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Here Comes Santa Claus, Here Comes Santa Claus

All I want for Christmas is...



Instead of sugarplums dancing in your head, do your dreams feature a magnificent, motorcycle adventure? Perhaps riding on the beautiful, sweeping curves of [New Zealand](#) or the surreal landscapes of [Iceland](#),



or watching a couple of elephants cross the road in [Africa](#)?



What a nice stocking stuffer an Ayres Adventures tour would make! Be Santa's little helper and leave this article in a strategic location for your significant other. Then instead of getting a partridge in a pear tree, or two turtledoves, you may get something to really make your dreams come true – an exciting Ayres Adventure!

ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS

CHERRY BLOSSOMS
AND MT. FUJI

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THANKS, ADVENTURERS!

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Japan - Special Invitation

Cherry Blossoms and Mt. Fuji

Everybody knows *and loves* Ayres Adventures Tour Director, Claus Lazik!

Claus wanted me to issue a special invitation to Waypoints readers to join him in Japan this year. He is enthusiastically looking forward to his fourth year leading our [*Japan – Cherry Blossoms and Mt. Fuji*](#) Adventure.

Claus says he particularly enjoys Japan because of the contrast between ancient eastern traditions and those of the modern western world. The culture combines excellent western-style customer service, discipline, safety and convenience with such Japanese amenities as relaxing in an onsen (hot spring) after a great riding day, wearing a traditional yukata



kimono while having a sip of hot sake, and then sleeping on a old-style tatamis or futon. Does it get any better than this! The contrast between new and old world continues throughout each day as we encounter the mystical, tranquil world of ancient shrines and temples alongside the bustling crowds of busy cities.

If you're one of the many riders who has enjoyed touring with Claus in the past, then consider meeting him in April, so he can introduce you to one of his favorite destinations – Japan!

Ayres Adventures Blog

Stories from the Road



Ayres Adventures has started a [*blog page*](#) for select tours allowing riders and tour leaders to share stories and photographs from the road. We currently have blogs on *Call of the Wild*, *Iceland*, *Heart of Africa* and the *Epic Journey: Moscow to Hong Kong*. If you have been considering any of these tours, reading these blogs will give you first hand knowledge of what you'll experience.

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One blog, which we highly recommend, is about our *Heart of Africa* tour that features a visit to the mountain gorillas of Rwanda. Rider Don Toothman has provided a fascinating account about the gorilla trek. Because Don is a very accomplished photographer, the article is accompanied by stunning pictures of the gorillas. In his blog, he makes an interesting observation: the number of privileged few who get to visit the gorillas each year is very close to the small number of people who get to visit Antarctica. Don has done both with Ayres Adventures. If you don't think you'll have the opportunity to visit the gorilla's yourself, you can enjoy it through his captivating [article](#).



Shows and Events

Come and visit us



January and February are going to be busy months as we will be attending several bike shows throughout Canada and the US.

Calgary Bike Show January 6 - 8
(BMO Centre, Stampede Park)

Vancouver Bike Show January 20 - 22
(Tradex, Abbotsford)

Timonium Bike Show February 10 - 12
(Maryland State Fairgrounds)

Toronto Bike Show February 17 - 19
(Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place)

If you are in the area stop by and say hello!

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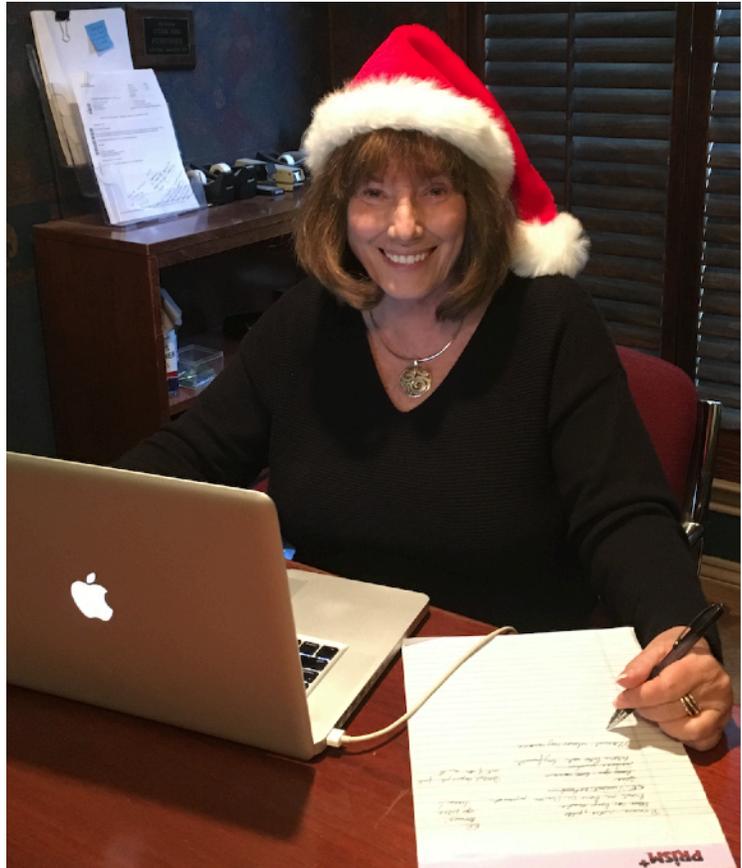
11th Anniversary Profile

Anyone who has taken a tour with Ayres Adventures in the last 11 years knows Shirley Landis!

We hired Shirley in 2005 to relieve some of the back office strain resulting from rapid expansion. She had recently retired from a long career in administration at the Plano Independent School District. In no time, Shirley assumed full responsibility for all pre- and post-tour interaction with our customers. Riders consistently rate her assistance as “outstanding” on their post-tour surveys.

Shirley is also one of Ayres Adventures’ biggest cheerleaders. She is the first to sound the alarm if she thinks a particular action is not in keeping with our reputation for premium tours – the “*Ayres Adventures Style*”.

As a company, we value Shirley’s efficiency, attention to detail and customer-focused orientation. Her enthusiasm and sense of humor make working with her a delight, not only for the customers, but for the staff as well. We appreciate all of her contributions and look forward to Shirley’s next decade with us.



2016 - A Great Year

Thanks, Adventurers!

As we come to the close of 2016, we would like to thank all the riders who helped make this a great year for Ayres Adventures. We are honored that you entrust us with your valuable vacation time, and we take that responsibility seriously.

In 2017, we will be announcing several new tours including a 17-day China tour, our Epic Journey: South America and tours in Ireland and Budapest. Stay tuned for details!

We wish you a very happy holiday season and look forward to traveling with you in 2017 to an awe-inspiring part of the world!

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