



Epic Alps Tour

Austria | Switzerland | Italy | Germany | Liechtenstein |

6 July 2017 – 17 July 2017

Motorcycling in the Alps is an absolutely mind-blowing experience, and it is something that every motorcyclist needs to do - at least once.

The spectacularly beautiful roads in the Alps make for a motorcyclists dream. It is a surreal experience riding along roads that are bordered with snow at the mountain peaks.

One after another, the twists and turns, the hairpin bends, or switchbacks, as they are known in Europe, the long sweeping bends, the vistas and beautiful scenery that greet you at each lookout point, make for heaven on earth if you are lucky enough to travel these roads, and traverse the mountains and villages by motorcycle.

The Alps are worth a special journey and if you have ever dreamed of riding in the Alps, – **don't put it off – do it now!**

Tour Summary

Start / End Munich, Germany

Total Time 12 days

Rest Days 5

Dinners 10

Weather Long summer days with some rain

Total Distance Approximately 2800 Kms

Riding Days 11 Riding Days (Optional rest days)

Breakfasts 12

Daily Mileage 250 Km's on average

Roads & Terrain Tar roads and many tight passes

Tour Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Munich (Germany) - 0km

Arrival in Munich the day before the riding begins allows a good rest so you will be fresh for your departure tomorrow. Make your way to the hotel and check in. Have some sleep, freshen up and later in the afternoon meet all the participants in the hotel for a beer and a chat. Enjoy dinner in a local beer garden.

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Day 2- Munich (Germany) to Berwang (Austria) - 120km

We meet at the bike rental station where we pack our bikes, have a briefing and then hit the road. It is short distance today to allow you to familiarise yourself with riding on the right hand side of the road. We will pass through the town of Garmish Partenkirchen where the BMW Motorrad Days 2017 event will be taking place. Our ride takes us a little further to a small village in Austria called Berwang where we will stay for the first night. For those wanting to attend BMW Motorrad Days we will arrange a bus to the event where you can enjoy the festivities. This event is fondly known as the Biker Party, and you will see why. We will have an early dinner at the hotel before we depart to the event.

Day 3 – Berwang (Austria) – BMW Motorrad Days Outride

Today you can ride to the event at your leisure and enjoy the festivities of the day at BMW Motorrad Days. You can watch the stunt drivers doing tricks, test ride a bike or simply enjoy walking around the various exhibitions.

Later in the day we will arrange a tour of the hotel in-house brewery where we will sample their delicious brews of beer! This brewery is the highest-altitude brewery in Austria!

This will give you insight into the secrets of local beer production and work up an appetite for dinner in the hotel. After dinner enjoy the music in the hay barn.



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Day 4 - Berwang (Austria) –Outrides Liechtenstein – 280 km

Today we will do an outride to the Principality of Liechtenstein, which is a landlocked German speaking microstate. We will ride to the view of Vaduz castle in Liechtenstein and enjoy a coffee stop and then continue our circular route back to the hotel.



Day 5 - Berwang (Austria) to Flims (Switzerland) – 280 km

We leave Berwang in Austria and head to Oberalp in Switzerland. Our route takes us over Fernpass towards Imst and Nauders. Entering Italy, we ride over the Reschen pass and then past the Reschensee. The Reschensee is the largest lake in the province and is famous for the steeple of a submerged 14th-century church. We cross into Switzerland and ride through the Swiss National Park and Ela Park. Staying in Switzerland we ride over many mountain passes and through ski villages. Tonight we spend the evening in the quaint village of Flims.



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Day 6 - Flims (Switzerland) to Obergoms (Switzerland) – 260 km

We leave Flims and go over the Oberalp pass heading towards Andermatt, and do a circular route covering all the twisty passes of the area, namely Susten Pass Furka Pass, Nurene Pass, St Gothhard Pass and Grimsel Pass. Our overnight stop in the Obergoms will be well deserved after many switch backs and mountain passes. Freshen up and enjoy some Swiss hospitality.



