kigali, ~80 miles
 - Day 8** - Kigali to Kahama, Tanzania, ~285 miles
 - Day 9** - Kahama to Karatu, ~310 miles
 - Day 10** - Karatu to The Serengeti (Game drive)
 - Day 11** - Free day in Serengeti (Optional game drive)
 - Day 12** - Serengeti to Karatu via Ngorongoro Crater (Game drive)
 - Day 13** - Karatu to Nairobi, Kenya, ~265 miles
 - Day 14** - Depart Nairobi, Kenya
- Total** ~1,755 miles

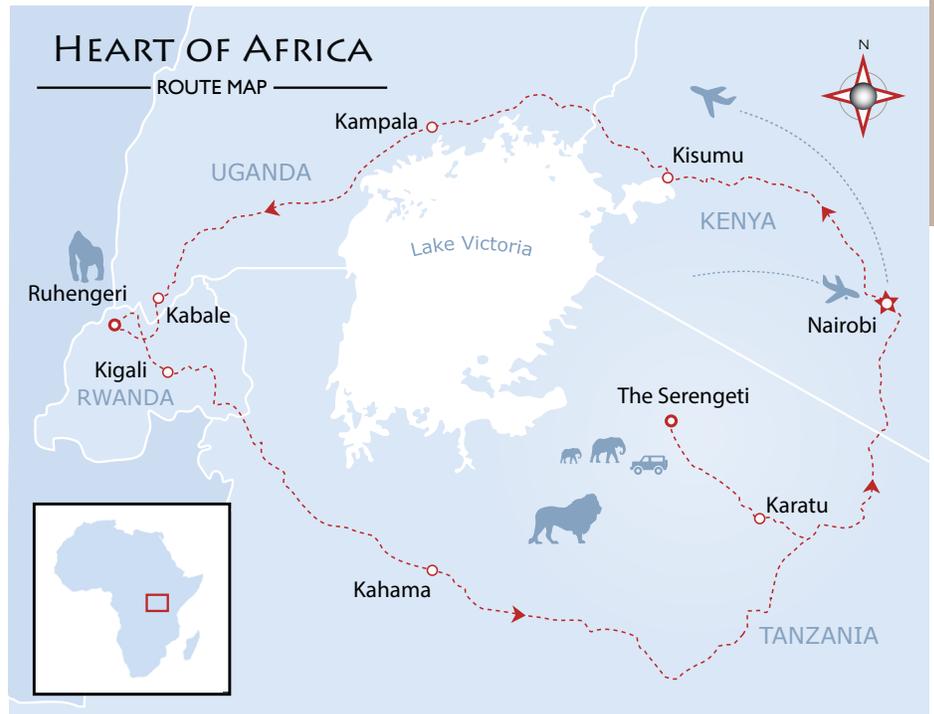
PRICING

- Rider:** \$11,475
 - Co-rider:** \$9,000
 - Single Room Supplement:** \$1,750
 - Booking Deposit:** \$1,600 per person
- Includes BMW F750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

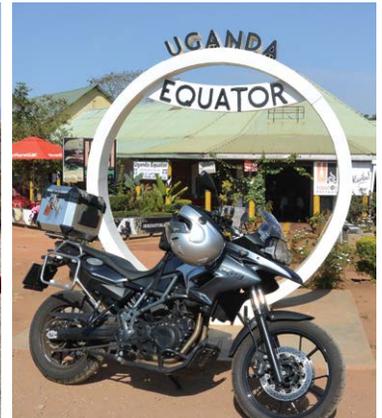
In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes silverback gorilla trekking, entry fees for the Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater, several game drives, all national park fees, all breakfasts, several lunches, and 13 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is almost entirely paved but road conditions are constantly changing. There will be beautiful twisty roads and scenic straight roads, however, riders will also encounter areas of road construction which will be unpaved and roads with numerous potholes. Expect a lot of traffic with people and animals on and next to the roads, especially in small towns and cities. We will ride through wildlife reserves where animals may be seen next to and on the road. The trip is intended for experienced riders but is suitable for two-up riding.



The Maasai Tribe



Equator Crossing, Uganda

If you've never been to Africa, Ayres Heart of Africa tour is certainly a trip of a lifetime. A word of caution: You will want to return to Africa again and again, once you've experienced the wonderful people, riding, wildlife and culture. The highlight of the trip was spending time with the Mountain Gorillas in Rwanda. What a privilege to be a few feet from these magnificent animals. Our tour leaders were outstanding with their attention to details, their wealth of knowledge on the history of the areas and current events, and their willingness to go the extra mile. Ayres Adventures will not disappoint with the premium accommodations, food and activities you'll encounter.

- Paul McClain and Lisa Mahaffey, Trussville, AL



Riding the Swartberg Mountains

SOUTHERN CROSS

The Perfect Introduction to Africa

This trip through South Africa and Swaziland offers an unforgettable Adventure for riders who wish to enjoy the unique experience of traveling in Africa by motorcycle. This 14-day Adventure could be named “Best of South Africa”, as it includes more of South Africa’s highlights than you’ll find in any other South African tour.

Although our route is totally paved and ideal for two-up riding, this tour offers exciting off-pavement alternate routes as well. Off-pavement opportunities include South Africa’s Swartberg Pass, Prince Alfred Pass, Montagu Pass and others.

Multiple game drives, including evening game drives, are an important part of this exceptional experience. Kruger National Park is one of the largest game reserves in Africa and covers more than 7,000 square miles - larger than the state of Connecticut. The *Southern Cross* is the only motorcycle tour that features overnight stays within the park, allowing for evening game drives.

Key attractions include:

- Cape Town’s Waterfront – the most popular destination in this beautiful city
- Overnight accommodations in an upscale boutique lodge featuring private balconies overlooking the ocean at the southernmost point of the African continent – where the Atlantic and Indian oceans meet
- An overnight stay at a boutique lodge in South Africa’s Klein Karoo
- A two-night stay at a premium hotel on the waterfront in Knysna - a small South African town that has been recognized as South Africa’s favorite vacation spot
- An overnight stay in Swaziland, with a ride through the beautiful Swazi Mountains
- The “Grand Finale” – two nights in a luxury game lodge located *within* Kruger National Park which allows for evening game drives. Some competitors offer a game drive through the park but only Ayres Adventures includes two nights inside the park allowing for this exceptional wild-life-viewing experience.

14 days, Cape Town to Johannesburg, South Africa

September 19 - October 2, 2020

September 18 - October 1, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Cape Town, South Africa
- Day 2** - Cape Town to Cape L'Agulhas, ~170 miles
- Day 3** - Cape L'Agulhas to Oudtshoorn, ~200 miles
- Day 4** - Oudtshoorn to Knysna, ~90 - 200 miles
- Day 5** - Free day in Knysna
- Day 6** - Knysna to Port Alfred, ~275 miles
- Day 7** - Port Alfred to Port St. Johns, ~290 miles
- Day 8** - Port St. Johns to Himeville, ~175 miles
- Day 9** - Himeville to Dundee, 210 miles
- Day 10** - Dundee to Piggs Peak, Swaziland, ~210 miles
- Day 11** - Piggs Peak to Kruger National Park, ~60 miles
- Day 12** - Free day in Kruger National Park (Optional game drive)
- Day 13** - Kruger National Park to Sandton, ~200 miles
- Day 14** - Depart Johannesburg, South Africa

Total ~1,990 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$8,200

Co-rider: \$5,300

Single Room Supplement: \$1,425

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes a two-night stay inside Kruger National Park, several game drives, all national park fees, all breakfasts, and 12 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road features including several twisty mountain passes and scenic riding on easier, straight roads. Riders can expect people and animals on the roads in some of the smaller towns through which you will pass. There are optional side-trips on good unpaved roads. This tour is perfectly suited for two-up riding.



Cape L'Agulhas



Kruger National Park

Our second tour (Southern Cross) was amazing. Another trip with top notch motorcycles, accommodations, guides, scenery and excursions... Ayres attention to detail sets them apart from other touring companies.

- Chris and Jann Barber O'hara, Morgantown, WV



Welgevonden Game Reserve

CALL OF THE WILD

A Luxury Motorcycle Safari

The *Call of the Wild* Adventure combines motorcycle touring with luxury game lodges to offer an "in-depth" experience with the continent's incredible wildlife. The journey begins in Sandton, South Africa (suburban Johannesburg) and continues through Botswana and Namibia, with an optional side trip to Victoria Falls in Zambia. The trip ends in Namibia's capital city of Windhoek.

One of the unique features of this Adventure is the opportunity to drive your own 4x4 vehicle in Namibia's Etosha National Park. By the time you arrive in Etosha, you will have learned basic "safari etiquette" on numerous game drives in South Africa and Botswana and will be well-prepared to venture through Etosha in your own vehicle, with the opportunity to linger for as long as you would like at various water holes to observe wildlife. Of course, you're welcome to let one of our tour leaders serve as your driver if you prefer.

If you have more time available and are looking for a longer getaway, you may wish to book this trip in conjunction with our *Southern Cross Adventure* (p. 22) which immediately precedes this tour. It's an opportunity for a completely different African experience. The difference between the two trips is so striking that it has been compared to the act of flipping a light switch. We will pick up the interim night of lodging between the two trips.

Key attractions include:

- Nearly all accommodations in luxury game lodges (several 5-star lodges and hotels) in South Africa, Botswana and Namibia. (All luxury tented lodges include full private "ensuite" bath facilities)
- Numerous game drives in 4x4 safari vehicles to see Africa's "Big Five" (lion, rhino, leopard, cape buffalo, and elephant) - as well as many other wildlife species
- A free day in Kasane, Botswana, providing ample time for a day-trip to Victoria Falls in Zambia, plus a river cruise on the Chobe River and opportunities to do game drives in Chobe National Park
- Three nights at a luxury lodge in Namibia's famed Etosha National Park, where guests may use 4x4 vehicles to go on daily game drives.

14 days, Johannesburg, South Africa to Windhoek, Namibia

October 3 - October 16, 2020

October 2 - October 15, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Johannesburg, South Africa
- Day 2** - Johannesburg to Welgevonden, ~230 miles
- Day 3** - Free day in Welgevonden (Optional game drive)
- Day 4** - Welgevonden to Palapye, Botswana, ~200 miles
- Day 5** - Palapye to Nata, ~225 miles
- Day 6** - Nata to Kasane, ~195 miles
- Day 7** - Free day in Kasane
- Day 8** - Kasane to Bagani, Namibia, ~290 miles
- Day 9** - Free day in Bagani (Optional game drive)
- Day 10** - Bagani to Etosha National Park, ~390 miles
- Day 11** - Free day in Etosha National Park (Optional game drive)
- Day 12** - Free day in Etosha National Park (Optional game drive)
- Day 13** - Etosha to Windhoek, ~285 miles
- Day 14** - Depart Windhoek, Namibia

Total ~1,815 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$8,600

Co-rider: \$5,700

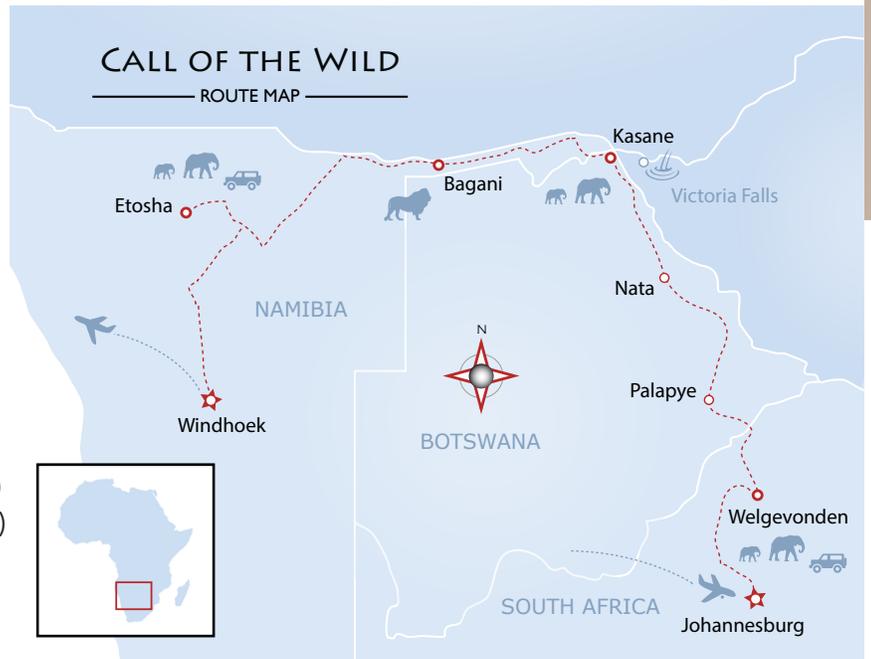
Single Room Supplement: \$1,425

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person
Includes BMW F750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes a Chobe River wildlife cruise, several game drives, all national park fees, all breakfasts, several lunches, and 13 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

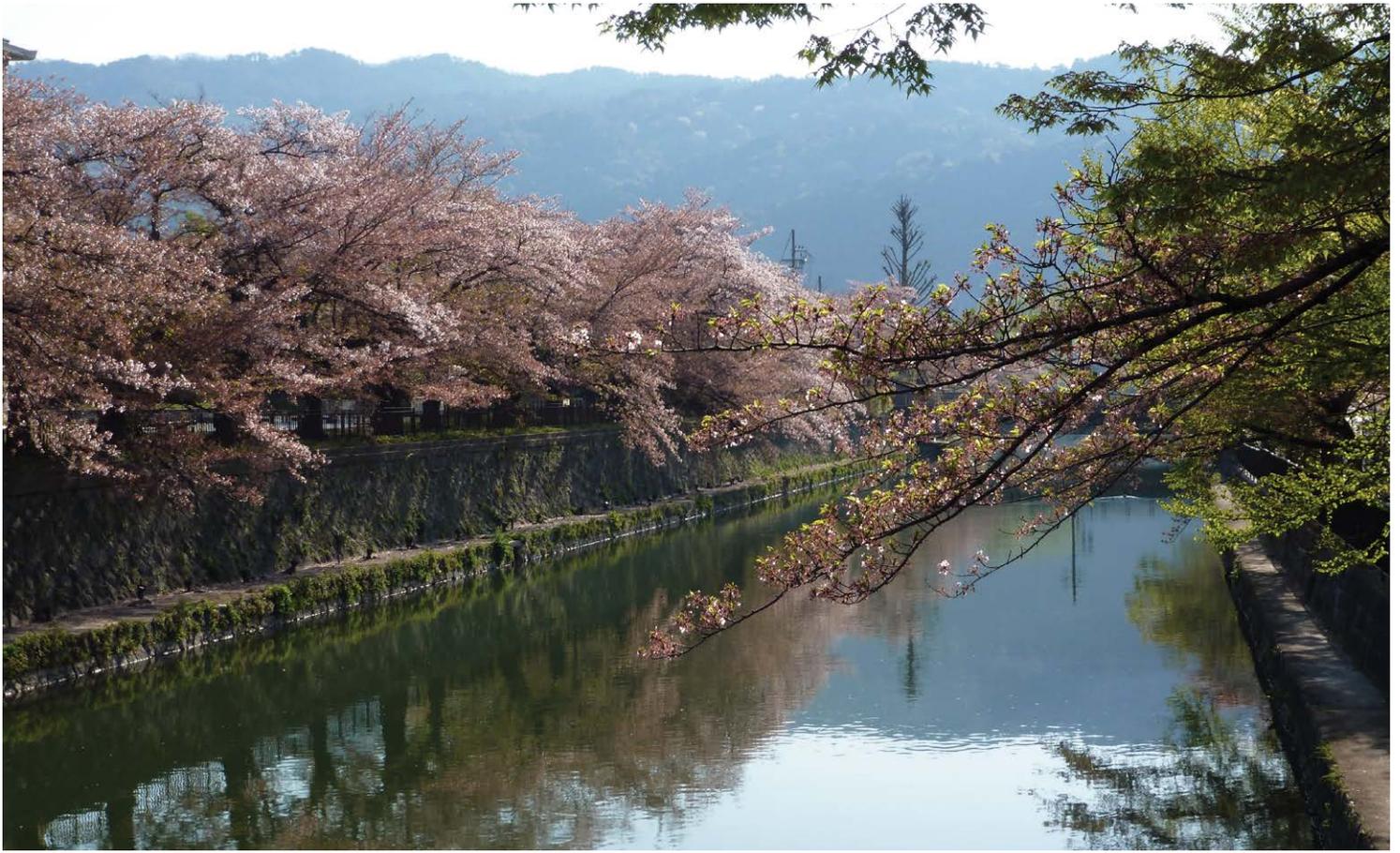
The route is entirely paved with the majority of the tour on good, straight roads with only a few miles of easy sweepers. There is the possibility of wildlife on the road. This tour is perfectly suited for two-up riding.



Giraffes in Etosha National Park

Ayres Adventures won us over from our first email exchange! We can't say enough about the quality and professionalism of our Call of the Wild tour...if you experience it (Africa) with Ayres Adventures, you will not be disappointed. From amazing lodges to beautiful landscapes and wildlife, combined with two absolutely incredible guides (Jason and Claus) we could not have been more impressed.

- Jean and John Woynicki, Kampala, Uganda



Kyoto River

RIDE ASIA

Motorcycle Adventures in Asia

As with all of our tours, Ayres Adventures makes a considerable investment in scouting to select the best of many alternative routes and attractions. With extensive advance preparation, we can insure that the most interesting destinations, routes, attractions and accommodations are offered to our customers. Scouting for our Japanese Adventures has proven to be more challenging than our other tours due to language and cultural factors.

Traffic signs are provided only in Japanese and very little English is spoken outside of the largest cities. It would be impractical to attempt to conduct a tour in Japan without the local assistance of people having fluency in the language, and experience working in an environment so culturally different from most other parts of the world.



Riding near Mount Fuji, Japan



Osaka Castle, Japan



Traditional Dinner in Japan

Although we operate all of our tours with our own team of global tour leaders, in the case of Asia we must augment our staff with knowledgeable locals. As a result, our Japan tours feature some of the most popular attractions including ancient temples, mist-shrouded hills, quaint thatch-roofed villages and twisty mountain roads.



Matsumoto Crow Castle, Japan



Mount Fuji

JAPAN

Cherry Blossoms and Mount Fuji

Our 14-day tour of Japan begins and ends in Kyoto and features Japan's famous cherry blossoms as well as one of its most popular attractions - Mount Fuji. One of the most fascinating aspects of Japan is its distinctive culture. Riders will enjoy a two-week immersion into this captivating environment, riding stunning rural Japanese roads, staying in traditional Japanese hotels and guest houses and enjoying delicious Japanese cuisine. This exciting tour is filled with carefully selected attractions that will fulfill the promise of a truly premium-level Japanese motorcycling experience.

