



# AYRES ADVENTURES

2012 - 2013  
Tour Catalogue



*PREMIUM MOTORCYCLE TOURS WORLDWIDE*

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Welcome!

Thanks for your interest in Ayres Adventures!

We offer a variety of exciting motorcycle tour itineraries in Africa, Europe, New Zealand, North America (including Alaska and Canada) and South America. I hope you'll enjoy reading about them in this catalogue.

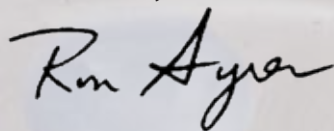
In just ten years I've been pleased to watch our company develop into a successful global enterprise. We have, in fact, earned the enviable reputation as the world's leading provider of *premium* motorcycle travel.

I am grateful to the loyal customer base we have acquired over the years, many of whom have taken multiple trips with us and helped spread the word about the company. In nearly all of their testimonials, they are quick to attribute their satisfaction to the highly-qualified, professional staff we have assembled, particularly our tour leaders, who are experienced, attentive to detail, and local to the regions in which we operate.

Indeed, our global tour leaders are our most valuable asset! They are intimately familiar with the markets we serve and are able to contribute interesting facts, local history and a touch of color to the tours. Most are multi-lingual. My managing partner lives in Cape Town, South Africa; three of our tour leaders live in Europe (Portugal, Austria and Germany); two are native New Zealanders, residing in Nelson and Christchurch; and one is Alaskan, living in Fairbanks. As for South America, most of our tour leaders have either traveled extensively in South America, or like me, have lived there. Rounding out the support staff, our hotel manager lives in Austria and all other support functions are performed at our North American Sales Office near Dallas, Texas.

I take pride in the global nature of our staff and rely on them to provide the very best motorcycle tours in the world. For more about our operating philosophy be sure to read about the *Ayres Adventures Style* on page 5 of this catalogue.

If you would like to stay informed of new trips and the latest news about Ayres Adventures, please go to our web site and sign up for our Waypoints Bulletin. I hope we have the opportunity to share an Adventure with you soon!



Ron Ayres

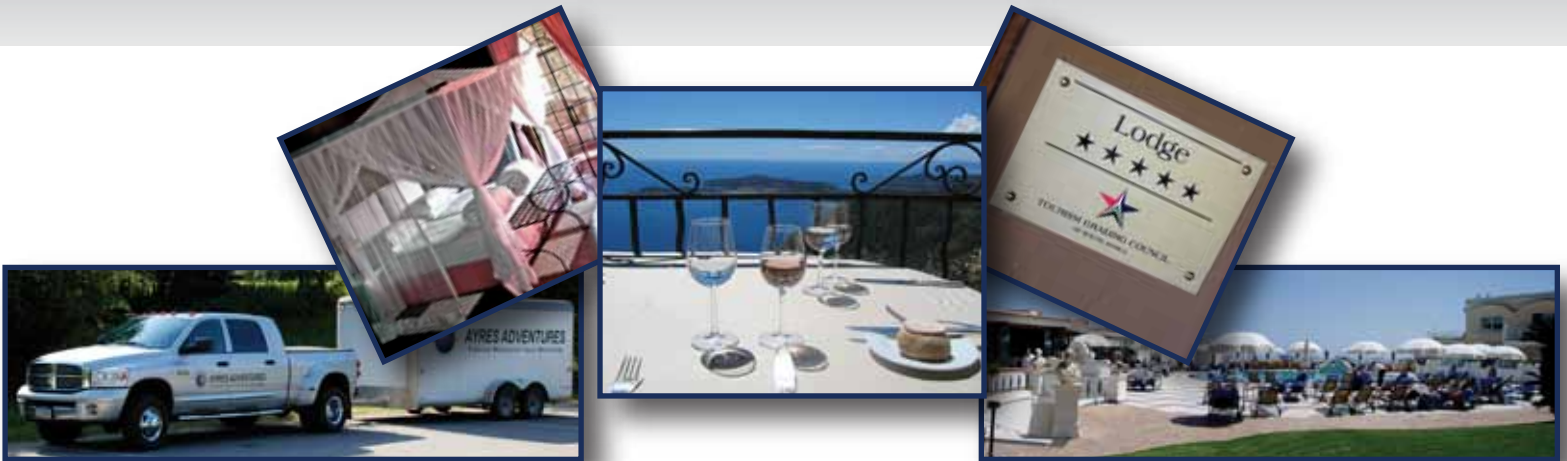


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# The Ayres Adventures Style



Ayres Adventures observes a firm set of operating philosophies that distinguishes 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 trip materials, including a customized trip 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 motorcycle travel experience, Ayres Adventures provides 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 fine, 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 at all, but rather have had a wonderful vacation with a small group of friends.

You can ride with a tour leader, ride by yourself, or ride with a few other Adventurers, as you wish. We provide a comfortable support vehicle on all of our trips for transporting luggage and non-riding guests. You'll appreciate our "leave the luggage to us" policy. We don't just load and unload baggage from the support vehicle - we deliver it to your room - usually before you arrive. At the conclusion of the tour, we'll provide your transfer to the airport for your return flight.

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, Europe, New Zealand, North America or South America.

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 web site. Our riders say it much better than we ever could!

