



## Epic Alps Tour

Austria | Switzerland | Italy | Germany |

2 July 2020 – 14 July 2020

**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** 13 days

**Rest Days** 5

**Dinners** 11

**Weather** Long summer days with some rain

**Total Distance** Approximately 3000 Kms

**Riding Days** 12 Riding Days (Optional rest days)

**Breakfasts** 13

**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 Reutte (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 2020 event will be taking place. Our ride takes us a little further to a small village in Austria called Berwang - Rinnen 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 late lunch at the hotel before we depart to the event.

### Day 3 – Reutte (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.



### Day 4 – Reutte (Austria) – Outride - 200 km

Today we will plan an outride around Austria and its various mountain passes. Stopping for lunch at the Plansee before heading back to Berwang. For the adventurous you can take a walk over the Highline 179 swing bridge, which extends at an altitude of 114 meters above the Ehrenburg castle and connects the Ehrenburg ruins with Fort Claudia



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

We leave Berwang - Rinnen 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 Rechensee. The Rechensee 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.



### Day 6 - Flims (Switzerland) to Oberwald (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 - Oberwald (Switzerland) to Livigno (Italy) – 350 km

Just in case you did not have enough of the passes yesterday today we will ride some more today. We leave and head towards the Nufenenpass. We continue riding towards St Moritz over the Julierpass. Stop at a street side cafe for a café (expresso coffee) and soak up the views. After St Moritz we head towards Livigno over the Bernina Pass. We will stay in Livigno for two nights. Take the opportunity to do some laundry at the hotel as you have two nights. Enjoy the Italian hospitality and take a walk in the pretty duty free town.



### 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 thorough 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.



### Day 10 - Pocol (Italy) – Rest Day or 17 Passes in the Dolomites (Outside 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.



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### 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 Winkeraln 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. It is a rest day tomorrow so you can enjoy some beer, traditional music and dancing at the Brück'n Stadl, which is next door to the hotel



### Day 12 - Mayrhofen (Austria) - Rest Day or Outride 80 km

Enjoy the day in the village, do some paragliding (weather permitting) or take the cable car to the top of the mountain and take in the view, hot chocolate and Kaiserschmarrn with ice cream.

If you would like to ride your motorcycle take a small ride to neighbouring village and have some lunch. Gerlos is a good option for distance and has some quaint restaurants.

Return in the evening to dinner in the hotel and enjoy some time in the beer garden and chat to new friends.



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### Day 13 - 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\*:** 4030 EUR **Passenger Price:** + 1900 EUR **Single Supplement:** + 550 EUR

\* The base price of **4030 EUR** for this tour is calculated on the basis of a single rider sharing a twin room riding a **BMW R1250GS**

#### Customise Bike

R 1250GSA	+ 50 EUR		
F 750GS	-490 EUR	R 1200 RT	160 EUR
Own Bike	+ 600 EUR	F 850 GS	-280 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 (100 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 | souvenirs | 2 dinners |

To **confirm** attendance an amount of 30% of Tour price (ZAR) is payable by 15 December 2019.

There will be an increase in pricing should confirmation of attendance not be confirmed by 15 December 2019.

We require a minimum number of participants to run the tour, so please do not book any air tickets till this number is confirmed by EU Bike Tours.

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