Key attractions include:

- Kyoto - one of Japan's most beautiful and historically significant cities
- Yoshino - famous for its many thousands of Sakura (cherry blossom) trees
- Koyasan, the primary pilgrimage destination and cradle of Buddhism in Japan
- The island of Myiajima, a sacred site in Japanese Buddhism and site of the famous floating gate "O Torii", one of the three most photographed attractions in Japan
- The north coast of Honshu, featuring breathtaking views and twisty roads with little traffic - a motorcycling paradise
- Mt. Daisen National Park, home of the oldest Shinto shrine in Japan
- The UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakawa-go, a village consisting of traditional houses with steep thatched roofs - a famous Japanese photo opportunity
- Matsumoto, with its famous black Crow Castle, surrounded by countless cherry trees
- Mount Fuji, including a free day to ride around the mountain or to visit the famous Fuji Sengen Shrine

14 days, Begin/End in: Kyoto, Japan

April 4 - April 17, 2020

April 3 - April 16, 2021

ITINERARY

Day 1 - Arrive Kyoto

Day 2 - Kyoto to Wakayama, ~150 miles

Day 3 - Wakayama to Kochi, ~125 miles

Day 4 - Kochi to Hiroshima, ~200 miles

Day 5 - Free day in Hiroshima

Day 6 - Hiroshima to Matsue, ~150 miles

Day 7 - Matsue to Tottori, ~155 miles

Day 8 - Tottori to Fukui, ~165 miles

Day 9 - Fukui to Takayama, ~160 miles

Day 10 - Takayama to Yamanakako, ~160 miles

Day 11 - Free day at Mount Fuji

Day 12 - Yamanakako to Toba, ~175 miles

Day 13 - Toba to Kyoto, ~110 - 150 miles

Day 14 - Depart Kyoto, Japan

Total ~1,590 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$9,975

Co-rider: \$7,500

Single Room Supplement: \$1,950

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

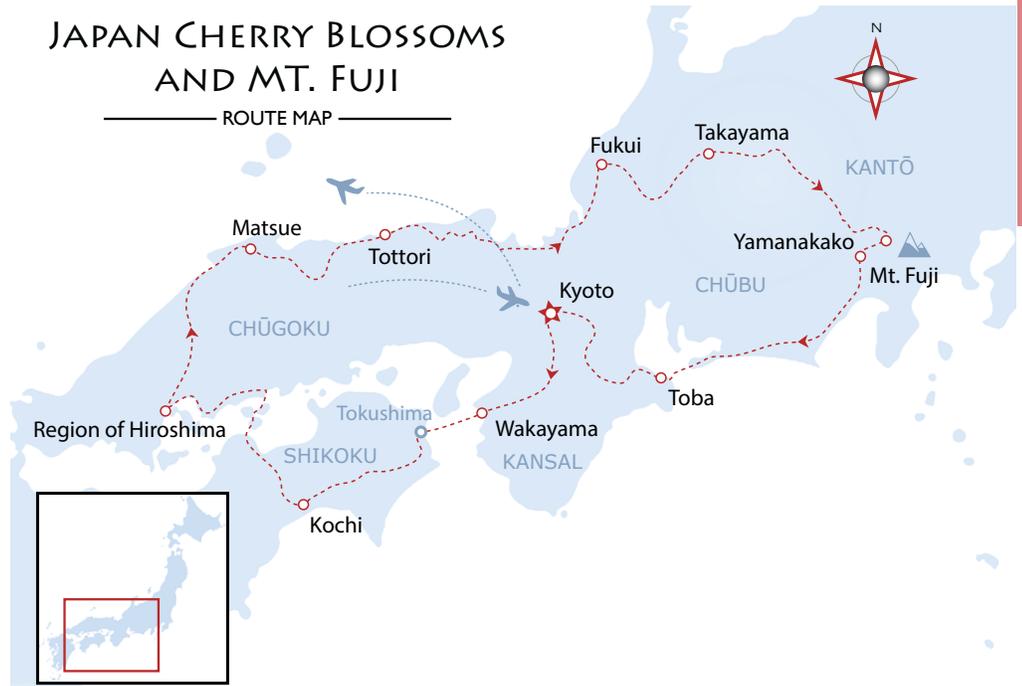
Includes choice of Honda CB400Revo, CBR400F, CB400SF Vtec 2, CB400SF Vtec 3, CB400SF Bol'dor, Suzuki Gladius 400 ABS, Yamaha Grand Majesty 400. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes ferry rides to Tokushima and Toba, entry fees for Amanohashidate and Matsumoto Castles, all breakfasts and 11 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is totally paved with a variety of road features including wonderful sweeping roads and some technical riding on twisty, narrow mountain roads. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.

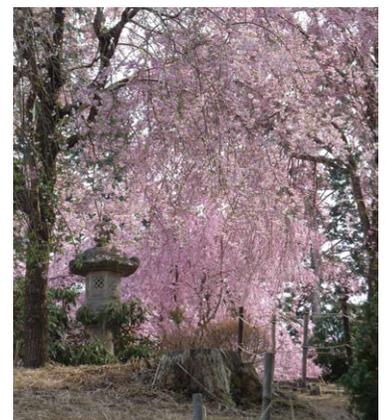
JAPAN CHERRY BLOSSOMS AND MT. FUJI



Road Twists



Amanohashidate Sightseeing Point



Cherry Blossom, Yoshino



Riding the Alps

RIDE EUROPE

Motorcycle Adventures in Europe

There is no way to travel by motorcycle in Europe without being awestruck. No other place in the world is quite like it. Touring by motorcycle permits you to experience the sights, sounds, smells, and other sensations in a most seductive way. It's as though Europe was designed to provide motorcyclists with an incredible playground.

Although the Old World has an extraordinary past, the continent leads the world in fashion, art, music, architecture and design. Motorcyclists will have the opportunity to enjoy all of this, but in addition they will enjoy breathtaking landscapes and stunning scenery.

Europe is synonymous with diversity. Europe today consists of 47 independent countries ranging in size from Russia, with some 140 million people, to Liechtenstein with a population of only 35,000. Many European countries consist of multiple regions and cultures. Diversity extends to the multitude of languages spoken in Europe.

Most countries have their own language and many have several languages. There are also dialects and some smaller languages that don't make the list of official languages. In many countries, young people speak English, but you'll often meet people who don't speak or understand English at all. Our native European tour leaders have carefully assembled a portfolio of motorcycle tours. More than any place in the world, Europe is the venue where our policy against limited choice "set menus" and budget-priced "tourist hotels" is most appreciated.

Our European Adventures will exceed your highest expectations. Review the testimonials on our website and you'll get an appreciation for the excitement you'll experience on your European motorcycling adventure with us.



Iceland



Ross Errilly Friary, Ireland

In Europe, the landscape can be completely different in places just a few kilometers apart, and cultural history manifests itself everywhere. From the fjords of Norway to the Swiss Alps to the Pyrenees that divides Spain and France, to the Moorish palaces of Andalusia, to the ancient ruins in Greece and Turkey, it just never stops. Many riders, especially upon touring Europe for the first time, speak of “sensory overload” and literally must stop to take in a particularly stunning experience.



Porto, Portugal

CLUB CLASS!



The Abbey of Sant'Antimo

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

Riding the Most Romantic Part of Italy

Always dreamed of a motorcycle tour “under the Tuscan sun”? Dream no more. On this 9-day Adventure, you will experience the kind of Italian scenery typically found in picturesque coffee table books: rolling hills, cypress trees shading long driveways, villas in the midst of olive plantations, monasteries and churches, Italian street life and some of the most beautiful cities and villages you can imagine.

This tour begins and ends in Florence, Italy, a city so full of history and culture that you may want to extend your stay to more fully absorb it.



Group Shot

Key attractions include:

- Assisi – birthplace of St. Francis and home to the Basilica of St. Francis
- San Gimignano with its ancient “skyscrapers”
- The tiny municipality of San Marino
- Tavullia – hometown of Moto GP world champion, Valentino Rossi
- Siena and its wonderful main plaza, which hosts the El Palio, a famous horse race twice a year
- Orvieto – location of the famous Duomo in Orvieto, a prime example of Italian Gothic style.

9 days, Begin/End in: Florence, Italy

April 25 - May 3, 2020

April 24 - May 2, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Florence, Italy
- Day 2** - Florence to Siena, ~170 miles
- Day 3** - Free day in Siena
- Day 4** - Siena to Bolsena, ~150 miles
- Day 5** - Bolsena to Assisi, ~75 - 125 miles
- Day 6** - Free day in Assisi
- Day 7** - Assisi to Gabicce Mare, ~125 miles
- Day 8** - Gabicce Mare to Florence, ~155 miles
- Day 9** - Depart Florence, Italy

Total ~725 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$4,950

Co-rider: \$3,950

Single Room Supplement: \$735

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our Club Class tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts and 6 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is totally paved with a variety of road features including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty, narrow mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Tuscan Architecture

San Leo



Istanbul, Turkey

MUNICH TO ISTANBUL

A Motorcycling Odyssey - From Europe to Asia and Return

This 35-day Adventure begins and ends in Munich. It includes 14 different countries, and features approximately 5,000 miles of exceptional motorcycle travel. From Germany, the tour continues through Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania, Greece, and Turkey. After exploring Turkey, the trip returns to Germany via Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, Slovakia, and Austria. There is virtually no repetition of the eastbound route during the return to Munich.

Key attractions include:

- Historical cities and world heritage sites such as Split, Dubrovnik and the Meteora Monasteries in Greece
- Extraordinary motorcycling along such world-class destinations as the Croatian coastline, the Turkish Sea of Marmara, the Carpathian Mountains of Transylvania and the winding roads of Austria's backcountry
- A free day at the Plitvice Lakes in the mountainous area of Central Croatia - A UNESCO World Heritage site
- Several free days in Greece to explore the Chalkidiki Peninsula and the "Green Island" of Thassos - an island located in the Aegean Sea that is famous for clean beaches, hospitality, tasty wine and magnificent honey
- Several free days in Turkey, including Akyaka - Turkey's "seaside secret" - a beautiful village beach resort that sits at the head of the beautiful bay of Gokova
- Two free days in Istanbul, a "transcontinental city" that straddles the Straits of Bosphorus - the dividing line between Europe and Asia
- The Transylvania region of Romania, including a free day in Braşov
- A free day in Budapest, Hungary - an extensive UNESCO World Heritage Site and a city that has been cited as one of the most beautiful cities in the world
- An overnight stay in Sighișoara. This small town (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) is one of the most beautiful and best-preserved medieval towns in Europe. It's also the birthplace of Vlad Dracula (also known as Vlad Tepes - Vlad the Impaler) who inspired Bram Stoker's fictional creation, Count Dracula.

35 days, Begin/End in: Munich, Germany

May 9 - June 12, 2020

May 8 - June 11, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Munich, Germany
Day 2 - Munich to Spittal, Austria, ~215 miles
Day 3 - Spittal to Ljubljana, Slovenia, ~160 miles
Day 4 - Ljubljana to Plitvice, Croatia, ~165 miles
Day 5 - Plitvice to Split, ~215 miles
Day 6 - Split to Dubrovnik, ~155 miles
Day 7 - Free day in Dubrovnik
Day 8 - Dubrovnik to Durres, Albania, ~185 miles
Day 9 - Durres to Aristi, Greece, ~200 miles
Day 10 - Free day in Aristi
Day 11 - Aristi to Kalampaka, ~105 miles
Day 12 - Kalampaka to Elia Beach, ~215 miles
Day 13 - Elia Beach to Island of Thassos, ~185 miles
Day 14 - Free day on the Island of Thassos
Day 15 - Island of Thassos to Canakkale, Turkey, ~185 miles
Day 16 - Canakkale to Foça, ~215 miles
Day 17 - Foça to Akyaka, ~225 miles
Day 18 - Free day in Akyaka
Day 19 - Akyaka to Pamukkale, ~140 - 230 miles
Day 20 - Pamukkale to Emet, ~165 miles
Day 21 - Emet to Istanbul, ~155 miles
Day 22 - Free day in Istanbul
Day 23 - Free day in Istanbul
Day 24 - Istanbul to Plovdiv, Bulgaria, ~210 miles
Day 25 - Plovdiv to Veliko Tärново, ~175 miles
Day 26 - Veliko Tärново to Braşov, Romania, ~240 miles
Day 27 - Free day in Braşov (optional loop ride ~45 miles)
Day 28 - Braşov to Sighisoara, ~205 miles
Day 29 - Sighisoara to Eger, Hungary, ~330 miles
Day 30 - Eger to Budapest, ~85 miles
Day 31 - Free day in Budapest
Day 32 - Budapest to Bratislava, Slovakia, ~160 miles
Day 33 - Bratislava to Český Krumlov, Czech Republic, ~190 miles
Day 34 - Český Krumlov to Munich, Germany, ~200 miles
Day 35 - Depart Munich, Germany

Total ~4,815 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$22,500

Co-rider: \$15,700

Single Room Supplement: \$3,750

Booking Deposit: \$1,600 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes an Istanbul guided city tour, a round trip ferry to Thassos, various attraction entry fees, all breakfasts, and 27 dinners.



While the rest of the group was touring Dracula's Castle, I went out for a ride by myself up in the mountains. An old shepherd waved at me as I rode by and I turned around and went back to say hi. We had about a half hour conversation with neither of us speaking the others language but with pantomiming he was able to tell me his story.

This type of encounter is one of the main reasons I like to go on Ayres motorcycle tours. The freedom to explore on your own and not always have to be with the group sets your company apart from most of the others. There isn't the pressure to stay with the group and I never would have gotten a chance to meet this fella if I wasn't by myself.

- John Dinges, Lebanon, OR

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty, narrow mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. There may be some short sections of gravel (5% or less). Riders may also encounter potholes, rough surfaces, animals and busy traffic in the larger cities. The trip is intended for experienced riders but is suitable for two-up riding.



Riding the Twisties in Spain

BARCELONA TO LISBON

Riding the Mountains of the Iberian Peninsula

The *Barcelona to Lisbon* Adventure was specifically designed for a group of our repeat customers who wanted to ride the best of the best in Spain and Portugal. These seasoned riders called on the expertise of our veteran European tour leaders to design a tour that would create a virtual motorcycle playground through the mighty 300-mile-long Pyrenees mountain range. With peaks of 11,000 ft, the Pyrenees form a natural border between Spain and France and separate the Iberian Peninsula from the rest of continental Europe. Less crowded and older than the Alps, the Pyrenees appear more pristine and are full of roads that offer some of the best riding in the world! Microstate Andorra, Pamplona, and the autonomous Basque Country are all on the way to the Cantabrian Sea. From there we will climb the Picos de Europa, Spain's oldest national park, before spending a free day in the world-famous pilgrimage destination, Santiago de Compostela. From there we turn south to cross the border into Portugal. Two nights in the famous city of Porto insure that we will get immersed in the culture and traditions of this fascinating country. Our tour will end in Lisbon, the capital of Portugal and one of the oldest cities in Europe.

Key attractions include:

- Breathtaking riding in the Pyrenees and Picos de Europa National Park
- The tiny principality of Andorra, tucked into the mountains between France and Spain
- Free day in Pamplona with an optional ride into France
- Santiago de Compostela, end of the famous epic pilgrimage trail
- Cantabrian Coast, with one of the most beautiful Spanish villages
- Two nights in Porto, known for its port wine production



Porto, Portugal

14 days, Barcelona, Spain to Lisbon, Portugal

May 16 - May 29, 2020

May 15 - May 28, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1 - Arrive in Barcelona, Spain
- Day 2 - Barcelona to La Seu D'urgell, ~155 miles
- Day 3 - La Seu D'urgell to Region of Arties, ~185 miles
- Day 4 - Region of Arties to Pamplona, ~255 miles
- Day 5 - Free day in Pamplona
- Day 6 - Pamplona to Santillana del Mar, ~220 miles
- Day 7 - Santillana del Mar to Cangas de Onis, ~120 miles
- Day 8 - Cangas de Onis to Santiago de Compostela, ~250 miles
- Day 9 - Free day in Santiago de Compostela
- Day 10 - Santiago de Compostela to Porto, Portugal, ~175 miles
- Day 11 - Free day in Porto
- Day 12 - Porto to Region of Coimbra, ~145 miles
- Day 13 - Region of Coimbra to Lisbon, ~200 miles
- Day 14 - Depart Lisbon, Portugal

Total ~ 1,705 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$8,850

Co-rider: \$7,350

Single Room Supplement: \$1,500

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes port wine tasting in Porto, all breakfasts, and 10 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Picos de Europa National Park, Spain

BARCELONA TO LISBON



Adding Ayres' trips has been such an excellent addition to my local & US motorcycling - anyone giving thought to taking a trip with Ayres should do so, immediately...sign up, climb on, and enjoy the ride!

- Jim Vaughn, Kansas City, MO



Pyrenees



Glenapp Castle, Ballantrae

SCOTLAND

Castles, Kilts and Whisky

This 11-day premium Ayres Adventure starts and ends in the center of Scotland's stunning capital city, Edinburgh. This picturesque little county offers an array of amazing rides - along narrow winding roads, over rolling long green hills, past farmlands and along beautiful coastal roads. Our route will take us to the dramatic and sweeping cliffs of Dunnet Head, the northernmost tip of Great Britain's mainland. We will stop for coffee at John O'Groats, the starting point of Ewan Mc Gregor and Charley Boorman's Long Way Down adventure. A two-night stay in the popular seaside town of Oban will allow plenty of time to explore one of the nearby islands or the charming town itself. As Scotland is well-known for its historical castles, we will visit several and will actually stay at a couple of these monumental and historical buildings. One of these overnights will be in England just south of Hadrian's Wall and the second will be overlooking the ocean on the Scottish coast. We will also visit a few of the well-known whisky distilleries.

Key attractions include:

- Two nights in the historical capital of Scotland, Edinburgh

- Riding on the greatest motorcycle roads in Scotland
- Overnight stays in historical castles
- Whisky-tasting visits at a few of the well-known whisky distilleries
- Two-night stay in the popular seaside town of Oban
- Riding along the banks of two of the most well-known lochs in Scotland, Loch Lomond and Loch Ness.
- Riding to the Northern tip of Great Britain



Edinburgh

11 days, Begin/End in: Edinburgh, Scotland

June 6 - June 16, 2020

June 5 - June 15, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Edinburgh, Scotland
- Day 2** - Edinburgh to Alston, ~155 miles
- Day 3** - Alston to Ballantrae, ~190 miles
- Day 4** - Ballantrae to Oban, ~185 miles
- Day 5** - Free day in Oban
- Day 6** - Oban to Ullapool, ~230 miles
- Day 7** - Ullapool to Thurso, ~140 miles
- Day 8** - Thurso to Inverness, ~145 miles
- Day 9** - Inverness to St. Andrews, ~150 miles
- Day 10** - St. Andrews to Edinburgh, ~100 miles
- Day 11** - Depart Edinburgh, Scotland

Total ~1,295 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$7,900

Co-rider: \$6,500

Single Room Supplement: \$1,200

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes choice of BMW F700/750GS, F800R, F800GT.
Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes whisky tasting, overnight castle stays, all breakfasts, and 9 dinners.