*We believe that style IS substance!*

# Grand Tour



## ***"New Zealand Complete"***

Our 21-day *Grand Tour* offers the opportunity to delve into the best that New Zealand has to offer – on both islands! You'll see the country's most popular attractions and enjoy aspects of this lovely little country that most visitors never have the opportunity to experience.

The *Grand Tour* begins in Christchurch, New Zealand's "Garden City" on the South Island and ends in Auckland, "City of Sails" on the country's North Island. In between, you'll enjoy the country's most popular attractions:

- ✓ Mount Cook (or Aoraki, in the native Maori language) - at 12,300 ft. altitude, the highest mountain in New Zealand. You'll stay at The Hermitage - New Zealand's most famous hotel and one of our most popular stops.
- ✓ A two-night stop in Te Anau, providing time on the free day to ride to Milford Sound for a spectacular cruise of the fjord
- ✓ The "Southern Alps" and the Franz Joseph and Fox Glaciers. Weather permitting, you may opt for an optional helicopter flight that will land on the glacier.
- ✓ The volcanoes of Tongariro National Park
- ✓ The thermal activity and Maori cultural center of Rotorua
- ✓ The country's Scottish city of Dunedin - home to New Zealand's only castle - Larnach Castle – our preferred Dunedin accommodation
- ✓ A two-night stay in Queenstown – New Zealand's outdoor adventure capital located on Lake Wakatipu and surrounded by the breathtaking Remarkables and Eyre Mountains. Take a jet boat ride on the Shotover River, do a bungee jump, parasail, or schedule a wide range of other "adrenalin pumping" activities. Or just relax and do some shopping.

In addition to great riding and stunning landscapes, the quality of meals and lodging are in keeping with the high standards that have become an integral part of all Ayres Adventures. Accommodations range from comfortable, middle class hotels to luxury accommodations and "boutique" establishments. Permit our local "Kiwi" tour leaders to introduce you to their beautiful land.

**Christchurch to Auckland (21 Days)**  
**January 6 - 26, 2012**  
**October 27 - November 16, 2012**  
**January 4 - 24, 2013**  
**October 26 - November 15, 2013**



- ### ITINERARY
- 1 ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH
  - 2 CHRISTCHURCH - MOUNT COOK
  - 3 MOUNT COOK - DUNEDIN
  - 4 DUNEDIN - BLUFF
  - 5 BLUFF - TE ANAU
  - 6 **TE ANAU FREE DAY**
  - 7 TE ANAU - QUEENSTOWN
  - 8 **QUEENSTOWN FREE DAY**
  - 9 Queenstown - Franz Joseph
  - 10 Franz Joseph - Punakaiki
  - 11 PUNAKAIKI - NELSON
  - 12 **NELSON FREE DAY**
  - 13 NELSON - GREYTOWN
  - 14 GREYTOWN - WANGANUI
  - 15 WANGANUI - ROTORUA
  - 16 ROTORUA - COROMANDEL
  - 17 COROMANDEL - WARKWORTH
  - 18 WARKWORTH - RUSSELL
  - 19 **RUSSELL FREE DAY**
  - 20 RUSSELL - AUCKLAND
  - 21 DEPART AUCKLAND



### PRICING

RIDER: \$11,750 CO-RIDER: \$8,950  
 (BMW G650GS, HONDA VT750 OR VLX600 OR VT1100, SUZUKI DL650, YAMAHA FZ6S)  
 SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,750  
 BOOKING DEPOSIT: \$400 PER PERSON

MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES:

SUZUKI DL1000:	\$285
SUZUKI BANDIT GSF 1250:	\$285
BMW F650GS (2-CYLINDER):	\$650
BMW R1200R:	\$800
HONDA FVR 800:	\$900
HONDA ST1300:	\$1,075
TRIUMPH TIGER 1050:	\$1,110
DUCATI ST3 OR	
MULTISTRADA 1000S:	\$1,775
BMW R1200GS/R1200RT:	\$1,900

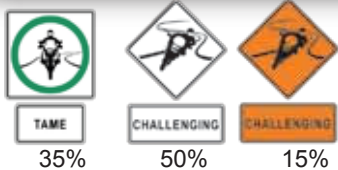
PRICE INCLUDES AIRPORT TRANSFERS, FERRY, BREAKFASTS, 16 DINNERS, CRUISE OF MILFORD SOUND, MAORI CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AT ROTORUA

**Did you know...?**

Milford Sound (pictured on the right) is one of New Zealand's most popular attractions, and we include a cruise of the fjord on our Grand Tour and our Bottoms Up Tour.

That's right - Milford Sound is not a sound at all - it's a fjord. A fjord is carved out by a glacier and then is back-filled by the sea, whereas a sound is carved out by water and back-filled by the sea. A fjord typically has a flat bottom and very steep sides, while a sound has a v-shaped bottom and sloping sides.

THE ROUTE IS ENTIRELY PAVED WITH A VARIETY OF ROAD FEATURES, FROM MILD SWEEPERS TO TIGHT, TWISTY CURVES.



# Top Down Tour



## ***"The Best of Both"***

Our 13-day *Top Down Tour* offers the opportunity to experience some of the most popular New Zealand attractions available on both the North Island and the South Island. The Adventure begins on the North Island in Auckland and ends in Christchurch on the South Island, with a wealth of unforgettable experiences in between.

