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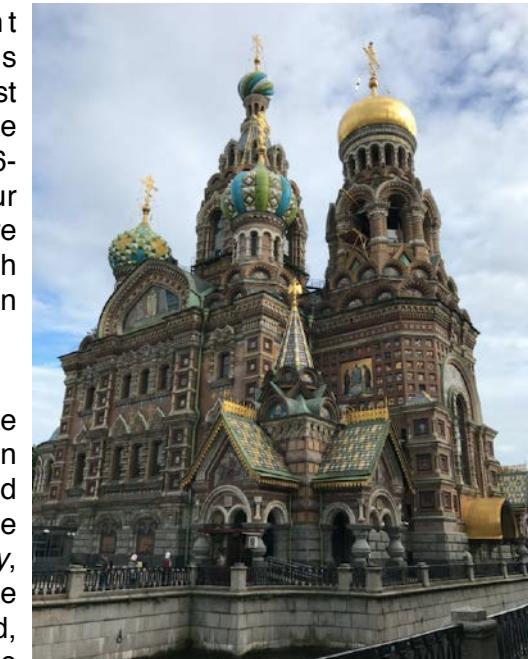
### Virtual Voyage North Pole Blog

Greetings from Saint Petersburg, Russia, where Claus Lazik and I are leading our first [North Pole Adventure](#)! We'd like to invite you to join us on this 36-day Adventure by visiting our North Pole [blog page](#). We are posting regular updates with photos, and you can follow us on our live Spot map.

This 36-day odyssey will take us through remote Western Russia as we head toward Murmansk to board the icebreaker, *50 Years of Victory*, for our 12-day round trip to the North Pole. Once back on land, we will ride to Nordkapp, the northern tip of Europe, before heading south along the fjordlands of Norway and the Lofoten Islands. Come join us for an exciting virtual tour via our [blog page](#)!!

### African Tour Director **Jason Kilian**

Jason Kilian, a native South African, has been promoted to Tour Director for all of our African Adventures. Jason has been leading tours for us since 2013, both in Africa as well as in other parts of the world.



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A lawyer by training, Jason's passion for motorcycle travel led him to the touring business. He is repeatedly praised by those on tour for the depth of his knowledge about his country and its wildlife, and for providing valuable insight into the country's history and current affairs. As one rider commented, "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."

Although Jason has been with us four years, he can be said to be one of our newest tour leaders, as we have very little turnover amongst our seasoned staff.

Congratulations, Jason!



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## **Private and Custom Tours**

In addition to our regularly scheduled tours, Ayres Adventures offers private and custom tours. We can designate one of our regular tours as a private tour exclusively for your group, modifying it to suit your schedule or particular interests. We also offer a number of unpublished tours for private groups. A list of these tours is shown on our website under [Private Tours](#). Prices shown are for a minimum group size of 8 participants.



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Or, if you'd prefer, we can work with your group to design a completely new tour, customized to fit your needs. We did this in February for a group of friends who wanted to tour the Patagonia region of South America. The participants came together from such diverse places as Mongolia, Switzerland, Gibraltar, and France, as well as North and South America. The organizer commented after the tour: "With 13 friends we rode for a week through Patagonia. Ayres Adventures organized everything with professionalism...they made the trip fun and memorable for everybody. One of the best trips of our lives!" The group created a professional video of their ride, which you can view [here](#). (We love to see people having fun!)

## From North to South Australia and New Zealand

After my trip to the North Pole, I will be heading south in October to lead our Australia and New Zealand tours. Our New Zealand [Top Down Adventure](#) starts immediately after the [Australia and Tasmania – Adventure Down Under](#), allowing participants to combine the two tours - which several of our riders have elected to do.





I'm particularly excited about our Australia Adventure because it includes an overnight ferry to Tasmania where we will spend four days exploring this very scenic island.

New Zealand has always ranked as one of my favorites, as the riding and scenery are spectacular. In some parts of the world it is necessary to endure some boring stretches to get to the really good riding, but in New Zealand there is no such thing as a boring stretch. Over the years, I have spent almost 6 months touring New Zealand and I have yet to tire of it.

So, join us this fall for one, or both, of these fantastic tours.

## The Perfect Gift **Gorilla Trekking**

My wife, Meike, will be celebrating one of those "special" birthdays this year so I had to come up with something really spectacular to honor it. What better choice than one of my favorite activities/destinations - a Gorilla trek in East Africa! As you can imagine, this is one of the most amazing wildlife encounters in the world.

Ayres Adventures offers a 35-day [Into Africa](#) Adventure that includes Gorilla trekking as well as other highlights, such as a ferry to Zanzibar for a 2-night stay, a boat cruise on the Chobe river, two nights in the Serengeti and multiple game drives. At this time there is just one spot remaining on our 2018 [Into Africa](#) Adventure.



A much shorter alternative, which also includes Gorilla trekking, is our [Heart of Africa](#) tour. This 14-day excursion through four countries includes two days in the Serengeti as well as a visit to the Ngorongoro Crater.

This was my second visit to the Gorillas, and trust me – there is nothing like it in the world. If you'd like to know more about it, one of our riders recorded his impressions of this awe-inspiring experience in an interesting blog, which you can read [here](#).