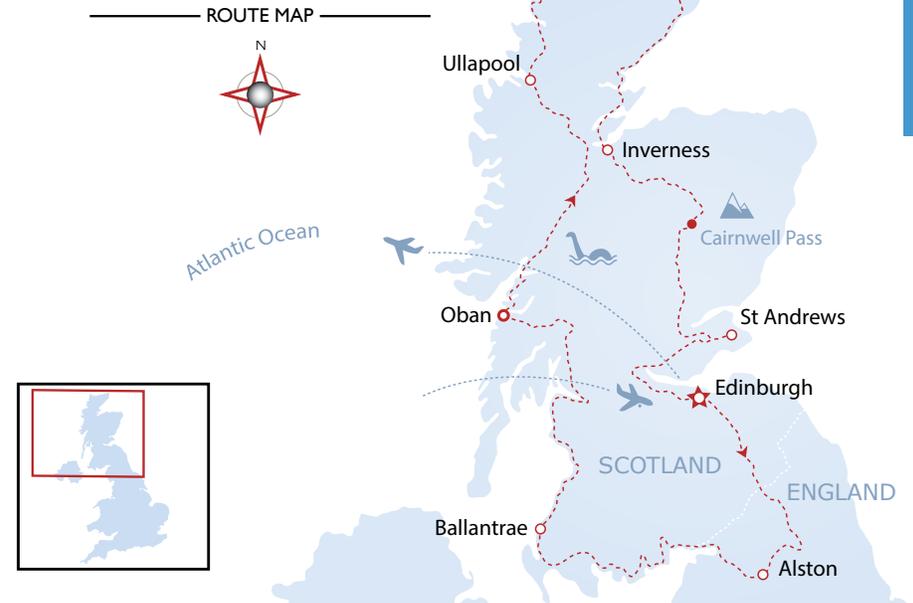
RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road features including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty, narrow mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. Many of the roads are very narrow with blind rises, corners and entrances where caution is required. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Scotland's Countryside

SCOTLAND CASTLES, KILTS AND WHISKY



Whisky or Whiskey?

Which is correct? It depends on the origin of the spirits. If it is from Scotland (or Canada or Japan) it is spelled without the "e". If it is produced in Ireland or the United States, it is spelled with the "e". An easy way to remember: countries with an "e" in their name take an "e" in their whiskey. Those without, do not.



Glenmorangie Distillery



Riding the Coastline of Ireland

MYSTICAL IRELAND

Emerald of the Atlantic

Ireland! A country steeped in rich culture, a long history and beautiful rolling scenery. Famous for its medieval towns with their unique pub atmosphere, its omnipresent cheerful music, its narrow and winding roads through ancient tree alleys and along an endless coastline, Ireland is indeed the Emerald of the Atlantic. Our Mystical Ireland tour will take riders on a 12-day Adventure to the most interesting and scenic parts as we circumnavigate the island in a clockwise direction, starting and ending in the friendly and bustling city of Dublin. Be prepared for absolutely breathtaking scenery as we ride along the 'Wild Atlantic Way' and visit places like the Giant's Causeway, Cliffs of Moher and Ring of Kerry! But, most of all, let us show you the island's hidden gems away from the beaten tracks! Come join us for a spectacular ride and some Guinness in the pubs!

Key attractions include:

- Two nights in the historical and lively city of Dublin
- A visit to the basalt columns at Giant's Causeway
- A walk along the top of the Cliffs of Moher on the Irish coast

- The coastal and very picturesque Wild Atlantic Way
- Conor Pass, one of the highest paved roads in Ireland
- An optional ride around the historic and very scenic Ring of Kerry
- Wonderful and scenic riding on small twisty roads through the Wicklow Mountains



Wicklow Mountains

12 days, Begin/End in: Dublin, Ireland

June 17 - June 28, 2020

June 16 - June 27, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrival in Dublin, Ireland
- Day 2** - Dublin to Cork, ~200 miles
- Day 3** - Cork to Killarney, ~90 miles
- Day 4** - Free day in Killarney (Optional loop ride ~125 miles)
- Day 5** - Killarney to Bunratty, ~150 miles
- Day 6** - Bunratty to Westport, ~180 miles
- Day 7** - Westport to Donegal, ~200 miles
- Day 8** - Donegal to Londonderry, ~170 miles
- Day 9** - Free day in Londonderry (Optional loop ride ~145 miles)
- Day 10** - Londonderry to Belfast, ~120 miles
- Day 11** - Belfast to Dublin, ~150 miles
- Day 12** - Depart Dublin, Ireland

Total ~1,530 miles

MYSTICAL IRELAND

ROUTE MAP



PRICING

Rider: \$7,950

Co-rider: \$6,900

Single Room Supplement: \$800

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes choice of BMW F700/750GS, Honda NC750X, Yamaha V-Star 950. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes entry fees to the Cliffs of Moher and Giant's Causeway, all breakfasts and 9 dinners.



Ross Errilly Friary

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road features including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty, narrow mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. Many of the roads are very narrow with blind rises, corners and entrances where caution is required. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Road Twists

CLUB CLASS!



Cesky Krumlov, the Czech Republic

TREASURES OF EASTERN EUROPE

Bohemian Rhapsody II

We considered naming this Club Class tour "Bohemian Rhapsody II", as it continues the spirit of our 12-day European Adventure - a "Bohemian Rhapsody" on motorcycles. *Treasures of Eastern Europe* is a 10-day Adventure through five countries with numerous opportunities for sightseeing and off-bike activities. The tour provides the very best riding coupled with overnight stays in very charming and typical cities and villages. Beginning with the first overnight stop in Munich, continuing through Austria, Slovakia, Poland and finally through the Czech Republic back to Munich, you'll experience non-stop sensory overload.

You'll enjoy wonderful roads, landscapes, accommodations, and meals. As you make your way from one interesting destination to another, you'll encounter breathtaking scenery and incredible photo opportunities. You'll have the opportunity to ride exciting passes in the eastern part of Europe, visit cultural highlights such as Bratislava, Kraków, Brno and Český Krumlov and enjoy great accommodations and meals throughout the journey.

Key attractions include:

- Travel through five European countries - Germany, Austria, Slovakia, Poland and Czech Republic
- Explore the historical and picturesque cities of Bratislava, Kraków, Brno and Český Krumlov
- Ride the Bavarian and Austrian Alps
- Tour the beautiful city center of Kraków during our two-night stay



Austrian Countryside

10 days, Begin/End in: Munich, Germany

June 20 - June 29, 2020

June 19 - June 28, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Munich, Germany
- Day 2** - Munich to Salzburg Countryside, Austria, ~155 miles
- Day 3** - Salzburg to Bratislava, Slovakia, ~280 miles
- Day 4** - Bratislava to Tatra Mountains, ~250 miles
- Day 5** - Tatra Mountains to Kraków, Poland, ~80 miles
- Day 6** - Free day in Kraków
- Day 7** - Kraków to Brno, Czech Republic, ~215 miles
- Day 8** - Brno to Český Krumlov, ~180 miles
- Day 9** - Český Krumlov to Munich, ~210 miles
- Day 10** - Depart Munich, Germany

Total ~1,370 miles



PRICING

Rider: \$4,975

Co-rider: \$3,775

Single Room Supplement: \$900

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our Club Class tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts, and 8 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



A Scenic Czech Plaza



Group Shot in The Alps

What a fantastic tour! The scenery was spectacular, accommodations and meals were outstanding. We had great fun with our tour leaders who found the most fantastic, scenic routes. We are excited to plan another adventure with Ayres.

- Mark and Karen Fisher, Lethbridge, Alberta, Canada



Lofoten Island Village

NORWEGIAN MIDNIGHT SUN

Across the Arctic Circle and onto the North Cape

“Bucket list” destinations for most serious motorcycle globe-trotters include places such as Ushuaia, Prudhoe Bay, and “the big one” - the northernmost point in the world to which it’s possible to ride a motorcycle - Norway’s North Cape.

This “tour to the top of the world” takes riders nearly 400 miles north of the Arctic Circle. Our major destination, Norway’s North Cape, is 50 miles further north of the Arctic Circle than Prudhoe Bay, Alaska - the northernmost point in North America accessible by motorcycle. This Adventure will take you through the pristine beauty of Northern Norway with stunning and bizarre landscapes on endless roads through uninhabited wilderness. We will ride along the Norwegian fjord-dotted coastline, cross the Lofoten Islands and ride the never ending plains of Lappland up to the border of Russia. With 24 hours of daylight, you won’t miss a thing.

This tour is about challenging and experiencing mother nature and riding the roads that lead you to where Europe ends – The North Cape!

Key attractions include:

- Oslo, ranked number one in terms of quality of life among

European large cities

- Spectacular southern Norway with its stave churches, some of the oldest wooden buildings on the planet
- Ferry ride on the “world’s most beautiful fjord” - Geiranger Fjord
- Trollstigen, Norway’s most spectacular pass road
- A rest day in Alesund, art nouveau city on the West Coast
- The spectacular Lofoten Islands, where mountains rise directly out of the ocean
- Crossing the Arctic Circle
- An optional whale safari from Andenes
- The North Cape, the northern tip of Europe

The last riding day is long, so you may wish to extend your stay in Tromsø to enjoy additional sightseeing. If you have more time and are looking for a longer getaway, consider booking this trip together with the *Viking Run* (p. 46). We will pick up the two interim nights of hotel lodging between the trips while you relax for a few days between tours.

16 days, Oslo to Tromsø, Norway

July 11 - July 26, 2020

July 10 - July 25, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1 - Arrive Oslo, Norway
- Day 2 - Oslo to Gudvangen, ~230 miles
- Day 3 - Gudvangen to Alesund, ~250 miles
- Day 4 - Free day in Alesund (Optional loop ride ~125 - 200 miles)
- Day 5 - Alesund to Trondheim, ~270 miles
- Day 6 - Trondheim to Namsos, ~185 miles
- Day 7 - Namsos to Sandnessjøen, ~180 miles
- Day 8 - Sandnessjøen to Bodø, ~230 miles
- Day 9 - Bodø to Svolvær, ~90 miles
- Day 10 - Free day in Svolvær
- Day 11 - Svolvær to Andenes, ~140 miles
- Day 12 - Andenes to Nordkjosbotn, ~250 miles
- Day 13 - Nordkjosbotn to Karasjok, ~290 miles
- Day 14 - Karasjok to North Cape to Alta, ~320 miles
- Day 15 - Alta to Tromsø, ~250 miles
- Day 16 - Depart Tromsø, Norway

Total ~2,885 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$8,975

Co-rider: \$6,450

Single Room Supplement: \$1,675

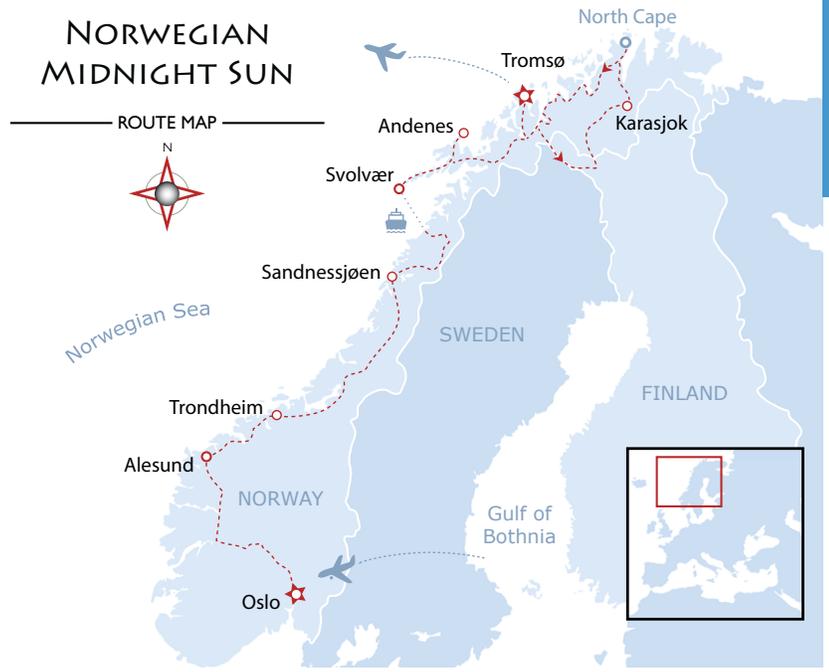
Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes entry fees for the North Cape Visitor Center and Heddal Stave Church, a ferry to Lofoten Islands, the Geiranger panorama ferry, all ferry fjord crossings, all breakfasts and 13 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. Wind and rougher climate can be an issue further north. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Riding in Norway

The guides were excellent in knowledge of the area and the roads and stops to make. The scenery was awesome beyond words to describe. The best way to see a country is on a motorcycle and a support van to carry your luggage. Ayres is truly a premium tour company that handles all the details so the riders can enjoy the tour. The nightly accommodations were first class and outstanding. I'm looking forward to my next tour with Ayres.

- Robin Hyde, Plymouth, MN



Riding in Norway

VIKING RUN

The North Cape to Munich - 9 Countries in 15 Days!

Do you enjoy longer riding days and the opportunity to experience the widest variety of cultural experiences possible during a 15-day vacation? Begin by traveling as far north as it's possible to ride a motorcycle anywhere in the world – to Norway's North Cape - 50 miles further north than Prudhoe Bay, Alaska! Then cover half the distance through Europe and experience nine different countries!

You'll spend each night in a different European country (with the exception of the two free days). Experience Norway, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Austria and Germany. Each country features its own local character, culture, and beer. Dinners will be typical local dishes, representative of each country. The "grand finale" of this epic Adventure includes a final celebration dinner in Munich, Germany.

Key attractions include:

- The North Cape, the northern tip of Europe
- A ride across the Arctic Circle as you begin your journey south.
- An overnight stay in Alta - the northernmost city in the world having a population of more than 10,000
- Tallinn, Riga, and Kaunas - historic cities of the Baltic States
- A special "medieval evening" in Tallinn - you'll dine like knights 700 years ago
- A ride through the Masurian Lakes District in Poland and a visit to Hitler's "Wolf's Lair"
- A free day in Prague, the "Golden City"

If you have more time available and are looking for a longer getaway, you may wish to book this trip together with our *Norwegian Midnight Sun Adventure* (p. 44). Except for a second visit to the North Cape, there will be no repetition in the itinerary of the two trips, and we'll pick up the interim nights of lodging between the trips.

15 days, Tromsø, Norway to Munich, Germany

July 28 - August 11, 2020

July 27 - August 10, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Tromsø, Norway
- Day 2** - Tromsø to Alta, ~250 miles
- Day 3** - Alta to Lakselv (North Cape), ~270 miles
- Day 4** - Lakselv to Rovaniemi, Finland, ~320 miles
- Day 5** - Rovaniemi to Vaasa, ~340 miles
- Day 6** - Vaasa to Helsinki, ~280 miles
- Day 7** - Helsinki to Tallinn, Estonia (~55 miles By Ferry)
- Day 8** - Tallinn to Riga, Latvia, ~220 miles
- Day 9** - Riga to Kaunas, Lithuania, ~200 miles
- Day 10** - Kaunas to Toruń, Poland, ~310 miles
- Day 11** - Toruń to Wrocław, Czech Republic, ~200 miles
- Day 12** - Wrocław to Prague, ~200 miles
- Day 13** - Free day in Prague
- Day 14** - Prague to Munich, ~250 miles
- Day 15** - Depart Munich, Germany

Total ~2,895 miles



PRICING

Rider: \$8,500

Co-rider: \$6,000

Single Room Supplement: \$1,575

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes entry fee to North Cape Visitor Center, all ferry crossings, all breakfasts and 13 dinners.



The Lyngen Alps

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. Wind and rougher climate can be an issue further north. Please note that this tour includes several longer-than-usual riding days. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.

...an absolutely incredible motorcycle trip with great folks, through amazing parts of Europe, and via Ayres' top-rate guides, support, facilities & organization. The value for my \$\$\$ earned an A+ grade...almost impossible to explain the beauty, excitement and camaraderie...I'm still talking about it! Absolutely, positively WORTH the time & money to experience.

- Jim Vaughn, Kansas City, Missouri



Riding the Alps

ALPS SWITCHBACK CHALLENGE

Peerless Passes

The *Alps Switchback Challenge* was the first in our collection of Switchback Challenge tours, all of which are designed to provide for maximizing the time riding amazing mountain passes while minimizing hotel changes. This Switchback Challenge is a 7-day Club Class Adventure beginning and ending in Munich. Riders will depart Munich for Pfunds, a municipality of the district of Landeck in Tyrol, Austria. Pfunds, located only five kilometers from the border with Switzerland, will be the Adventure Center we will call home for four consecutive nights. Luggage will have arrived at the hotel by the time the first riding day is done. For the next four days, riders will take daily excursions through Austria, Switzerland and Italy, experiencing the very best riding the Alps has to offer. After four nights in Pfunds, riders will return to Munich for the final celebration dinner.

Key attractions include:

- Two nights in Munich and four nights in the delightful Austrian town of Pfunds

- Daily loop rides on the best roads in the Alps and possibly in all of Europe
- Four countries in four days from one location – Germany, Austria, Switzerland and Italy
- Tick off numerous famous mountain passes from your bucket list including the mighty Stelvio Pass



Alpine Landscape

7 days, Begin/End in: Munich, Germany

August 15 - August 21, 2020

August 14 - August 20, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Munich, Germany
- Day 2** - Munich to Pfunds, Austria, ~155 - 180 miles
- Day 3** - Pfunds, Loop into Switzerland - Fuelapass, ~155 - 200 miles
- Day 4** - Pfunds, Loop into Italy - Passo dello Stelvio, ~200 miles
- Day 5** - Pfunds, Loop into Italy - Timmelsjoch, ~220 miles
- Day 6** - Pfunds to Munich - Via Steingaden, ~145 miles
- Day 7** - Depart Munich, Germany

Total ~ 945 miles

If you have more time available and are looking for a longer getaway, you may wish to book this trip together with our *Dolomites Switchback Challenge* (p. 50) which begins immediately after this tour. We'll pick up the interim night of lodging between the two trips.