Highlights of our *Top Down Tour* 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 that will land on the glacier.
- ✓ A two-night stay in Queenstown – New Zealand's outdoor adventure capital located on Lake Wakatipu and 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 (or Aoraki, in the native Maori language) - at 12,300 ft. altitude, the highest mountain in New Zealand. You'll stay at The Hermitage - New Zealand's most famous hotel and one of our most popular stops.

In addition to great riding and stunning landscapes, the quality of the meals and lodging are in keeping with the high standards that we strive for with all of our tours. Accommodations range from comfortable, middle class hotels to luxury accommodations and "boutique" establishments that are 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.



**Auckland to Christchurch (13 Days)**  
**January 27 - February 8, 2012**  
**November 17 - 29, 2012**  
**January 25 - February 6, 2013**  
**November 16 - 28, 2013**



**ITINERARY**

- 1 ARRIVE AUCKLAND
- 2 AUCKLAND - COROMANDEL
- 3 COROMANDEL - ROTORUA
- 4 ROTORUA - GREYTOWN
- 5 GREYTOWN - NELSON
- 6 NELSON FREE DAY
- 7 NELSON - PUNAKAIKI
- 8 PUNAKAIKI - FRANZ JOSEPH
- 9 FRANZ JOSEPH - QUEENSTOWN
- 10 QUEENSTOWN FREE DAY
- 11 QUEENSTOWN - MOUNT COOK
- 12 MOUNT COOK - CHRISTCHURCH
- 13 DEPART CHRISTCHURCH



**PRICING**

RIDER: \$7,250 CO-RIDER: \$5,850  
 (BMW G650GS, HONDA VT750 OR VLX600 OR VT1100, SUZUKI DL650, YAMAHA FZ6S)  
 SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,150  
 BOOKING DEPOSIT: \$400 PER PERSON

**MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES:**

SUZUKI DL1000:	\$185
SUZUKI BANDIT GSF 1250:	\$185
BMW F650GS (2-CYLINDER):	\$400
BMW R1200R:	\$500
HONDA FVR 800:	\$550
HONDA ST1300:	\$660
TRIUMPH TIGER 1050:	\$650
DUCATI ST3 OR MULTISTRADA 1000S:	\$1,100
BMW R1200GS/R1200RT:	\$1,175

PRICE INCLUDES AIRPORT TRANSFERS, FERRY, ALL BREAKFASTS, 10 DINNERS, MAORI CULTURAL EXPERIENCE AT ROTORUA

**What our customers are saying...**

"Before we left for New Zealand, we told ourselves it would be the trip of a lifetime. It was all that and ten times more. Every aspect of the entire experience far exceeded our wildest expectations. The accommodations and the meals were fabulous, the rides amazing, and the people were the absolute best. It was without a doubt the most wonderful vacation we've ever had."

*John and Jane Jonesco  
 Oberlin, Ohio*



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# Bottoms Up Tour



## ***"Solitude in the South"***

We love both the North and the South Island, but we know that some riders prefer the less-populated and more rural South Island. Our 16-day *Bottoms Up Tour* affords the opportunity to delve into the attractions of the South Island much more thoroughly than other tours. Our local "Kiwi" tour leaders are natives of the South Island and will be proud to show it to you.

You'll experience all of the major South Island attractions, from the Queen Charlotte Drive in the north (arguably one of the most scenic motorcycling roads in the world) to the quaint little village of Bluff at the south end of the island – and everything in between. Attractions include:

- ✓ Mount Cook (or Aoraki, in the native Maori language) - at 12,300 ft. altitude, the highest mountain in New Zealand. You'll stay at The Hermitage - New Zealand's most famous hotel and one of our most popular stops.
- ✓ The country's Scottish city of Dunedin - home to New Zealand's only castle - Larnach Castle – our preferred Dunedin accommodation
- ✓ A two-night stop in Te Anau, providing time on the free day to ride to Milford Sound for a spectacular cruise of the fjord
- ✓ The "Southern Alps" and the Franz Joseph and Fox Glaciers. Weather permitting, you may book an optional helicopter flight that will land on the glacier.
- ✓ A two-night stay in Queenstown – New Zealand's outdoor adventure capital located on Lake Wakatipu and 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.

In addition to great riding and stunning landscapes, the quality of the meals and lodging are in keeping with the high standards that we strive for with all of our tours. Accommodations range from comfortable, middle class hotels to luxury accommodations and "boutique" establishments that are off the usual motorcycle tour circuit. Dinners are typically à la carte in upscale restaurants.

