When will you find time for that EPIC motorcycle journey?

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Say “I am going to Europe” to a friend and Vienna, Paris, Rome, the Alps or the hills of Tuscany likely pop to their mind. Yet there is “another” Europe, that of the Eastern countries which, hidden for decades behind the Iron Curtain, are now part of, or vying for membership in, the European Union.

The beauty of the Balkans is not simply its natural splendor, but also the relative obscurity it has with tourists. While sunbathers are 20 deep on the Italian side of the Adriatic, the Croatian side boasts nearly empty beaches, lightly trafficked roads, and villages where you will be the first “outsider” to come through in the past 3 days.

**Move Away from the Mainstream**

Riding through inland Croatia is a step back in time. The only bikes you are likely to encounter are other foreigners who, like you, are discovering the interior for the first time.

Occasionally it is a good thing to admit to being a tourist by stopping at those “must see” places. Thus, an overnight in Plitvice, on the edge of Croatia’s world famous National Park, offers a special treat. Here 16 lakes cascade from one into another, creating a magical effect.

**Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Formerly the frontier with Eastern Europe, Bosnia was settled well before the Romans arrived in the 1st century and has seen tribes, armies, and populations migrating, settling, and moving on over the centuries.

The old Bosnian town of Jajce, surrounded by mountains, is situated at the conflux of two major rivers. Brilliantly, in the middle of town the waters come together via a most impressive waterfall, a perfect backdrop to our first night in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**Dynamic Sarajevo**

Two decades ago, the Bosnian War overwhelmed the Balkans and led to extensive suffering during the longest siege of a city in modern times. Following 44 months of daily tragedy, Sarajevo has bounced back.

The renewal of the city means we can discover the new, as well as the old. Sarajevo has developed a multi faceted culture. It is, besides Jerusalem, the only city in the world which houses a Catholic cathedral, an Orthodox church, a Muslim mosque and a Jewish synagogue all within walking distance of each other. A double-overnight stay here allows time to investigate the turbulent history of this busy town in detail.

**A Town Divided**

Departing Sarajevo the routes generally follow the Neretva river, the largest river on the eastern Adriatic. This same water flows under Mostar’s famous Old Bridge, the symbolic meeting point of the eastern and western civilizations.
Mostar, post-war, reflects some of the significant changes that have taken place in Bosnia in recent memory. Today the Old Bridge splits the town’s population along ethnic lines. A mix of east and west comes together here in every aspect of life—the cuisine, the architecture, and the people themselves.

**Montenegro—Europe’s Secret**

Montenegro is an ancient land, re-envisioned in the guise of a newly-formed European country that is helping to mold thousands of years of cultural, architectural and culinary traditions into a geographical space of unprecedented natural beauty.

The National Geographic Traveler is spot-on listing this lovely little country as one of the 50 places that must be visited in a lifetime.

By modern standards Montenegrin roads are ‘undeveloped,’ which means that they still amble through the countryside, wind through an occassional village, and follow the ancient routes. Riding through Europe’s most rugged mountains requires frequent stops to enjoy the grandure of jaw-dropping vistas stacked one upon another.

The mountains, and the delightful curves that go along with traveling through them, take us to the coast for the first of many days on the shores of the Adriatic. Descending from the high peaks a hint of Kotor Bay pops into view now and again. The peaks give way and the horizon fills with the sea on our way to a perfect double overnight in Dubrovnik.

**Dubrovnik—a Jewel of the Adriatic**

During the middle ages, centuries of trade turned Dubrovnik into an international powerhouse which, along with its ally Ancona, rivaled, and kept in check, the Venetians. Skilled diplomacy, rather than military might, was the path the Croats used to gain access to ports throughout the old world.

When the cruising tourists leave to board their ships the city takes on a very different air and the magic of history takes over. It is then, after the masses depart, that we offer a walking tour of the city led by a local guide.

**Towering Mountains, Serene Seashores**

Let’s set the scene for the next few days—mountains, seashore, small fishing villages, beaches and amusing riding. Imagine riding to over a mile above sea level less than three and a half miles from the shoreline. Yes, these are serious mountains!