PRICING

Rider: \$2,975

Co-rider: \$1,975

Single Room Supplement: \$600

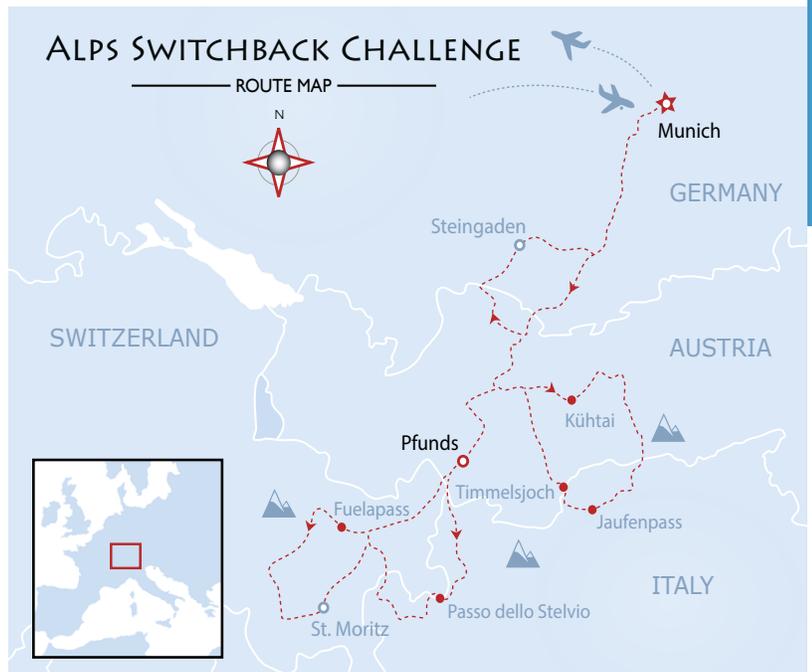
Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our Club Class tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts, and 4 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved. The majority of the tour goes through very twisty and challenging mountain roads with countless turns. Corners on this tour can vary from wide sweeping turns to very tight, angled hair-pin turns. While this tour is suitable for two-up riding, the rider should have experience with very tight corners and be comfortable handling the bike at both slow and faster speeds on twisty roads.



Riding the Alps had been on the bucket list for many years. This was the first time on an organized tour like this and it was everything I hoped it would be. The riding was challenging, guides were outstanding, hotels and food were great! I Look forward to taking another tour with Ayres.

- Jim Loomis, Beloit, WI



The Stelvio Pass, Italy

CLUB CLASS!



The Dolomites

DOLOMITES SWITCHBACK CHALLENGE

The Italian Alps

The *Dolomites Switchback Challenge* is the third in our collection of Switchback Challenge tours, all of which are designed to provide for maximizing the time riding amazing mountain passes while minimizing hotel changes. This Switchback Challenge is a 7-day Club Class Adventure beginning and ending in Munich with the remaining nights spent in the same biker-friendly hotel, situated in the heart of the Dolomites, a motorcyclist's playground.

A World Heritage Site, the Dolomites feature vertical rock walls and spectacular brightly-colored, block-like mountains that distinguish it from other Alpine regions. The scenery is so impressive that we sometimes refer to this tour as *Dramatic Dolomites!* The itinerary includes almost 20 peaks with elevations exceeding 10,000 feet and 16 mountain pass roads ranging from 4,500 to 7,400 feet. Our native tour leaders consider this their backyard playground, where they know even the most hidden roads. Riders will experience some of the most technical on-road riding as they encounter countless hairpin turns, but there will also be numerous opportunities to take a break at local cafes, relax and enjoy the impressive mountain scenery.

Key attractions include:

- Spend two nights in Munich and four nights deep in the heart of the Dolomites
- Ride over 16 mountain passes in Southern Bavaria, Austria and Italy
- Enjoy wonderful Italian cuisine at small local restaurants
- Take an optional ride to the beautiful city of Venice



Village in Italy

7 days, Begin/End in: Munich, Germany

August 22 - August 28, 2020

August 21 - August 27, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Munich, Germany
- Day 2** - Munich to Selva di Val Gardena, Italy, ~190 miles
- Day 3** - Selva di Val Gardena - Famous Routes in the Dolomites, ~165 miles
- Day 4** - Selva di Val Gardena - Southern Loop in the Dolomites, ~165 miles
- Day 5** - Selva di Val Gardena - Secret Roads in the Dolomites, ~170 miles
- Day 6** - Selva di Val Gardena to Munich, ~240 miles
- Day 7** - Depart Munich, Germany

Total ~930 miles

If you have more time available and are looking for a longer getaway, you may wish to book this trip together with our *Alps Switchback Challenge* (p. 48) which is immediately before this tour. We'll pick up the interim night of lodging between the two trips.

PRICING

Rider: \$2,975

Co-rider: \$1,975

Single Room Supplement: \$600

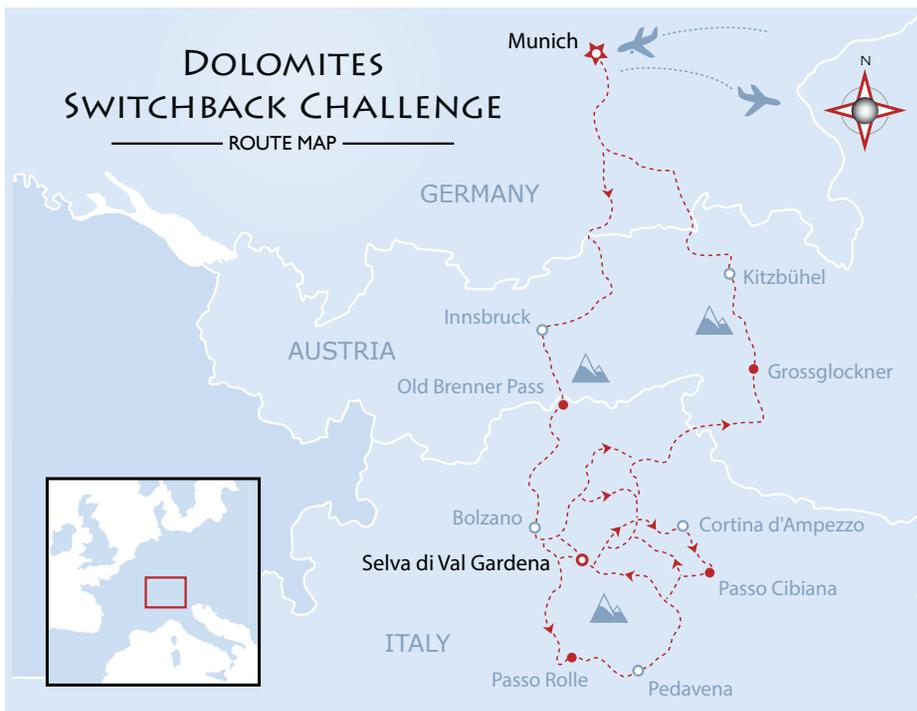
Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our Club Class tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts and 4 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved. The majority of the tour goes through very twisty and challenging mountain roads with countless turns. Corners on this tour can vary from wide sweeping turns to very tight, angled hair-pin turns. While this tour is suitable for two-up riding, the rider should have experience with very tight corners and be comfortable handling the bike at both slow and faster speeds on twisty roads.



What an experience! Traveling through Germany, Austria and northern Italy while enjoying a variety of breathtaking landscapes was truly amazing. Our guide was fantastic, our group was composed of wonderful people and our overall expectations were exceeded. What my wife and I thought would be a once in a lifetime trip has opened our eyes to the joys of motorcycling in remarkable locations so much so that we are now planning on continuing the adventure in the future with Ayres Adventures as our guide.

- Joe and Mary Penney, Barrie, Ontario, Canada



Hairpin Turns



Riding the Coastline of Iceland

ICELAND ADVENTURE

Geysers, Glaciers and Gravel

Ask an adventurous motorcyclist for his or her “bucket list” of riding destinations, and Iceland is almost guaranteed to be included. There’s a good reason for this: Iceland is one of the wildest and most beautiful, historic, colorful places on earth. Frozen glaciers, towering volcanoes, steaming geysers, and soothing natural hot springs abound on this Arctic island. This is nature at its most primitive: raw and untouched, forged by ice and fire. From a geographical point of view we see a multifaceted country with countless beautiful islands, crystal clear water, rugged mountains and canyons and a never ending coastline. And as motorcyclists we see roads made for riding, sceneries made to enjoy, friendly people, great food and countless places worth stopping to contemplate. Iceland is only available for riding during summer months, so join us in August for an adventure you’ll never forget.

Key attractions include:

- Pingvellir National Park, the only place on earth where the growth and splitting of tectonic plates is visible above water
- The West Fjords – wind along the edges of deep fjords on narrow dirt roads
- Gullfoss, Godafoss, and Dettifoss - some of the most well-known waterfalls in Europe.
- Arctic Circle (almost) - while the Arctic Circle doesn’t actually cross the Icelandic mainland, we will get you as close as we can (within 0.3 degrees!)
- Vatnajökull - the largest glacier in Europe
- A visit to The Great Geysir in southwestern Iceland
- Hekla - Iceland’s most notorious volcano, known as the “Gateway to Hell”
- Eyjafjallajökull – under this glacier lies the volcano whose eruption in 2010 wreaked havoc for air travelers worldwide as its ash plume covered much of Europe.

11 days, Begin/End in: Reykjavik, Iceland

August 22 - September 1, 2020

August 21 - August 31, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Reykjavik, Iceland
- Day 2** - Reykjavik to Stykkishólmur, ~140 miles
- Day 3** - Stykkishólmur to Ísafjörður, ~240 miles
- Day 4** - Ísafjörður to Sauðárkrúkur, ~255 miles
- Day 5** - Sauðárkrúkur to Akureyri, ~180 miles
- Day 6** - Free day in Akureyri
- Day 7** - Akureyri to Egilsstaðir, ~280 miles
- Day 8** - Egilsstaðir to Höfn, ~190 miles
- Day 9** - Höfn to Vic, ~130 miles
- Day 10** - Vic to Reykjavík, ~210 miles
- Day 11** - Depart Reykjavík, Iceland

Total ~1,625 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$8,995

Co-rider: \$7,395

Single Room Supplement: \$1,500

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes Glacier Lake boat ride, all breakfasts, and 9 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

Approximately 50% of this tour is on well maintained, hard-pack gravel roads while the other 50% is on good paved roads. There are a couple of tight, twisty unpaved mountain passes which can be avoided by taking a paved alternate route. To enjoy this tour, riders should feel comfortable riding a bike on gravel and hard-pack roads. Be prepared for riding in cool and possibly wet conditions. Riding two-up is possible for riders that have off-road riding experience with a passenger.

ICELAND ADVENTURE

ROUTE MAP



The Iceland Adventure is extraordinary. The diversity of the weather, terrain, scenery and road conditions will keep the rider constantly engaged and enjoying every mile of the trip. Lodging and meals are exceptional and allow the rider to submerge themselves into the Icelandic culture.

- Bill Alspach, Woodland Park, CO



Icelandic Turf House



Bavaria, Germany

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

A European Serenade by Motorcycle

We're probably all familiar with the famous song, "Bohemian Rhapsody", written by Freddie Mercury for the British rock band Queen. In music a rhapsody features a wide range of highly contrasted moods, color and tonality. What a fitting way to title this 12-day European Adventure - a "Bohemian Rhapsody" on motorcycles. The Adventure features a combination of up to nine different countries, all situated around one of Europe's most beautiful motorcycling destinations - Austria. You'll enjoy stunning roads, first class hotels and the cultural highlights of Germany, Austria, the Czech Republic, Slovakia (optional), Hungary, Slovenia, Italy, Switzerland and Liechtenstein!

Starting from Munich, Germany, you'll travel scenic roads along the Danube River to medieval Český Krumlov - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You'll spend two nights in Austria's capital city of Vienna and enjoy an optional boat ride into Bratislava (Slovenia). You'll continue through Hungary to Maribor (Slovenia) and take the twisty and scenic roads back into Austria - only to dive into the most impressive alpine scenery of Northern Italy's Dolomites.

Two nights in Bolzano give you time to learn more about this beautiful town - or about the surrounding pass roads with their countless twisties! Your destination in St. Moritz is another 4-star hotel, followed by a rustic, luxury spa hotel in Warth, Austria. Passing by the famous King Ludwig Castle you'll leave the Alps and arrive back in Munich - Bavaria's beer capital. The *Bohemian Rhapsody* is another premium Ayres Adventure, featuring upscale accommodations and meals - à la carte dining in fine restaurants. This is an appealing Adventure for couples as well as single riders.

Key attractions include:

- Ride through eight countries - Germany, Austria, Czech Republic, Slovenia, Hungary, Italy, Switzerland and Liechtenstein
- Explore Vienna, Austria during our two night stay with an optional boat ride to Bratislava
- Enjoy two nights in the wonderful Italian city of Bolzano with an optional loop ride into the breathtaking Dolomites
- Spend a night in the famous luxury alpine ski resort town of St. Moritz in Switzerland

12 days, Begin/End in: Munich, Germany

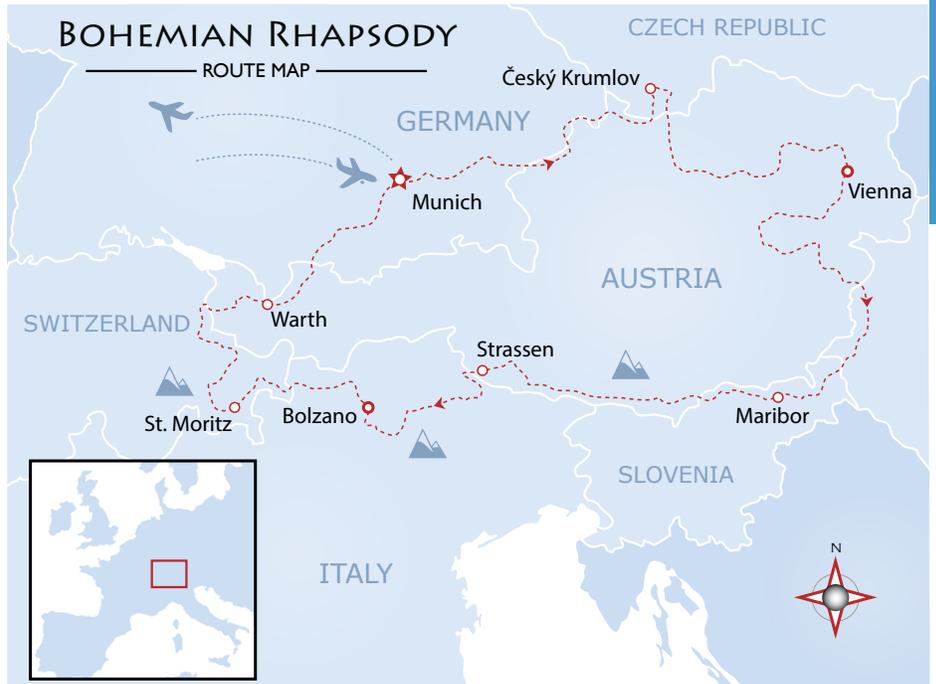
September 5 - September 16, 2020

September 4 - September 15, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Munich, Germany
- Day 2** - Munich to Český Krumlov, ~250 miles
- Day 3** - Český Krumlov to Vienna, ~220 miles
- Day 4** - Free day in Vienna
- Day 5** - Vienna to Maribor, ~220 miles
- Day 6** - Maribor to Strassen, ~220 miles
- Day 7** - Strassen to Bolzano, ~155 miles
- Day 8** - Free day in Bolzano (Optional loop ride ~155 miles)
- Day 9** - Bolzano to St. Moritz, ~165 miles
- Day 10** - St. Moritz to Warth, ~125 miles
- Day 11** - Warth to Munich, ~185 miles
- Day 12** - Depart Munich, Germany

Total ~1,695 miles



PRICING

Rider: \$7,150

Co-rider: \$5,275

Single Room Supplement: \$1,300

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes a ferry to Český Krumlov, Vienna guided city walk, all breakfasts and 9 dinners.

We have traveled a lot, on our own and with groups. I can honestly say that this trip with your company, was our trip of a lifetime... it lived up to every one of our expectations, ideas and intentions. The whole experience ...was outstanding. The hotels you chose for the rest stops, the routes, the bikes, the challenges and the rewards were truly a trip to remember.

- Rob Spero, Kent, WA

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads and some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Stelvio Pass, Italy



Lake Misurina, Italy



Transfagarasan Mountain Road

BERLIN TO BUDAPEST

via Transylvania!!!

Berlin to Budapest, via Transylvania! is a fascinating 15-day journey through Eastern Europe, covering the best of Romania, Hungary, Czech Republic, Slovakia, Germany and Poland. As the name implies, a major attraction of this tour is the week we spend on the exhilarating mountain roads of Transylvania. Perhaps to the average person Transylvania is best known as Dracula's stomping grounds, but for motorcyclists there's nothing to compare to the mighty pass roads of the Carpathian range – Transalpina and Transfagarasan, the latter having been called one of the most spectacular roads in the world. This tour also features the Giant Mountains in Czech Republic and the High Tatra Mountains in Poland and Slovakia. Traveling on these roads that seem to have been built for motorcyclists, we will pass through numerous medieval towns fortified with 13th century German-Saxon walls, towers and bastions. There is no end to the charming cobblestone streets, market squares and gothic churches in these vibrant historic towns. This 5-country tour ends in Budapest, a UNESCO World Heritage Site which is considered to be one of the most beautiful cities in Europe.

Key attractions include:

- Historic Cities of Dresden, Wrocław and Kraków
- Tatra Mountain Crossing Between Poland and Slovakia
- Transalpina Pass Road and Transfagarasan Mountain Road
- “Iron Gate” on the Danube River
- Semenic Cheile National Park
- Transylvania
- Famous Old Saxon Cities of Braşov, Sibiu, Timisoara and Cluj-Napoca
- Numerous UNESCO World Heritage Sites Such as Sighisoara and Budapest

15 days, Berlin, Germany to Budapest, Hungary

September 5 - September 19, 2020

September 4 - September 18, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Berlin, Germany
- Day 2** - Berlin to Dresden, ~150 miles
- Day 3** - Dresden to Wrocław, Poland, ~220 miles
- Day 4** - Wrocław to Kraków, ~180 miles
- Day 5** - Free day in Kraków
- Day 6** - Kraków to Eger, Hungary, ~270 miles
- Day 7** - Eger to Timișoara, Romania, ~220 miles
- Day 8** - Timișoara to Region of Eșelnița, ~170 miles
- Day 9** - Region of Eșelnița to Sibiu, ~220 miles
- Day 10** - Free day in Sibiu
- Day 11** - Sibiu to Brașov, ~200 miles
- Day 12** - Brașov to Cluj-Napoca, ~200 miles
- Day 13** - Cluj-Napoca to Satu Mare, ~120 miles
- Day 14** - Satu Mare to Budapest, ~220 miles
- Day 15** - Depart Budapest, Hungary

Total ~2,170 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$9,500

Co-rider: \$8,000

Single Room Supplement: \$1,600

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts and 12 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Brașov, Romania



Did You Know?

In popular culture, Dracula and Transylvania have become almost synonymous. Bram Stoker's book, Dracula, is believed to be based on the real-life warrior from Transylvania, Vlad III, also known as Vlad the Impaler. He earned this nickname because he impaled his victims in order to terrorize those who resisted his rule. His father, Vlad II, also a ferocious warrior, was a member of the Order of the Dragon, who took the name Vlad II Dracul (dragon, in the local dialect). Vlad III then became Dracula, meaning son of Dracul.



Riding in Transylvania

CLUB CLASS!