**Begin/End in Christchurch (16 Days)**  
**February 10 - 25, 2012**  
**February 8 - 23, 2013**



**PRICING**

RIDER: \$8,900 CO-RIDER: \$6,950  
 (BMW G650GS, HONDA VT750 OR  
 VLX600 OR VT1100, SUZUKI DL650,  
 YAMAHA FZ6S)  
 SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,375  
 BOOKING DEPOSIT: \$400 PER PERSON

MOTORCYCLE UPGRADE CHARGES:

SUZUKI DL1000:	\$225
SUZUKI BANDIT GSF 1250:	\$225
BMW F650GS (2-CYLINDER):	\$515
BMW R1200R:	\$630
HONDA FVR 800:	\$700
HONDA ST1300:	\$850
TRIUMPH TIGER 1050:	\$825
DUCATI ST3 OR	
MULTISTRADA 1000S:	\$1,400
BMW R1200GS/R1200RT:	\$1,500

PRICE INCLUDES AIRPORT TRANSFERS,  
 FERRY, BREAKFASTS, 12 DINNERS,  
 CRUISE OF MILFORD SOUND

**ITINERARY**

- 1 ARRIVE CHRISTCHURCH
- 2 CHRISTCHURCH - MOUNT COOK
- 3 MOUNT COOK - DUNEDIN
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- 5 BLUFF - TE ANAU
- 6 TE ANAU FREE DAY
- 7 TE ANAU - QUEENSTOWN
- 8 QUEENSTOWN FREE DAY
- 9 QUEENSTOWN - FRANZ JOSEPH
- 10 FRANZ JOSEPH - PUNAKAIKI
- 11 PUNAKAIKI - NELSON
- 12 NELSON FREE DAY
- 13 NELSON - KAIKOURA
- 14 KAIKOURA - CHRISTCHURCH
- 15 CHRISTCHURCH FREE DAY
- 16 DEPART CHRISTCHURCH

**What our customers are saying...**

"I've taken two Ayres Adventures motorcycle tours, two years apart, on two continents - they were both topnotch! I don't normally treat myself to the finest things, but Ayres Adventures did treat us to the finest things, and they did it humbly, with knowing smiles on their faces. They knew the next site, the next route, or the next hotel, was going to knock our socks off. And, sure enough, it did!"

*Steve Morgan  
 Chicago, Il*



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TAME	CHALLENGING	CHALLENGING
25%	50%	25%

INFO  
 AFRICA  
 EUROPE  
 NEW ZEALAND  
 NORTH AMERICA  
 SOUTH AMERICA



# Exclusive and Custom Tours

In addition to the tours described in our catalogue, 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. Just let us know when and where you would like to schedule your Adventure.

Or, perhaps your group would prefer to plan a custom tour to incorporate their special interests. We will be happy to modify one of our regularly scheduled tours to meet your requirements.

Let us know if we can plan a special tour for you or your group!



# Adventurer Club

The Adventurer Club is an awards program designed to reward repeat customers by reducing the cost of future trips with Ayres Adventures. Unlike other "frequent traveler" programs, there are no blackout periods or trips that are not eligible for award use. And there is no expiration date associated with our awards. Our program is straightforward - awards are based on the number of days that a rider or co-rider has been on a guided tour with us, as defined in our tour descriptions. Awards are valid for any of our trips. The rider (or co-rider) earns the first award after logging 50 tour days with us. Thereafter, awards are earned after each additional 25 tour days. Commemorative pins will honor each award threshold. Collect them all!

The following table summarizes the structure of our Adventurer Club program:

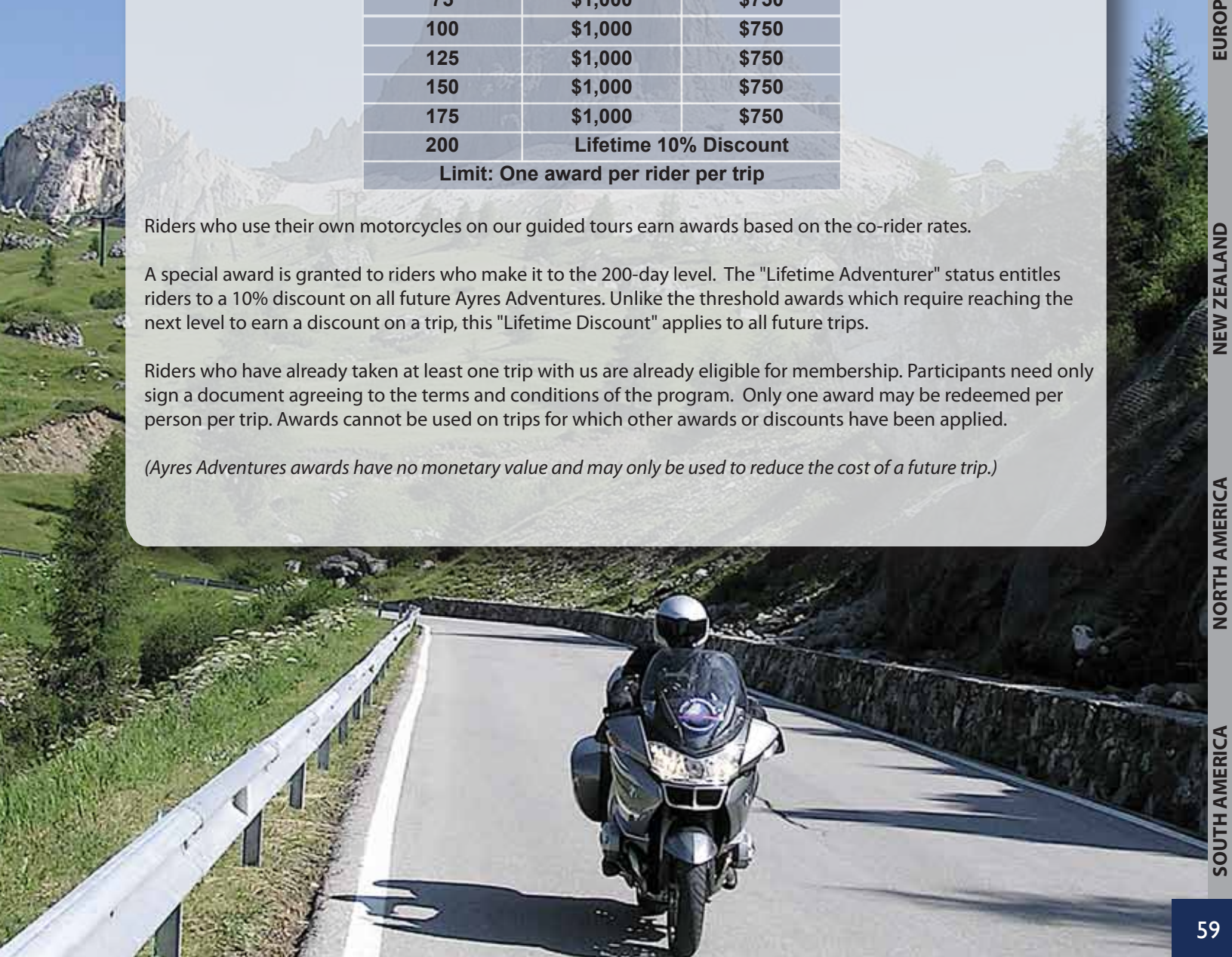
ADVENTURER CLUB AWARD PLAN		
Tour Days	Rider Award	Co-Rider Award
50	\$1,000	\$750
75	\$1,000	\$750
100	\$1,000	\$750
125	\$1,000	\$750
150	\$1,000	\$750
175	\$1,000	\$750
200	Lifetime 10% Discount	
Limit: One award per rider per trip		