Day 7 - Obergoms (Switzerland) to Livigno (Italy) – 350 km

Just in case you did not have enough of the passes yesterday today we will ride some more. We leave and head towards Lugano and Lake Como area via Nufenpass. We ride along the banks of Lake Lugano and Lake Como. Enjoy the panoramic views of Lake Como whose villages are a popular retreat for aristocrats and wealthy people since Roman times. Stop at a street side cafe for a café (expresso coffee) and soak up the views. Onwards towards St Moritz and then into Livigno where we will stay for two nights. Enjoy the Italian hospitality and take a walk in the pretty duty free town.



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Day 8 - Livigno (Italy) – Rest Day (Outride 170 Km)

For those that prefer riding to resting, today is a day of riding not to be missed!! Leaving in the early morning we exit Livigno via Teola and head towards Bormio. We will then ride up Stelvio Pass to the top, stop for coffee, and then down Umbrail pass coming out in Switzerland. Our route takes us towards Zernez through the Swiss National Park, through the Swiss tunnel and over the dam wall, entering Livigno from the lake side of town.



Day 9 - Livigno (Italy) to Pocol (Italy) – 280 km

We make our way out of Livigno via the twisty and beautiful Gavia Pass, heading towards Bolzano. From Bolzano we take a winding route along the river in the shadows of the tall autostrada above us, and then start climbing into the Dolomites. Once again you will be overcome with the beauty of these various mountain peaks and the hairpin bends and S-bends feel endless.



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Day 10 - Pocol (Italy) – Rest Day or 17 Passes in the Dolomites (Outride 300 km)

17 passes in one day!! You might decide to rest in Pocol, go for a walk or have lunch in Cortina. For those who want to ride, there is the challenge of 17 passes in one day. You can do all 17 or just some of them, it is your choice. Promising the most exciting scenery and bends once again, the Dolomiti as the Italians call it, will take your breath away.



Day 11 - Pocol (Italy) to Mayrhofen (Austria) – 315 km

There are more hairpin bends and switchbacks in store for you today, as we will ride the Austrian High Alpine Road, to the Grossglockner in the afternoon. The morning has us heading out of the Dolomiti and over some very narrow roads and passes, part of the Gia d'Italia cycle route and then over the border of Italy into Austria via Brenner Pass. Once we are in Austria will ride towards Winkl and then up to the Grossglockner viewpoint. Enjoy coffee and apfelstrudle in the restaurant at the top and take in the view of the glacier. We will then ride down the Alpine road and exit towards Gerlos. Enjoying the waterfall views and scenery that Gerlos pass has to offer we will descend into the Tyrol valley towards Mayrhofen. Enjoy your evening taking a stroll into the beautiful village or having a beer in the hotel beer garden.



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Day 12 - Mayrhofen (Austria) to Munich (Germany) – 180 km

Today is the day we to head back to Munich and part ways with our motorcycles. We will wind our way through the small Austrian villages until we reach the Autobahn and then ride back into Munich.

After handing the bikes back, we will head to the hotel and freshen up. Then we take a stroll through the English Garden and visit one of the many beer gardens or visit BMW Welt and the BMW Museum.



Pricing

Base Price*: 3450 EUR **Passenger Price:** + 1600 EUR **Single Supplement:** + 350 EUR

** The base price of 3 450 EUR for this tour is calculated on the basis of a single rider on a BMW R1200 GS and sharing a twin room.*

Customise Bike

R 1200 GSA	+ 50 EUR	R 1200 R	- 140 EUR	R 1200 RS	- 60 EUR
R 1200 RT	+ 150 EUR	S 1000 XR	+ 80 EUR	F 700 GS	- 470 EUR
K 1600 GT	+ 450 EUR	K 1600 GTL	+ 500 EUR	F 800 GT	- 370 EUR
F 800 GS	- 290EUR	F 800 R	- 410 EUR		

**Pricing is quoted in Euros and conversion to South African Rands will be done at the prevailing exchange rate.*

Included in your tour price: | motorcycle hire | full luggage system | navigation system | limited insurance excess (150 EUR) | hotel accommodation and breakfast daily | 10 dinners|

Excluded in your tour price:| flights | fuel | tolls & road taxes| personal travel & medical insurance | visas | applicable taxes | leisure activities | drinks & refreshments | souvenirs | 2 dinners |

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