Riding the Alps

INDIAN SUMMER IN THE ALPS

An Adventure with an Altitude

Join us on this specially crafted, 8-day Alpine Adventure through the German, Austrian, Italian and Swiss Alps. The itinerary has been developed especially for this unique Ayres Adventures Club Class tour by two of our native Alpine tour leaders. You'll be traveling in Claus and Axel's "back yard" and will experience the best the Alps have to offer.

Oktoberfest will be in progress when this Adventure ends. Riders, who extend their stay, will have the opportunity to participate in this very unique Bavarian tradition. Oktoberfest is the world's largest fair with 5 million attendees - Germany's most famous event.

Key attractions include:

- The Bavarian Alps
- The most famous motorcycle pass in all of Europe – "The Mighty Stelvio." The pass has 40 - 50 very sharp hairpin turns (on both sides!), and the scenery must be seen to be believed.

- The Italian Dolomites
- An overnight stay in a rustic, spa hotel in Warth, Austria
- The smallest country in the world, Liechtenstein
- A stop at the famous King Ludwig Castle as we depart the Alps and arrive back in Munich - the beer capital of Bavaria.



The Stelvio Pass, Italy

8 days, Begin/End in: Munich, Germany

September 19 - September 26, 2020

September 18 - September 25, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Munich
- Day 2** - Munich to Strassen, Austria, 190 miles
- Day 3** - Strassen to Bolzano, Italy, 155 miles
- Day 4** - Free day in Bolzano
- Day 5** - Bolzano to Gravedona, Italy, 190 miles
- Day 6** - Gravedona to Warth, Austria, 190 miles
- Day 7** - Warth to Munich, 125 miles
- Day 8** - Depart Munich

Total ~ 850 miles

PRICING

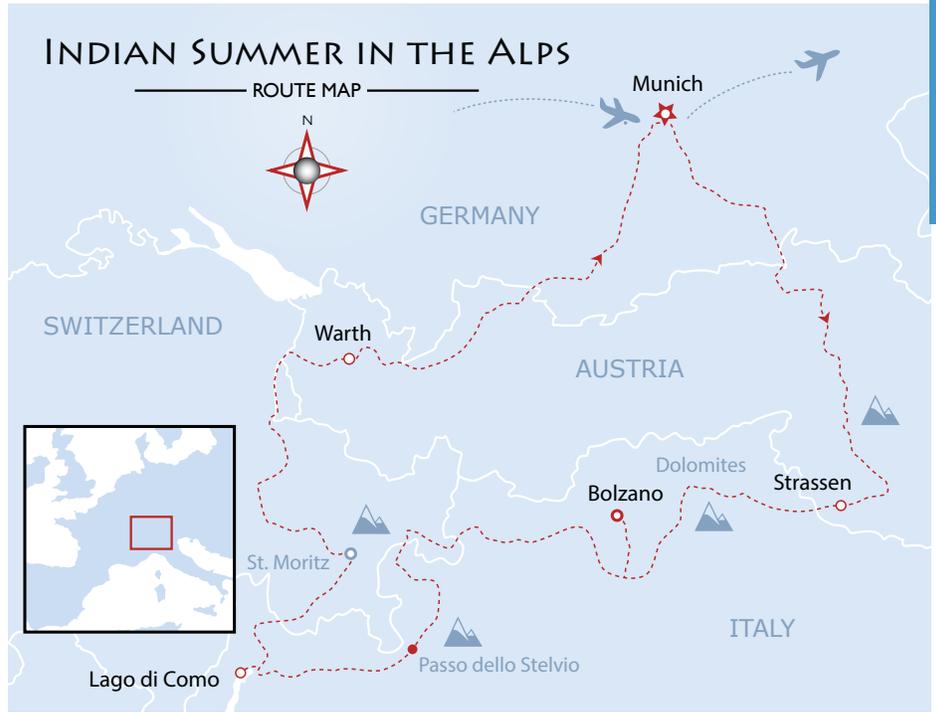
- Rider:** \$3,975
 - Co-rider:** \$2,975
 - Single Room Supplement:** \$700
 - Booking Deposit:** \$800 per person
- Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.
- In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our Club Class tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts and 6 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Castle Neuschwanstein, Germany



This might be the best riding anywhere. Challenging riding with amazing landscapes. The hotels and meals were uniquely Bavarian and top quality.

- Brian Lawson, Clackamas, OR



The Dolomites, Italy



The Pyrenees

PYRENEES SWITCHBACK CHALLENGE

A taste of Spain and a dash of France

The *Pyrenees Switchback Challenge* is the latest in our Switchback Challenge series, all of which are designed to provide for maximizing the time riding amazing mountain passes while minimizing hotel changes. This 7-day Club Class tour is for experienced riders who are passionate about twisty mountain passes and who want to experience some of the best motorcycling roads in the world.

This Adventure will use two base hotels: the first is in culturally-rich and dynamic Barcelona, known for its architecture, Spanish cuisine, and nightlife. Three nights here is a highlight of this tour and should be especially pleasing to non-riding companions.

The second base hotel is in the small city of La Seu d'Urgell from which we will take daily loops into the Spanish and French Pyrenees. These amazing roads will paint a smile on every rider's face! There is so much to see in this beautiful part of the world. We will pass through Andorra, one of the smallest countries in the world tucked between Spain and France. A "café au lait" replaces "café con leche" as we cross the border into France to experience the French version of riding in the Pyrenees.

Our last riding day, as we return to Barcelona, will be along the breathtaking coast of Costa Brava. A fitting end to a fantastic tour!

Key attractions include:

- Barcelona - one of the most dynamic cities in Spain
- Twisty mountain roads with little traffic connecting medieval villages.
- The tiny principality of Andorra, tucked into the mountains between France and Spain
- An excursion into France to ride the northern slopes of the Pyrennes
- The Aigüestortes National Park with its scenic 8500 ft peaks.
- The Costa Brava - a stunning stretch of coastal road

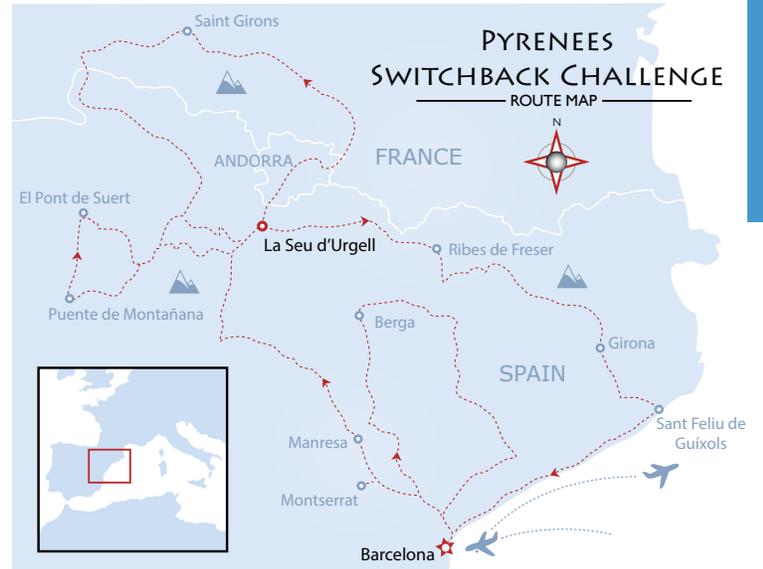
7 days, Begin/End in: Barcelona, Spain

September 19 - September 25, 2020

September 18 - September 24, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Barcelona, Spain
 - Day 2** - Barcelona - Backcountry Adventures, ~175 miles
 - Day 3** - Barcelona - Into the Pyrenees, ~145 - 155 miles
 - Day 4** - Barcelona to La Seu D'Urgell, ~175 miles
 - Day 5** - La Seu D'Urgell - Three Flags Day, ~235 miles
 - Day 6** - La Seu D'Urgell to Barcelona - Via the Costa Brava, ~200 miles
 - Day 7** - Depart Barcelona, Spain
- Total** ~940 miles



PRICING

- Rider:** \$3,250
 - Co-rider:** \$2,200
 - Single Room Supplement:** \$600
 - Booking Deposit:** \$800 per person
- Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.
- In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our Club Class tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts and 4 dinners.

The really nice attribute of joining an organized tour like Ayres is that they do all of the pre-work in finding interesting local hotels, restaurants, routing and skilled tour guides, so all you have to do is show up with your gear and just ride. They know the map and the territory and can take you to enchanting places you would never find on your own.

- Jeffrey Bernet, Granger, IN

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved. The majority of the tour goes through very twisty and challenging mountain roads with countless turns. Corners on this tour can vary from wide sweeping turns to very tight, angled hair-pin turns. While this tour is suitable for two-up riding, the rider should have experience with riding very tight corners and be comfortable handling the bike at both slow and faster speeds on twisty roads.



Barcelona, Spain



The Backroads of Spain

CLUB CLASS!



Montefrío

SPANISH SWITCHBACK CHALLENGE

Twisties, Tapas and the Treasures of Andalusia

The *Spanish Switchback Challenge* is part of our collection of Switchback Challenge tours. This 7-day Club Class Adventure is designed for riders who wish to maximize their time riding the great motorcycling roads of Andalusia and Spain's Sierra Nevada mountains, while minimizing hotel changes. We'll use two base hotels, located in Málaga and Granada, both perfectly situated for exploring the roads, scenery and cultural treasures of southern Spain. Riders will begin their adventure in Málaga. After exploring the Andalusian backcountry, including Ronda and El Chorro, riders will zigzag along the coast and mountains to our second base hotel in Granada for three more days of spectacular riding.

This Switchback Challenge is suitable for either a single rider or for couples riding two-up. Non-riding companions can choose from an abundance of sightseeing options.

Key attractions include:

- Málaga – located on the Costa del Sol and one of the oldest cities in the world with 2,800 years of history
- The historic Andalusian city of Ronda, cradle of the Spanish bullfight

- The canyon “El Chorro” and the mountainous backcountry of Ronda
- Granada’s famous Alhambra and the Albaycín (old city center)
- The Alpujarras (“Sierra of Pastures”) - a paradise for motorcyclists
- El Torcal, a spectacular limestone formation



Riding in the Mountains

7 days, Begin/End in: Málaga, Spain

September 26 - October 2, 2020

September 25 - October 1, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Málaga, Spain
Day 2 - Málaga, Loop ride via Ronda and El Chorro, ~140 miles
Day 3 - Málaga to Granada - Via Colmenar, Torrox, Nerja and Sierra Nevada, ~185 miles
Day 4 - Free day in Granada
Day 5 - Granada, Loop ride via Guadix, Almería and Ugíjar, ~225 miles
Day 6 - Granada to Málaga - Via Montefrío, Archidona and El Torcal, ~135 miles
Day 7 - Depart Málaga, Spain
Total ~685 miles

PRICING

- Rider:** \$2,975
Co-rider: \$1,975
Single Room Supplement: \$600
Booking Deposit: \$800 per person
Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our Club Class tours, the tour price includes Alhambra Palace entry fee, all breakfasts, and 4 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved. The majority of the tour goes through very twisty and challenging mountain roads with countless turns. Corners on this tour can vary from wide sweeping to turns to very tight, angled hair-pin turns. While this tour is suitable for two-up riding, the rider should have experience with riding very tight corners and be comfortable handling the bike at both slow and faster speeds on twisty roads.



Riding the Andalusian Roads



My wife Amanda and I celebrated our tenth wedding anniversary by participating in the Spanish Switchback Adventure. Our tour leader, Axel, made us feel like family immediately and took incredible care of us during the tour, both on and off of the bike. Axel's impeccable riding skills coupled with his intimate knowledge of Andalusia resulted in an experience that Amanda and I will remember forever.

- Chris and Amanda Oelschlegel, Kennebunk, ME



Spanish Architecture



Dades Gorge, Morocco

SPAIN AND MOROCCO ADVENTURE

Another World Awaits

This 14-day Adventure has been carefully crafted to offer some of the best riding and most popular attractions in Spain and Morocco. The tour includes the luxury accommodations, upscale dining, and exciting group activities that have become synonymous with an Ayres Adventure. The tour begins and ends in Málaga, one of Spain's most alluring cities. After taking a ferry across the Strait of Gibraltar, we'll spend our first Moroccan night in Tangier, where the North African portion of the Adventure begins.

Riders will find that traveling in Morocco is very different from traveling in any other place they might have toured.

Key attractions include:

- An optional visit to the British Colony of Gibraltar, on the Strait of Gibraltar on the Spanish coast
- Two-night stay in Marrakesh, home of the largest souk (traditional market) in Morocco and location of one of the busiest squares in Africa – Djemaa El-Fna. The square bustles with dancers, acrobats, musicians, snake charmers, and traditional food vendors

- Two-night stay in the region of Erfoud, a base from which you'll have the opportunity to enjoy a variety of activities in the Sahara Desert, including riding the dunes on quad bikes or camels
- An overnight stay in the Sahara Desert in a luxury tented camp with ensuite facilities
- Two nights in the imperial city (and UNESCO World Heritage Site) of Fes. The tour includes a guided walking tour of the Medina of Fes el Bali, the old walled city (founded in 789) which is reputed to be the largest contiguous car-free urban area in the world. Fes is the most picturesque of the four Imperial cities in Morocco
- Visit to Ronda - famous for bridges that span the stunning Tajo Canyon upon which the city is perched. Ronda is also known for the Plaza de Toros de Ronda - the oldest bullfighting ring in Spain

14 days, Begin/End in: Málaga, Spain

October 3 - October 16, 2020

October 2 - October 15, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Málaga, Spain
- Day 2** - Málaga to Tangier, ~125 miles
- Day 3** - Tangier to Meknes, ~220 miles
- Day 4** - Meknes to Bin al Ouidane, ~220 miles
- Day 5** - Bin al Ouidane to Marrakesh, ~150 miles
- Day 6** - Free day in Marrakesh (Guided city tour)
- Day 7** - Marrakesh to Boumalne Dades, ~200 miles
- Day 8** - Boumalne Dades to Merzouga, ~190 miles
- Day 9** - Merzouga to Erfoud, ~65 miles
- Day 10** - Erfoud to Fes, ~260 miles
- Day 11** - Free day in Fes (Guided city tour)
- Day 12** - Fes to Tarifa, Spain, ~220 miles
- Day 13** - Tarifa to Málaga, ~150 miles
- Day 14** - Depart Málaga, Spain

Total ~1,800 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$7,500

Co-rider: \$5,500

Single Room Supplement: \$1,250

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

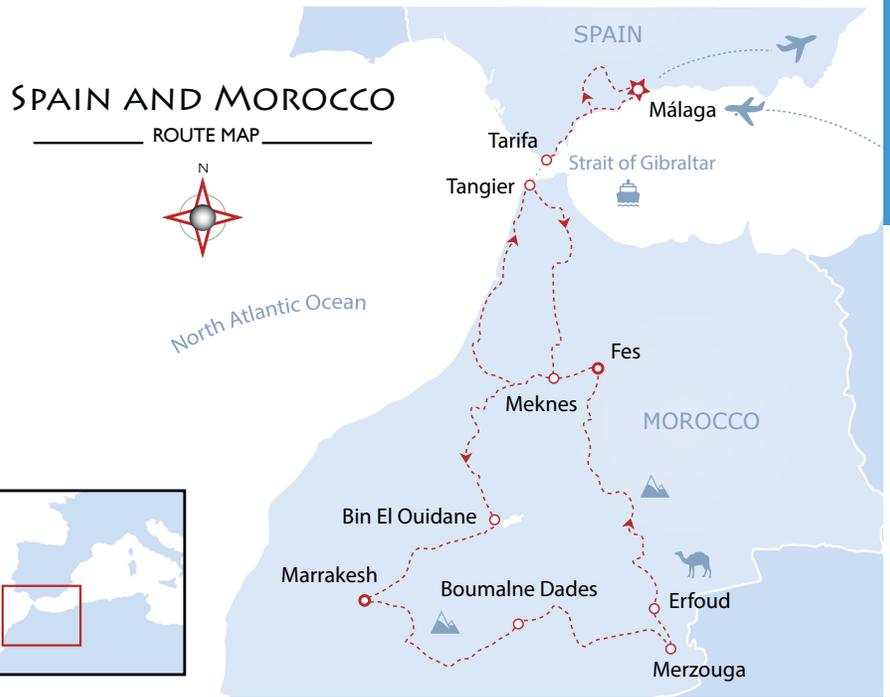
In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes a camel ride in the Sahara Desert, Marrakesh and Fes guided city tours, ferry from Spain to Morocco, all breakfasts, and 11 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Fes, Morocco



Did You Know?

The word "sahara" means great desert in Arabic. Although the Sahara covers about 25% of the African continent and is comparable in size to the United States, it is not the largest desert in the world. Because a desert is defined as an area receiving less than 10 inches of precipitation per year, Antarctica and the Arctic are both larger deserts. The Sahara can only be said to be the largest "hot" desert.



Shadows in the Sahara Desert



Towers of Svaneti, Georgia

GEORGIA AND ARMENIA

Crossroads of Antiquity

This fascinating Adventure through two former Soviet republics, Georgia and Armenia, gives us a chance to delve into their rich history and ancient culture. Located on the Southern Caucasus, these countries were greatly influenced by the fact that they sit on the crossroads connecting Asia and Europe, with Armenia on the route of the Great Silk Road. Due to conquests over the ages, these two countries have experienced much cultural diversity resulting in a variety of architectural styles ranging from medieval to neoclassical to Art Nouveau to Stalinist. On our journey we will come across many medieval churches and forts as well as numerous monuments and masterpieces dating from antiquity through the middle ages.

All the while we're delving into the rich history of this region, we will be travelling through the breathtaking scenery of rugged mountains and twisty river valleys, past extinct volcanoes and along the coastline of the Black Sea.

Key attractions include:

- Tbilisi, Georgia's capital and ancient crossroad city

- Kakheti, the oldest wine region in the world
- Georgian Military Highway that connects Georgia and Russia
- Telavi, the most medieval city in Georgia
- Borjomi, a resort town famous for its mineral springs
- Svaneti, the highest inhabited area in the Caucasus
- Ushguli, a secluded community at the head of Enguri gorge
- Batumi, "pearl of the Black Sea"
- Vardzia, 12th century cave monastery carved into Erusheli Mountain
- Yerevan, capital of Armenia and the soviet ideal of a perfect city
- Multiple UNESCO World Heritage Sites

14 days, Begin/End in: Tbilisi, Georgia

October 3 - October 16, 2020

October 2 - October 15, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Tbilisi, Georgia
- Day 2** - Tbilisi to Signaghi, ~120 miles
- Day 3** - Signaghi to Stepantsminda, ~170 miles
- Day 4** - Stepantsminda to Borjomi, ~170 miles
- Day 5** - Borjomi to Mestia, ~220 miles
- Day 6** - Free day in Mestia
- Day 7** - Mestia to Batumi, ~ 170 miles
- Day 8** - Free day in Batumi
- Day 9** - Batumi to Vardzia, ~140 miles
- Day 10** - Vardzia to Yerevan, Armenia, ~160 miles
- Day 11** - Free day in Yerevan
- Day 12** - Yerevan to Dzoraget, ~140 miles
- Day 13** - Dzoraget to Tbilisi, ~90 miles
- Day 14** - Depart Tbilisi, Georgia

Total ~1,380 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$8,950

Co-rider: \$7,500

Single Room Supplement: \$1,500

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts and 10 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route has a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. There are approximately 40 miles of unpaved roads and several sections of roads with numerous potholes. Riders should be prepared for local drivers not adhering to road rules. This tour is suitable for very experienced riders.