Riders who use their own motorcycles on our guided tours earn awards based on the co-rider rates.

A special award is granted to riders who make it to the 200-day level. The "Lifetime Adventurer" status entitles riders to a 10% discount on all future Ayres Adventures. Unlike the threshold awards which require reaching the next level to earn a discount on a trip, this "Lifetime Discount" applies to all future trips.

Riders who have already taken at least one trip with us are already eligible for membership. Participants need only sign a document agreeing to the terms and conditions of the program. Only one award may be redeemed per person per trip. Awards cannot be used on trips for which other awards or discounts have been applied.

*(Ayres Adventures awards have no monetary value and may only be used to reduce the cost of a future trip.)*



# 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.



*Claus Lazik is a partner with Ayres Adventures. Born and raised in Southern Bavaria, he has been leading motorcycle tours in most European countries as well as Morocco, South Africa, Dubai, Oman, China, Japan and South America for nearly 15 years. He lives near Munich, Germany.*



*John Jesson is a partner with Ayres Adventures who manages the company's tour operations. He lives in Cape Town, South Africa and leads tours in Africa, Europe, New Zealand, and North and South America.*



*Chris Gladstone lives in Nelson, New Zealand and is a veteran of the New Zealand Police Force. Chris serves in the CSI (Crime Scene investigation) Unit. He is experienced leading tours in Africa, New Zealand, and South America.*



*Ed McClure lives in Fairbanks, Alaska and is experienced at leading our tours in Alaska and The Yukon Territory, as well as the "lower 48". He has made countless rides to Prudhoe Bay as well as virtually all other Alaskan motorcycling destinations.*



*Rob House lives in Cape Town, South Africa. He began traveling throughout Africa as a freelance photographer in Malawi and Rwanda while managing a graphic design studio in Cape Town. He also worked as Art Director for Getaway, South Africa's premier travel magazine and served as Web Editor to BMW Motorrad South Africa.*



*Axel Papst lives in Innsbruck, Austria and has more than ten years experience leading motorcycle tours in Europe, New Zealand, and North America. He also is an experienced guide in rafting, canyoneering and hiking.*

# Book an Adventure!

Tour Name ..... Tour Date .....

## Rider

Name .....  
Gender Male Female  
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy) .....  
Occupation .....  
Vegetarian   
T-shirt SM M L XL 2XL 3XL  
Dress shirt XS SM M L XL XXL 3XL

## Co-Rider (or Second Rider)

Name .....  
Gender Male Female  
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy) .....  
Occupation .....  
Vegetarian   
T-shirt SM M L XL 2XL 3XL  
Dress shirt XS SM M L XL 2XL 3XL

*(Note - Our shirts are available only in men's sizes. Our dress "Safari Style" shirts run on the large side. XS and 3XL shirts are not always available from the shirt provider. The next available size will be substituted.)*

## Address

Address .....  
City: ..... State/Prov .....  
Postal Code: .....  
Country: .....  
E-mail .....  
Phone (Home) .....  
Phone (Business/Cell) .....

## Address

Address .....  
City: ..... State/Prov .....  
Postal Code: .....  
Country: .....  
E-mail .....  
Phone (Home) .....  
Phone (Business/Cell) .....

