



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 Sighişoara. 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.