Architecture in Georgia



Village in Georgia



Vardzia, Georgia



Riding in Alaska

RIDE NORTH AMERICA

Motorcycle Adventures in North America

We offer two very unique Alaskan Adventures. Our 9-day *Prudhoe Bay Excursion* takes riders to the northernmost point in North America to which it's possible to ride a motorcycle. This "bucket list" destination, located nearly two hundred miles north of the Arctic Circle, is an incredible riding experience that is unlike any other.

Our 13-day *Alaska/Yukon Adventure* includes many of Alaska's most popular destinations, coupled with a ride over the stunning Top of the World Highway into the Yukon Territory. Scheduled back-to-back with the Prudhoe Bay Excursion, riders seeking a longer Alaskan experience can do both tours.



The Muskox in Alaska



The Dalton Highway, Alaska



North American Lynx

There simply is no more exciting way to explore America's "Last Frontier" than by motorcycle. Many of the most popular destinations in Alaska and Canada's Yukon Territory are accessible by motorcycle – on paved highways as well as gravel roads that are generally in very good condition.



Destruction Bay, Yukon, Canada



Mount McKinley, Denali National Park and Preserve, Alaska

ALASKA / YUKON ADVENTURE

Best of Alaska and Canada

Starting and ending in Anchorage, our *Alaska/Yukon Adventure* takes riders on the best motorcycling roads Alaska has to offer. We will also ride along several lesser known roads, such as the ‘Top of the World’ highway from Chicken Alaska to Dawson City in the Yukon. A couple of nights in historic Whitehorse will be followed by a stunning ride to the port town of Skagway where we will board a ferry to take us to Haines.

We will spend two nights in Fairbanks which gives us the opportunity to take a ride to the Arctic Circle and back on our free day. Leaving Fairbanks, we will enjoy an exceptionally scenic ride back to Anchorage via Denali National Park.

Key attractions include:

- The Matanuska Glacier. At 27 miles long and 4 miles wide, it’s the largest glacier in North America accessible by motorcycle.
- The stunning “Top of the World Highway” from Chicken, Alaska to Dawson City, Yukon Territory. Leave the USA

at Poker Creek - the northernmost border entry point in the USA (population: 2).

- Whitehorse, Yukon Territory where we’ll enjoy the Frantic Follies and other cultural attractions of this interesting stopover.
- British Columbia and the port town of Skagway where we’ll take a brief ferry ride to Haines.
- A free day in Fairbanks where you’ll have the option of riding the gravel Dalton Highway to the Arctic Circle. Or, take advantage of the many Alaskan cultural attractions offered in Fairbanks.
- Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain in North America.
- An overnight stay at Denali National Park which we can tour before departing for Anchorage in the morning.
- Bear, moose, caribou, elk and other wildlife which can be seen from the seat of your motorcycle.

Our native Alaskan tour leader will delight in showing you his favorite riding spots. It won’t take much prompting to have him recite his great rendition of “The Cremation of Sam McGee” one evening after dinner.

13 days, Begin/End in: Anchorage, Alaska

July 11 - July 23, 2020

July 10 - July 22, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Anchorage, USA
Day 2 - Anchorage to Copper Center, ~195 miles
Day 3 - Copper Center to Tok, ~150 miles
Day 4 - Tok to Dawson City, Canada, ~185 miles
Day 5 - Dawson City to Whitehorse, ~330 miles
Day 6 - Free day in Whitehorse
Day 7 - Whitehorse to Skagway, ~120 miles
Day 8 - Skagway to Beaver Creek, ~330 miles
Day 9 - Beaver Creek to Fairbanks, USA, ~315 miles
Day 10 - Free day in Fairbanks
Day 11 - Fairbanks to Denali, ~125 miles
Day 12 - Denali to Anchorage, ~240 miles
Day 13 - Depart Anchorage, USA

Total ~1,990 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$7,495

Co-rider: \$5,500

Single Room Supplement: \$1,200

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes the *Frantic Follies Vaudeville Review*, all breakfasts, and 10 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

Except for approximately 80 miles of good, hard-packed gravel, the route is entirely paved with long sweeping corners and scenic straight sections. Road construction is fairly common along the Alaska Highway during the summer months. There is the possibility of wildlife on the road. This tour is perfectly suited for two-up riding.



Mountain View



Black Bears in Alaska

The Cremation of Sam McGee

*There are strange things done in the midnight sun
By the men who toil for gold
The Arctic trails have their secret tales
That would make your blood run cold;
The Northern Lights have seen queer sights,
But the queerest they ever did see
Was that night on the marge of Lake Lebarge
I cremated Sam McGee.*

- Robert W. Service

OFF-ROAD!



Dalton Highway, Alaska, USA

PRUDHOE BAY EXCURSION

Ride to the Top of the North American Continent

Our special *Prudhoe Bay Excursion* is in a class by itself! Ride to the Arctic Circle, then continue on for another couple of hundred miles to Deadhorse, Alaska. Like our trips to Ushuaia, Argentina and Norway’s North Cape, Prudhoe Bay is a location that all serious motorcycle world travelers have on their “bucket list”.

Key attractions include:

- The Matanuska Glacier. At 27 miles long and 4 miles wide, it’s the largest glacier in North America accessible by motorcycle.
- A ride on the Dalton Highway across the Arctic Circle and onto Deadhorse, Alaska -the northernmost point in North America to which it’s possible to ride a motorcycle.
- A night at Denali National Park from which we can see Mt. McKinley, the highest mountain in North America.
- Bear, moose, caribou, elk and other wildlife which can be seen from the seat of your motorcycle.



On the Way to Prudhoe Bay



Arctic Circle

9 days, Begin/End in: Anchorage, Alaska

July 25 - August 2, 2020

July 24 - August 1, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Anchorage, USA
- Day 2** - Anchorage to Copper Centre, ~195 miles
- Day 3** - Copper Centre to Fairbanks, ~260 miles
- Day 4** - Fairbanks to Coldfoot, ~255 miles
- Day 5** - Coldfoot to Deadhorse, ~240 miles
- Day 6** - Deadhorse to Coldfoot, ~240 miles
- Day 7** - Coldfoot to Denali, ~375 miles
- Day 8** - Denali to Anchorage, ~240 miles
- Day 9** - Depart Anchorage, USA

Total ~1,805 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$5,950

Co-rider: \$4,500

Single Room Supplement: \$950

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

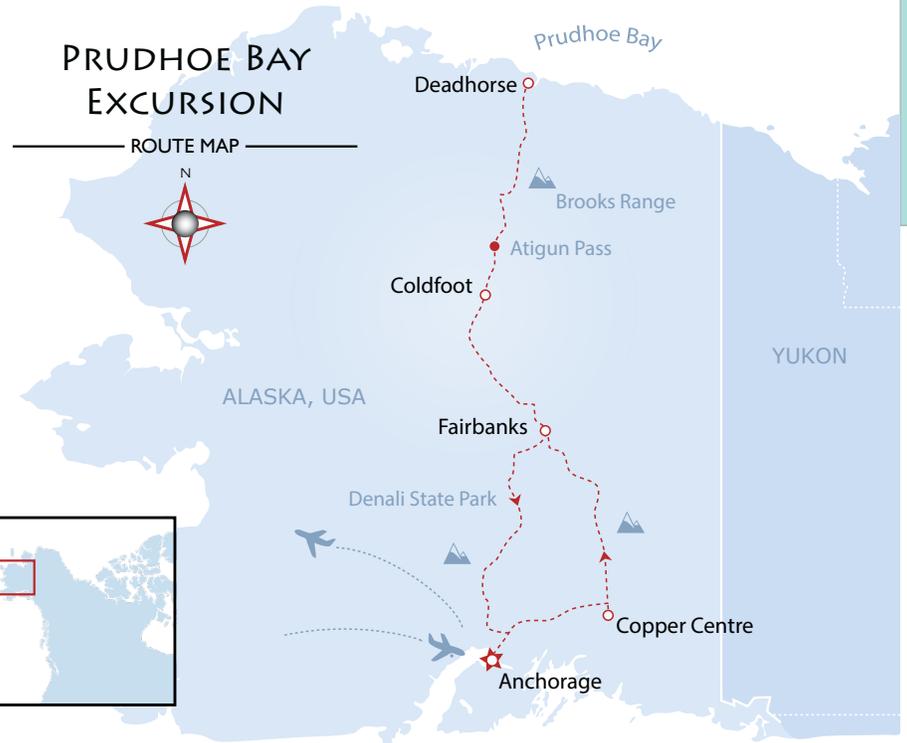
In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes all breakfasts and 8 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

CAUTION! - The *Prudhoe Bay Excursion* is an **EXTREME** Adventure and should only be undertaken by riders with experience on unpaved roads in a variety of adverse weather conditions. The trip includes riding several hundred miles on unpaved roads which are sometimes slick due to rain, sleet and occasionally snow. Prudhoe Bay riders will be responsible for increased deposits to cover potential damages to the motorcycle.



Deadhorse, Alaska, USA



Did You Know?

Ayres Adventures offers four "ends of the earth" Adventures:

- *Ushuaia - southernmost point in the world to which it's possible to ride*
- *Norway's North Cape - the northernmost point in the world to which it's possible to ride*
- *Prudhoe Bay - the northernmost point in North America*
- *Cape L'Agulhas - the southernmost point on the African continent*



Matanuska Glacier, Alaska, USA



Riding Along the Coast, New Zealand

RIDE OCEANIA

Motorcycle Adventures in Australia and New Zealand

New Zealand seems to have been designed by a motorcyclist, for motorcyclists. Tucked away at the bottom of the South Pacific, it is the hidden treasure of the motorcycling world. In New Zealand, it's never necessary to "pay your dues" in order to reach great motorcycling roads - they're all great! The landscape changes with nearly every turn. A single day may include rugged mountains, lush farmlands, volcanic plateaus, ancient rain forests, pristine blue lakes and the sparkling waters of the South Pacific and Tasman Sea.

Imagine looking out your window in Queenstown at night at a view that was the backdrop to the movie, "Lord of the Rings"; being lulled to sleep by the sound of the Tasman Sea during your stay in Punakaiki; watching as the last rays of light shine on the summit of Aoraki/Mount Cook (New Zealand's highest peak); and finally breathing in the air of an active geothermal field during your stay in Rotorua. This is New Zealand.

One of our most experienced tour leaders is a native New Zealander and a "rider's rider". Chris Gladstone, as the "Kiwis" would say, "is a good bastard". We know you'll enjoy letting him show you the country that he loves and knows so well.

We've been sharing this gem of a motorcycling paradise with riders since 2005. Word is getting around - as riders who have experienced New Zealand return to tell friends of their discovery. They rave about well-engineered roads, incredible scenery, friendly people, world-class food and fine accommodations.



The Three Sisters, Australia



Mount Cook, New Zealand



Sydney, Australia

Our *Australia and Tasmania Adventure* is not your typical Australian motorcycle tour as it incorporates riding in Tasmania as an integral part of the Adventure. After a ride along the stunning Great Ocean Road, an overnight ferry takes us to the beautiful island of Tasmania for four days of riding through rain forests and lovely wilderness back roads. Back on the mainland we will ride through the Australian Alps and on Australia's highest accessible road in the Snowy Mountains, with the cliffs of the Blue Mountains visible through the blue mist. Lush eucalypti forests, twisty roads, romantic beaches and of course those adorable kangaroos. Can it get any better than this?



Twelve Apostles Rock Formations, Great Ocean Road, Australia



Riding Along Lake Tekapo

NEW ZEALAND TOP DOWN ADVENTURE

The Best of Both

Our 13-day New Zealand *Top Down Adventure* offers the “best of both” - the North Island and the South Island. It begins in Auckland on the North Island, and winds its way down to Christchurch on the South Island, with a wealth of unforgettable experiences and spectacular riding in-between.

In addition to great riding and stunning landscapes, the quality of the meals and lodging are in keeping with the high standards we strive for with all of our tours. Accommodations range from comfortable, middle-class hotels to luxury accommodations and “boutique” establishments off the usual motorcycle tour circuit. Dinners are typically à la carte in upscale restaurants. Our own local “Kiwi” tour leaders will be delighted to show-off their beautiful country to you.

Key attractions include:

- The North Island’s Coromandel Peninsula.
- The thermal activity and Maori cultural center of Rotorua. Our evening in Rotorua includes a traditional Maori “hangi” feast - a dinner cooked outdoors followed by a cultural show and an interesting walk through the woods.

- The volcanoes of Tongariro National Park.
- A four-hour ferry crossing of the Cook Strait to the South Island.
- The “Southern Alps” and the Franz Joseph and Fox Glaciers. Weather permitting, you may book an optional helicopter flight to the top of the glacier.
- A two-night stay in Queenstown – New Zealand’s outdoor adventure capital located on Lake Wakatipu, surrounded by the breathtaking Remarkables and Eyre Mountains. Take a jet boat ride on the Shotover River, do a bungee jump, parasail, or book a wide range of other “adrenalin-pumping” activities. Or just relax and do some shopping.
- Mount Cook (Aoraki, in the native Maori language) - the highest mountain in New Zealand at 12,300 feet . We’ll stay at the Hermitage, New Zealand’s most famous hotel and one of our most popular stops.

Interested in a longer Adventure? Our *Australia and Tasmania Adventure* (p. 78) immediately precedes this tour so you can come early and do the tours “back-to-back”. We will pick up the interim night of lodging between the two trips.

13 days, Auckland to Christchurch, New Zealand

January 18 - January 30, 2020 / November 1 - November 13, 2020

January 16 - January 28, 2021 / October 31 - November 12, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Auckland, New Zealand
- Day 2** - Auckland to Coromandel, ~145 miles
- Day 3** - Coromandel to Rotorua, ~160 miles
- Day 4** - Rotorua to Greytown, ~275 miles
- Day 5** - Greytown to Nelson, ~125 miles (Ferry)
- Day 6** - Free day in Nelson
- Day 7** - Nelson to Punakaiki, ~170 miles
- Day 8** - Punakaiki to Franz Joseph, ~140 miles
- Day 9** - Franz Joseph to Queenstown, ~220 miles
- Day 10** - Free day in Queenstown
- Day 11** - Queenstown to Mount Cook, ~165 miles
- Day 12** - Mount Cook to Christchurch, ~215 miles
- Day 13** - Depart Christchurch, New Zealand

Total ~1,615 miles

PRICING

Rider: \$7,900

Co-rider: \$5,900

Single Room Supplement: \$1,150

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes choice of BMW F700/750GS, Honda Shadow Aero 750. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes the Maori cultural experience, Cook Strait ferry, all breakfasts and 10 dinners.

RIDING CONDITIONS

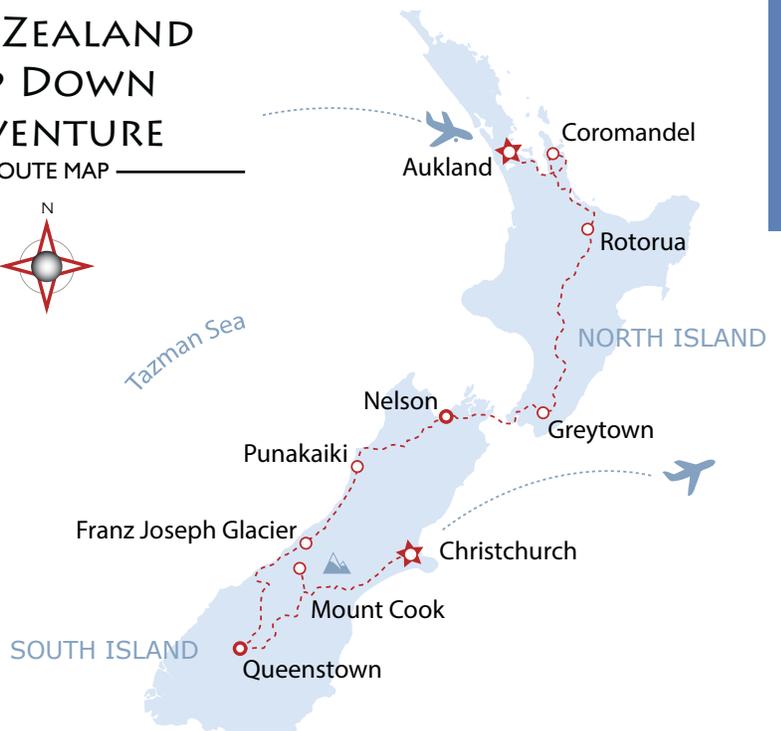
The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



The New Zealand Kea

NEW ZEALAND TOP DOWN ADVENTURE

ROUTE MAP



The ride scenery in New Zealand was unbelievable and fantastic and the dinners were first class. Thank you, thank you for a trip of a lifetime that exceeded my highest expectations.

- Mark Castillero, Vista, CA



New Zealand's Landscape



The Great Ocean Road

AUSTRALIA AND TASMANIA

Adventure Down Under

Our 15-day *Australia and Tasmania Adventure* includes a plethora of popular Australian attractions: lush eucalypti forests, twisty roads, romantic beaches and those adorable kangaroos. After arriving in Melbourne, we'll begin the Adventure with a ride to Apollo Bay along Australia's world famous and stunning Great Ocean Road. We'll board an overnight ferry to Tasmania where we'll enjoy four days of riding on this unique and beautiful island featuring great local food and seasonal rain forest wilderness on lovely rural back roads. When we return to the mainland we'll head for Sydney via Victoria's High Country and the Australian Alps as we climb Australia's highest accessible road in the Snowy Mountains and ride up and down the Great Divide. We'll also enjoy rides along the cliffs of the Blue Mountains, observing them through the blue mist that gives the mountains their name. We'll end our Adventure in Sydney.

Interested in a longer Adventure? You can stay for another two weeks and do this trip "back to back" with our *New Zealand Top Down Adventure* (p. 76). We'll pick up the interim night of lodging between the two trips.