**On the Island**

Which route to ride on the way north is a tough choice. Choose an inland route and enjoy great little roads, pass through tiny villages with populations in the two digits, and marvel at the ruggedness of the terrain. Or take the coast route, stopping here and there to explore centuries old villages such as Zadar. The Croatian coastline is punctuated with hundreds of islands. Pag, with the longest coastline of any, is the next destination.

**Home Again**

Bid “zbogom!” (goodbye) to Croatia and “Pozdravljeni še enkrat” (hello, again) to Slovenia. What was so different two weeks ago somehow feels familiar today. The surprise of “What’s around the corner?” continues even on this, the last riding day. Predjama Castle, the fortified home of the robber Baron Leuger, is built directly in the mouth of a cave. Nearby, unseen, are the Postojna caves—featuring the longest public cave in the world. Right to our final destination—back where we began this great adventure, the riding, scenery and surprises don’t end!
The Alpine Adventure East

From Magical Prague to the Alps!

Culture, scenery and adventure on the border between the West and the East

Like any good Alpine tour, it is endlessly climbing, descending, twisting, and turning through the heart of the Alps. And it all begins with a dose of culture, thanks to overnights in Bamberg and Prague.

Daily Options - Great Choices

Choices abound from the first riding day. You might choose a route to take you closer to the impressive Alps while visiting “Mad” King Ludwig’s famous castle, Neuschwanstein. Or take an alternative ride on some of the Bavarian rider’s favorite twisties on Kesselberg, or enjoy a gentle meander through the countryside. Off the bike, BMW’s new museum, and a 1000 year-old market in Munich’s old town give one an excellent sample of what Monocle Magazine calls “one of earth’s most livable cities.”

Regardless of your choice on the first day, the ride through the hills to the medieval city of Bamberg will leave a vivid impression. Bavaria’s trellised farms, pristine countryside, and amusing roads project German orderliness and efficiency at its finest.

A Glimpse into Medieval Times

The tour’s laundry-list of “perfect medieval cities,” begins in Augsburg, or the well known city of Rothenburg. Wander narrow streets, enjoy a coffee and pastry in the town square, or patrol the old town wall. Imagine the hundreds of generations of people who, like you, passed through these places though the millennia. There are many ways to experience either of these picture-perfect cities.

Overnight in Bamberg, a UNESCO world heritage site. Bamberg might be best known for its part in the 17th century witch hysteria when hundreds of “witches” were tortured, interrogated, and executed. Fortunately these dark moments are long in the past. Now visitors enjoy an old-town with magnificent buildings, street corner entertainment and a warm, welcoming atmosphere.

Popular with hikers, the Franconian hills east of Bamberg are also a hit with riders. Not as steep, nor high, as the Alps, these mountains offer sinuous roads through thick forests. It is because of places like this that we ride motorcycles!

It’s Not the Same

Descending from the German hills to the plains of the Czech Republic is a trip from one culture to another. Under Communist rule as Czechoslovakia, the now democratic Czech Republic seems to be missing a few decades of “progress.”

Our trip across the former Iron Curtain now goes without incident or inconvenience. On the eastern side of the border the farms are a bit larger, the towns a bit poorer, the
roads fewer. Below the surface everything is different, and intriguing because of those differences.

Then comes Prague – the stunning jewel of the Czech Republic. Even the hardcore rider will be drawn away from the bike and into the fascinating maze of streets and unique medieval buildings. The view of the Castle from the Charles Bridge, or of the river from the castle ramparts will be one of the defining memories of the entire trip.

With memories of Prague tucked away riders turn south to Austria, and the Alps. Steyr, our overnight on the way to the mountains, gave its name to important factories. From here come Steyr trucks, firearms, and tractors. Our accommodations are in the heart of the old city, allowing inviting evening walks along the impressive Enns and Steyr rivers.

**To the Alps!**

The terrain begins to climb, and we along with it, on the way to Villach. The Austrian Alps are magnificent, and a variety of lightly trafficked roads offer the rider a taste of what the next week will bring. The previous riding has been great. Now it becomes excellent!