## Motorcycle

Motorcycle - First Choice .....  
Motorcycle - Second Choice .....  
Motorcycle Usually Ridden .....  
Years Riding Experience .....  
Average Miles Ridden/Year .....

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Years Riding Experience .....  
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## Room Selection

Single Room  Share Room   
Smoker   
Share Room With .....

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Single Room  Share Room   
Smoker   
Share Room With .....

*(Although we are often able to find a roommate for a single rider who wishes to share a room, we cannot guarantee it. In the event that we are not able to identify another rider who wishes to share a room, the single room supplement will apply.)*

## Deposit Payment

Name on Credit Card .....  
Credit Card Number .....  
Expiration Date (mm/yy) .....

## Deposit Payment

Name on Credit Card .....  
Credit Card Number .....  
Expiration Date (mm/yy) .....

Check Enclosed   
Wire Transfer (contact me)

Check Enclosed   
Wire Transfer (contact me)

Comments:

I have read and understand the Ayres Adventures Limited Trip Terms and Conditions and I accept the terms as binding for the tour I am now booking. I also understand that I will be required to sign a Release and Waiver of Liability as a condition for my participation in the tour.

Signature .....

Signature .....

Date .....

Date .....

# Terms and Conditions

## **Booking a Trip with Ayres Adventures Limited (AA)**

With submission of your booking form and payment of your trip deposit, you agree that you have read and accepted all Terms and Conditions of this agreement as a binding contract between AA and you, the trip participant. In addition, AA requires a duly signed Release and Waiver form to be provided by AA.

## **Trip Reservation and Deposit**

A deposit is required to establish and hold a reservation. Full payment is required 60 days prior to the beginning of the trip. If full payment is not received 60 days prior to the start of the trip, AA reserves the right to treat the reservation as cancelled and to charge a cancellation fee.

## **Cancellation Fee and Refunds**

If you provide written notice of your intention to cancel the trip 60 days or more before its scheduled commencement, there will be a 50% deposit forfeiture. If you cancel between 30 and 60 days prior to the scheduled commencement, the deposit will be forfeited. If you cancel 30 days or fewer prior to the scheduled commencement, the total trip cost will be forfeited. No refunds will be made to participants who drop out after the trip has begun. No exceptions to this policy will be made for any reason. We strongly recommend the customer either obtain trip cancellation insurance from an insurance company or opts for cancellation/interruption protection from Ayres Adventures.

## **Motorcycle Rental and Security Deposit**

Motorcycles are provided by AA and the cost is included in the trip cost. AA will attempt to provide trip participant with the model of motorcycle confirmed to the participant. If, after having confirmed the model of motorcycle requested, AA finds that it is necessary to substitute a different model, AA will notify the participant as soon as possible. If the participant does not wish to accept the proposed substitution, the participant may cancel the trip without penalty and the deposit and trip cost will be refunded.

Unexpected and uncontrollable situations may require last minute substitution of a motorcycle, including after the trip has begun. This includes, but is not limited to, mechanical failure, collision damage and theft. In this instance, AA reserves the right to substitute the type of motorcycle confirmed. Should AA not be able to replace a motorcycle with the confirmed type or similar, a pro-rated refund for the difference in models, if any, will be refunded to the participant. This constitutes the maximum liability of AA.

Motorcycle rental companies that provide motorcycles to AA require a security deposit of up to \$5,000. The deposit will be returned by the motorcycle rental company upon return of the undamaged motorcycle to the motorcycle rental company after the completion of the trip. If the motorcycle shows signs of damage, the security deposit will be treated as an insurance deductible and a portion or all of the security deposit will be withheld by the rental company to cover the damages.

The term "damages" is to exclude reasonable wear and tear. Minor blemishes or paint chips caused from gravel, stones, and insects are considered normal wear and tear, for example. Damage or scratches caused by an accident, dropping a motorcycle or riding it through bushes or off roadways is not considered normal wear and tear.

If a rider operates the bike after drinking an alcoholic beverage or using a mind-altering drug, the damage waiver signed by the rider is considered null and void and the rider incurs unlimited liability for damage to the motorcycle.

AA is not obligated to replace a motorcycle damaged by the participant or damaged in a traffic accident.

## **Motorcycle Operation Requirements**

Customers who intend to operate a motorcycle provided by AA must be at least 25 years old and must have a valid motorcycle operator license. Customers must also attest that they have at least two years of experience operating a motorcycle of similar size or larger than the motorcycle that will be provided by AA.

## **Rental and Security Deposit – Other Vehicles**

For trips that include a self-drive safari, 4-wheeled vehicles may be provided by a vehicle rental company. In such cases, a security deposit of up to \$5,000 may be required by this company at the time the participant accepts delivery of the vehicle. The deposit will be returned by the vehicle rental company upon return of the undamaged vehicle. If the vehicle has been damaged, the security deposit will be treated as an insurance deductible and a portion or all of the security deposit will be withheld by the vehicle rental company to cover the damages.

If the participant is to be the sole driver of the vehicle, the participant will be responsible for the security deposit. If the participant is to share the vehicle with another participant, each participant will be responsible for their pro-rata share of the security deposit.

Participants wishing to operate a 4-wheeled vehicle provided by a vehicle rental company must meet other qualifications established by the vehicle rental company, including age and operating license requirements.