Key attractions include:

- The Great Ocean Road – one of the most beautiful coastal roads in the world
- Tasmania! Five days to explore this enchanting island
- A two-night stay on the waterfront of Hobart
- Australian Alps and the Australian Great Divide



The Koala

15 days, Melbourne to Sydney, Australia

October 17 - October 31, 2020

October 16 - October 30, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Melbourne, Australia
- Day 2** - Melbourne to Port Campbell, ~180 miles
- Day 3** - Port Campbell to Melbourne, ~180 miles
(Overnight ferry to Tasmania)
- Day 4** - Devonport (Tasmania) to St. Helens, ~160 miles
- Day 5** - St. Helens to Hobart, ~165 miles
- Day 6** - Free day in Hobart (Optional loop ride ~130 miles)
- Day 7** - Hobart to Strahan, ~190 miles
- Day 8** - Strahan to Devonport, ~160 miles (Overnight ferry to Melbourne)
- Day 9** - Melbourne to Milawa, ~200 miles
- Day 10** - Milawa to Crackenback, ~225 miles
- Day 11** - Free day in Crackenback (Optional loop ride ~185 miles)
- Day 12** - Crackenback to Ulladulla, ~220 miles
- Day 13** - Ulladulla to Leura, ~190 miles
- Day 14** - Leura to Sydney, ~100 miles
- Day 15** - Depart Sydney, Australia

Total ~2,285 miles



PRICING

Rider: \$9,975

Co-rider: \$7,500

Single Room Supplement: \$1,200

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes choice of BMW F700/750GS, Suzuki DL650 V-Strom. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes an overnight ferry to/from Tasmania, all breakfasts



The Great Ocean Road

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads and some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.

I expected Australia/Tasmania to be fun and it was. What I hadn't expected were the fantastic twisties in the mountains and the almost magical scenery - from beaches to valleys to mountains. A great experience.

- Daniel Gresham, Santa Fe, NM



Torres Del Paine National Park, Chile

RIDE SOUTH AMERICA

Motorcycle Adventures in South America

South America has long been the stuff of legends in the annals of motorcycle travel. Several of the world's most famous motorcycle journeys take place there – Adventures that are on the “bucket list” of motorcycle travelers from all over the world. Many of these journeys are ones which many riders can only dream of experiencing.

Imagine beginning a trip with a kickoff dinner at a luxury hotel in Bariloche, followed by a ride through Patagonia and Tierra de Fuego to Ushuaia - the southernmost point in the world to which it's possible to ride a motorcycle, topped-off perhaps with a cruise to Antarctica.

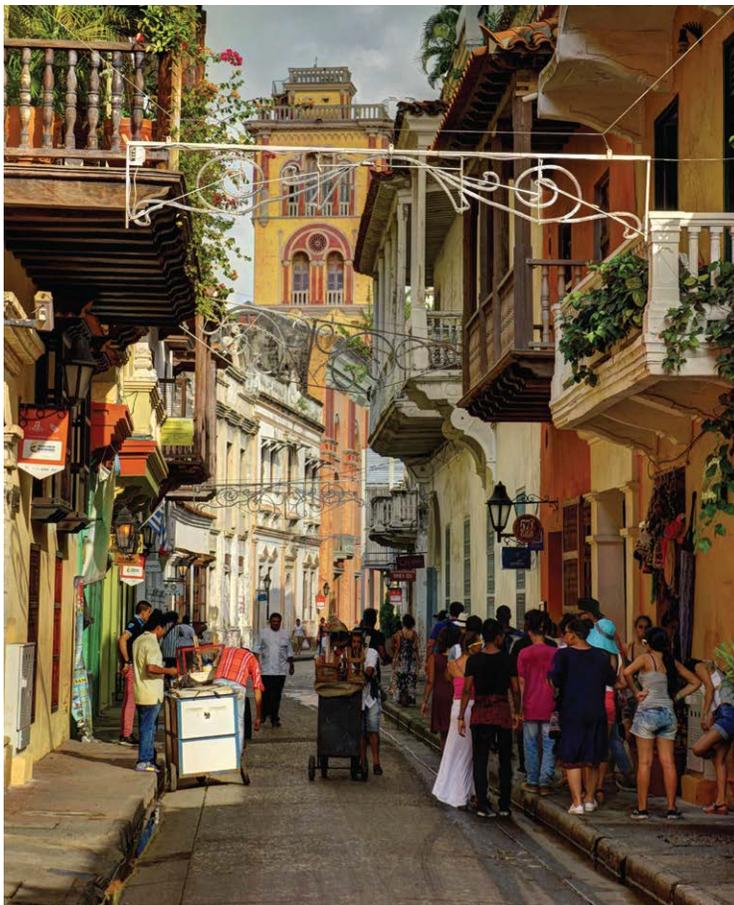
Or, how about a spectacular ride into the Atacama desert with a visit to the ethereal Valley of the Moon, followed by a ride along the world famous Pan-American highway, before heading to the ultimate Inca experience, Machu Picchu. And then for the perfect ending, a visit to Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake.

In South America, the people are warm and friendly, the food is great, and road conditions vary from wonderful to wild! You don't have to be an experienced enduro rider to travel to the continent's most interesting attractions. While there are some great off-road opportunities, you can visit the most popular attractions without leaving the pavement.

Ayres Adventures' first tour in 2003 was in South America and we have more experience there than any other tour company. We've carefully selected routes that provide a safe and enjoyable trip. Nearly all of our South American tours are suitable for couples wishing to ride two-up. All of our South American tours include the use of a comfortable support vehicle for non-riding companions and for carrying luggage.



Wildlife of Peru



Cartagena, Colombia

Despite its legendary status as an attraction for the world's most adventurous motorcyclists, in many respects South America remains one of the best-kept secrets in the world of motorcycle travel. We believe that you, like so many of our Adventurers before you, will be pleasantly surprised at the quality of the meals and accommodations, the friendliness of the people, the natural beauty of the terrain, and the rich cultural diversity of the countries you'll visit.



Riding in the Mountains



Perito Moreno Glacier, Argentina

BARILOCHE TO USHUAIA

Tierra del Fuego and the End of the World

Our 13-day *Bariloche to Ushuaia* Adventure begins in Bariloche, one of Argentina's most popular vacation resorts. Located in Argentina's Lake and Volcano region, the riding from Bariloche is spectacular from the start. The Adventure ends in Ushuaia - the southernmost city in the world to which it's possible to ride a motorcycle.

This Adventure is not a rugged "expedition". More than 95% of the route is paved, and that which is not, is generally hard-packed gravel in good condition. The trip is suitable for someone with limited off-pavement experience as well as for two-up riding.

This tour to "El Fin del Mundo" is designed to provide time to explore the most interesting attractions in this part of the world.

This is surely one of the most interesting ways to get to "the end of the world!"

Key attractions include:

- A two-night stay in Bariloche
- A free day in Bariloche with the option to ride the beautiful motorcycling roads in the area
- An overnight stay in the historic town of Puerto San Julian, where Magellan and his crew spent the winter in the town's harbor in 1520
- A two-night stay in El Calafate, from which we will visit Los Glaciers National Park and the Perito Moreno Glacier. View one of the largest and most impressive glaciers in the world, where huge chunks of ice "calve" and crash into the water regularly
- A two-night stay at Torres del Paine National Park - one of South America's most popular national parks
- A ferry crossing of the Straits of Magellan to the island of Tierra del Fuego
- Tierra del Fuego National Park, just a half-hour ride from Ushuaia

13 days, Bariloche to Ushuaia, Argentina

January 15 - January 27, 2020

January 13 - January 25, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Bariloche, Argentina
- Day 2** - Free day in Bariloche (Optional loop ride ~155 miles)
- Day 3** - Bariloche to Esquel, ~205 miles
- Day 4** - Esquel to Comodoro Rivadavia, ~345 miles
- Day 5** - Comodoro Rivadavia to Puerto San Julian, ~265 miles
- Day 6** - Puerto San Julian to El Calafate, ~360 miles
- Day 7** - Free day in El Calafate
- Day 8** - El Calafate to Torres del Paine, Chile, ~235 miles
- Day 9** - Free day at Torres del Paine National Park
- Day 10** - Torres del Paine to Punta Arenas, ~240 miles
- Day 11** - Punta Arenas to Rio Grande, Argentina, ~165 miles
- Day 12** - Rio Grande to Ushuaia, ~125 miles
- Day 13** - Depart Ushuaia, Argentina

Total ~ 2,095 miles



PRICING

Rider: \$8,450

Co-rider: \$6,250

Single Room Supplement: \$975

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes Perito Moreno Glacier boat excursion, Straits of Magellan ferry, all breakfasts and 10 dinners.



Torres del Paine National Park, Chile

RIDING CONDITIONS

The roads are mostly paved and in very good condition. There are approximately 200 or so miles of gravel but the gravel is hard packed and well maintained. The paved roads vary from straight and level to wide mountain sweepers. High winds are often prevalent in Patagonia but the windy sections of the trip is almost entirely on paved straight roads. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Riding Corners



Church of Our Lady of the Rosary, Villa de Leyva, Colombia

EXPLORE COLOMBIA

Cali to Cartagena

Our 15-day *Explore Colombia* tour begins in the Salsa Capital, Cali, and ends in the beautiful and historic city of Cartagena. This Adventure features great riding on many narrow and winding mountain roads as well as along the beautiful Caribbean coastline as we do an in-depth exploration of Colombia. Along the way, we will be enjoying premium accommodations and outstanding local cuisine in fine restaurants.

Key attractions include:

- Riding along the Caribbean coastline
- Guided tour of a coffee plantation
- The Zipaquirá Salt Cathedral
- Spectacular Chicamocha Canyon
- The Rock of Guatapé
- The San Agustín and Piedras de Tunja archeological parks
- Los Estoraques National Park unique rock formations
- Numerous picturesque historical cities



Guatapé, Colombia

15 days, Cali to Cartagena, Colombia

January 18 - February 1, 2020

January 16 - January 30, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Cali, Colombia
- Day 2** - Cali to Popayán, 100 miles
- Day 3** - Popayán to Neiva, 175 - 240 miles
- Day 4** - Neiva to Salento, 190 miles
- Day 5** - Salento to Medellín, 160 miles
- Day 6** - Free day in Medellín
- Day 7** - Medellín to Honda, 170 - 230 miles
- Day 8** - Honda to Villa de Leyva, 200 miles
- Day 9** - Free day in Villa de Leyva
- Day 10** - Villa de Leyva to Bucaramanga, 170 - 200 miles
- Day 11** - Bucaramanga to Ocaña, 150 - 180 miles
- Day 12** - Ocaña to Mompox, 150 miles
- Day 13** - Mompox to Santa Marta, 200 miles
- Day 14** - Santa Marta to Cartagena, 150 miles
- Day 15** - Depart from Cartagena, Colombia

Total ~ 2,000 miles

EXPLORE COLOMBIA

ROUTE MAP



PRICING

Rider: \$8,850

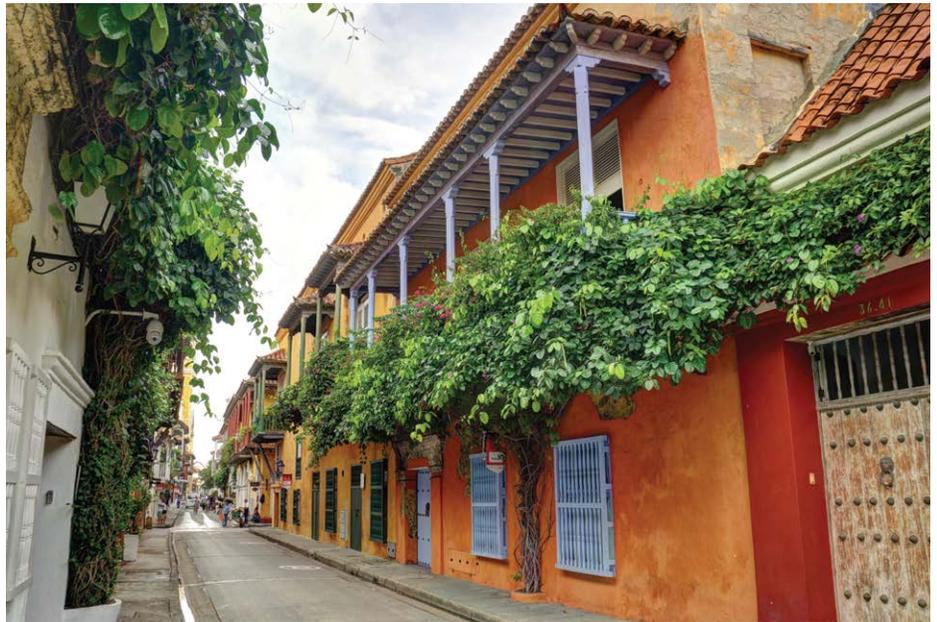
Co-rider: \$7,200

Single Room Supplement: \$1,000

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

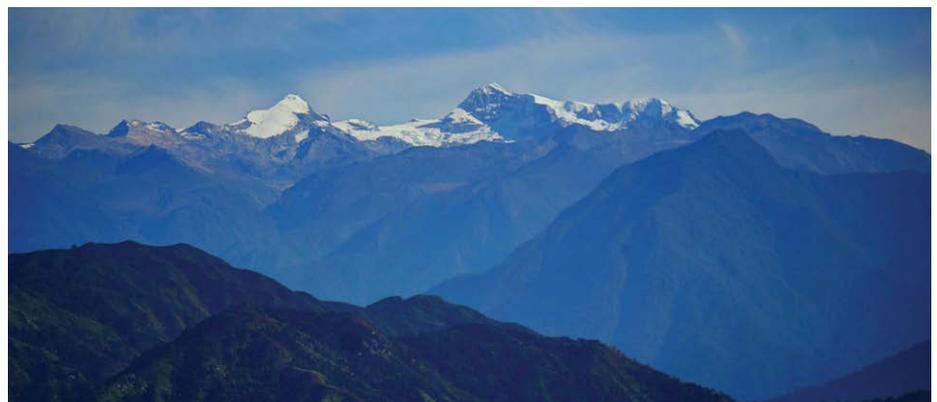
In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes a guided coffee plantation tour, entrance fees to the Salt Cathedral and national parks, a half-day guided city tour of Medellín, all breakfasts and 12 dinners.



Cartagena

RIDING CONDITIONS

The route is entirely paved with a variety of road conditions including wonderful sweeping roads as well as some technical riding on twisty mountain roads with several hair-pin turns. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



Pico Cristóbal Colón Mountain



Machu Picchu, Peru

MACHU PICCHU EXCURSION

The Incas and The Atacama

We've operated motorcycle tours to Machu Picchu more than two dozen times since our first trip there in 2006 and we believe our latest itinerary is one of the best yet. This 14-day Adventure provides an opportunity to explore the Inca civilization in more depth than is typically possible during a motorcycle tour of the area, culminating in a visit to the "Lost City" of Machu Picchu - nestled deep in the Andes Mountains. The Adventure includes a carefully selected collection of additional South American attractions that are "must dos" for any visit to this region of the world.

Key attractions include:

- The beach resort cities of Iquique and Arica, Chile
- The Andean resort town of San Pedro de Atacama, complete with stunning scenery, sand dunes, bizarre rock formations, and geysers.
- A ride through the ethereal Valley of the Moon
- Lake Titicaca, the world's highest navigable lake in Puno, Peru. We will visit the Floating Islands of the Uros Indians, who live on the islands fabricated entirely from local reeds. The largest of the floating islands supports buildings, including a school and post office.
- The Colca Canyon. At almost 14,000 feet deep (twice the depth of the Grand Canyon) it's one of the deepest canyons in the world where the giant Andean Condors (wingspans up to ten feet) circle in the rising air from the depths of the canyon.
- A ride along the Pan American Highway to "The White City": Arequipa. This beautiful city is surrounded by spectacular mountains, the most famous of which is the volcano El Misti.
- Three nights in Cuzco with one free day for the visit to the archeological ruins at Machu Picchu and a free day to explore other nearby Inca ruins. Machu Picchu - the Lost City of the Incas - is South America's best known and most popular archaeological site.

14 days, Salta, Argentina to Arica, Chile

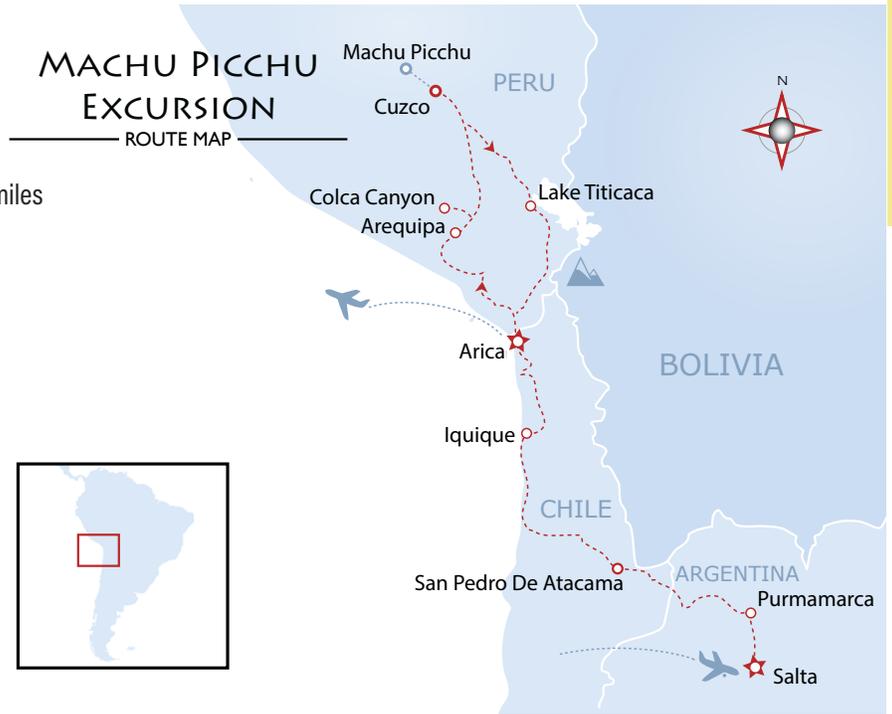
February 22 - March 7, 2020 / October 24 - November 6, 2020

February 20 - March 5, 2021 / October 23 - November 5, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Salta, Argentina
- Day 2** - Salta to Purmamarca, ~100 miles
- Day 3** - Purmamarca to San Pedro de Atacama, Chile, ~280 miles
- Day 4** - Free day in San Pedro de Atacama
- Day 5** - San Pedro de Atacama to Iquique ~300 miles
- Day 6** - Iquique to Arica, ~200 miles
- Day 7** - Arica to Arequipa, Peru, ~270 miles
- Day 8** - Arequipa to Chivay, ~110 miles
- Day 9** - Chivay to Cuzco, ~310 miles
- Day 10** - Free day in Cuzco
- Day 11** - Free day in Cuzco to visit Machu Picchu
- Day 12** - Cuzco to Puno (Lake Titicaca), ~250 miles
- Day 13** - Puno to Arica, Chile, ~290 miles
- Day 14** - Depart Arica, Chile

Total ~2,110 miles



PRICING

Rider: \$8,500

Co-rider: \$6,350

Single Room Supplement: \$1,100

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes the train ride and entry to Machu Picchu, Uros visit on Lake Titicaca, the visit to Colca Canyon, entry fee to Valley of the Moon, all breakfasts and 10 dinners.