A double-overnight in Villach means more choices. Head south to Slovenia and explore the Julier Alps? Visit the picturesque town of Bled? Play here and there on great Austrian roads? Sit on top of a mountain and enjoy an Alpine picnic? The difficult part is that each option is a perfect way to spend the day!

As the tour turns westward the focus turns to Italy and the Dolomites. This section of the Alpine chain is world-famous for its dozens of challenging pass roads. Breathtaking vertical faces, unique colors, and unforgettable views are around every corner.

Tucked into the middle of the Dolomites, the only way into or out of Arabba is over a mountain pass. Another free day here encourages exploration. It is possible to conquer 4, or 10 or even 18 mountain passes. It will be a day with more climbs, descents, and curves than some riders experience in a year of riding.

The Dolomite range continues to the west, as does the tour. Between Arabba and Trento, the next stop, are another dozen passes to keep everyone quite occupied with scenery and roads that you can’t even describe to the folks back home!

**Experience Switzerland**

Not to be outdone by the Dolomites, the majesty of the Swiss Alps is the topic for the next two days. The route takes us over the Berninapass, a road that must have been designed by a motorcyclist, through Saint Moritz to Zuoz.

Stelvio, the pass many consider to be the Alps most impressive, and Italy’s Timmelsjoch, one of Europe’s most scenic, are both on one of the routes heading into Austria. Even the tour’s last day focuses on great riding, with two or three more Alpine passes to add to the “been there, done that” list. The Alpine Adventure East mixes culture, comfort, challenge and camaraderie like no other tour!
The Alpine Adventure West

From the Swiss Alps to the top of the world!

Prepare for the big! Big scenery, big riding days and, of course, big passes. Sleep in the shadow of Europe’s highest mountain, Mt. Blanc. Ride the highest pass in the Alps. Relax on the shore of the cleanest lake in EU. Visit the castle where St. Bernard was born. Dip a toe in the Mediterranean. This combination of possibilities is unique to the Alpine Adventure West.

With the focus on towering, majestic mountains, our adventure kicks off in the Old Spa Town of Baden. Complete with castle ruins overlooking the old town, a river flowing through the middle, an impressionist art gallery, a most engaging cafe culture and a wealth of nightlife, these two days in Baden are filled with possibilities. One of which is to begin tackling mountain passes right away! Albispass, Pragelpass, Sattelegg, and Glaubenbergpass offer magnificent views from the top and an exciting ride to get there.

The Journey begins

The Danube flows at its head and the Rhine babbles at its feet. Germany’s Black Forest is set in impressive natural splendor and is the focus of the first day on the road. This wonderful, unspoiled region encompasses ravines and torrents, dense woods and impressive hills.

Our exit from the hills of Germany across the Rhine river takes us to the French Jura. The terrain is very similar to America’s Smoky Mountains, featuring easy riding through picture-perfect villages. Vive la France—great scenery and riding without the annoying crush of tourist traffic. Our departure from the Jura region is by crossing another of Europe’s great rivers, the Rhône.

Double overnight on the shore of Lake Annecy

The French are proud of their—well—Frenchness: Champagne, Chanel No. 5, camembert, croissants. No wonder when we speak of the joy of life, it’s in French: “joie de vivre.” The French believe they have the franchise on culture, cuisine—and especially—romance. You’ll probably agree when you set eyes on Lac d’Annecy, a crystal-clear, turquoise mountain lake in the heart of the Savoie region.

One of the most beautiful towns in the Haute Savoie region, Annecy is a gracious town that is still the quiet joy of provincial France and a perfect example of romance in both location and architecture. Bustle about the shopping core of Annecy or sit in the marvelous lakeside park and commune with nature at its best. Total relaxation on the grass by the pool, a boat ride, a visit to Mont Blanc and a ride up the mountain on Europe’s highest cable car; our double overnight here offers something for everyone.