## **Items Included in Trip Price**

Airport transfers, provided customer arrives/departs on the scheduled arrival and departure days for the trip, from the airport to the hotel and from the hotel back to the airport. Motorcycle rental, including necessary insurance and unlimited mileage. Lodging for each night of the trip. Accommodation will be in single, double or twin rooms. Trip price is based on double occupancy, unless the single room supplement is paid. Most trips include all breakfasts, as specified in the individual trip description. Dinners for most evenings, as specified in the individual trip description. Support vehicle, available to carry two pieces of luggage per person. Tour Guides. In addition to the support vehicle driver, one or more tour guides will be available per trip, depending on the number of participants per trip. Although it isn't necessary to ride with a tour guide at all times, participants are invited to do so. Tour Information Package. Approximately 30 days prior to the trip, and after receipt of full payment for the trip, you will receive a package containing all the information you need to pack and prepare for the trip, including detailed route descriptions, hotel listing, and route maps. Activities that are specifically identified in the published trip description for the trip.

## **Items Not Included in Trip Price**

Any item not mentioned as included is not included. Alcoholic beverages, fuel and lunch are not included. Items of a personal nature are not included.

## **Single Room Supplement**

AA will provide single rooms for travelers who agree to pay the supplemental charge identified in the trip pricing information. If participant requests a roommate and AA cannot provide a roommate, participant will be notified 60 days prior to start of trip and given the option to pay the single room supplement (SRS) or cancel the booking without penalty. Pricing is based on double occupancy: 50% of a room's cost is built into the base price of the tour for each rider. Riders who request a single room (or riders for whom we are unable to arrange a roommate) are required to pay the SRS, which covers the 50% of the cost of a room which is not shared by a roommate. In the event that riders who have decided to share a room later request their own rooms, each of them will be assessed the SRS which, when added together, will pay for the cost of the additional room. If riders do not agree to share the cost of the additional room, any rider demanding a separate room will be required to bear the entire cost of the additional room.

Depending on room availability, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to provide an additional room, as rooms are booked far in advance.

## **Smoking in Hotel Rooms**

AA will attempt to match roommates according to smoking preferences. If AA is unable to do so, participants agree to refrain from smoking in their hotel room. Participant agrees to be responsible for any fines associated with smoking in rooms designated as "No Smoking".

## **Baggage**

AA assumes no responsibility for loss, damage or delay in delivering baggage to customers. Baggage turned over to AA each day for transport is done so at rider's own risk.

## **Tour Cancellation**

Up to 45 days prior to the start of a scheduled tour, AA may cancel the tour if an insufficient number of participants have booked and fully paid for the tour at that time. In case of such an event, AA will notify the customers who have signed up for the tour and will offer to operate the tour if all customers agree with proposed changes to the tour. These changes may include payment of a supplemental charge, routing changes, or other changes that AA proposes in order to operate the tour. If all customers do not agree to the proposed changes, AA will promptly refund their payment in full, which will constitute the full settlement. AA will not be liable for additional costs or losses incurred by the customers due to AA's cancellation of the tour due to lack of sufficient customers for the tour. This includes, but is not limited to, the cost of pre-paid airline tickets, hotel reservations and automobile rentals.

## **Participants Using Their Own Motorcycle**

No motorcycle insurance will be provided by AA for participants who provide their own motorcycles.

## **Non-Observance of Traffic Laws and Unsafe Group Travel Behavior**

If the rider does not comply with local traffic laws, or does not practice safe group travel practices as described by the tour leader and by guidelines provided by AA, the agreement with the rider may be canceled and riding privileges will be suspended. Riding privileges will be suspended for anyone under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Participants agree to refrain from alcoholic beverages until the motorcycles have been parked for the night.

## **Photo and Video Material**

Photos and videos produced by AA or its representatives during a trip are the property of AA and copyrights remain with AA. AA can use this material for promotional and advertising purposes, including images in which individual tour participants can be recognized, without any charge for the use of this material.

## **Passport, Visa, Driving and Health Regulations**

Participants are responsible for complying with above regulations and all consequences resulting from non-compliance.

## **Responsibility for Customer Safety**

AA is not responsible for any accidents. It is agreed and understood that neither AA nor its agents are the guardians of any customer's safety and that AA and its agents, individually or collectively, cannot be held liable in any way for any occurrence in connection with the tour, which might result in injury, death, or other damage to the customer, his property, or his family, heirs or assigns. AA liability is limited to a total of three times the trip price irrespective of the title or claim.

## **Weather**

AA is not liable for unpleasant or unsuitable weather conditions that occur during a trip and no refunds or adjustments to the trip price will be made for such conditions.

## **Changes to Schedule**

It may be necessary in some instances to change the schedule that was originally published for a trip, requiring a change in accommodations and routing. Such changes may result from changes in the weather, road construction, or other unforeseen situations.

## **Changes to Trip Cost**

The cost of the trips quoted are the costs in effect at the time the quotation is given, either via the AA web site or in printed materials. If cost factors such as currency fluctuations, insurance costs, or the cost of meals and accommodations dictate the need for an increase in the price of the trip, AA may modify the price at any time prior to 60 days before departure. If a customer is not satisfied with such an increase, the customer may cancel the reservation and the entire deposit will be promptly refunded.