Riding in Patagonia, Chile

RIDING CONDITIONS

Roads are paved and mostly in good condition. Riders will spend approximately one week at altitudes between 10,000 and 14,000 feet and should be prepared for cold temperatures. Approximately 5% of the route has potholes. Dense traffic should be expected in bigger cities like Arequipa, Cusco, Juliaca and Puno. This tour is suitable for two-up riding.



The Floating Islands of the Uros Indians, Peru



Riding in Patagonia, Argentina

USHUAIA - DISCOVER PATAGONIA

A Bucket List Destination

Our 15-Day *Ushuaia – Discover Patagonia* Adventure begins in Bariloche and ends in Ushuaia, Argentina – the farthest south it’s possible to ride a motorcycle anywhere in the world. This Adventure includes significant portions of dirt and gravel, as well as the possibility of the legendary Patagonian winds. The tour is recommended for experienced riders only, especially if riding two-up.

Key attractions include:

- A two-night stay in Bariloche
- A free day in Bariloche with the option to ride the beautiful motorcycling roads in the area
- An overnight stay in the historic town of Puerto San Julian, where Magellan and his crew spent the winter in the town’s harbor in 1520
- A two-night stay in El Calafate, from which we will visit Los Glaciers National Park and the Perito Moreno Glacier. View one of the largest and most impressive glaciers in the world, where huge chunks of ice “calve” and crash into the water regularly

- A two-night stay at Torres del Paine National Park - one of South America’s most popular national parks
- A ferry crossing of the Straits of Magellan to the island of Tierra del Fuego
- Tierra del Fuego National Park, just a half-hour ride from Ushuaia



The Guanaco, Patagonia’s Local Llama

15 days, Bariloche to Ushuaia, Argentina
October 3 - October 17, 2020
October 2 - October 16, 2021

ITINERARY

- Day 1** - Arrive Bariloche, Argentina
- Day 2** - Free day in Bariloche (Optional loop ride ~155 miles)
- Day 3** - Bariloche to Esquel, ~205 miles
- Day 4** - Esquel to Puerto Puyuguapi, ~160 miles
- Day 5** - Puerto Puyuguapi to Coyhaique, ~140 miles
- Day 6** - Coyhaique to Region of Los Antiguos, ~175 miles
- Day 7** - Region of Los Antiguos to El Chaltén, ~400 miles
- Day 8** - El Chaltén to El Calafate, ~140 - 200 miles
- Day 9** - Free day in El Calafate
- Day 10** - El Calafate to Torres del Paine, Chile, ~235 miles
- Day 11** - Free day at Torres del Paine
- Day 12** - Torres del Paine to Punta Arenas, ~240 miles
- Day 13** - Punta Arenas to Rio Grande, Argentina, ~165 miles
- Day 14** - Rio Grande to Ushuaia, ~125 miles
- Day 15** - Depart Ushuaia, Argentina

Total ~2,200 miles

USHUAIA DISCOVER PATAGONIA ROUTE MAP



PRICING

Rider: \$9,750

Co-rider: \$7,200

Single Room Supplement: \$1,100

Booking Deposit: \$800 per person

Includes BMW F700/750GS. Check our website for a full list of available bike upgrades and low seat/suspension options.

In addition to the standard inclusions on all of our premium tours, the tour price includes Perito Moreno Glacier boat excursion, Straits of Magellan ferry, entry fees to Tierra del Fuego National park and Torres del Paine National Park, all breakfasts, and 12 dinners



Ushuaia, Argentina

RIDING CONDITIONS

Roads include significant portions of dirt and gravel. This trip is intended for experienced off-road riders. In Patagonia, high winds are often prevalent. The windy section of the trip is almost entirely on straight roads, which we've classified as "tame". The "tame" designation is not to suggest "uninteresting". It's meant to designate good paved highways that do not entail twisties or significant changes in elevation. Riding two-up is possible for riders that have off-road riding experience with a passenger.

Ayres Adventures took us on one of the best trips of our lives. With 13 friends we rode for a week through Patagonia. Ayres Adventures organized everything with professionalism, ...and they made the trip fun and memorable for everybody. Thank you!

- Wences Casares, Woodside, CA



Riding in New Zealand

TOUR CATEGORIES

PREMIUM TOURS

When Ayres Adventures was founded, we only offered premium-level tours. We quickly earned the enviable reputation of offering tours that featured a higher level of accommodations, meals, and overall customer service than larger, established competitors. Our customers have dubbed it, “The Ayres Adventures Style”. Today Ayres Adventures is known as the world’s leading provider of “high-end” motorcycle travel and most of our tours qualify for the premium category.

CLUB CLASS TOURS

Over the years many motorcycle clubs, groups and individuals have expressed an interest in shorter, less expensive tours. To these riders, a trip within the budget of their group (both in cost and time) is more important than the upscale amenities and limited group size of our Premium tours. We have developed a set of Club Class tours to accommodate these riders.

In order to be able to offer a more attractive price to Club Class participants, we relax the 10-bike limit we use on our Premium tours and may book as many as 14 to 15 motorcycles. And we use lodging that is a bit less expensive – attractive middle-class hotels, rather than four and five-star establishments. Even though these tours are less expensive, we employ the same premium-level attitude and mindset, and utilize the same highly-rated tour leaders and support staff as on our Premium tours. For these reasons, we are sure you will find our Club Class tours deliver customer satisfaction comparable to that of our Premium tours – an indisputable cut above most of our competition.

OFF-ROAD TOURS

“Adventure Touring” by motorcycle, with a concentration on riding off-road, is the fastest-growing segment of the motorcycle tour business. We see this evidenced by the incredible popularity of the BMW GS line of motorcycles, by growing interest in off-road training, and by the increasing number of riders who have encouraged us to offer additional off-road tours. Our Off-Road Tours is in response to the increasing demand for tours featuring “the road less-traveled”. You must have experience in riding off-road in order to participate in these tours.



The Peloponnese, Greece

PRIVATE TOURS

In addition to the tours described in our catalog, we offer a variety of special tour options. We are pleased to arrange private or custom tours to accommodate your interests.

If you're interested in a private tour reserved exclusively for a group of friends, a club, or even your family, we'll either designate one of our regular trips as an exclusive trip, or we'll operate a separate trip at a time that's best for your group. The cost per guest will depend on the size of your group.

We also offer a number of unpublished tours for private groups. A brief description of these Adventures is provided below. Refer to the Private Tours section of our website for complete descriptions and details. Price shown is per rider for a minimum of 8 bikes, or 12 participants (riders plus co-riders). Price may be adjusted for fewer participants or significant modifications.



Iguassu Falls, Argentina

Africa Panorama * 10 Days * \$5,275

This Adventure offers riders an opportunity to ride the legendary motorcycling roads of the Mpumalanga Province, and the vaunted Panorama route – a favorite of local motorcycling enthusiasts. The area is steeped in history and checkered with monuments commemorating the Boer Wars. The trip is capped-off with an all-day safari in Kruger National Park.

Cape Colony Adventure * 9 Days * \$4,875

This Adventure begins and ends in Cape Town, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. The area is surrounded by great motorcycling opportunities, featuring Chapman's Peak Drive, one of the ten most scenic rides in the world. We'll also navigate Swartberg Pass, enjoy a stunning ride through Meiringspoort, and ride the famous scenic Route 62 – the longest wine route in the world.

Taste of Chile (and a Dash of Argentina) * 9 Days * \$5,100

This Adventure takes place in the midst of some of the most stunning scenery and alluring motorcycling destinations in the world: smoking, snow-covered volcanoes, lush coastal rainforests, crystal clear lakes, thick forests and the seemingly endless Argentinean pampas. A wide variety of roads will be encountered. Mostly good, paved roads and exciting sweepers bear testimony to the area's reputation as a motorcycling paradise. Some unavoidable, but relatively easy gravel sections, as well as several steep mountain roads requiring more concentration and riding experience, will add an element of excitement to the Adventure.

Buenos Aires to Iguassu Falls * 10 days * \$6,875

This tour features a wider variety of South American motorcycling experiences than one would expect in a tour of this duration. Beginning in Buenos Aires, "the Paris of South America", we'll take a high-speed ferry across the Rio del Plata to Uruguay. The route continues on through Brazil's Romantic Route and crosses the "Brazilian Alps", through the stunning Serra do Rio do Rastro area. The Adventure culminates with a visit to the majestic Iguassu Falls, where you'll experience an exhilarating powerboat ride up the Iguassu River to the base of the Falls.

Best of the West * 10 days * \$7,800

What a way to experience the Great American Southwest! This tour begins in Las Vegas, where guests will stay in a premium hotel on the famous Las Vegas strip. Great motorcycling begins when the bright lights and big city are left behind. We'll ride through Death Valley, Zion National Park and Bryce Canyon National Park - some of the most beautiful areas in North America. The Adventure continues through Monument Valley with its majestic sandstone formations, and then to the Grand Canyon. Afterwards, we'll travel the longest remaining continuous stretch of the original, iconic Route 66.

Greece: Cradle of Western Civilization * 12 days * \$6,950

Starting in Athens, this tour covers central and southern Greece, featuring some of the most famous places from the ancient world, while travelling through regions of outstanding natural beauty.

Once again Ayres Adventures came up trumps for our Father / Daughter private tour in South America. The booking and arrangements were made with the minimum of fuss. Jason Kilian and Chris Gladstone are two of the most friendly and professional tour leaders anyone could wish to travel with. Well done, Ayres Adventures!

- Richard & Paula Maxwell, Lincolnshire, United Kingdom

Africa Off-Road * 12 days * \$5,500

This Adventure is designed for riders who seek “the road less traveled”, but who, at the end of the day, appreciate comfortable accommodations, great food and a cold beer. Riders will leave the pavement behind to explore some of the best riding in the rural areas of South Africa, Lesotho and Swaziland. A highlight of the tour is a ride up the renowned Sani Pass to stay at a mountaintop lodge in Lesotho that features “the highest pub on the African continent.”

Namibian Splendors * 12 days * \$6,950

Beginning in Windhoek and ending in Cape Town, this Adventure offers an exciting journey through the most interesting and captivating areas of the southwestern part of the African continent. You’ll ride through the Namib Desert and visit Fish River Canyon and Sossusvlei, a vast ephemeral pan located in the midst of huge sand dunes. Ending in Cape Town will provide the opportunity to ride the famous Cape Peninsula and the renowned Chapman’s Peak Drive.

Los Andes Misteriosos * 12 days * \$6,750

Strong off-road riding skills are a must for this Adventure, which features the “back country” of the Andes Mountains of Argentina and Chile. Riders will cross the stunning Caracolas, and will ride across the “jaw dropping” Paso de Agua Negra which reaches an altitude of 15,650 feet. A challenging ride into the Sierra de Capillitas range makes this a truly unique and unforgettable adventure.



Sani Pass, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

HOW AN AYRES ADVENTURE WORKS?

Riders who have never taken a motorcycle tour may not understand how easily things work.



1. First, select an Adventure that interests you. Start with this catalog and our website - taking time to look at photos and review testimonials from riders who have already toured with us. The website also describes our terms and conditions. Don't hesitate to send an email or call with your questions. We'd love to discuss our tours with you.



2. Book your adventure on-line via our secure website. You can use a major credit card or PayPal to make your deposit on-line, or you can send a check or wire the deposit later. Your booking is confirmed with receipt of your deposit.



3. After receiving your booking, our office staff will send information to help you plan your trip. If you'd like to arrive early or extend your stay a day or two, we can reserve extra nights for you in the tour hotels.



4. Our staff is available during the entire pre-trip planning process to provide information and assist you with questions. We'll invoice you approximately 90 days before the start of the tour, and shortly before the tour we'll send several useful items (shirts, hotel lists, a trip booklet, etc.).



5. Visa requirements vary significantly based on your citizenship and the area of the world you'll visit. Riders from North America and many other places in the world won't need a visa to travel to most of our destinations. But it's important to check.



6. Schedule your flights, pack your bags, and let us know when you'll arrive. One of the tour leaders will contact you immediately prior to the tour to introduce himself and confirm your arrival schedule. You'll bring your own riding gear but you won't have to carry things on the motorcycle. We'll tote your luggage.



7. Don't worry about local currency. If you have an ATM card, ask your bank to authorize international withdrawals. It's the easiest and least expensive way to get local currency just about anywhere in the world. Most cell phones will also work in many parts of the world in which we travel if you've arranged for international roaming.



8. Assuming that you arrive when the tour is scheduled to begin, our tour leaders will meet your flight and escort you to the hotel. If you choose to arrive early, let us know and we'll arrange for a driver to meet your flight and transport you to the hotel.



9. On "arrival day" we'll introduce you to your fellow riders and to your motorcycle. We'll have our first dinner together after our kick-off meeting and prepare to set out in the morning.



10. Each morning we'll have a short "parking lot" briefing to explain the day's riding agenda, identify optional rides or activities, and discuss what the day's riding conditions will be like. You'll be free to either ride with the tour leader or take off on your own and ride at your own pace.



11. If you ride with our tour leader, we'll take a brief break every hour or so, and we'll stop for photo opportunities and points of interest along the way. We'll also stop for a leisurely lunch.



12. When you arrive at your hotel at the end of the day, your luggage will usually be waiting in your room. In most cases you'll arrive at the hotel mid-afternoon - providing time to relax and take a look around town before dinner.



13. Accommodations, all breakfasts and most dinners are included in the price of the tour. If it's a "free day" (with a two-night stop) you'll usually be on your own for one of the dinners.



14. After the last riding day we'll have a celebratory dinner.



15. After breakfast on the final day, we'll provide airport transfers and see to it that you make your return flight.



16. On your return flight, begin dreaming of your next Ayres Adventure!



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Riding in Ireland

THE AYRES ADVENTURES STYLE

Ayres Adventures observes a firm set of operating philosophies that distinguish the company from most other motorcycle tour companies. These philosophies comprise a standard of excellence that has come to be known as, *The Ayres Adventures Style* - providing a more personalized tour experience for our guests.

You'll notice the difference even before stepping from the plane to be greeted by one of our tour leaders. It begins with personal attention provided by our office staff for the duration of the pre-trip phase. The staff offers planning assistance, answers your questions, and provides useful tour materials, including a customized tour planning booklet, *The Plan Ahead* - a day-by-day itinerary with suggestions on "must see" attractions along the way.

In addition to offering a great motorcycling travel experience, our Premium Tours provide higher quality accommodations and meals than are typically found on a motorcycle tour. We often use small "boutique" hotels and lodges, and we shun limited choice, "set menus". You'll dine "à la carte", ordering what you wish from the menu in interesting, local restaurants. Most dinners are included as part of the tour package, and dinner always includes

non-alcoholic beverages.

The smaller and more intimate lodges and restaurants that we select don't cater to crowds, so we must necessarily limit the size of our tour groups – typically to about ten motorcycles. Many of our favorite places have only eight or ten rooms, so we often book the entire lodge for our group. This factor, too, contributes to a more personalized tour experience for everyone. Many riders report afterwards that they didn't feel as if they were on a tour, but rather on vacation with a small group of friends.

We never sell tours on behalf of another company, or delegate responsibility for our tours to a subcontractor. We operate our own tours worldwide, using our own employees. Our tour leaders are the best in the business. They are totally committed (and empowered) to operate in accordance with *The Ayres Adventures Style*. Guests can expect the same high standards whether touring in Africa, Asia, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, North America or South America.



New Zealand Top Down Adventure 2018



Comfortable Support Vehicle

Even participants in our Club Class Tours, which are less expensive than Premium Tours, and which are designed for riders who favor riding with a somewhat larger group of friends or club members, find that we're able to exceed their expectations.

Many riders who have toured extensively claim that our trips are the best they've had. Take a look at the large collection of testimonials on our website. Our riders say it much better than we ever could!



Dramatic Dolomites

TOUR LEADERS

The single most important factor for a superior and memorable motorcycling adventure is the caliber of the tour leaders. Ayres Adventures tour leaders are serious professionals - committed to providing the best possible motorcycling experience. You'll find them to be interesting people, experienced world travelers, and exceptional motorcyclists.

“Many quality issues set Ayres trips apart from the competition. But the competence, experience and personalities of its tour leaders sets the foundation for Ayres success.”

- Roddy and Doree Guthrie



AXEL PAPST

Originally from Germany, Axel now makes his home in Álora, Spain. Since 2000, Axel has been leading motorcycle tours in Africa, Europe, New Zealand, and North America. He also is experienced in rafting, canyoneering and hiking.



CHRIS GLADSTONE

Chris lives in Nelson, New Zealand and is a veteran of the New Zealand Police Force. Chris serves in the CSI unit (Crime Scene investigation). Since 2007, Chris has been leading tours for us in Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and South America.

“The tour leaders are what/who will bring me back to take more tours! ...professional, courteous, attentive, and funny as hell!”

- Kristine Kuzemka

“The tour leaders were way more than I ever anticipated. They are thorough, knowledgeable about motorcycling and the area and ... have really good people skills”

- Mark Castillero



CLAUS LAZIK

Claus is a partner with Ayres Adventures. He has been leading motorcycle tours in European countries as well as Morocco, South Africa, Dubai, Oman, China, Japan and South America since 1999. He lives near Munich, Germany.



ED MCCLURE

Ed lives in Fairbanks, Alaska and is experienced at leading tours in Alaska and The Yukon, as well as the “lower 48”, South America and Africa. He has traveled extensively throughout Alaska, including multiple rides north of the Arctic Circle.



JANIS CIMINS

Janis lives in Riga, Latvia. He has led tours for us in Africa, Australia, Europe, North America, New Zealand, and Japan. Janis also helped lead our 69-day Epic Journey: Moscow to Hong Kong. He lives near the Salaca River, which provides opportunities for Salmon fishing and ice-skating, two of his favorite pastimes



RÉHANN COETZEE

Réhann grew up in South Africa's biking heaven, the Mpumalanga Lowveld, where he learned to ride a motorcycle at age 10. He prefers tours off the beaten path, the better to experience nature, and he loves sharing these experiences with others. In addition to leading tours in Africa, Réhann has led tours for us in Iceland and Australia.

"And finally, at the end of the day, they're a hell of a lot of fun to have a drink with!"

- Geoffrey R. Smith

"...both were great, knowledgeable, very capable, fun and flexible."

- Martin and Carmel Giblin



JASON KILIAN

Jason, our African Tour Director, lives in Pretoria, South Africa. Having travelled the African continent extensively, either by motorcycle or 4x4 vehicle, Jason describes himself as a true all-weather biker, adventurer, nature-lover and conversationalist.

"our tour guides ... were the icing on the cake. They were fun, kind, and extremely knowledgeable"

- Chris and Jann Barber O'Hara

"We loved Jason's enthusiasm for the history and culture of his country and appreciated the way he shared it with us at our morning ride briefings"

- Mike and Sue McKenrick

All of our tour leaders proudly wear Klim motorcycle apparel. A professional appearance is important but it's even more critical to use high quality riding apparel that is both protective and also versatile for the many environments and weather conditions they encounter. They have found Klim to be a great choice to satisfy all of these requirements.





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