







# Bohemian Tour Czech Republic | Slovakia | Hungary | Poland | 22 June 2018 – 5 July 2018

**Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy?....** Welcome to Bohemia and the Bohemian Tour.

This journey takes us into the bohemian countries of Central and Eastern Europe, rich in turbulent history, with hundreds of years of culture and religion.

As you ride you will see the perfect contrast of magnificent castles and the rugged Carpathian Mountains, which extend for 1500 kilometres from Czech to Romania forming an arc across Central and Eastern Europe – almost an Eastern extension of the Alps.

The Tatra mountains on the Poland / Slovakia Border are the highest in the Carpathian range with its highest peak, Gerlachovsky stit, at 2655 metres.

Our ride will take us though Czech Republic visiting Plzen and Prague and on into a National Park on the border of Poland. Then onwards to Slovakia where we will spend two days riding in the Tatras. For some culture, we will visit Budapest where the Buda and Pest sides are dived by the Blue Danube river. Our final night before returning to Munich will be spent in Český Krumlov a medieval historic town and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

#### **Tour Summary**

Start / End Munich, Germany
Total Time 13 days
Rest Days 5
Dinners 11

Weather Long summer days with some rain

**Total Distance** Approximately 3200 Kms **Riding Days** 11 Riding Days (Optional rest days)

**Breakfasts** 12

Daily Mileage 290 Km's on average

Roads & Terrain Tar roads and many tight passes

#### Tour Itinerary

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

Arrival in Munich on the day before the riding begins allows for a good rest so that you will be fresh for your departure the next day. Make your way to the hotel and check in. Have some sleep, freshen up and later in the afternoon meet all the other participants in the hotel for a drink and a chat. Enjoy dinner in one of the many local Bavarian gardens.



## Day 2: Munich (Germany) to Plzen (Czech Republic) – 300 Km

We head out of Munich initially on the Autobahn and then turn off and ride into the mountains in a North Easterly direction towards Plzen.

Plzen also called Pilsen in English, is a city in Western Bohemia in the Czech Republic.

The city is known worldwide for Pilsner beer, created by Bavarian brewer Josef Groll there in 1842.

A visit to Pilsner Urquell brewery may not be a bad idea...





Day 3: Plzen (Czech Republic) – Outride – 200 Km

Our outride will take us to the to the Bohemian town of Karlovy Vary via the Slavkov forest. This beautiful town surrounded by green hills and thick forests is well-known as the spa region. Many famous people have stayed in Karlovy Vary for spa treatment.

We will enjoy some time in this town before returning to Plzen.







# Day 4: Plzen (Czech Republic) – Prague (Czech Republic) – 175 Km

A short ride to Prague through some rural Central Bohemia. Our hotel will be just outside of Prague where we can check in and off load luggage. We will depart from the hotel on a city tour of the historic town of Prague in the afternoon. The colourful baroque buildings, Gothic churches and the medieval Astronomical Clock and pedestrian Charles Bridge makes Prague a worthwhile visit.





Day 5: Prague (Czech Republic) – Outride – 300 Km

Our outride today takes us North West of Prague towards Dresden, Germany to one of the region's big drawcards known as the Bohemian Switzerland National Park. The National park is known for its dramatic sandstone rock formations, frozen waterfalls and canyons and caves, which have resulted from past geological processes. The park also boasts the largest natural sandstone bridge in Europe, the Pravčice Gate







#### Day 6: Prague (Czech Republic) - Broumov (Czech Republic) - 270 Km

Today we leave Prague and head towards Broumov. This journey will take us North East towards the Polish border where will enjoy some time riding in Poland through the Karkonoski National Park. We will head towards Broumov, which will be our base for two nights. This area is known for its sandstone rocks that stand some 750m tall. The city of Broumov is dominated by the Benedictine cloister which dates back to the 13th century.



Day 7: Broumov (Czech Republic) – Outride – 250 Km

Today we will take an outride around the picturesque region made up of National parks and protected areas; namely CHKO Broumovsko, Broumovské stěny and Polické stěny. These areas are well-known for their extensive sandstone rock cities and unique cultural heritage, which comprises especially religious and folk architecture. In the late afternoon, a visit to the town and Benedictine cloister may be enjoyable.





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## Day 8: Broumov (Czech Republic) - Bela (Slovakia) – 350 km

Our ride today takes us South towards Slovakia cutting across a small section of Poland and then back into Czech Republic. The ride will take us through many twists and turns which will allow us to get a taste of what the Carpathian Mountains has to offer.





Day 9: Bela (Slovakia) - Outride - 280 km

Today our outride will be a circular route through Slovakia's Tatra mountains. This fantastic experience, with superb tarmac and incredible views, ranging from gentle green hills to rugged, rocky snow-capped peaks, small towns and villages and natural treasures is sure to be enjoyed by all.





Day 10: Bela (Czech Republic) – Budapest (Hungary) – 280 Km

We now head South towards Budapest. Our hotel is 10Km outside of Budapest which will allows us easy access into the city. Budapest, Hungary's capital, is bisected by the River Danube. Its 19th-century Chain Bridge connects the hilly Buda district with flat Pest.







# Day 11: Budapest (Hungary) – Outride – 150 Km

Our outride will include a stop and allow us to explore Budapest. Enjoy a walk over the chain bridge and visit the Castle District with the imposing Matthias Church, Budapest's finest and best known Roman Catholic Church. The Fishermen's Bastion with its many turrets, offers a great vantage point with sweeping views over the Danube and Pest below.



Day 12: Budapest (Hungary) – Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic) – 480 Km

Today we head to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cesky Krumlov. This ride will be a combination of highway and smaller roads as the distance is to be travelled is quite great, but we can make up some time on the highway before we ride back into Czech Republic. This medieval village is bisected by the Vltava River, and dominated by its 13th-century castle where panoramic views of the old town and the river can be viewed from its bell tower. Tonight, we will enjoy a medieval dinner with medieval costumes to set the scene.





# Day 13: Cesky Krumlov (Czech Republic) – Munich (Germany) – 300 Km

Today is the day we to head back to Munich and part ways with our motorcycles. We will wind our way through South Western Czech Republic where will say goodbye to Bohemia and the humming tune of Bohemian Rhapsody in your helmet as we head onto 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	3420 EUR	Passenger	+ 1320 EUR	Single	+ 520 EUR
Price*:		Price:		Supplement:	

<sup>\*</sup> The base price of 3 420 EUR for this tour is calculated on the basis of a single rider sharing a twin room riding a <u>BMW R1200 GS</u>

#### Customise Bike

R 1200 GSA	+ 50 EUR	R 1200 R	- 190 EUR	R 1200 RS	- 70 EUR
R 1200 RT	+ 210 EUR	S 1000 XR	+ 100 EUR	F 700 GS	- 530 EUR
K 1600 GT	+ 520 EUR	NineT	-280 EUR	F 800 GT	- 410 EUR
F 800 GS	- 340 EUR	F 800 R	- 450 EUR		

<sup>\*</sup>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 | 11 dinners|

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