## **Verbal Changes**

Verbal changes to these terms or conditions are invalid unless confirmed in writing by AA.

## **Insurance**

AA recommends that customers take out adequate travel, health and accident insurance as well as trip cancellation insurance. AA encourages customers to secure medical evacuation insurance.

## **Acceptance of Trip Terms and Conditions**

I understand that I will be required to sign a release and waiver form before I can participate in an Ayres Adventure. I have read and accept the Terms and Conditions of Ayres Adventures. I'm aware that motorcycling can be dangerous. I'm aware that traffic conditions, roads, weather and other conditions as well as the actions of other members of the trip can influence the risks. I agree to accept those risks.

I'm an experienced, responsible and healthy motorcyclist with a valid motorcycle driver license. If I'm a passenger, I'm aware of the potential dangers of motorcycling.

I further agree and understand that the owners, operators and agents of this trip, including Ayres Adventures, are not the guardians of my safety. They, individually or collectively, cannot be held liable in any way for any occurrence in connection with the operation or my participation in the trip which might result in injury, death or other damage to me, my property, or my family, heirs, or assigns.

These terms and conditions shall be governed by the internal laws (exclusive of the choice of law provisions thereof) of Gibraltar as to all matters. Any action between the parties hereto shall only be brought in a court in Gibraltar and not in any other jurisdiction and the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing party its reasonable fees and costs.



# Frequently Asked Questions

We've included the most frequently asked questions. If you have additional questions, send an e-mail message to [info@ayresadventures.com](mailto:info@ayresadventures.com). You'll receive a prompt response. Or, you may call toll free at 877-275-8238, or from outside of North America, call +1 972-635-5210.

## 1. How many miles will we ride per day?

It varies, depending on road conditions and attractions along our route. Many days include fewer than 200 miles of riding, and it's unusual for any day to exceed 300 miles. If so, be assured you'll be on good, high-speed roads. Our trips are designed to provide a good mix of stopping at places of interest and riding. The schedule provides time for a nice breakfast, a leisurely lunch, some sightseeing and arrival at the hotel in time for some local sightseeing and relaxation before dinner. There are usually optional, alternate routes for riders who wish to ride more miles per day.

## 2. How much riding experience must I have to participate in one of your trips?

If you're comfortable averaging 200 miles per day, with an occasional longer day, you should do fine on trips that are specified as 100% pavement. For trips where non-paved roads are specified, you should have off-road riding experience. If you have any doubt about whether your experience is adequate for the trip, please contact us.

## 3. Do we ride every day?

No. We plan occasional free days. This is generally scheduled for cities or towns where there are special attractions for which you'll want to spend more than one night. It's up to you if you wish to ride on these free days.

## 4. Can I ride with one of your tour leaders?

You're always welcome to do so, but it isn't a requirement. You can select your own riding companions, or even ride alone, if that's more agreeable with your riding style.

## 5. Are support vehicles used?

Yes. A support vehicle accompanies each trip. The vehicle is used to carry rider luggage and the occasional non-riding companion.

## 6. How many riders will be in the group?

For most trips, we limit the number of motorcycles to ten. We accommodate more riders if the trip is for a private group.

## 7. What type of accommodations do you provide?

Accommodations vary from comfortable, middle-class hotels and lodges to luxury hotels and game lodges, depending on the type of accommodations available along the route.

## 8. What's for dinner?

In most cases, you'll order whatever you want from the restaurant menu. You can count on restaurant selections to be first class.

## 9. What's included in the cost?

The tour price includes transfers from the airport to and from your hotel, provided you arrive and depart on the published arrival and departure dates. Rental of a motorcycle, including insurance and unlimited mileage. Lodging based on double occupancy (single rooms are available at additional cost). All breakfasts and most dinners (see individual trip descriptions for number of meals). Dinners always include non-alcoholic beverages. Special activities may be included, such as game drives, admission to National Parks, night club events, etc. Consult individual tour descriptions for details. *The Plan Ahead*, a customized booklet that includes route maps, directions, addresses and contact information for our hotels, emergency contact numbers, and an overview of the activities and attractions for each day of the trip.

## 10. What's not included?

The fee does not include airfare, lunch, alcoholic beverages, or fuel cost for the motorcycle. Any items not mentioned as included are not included.

## 11. How can I tell what the riding conditions on a particular tour will be like?

These legends shown in the tour descriptions will assist you in determining the riding conditions for the tour.



TAME - the roads are primarily straight and level.



CHALLENGING (INTERESTING) - White means easy sweepers and curves that do not require technical expertise. Orange indicates very tight curves and steep switchbacks, with changes in altitude, as found in mountainous areas.



GRAVEL - White indicates good hard-packed gravel, stone or dirt and does not require technical proficiency. Orange requires off-pavement experience as it can include loose and/or deep gravel or sand, and may include frequent changes in elevation.



TRAFFIC - White indicates moderate urban traffic. Orange indicates heavy, sometimes chaotic city traffic that requires significant riding experience in urban environments.



WILDLIFE - There is a likelihood of wild animals on the road. Orange suggests the possibility of dangerous ones.



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