The French Vercors

Certain ranges in the Alps have a way of taunting puny humans. The Vercors is one. Atop the massif is a tranquil, forested, high plateau. The 20th century loggers had
product, but no way to get it to market. Their answer was to construct “balcony roads,” which were literally blasted out of the vertical mountainside. Today these roads are great motorcycle routes! Getting up to the plateau is a pleasant challenge, one made much more enjoyable by your BMW motorcycle—the perfect machine for this adventure.

The number of passes in the Vercors National Park borders on the absurd. We spend two riding days in the park to make the most of that absurdity!

**Spring from valley to valley**

Travel through appealing Alpine scenery with conifer woods, grasslands and some very impressive mountains on the way to a double overnight stop in the Verdon Nature Park. Here Europe’s largest gorge, carved by the Verdon river, is over 2100’ deep. The canyon’s turquoise-green ribbon of water is captivating.

The next highlight on the tour is up. Way up, at the top of the highest pass in the Alps. Col de la Bonette stands at 8,907 feet above sea level. Yesterday the Mediterranean, today the heavens. Ah, the magic of the French Alps!

**Our last day in France means... twisty Alpine Roads**

The border between France and Italy is punctured by notable roads—small, very high, and traffic-free. One of the most amazing things about the Alpine Adventure West is that now, many days and many miles into it, the riding continues to get better, and the scenery even more impressive. From the top of the Col Agnel the views go for a hundred miles south into Italy and north into France. The stunning aspect of the French Alps is the fact that they are everywhere. Day in and day out, not once, but dozens of times a day the only reaction one can manage is “wow!”

And like clockwork, on the way up the next pass, the Col d’Izoard, comes another “wow” moment when you come around a hairpin and the world opens up to a view that makes you feel quite small.

End your day in Italy, following the likely path of Hannibal into Italy, crossing the Col de Montgenèvre as he did 2,200 years ago.

**To Italy! Courmayeur and Mont Blanc**

Sitting at the foot of Mont Blanc, Courmayeur is a jet-setter’s ski town. Walking through the old town you are part of the fashionable, rubbing elbows with the climbers and glacier skiers who add an edgy sporting aspect to the crowd.

Waking up to a view of sunrise on Mont Blanc is an experience to remember. Another of the hundreds you will take home with you!

The last riding day is a romp through the Swiss Alps, with views of the Eiger, Mönch and Jungfrau off our shoulder, and great Swiss pavement under our tires.

Miles and miles of twisty roads, a spread of culture, architecture, food and scenery, and as always, the freedom of a Beach tour combine to make the Alpine Adventure West a challenging, delightful, big, ride. It is one you will, quite rightfully, boast about for years to come.

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**The Alpine Adventure West**

**Riding Season:** Summer

**Begins / Ends:** Zürich, Switzerland

**Tour Distance—Min / Max:** 1,800 miles / your choice

**The itinerary:**

- Baden, Switzerland
- Baden (Zürich), Free day
- Ornans, France
- Talloires, Free day
- Talloires, France
- Rencurel, France
- Grignan, France
- Moustiers-Sainte-Marie, France
- Moustiers-Sainte-Marie, Free day
- Saint-Étienne-de-Tinée, France
- Sauze d’Oulx, Italy
- Courmayeur, Italy
- Gruyeres, Switzerland
- Baden, Switzerland

**Included:**

- 14 nights in 3 to 5 star hotels
- All breakfasts, 12 dinners (a variety of a la carte, choice menu, fixed menu, and buffet style.)
- Airport transfers
- Tour book detailing daily options & points of interest enroute
- Preprogrammed BMW Navigator V GPS with turn-by-turn detail of all daily route options
- Custom luggage embroidered with your name and tour
- BMW Motorrad Certified Guide on a motorcycle & chase vehicle/driver for your luggage

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The Classic Alpine Adventure

Refined over 45 years, this is the trip that coined the phrase “Classic Tour”

The European Alps are, very simply, the most magical place in the world to ride motorcycles. Within their ramparts huddle villages and farms from the middle ages and winter resorts as new as tomorrow. The contrast of old and new is fascinating and amazingly comfortable. This tour focuses on that magic.

Motorcycles & riders are warmly welcomed

As the mountains in each of the Alpine countries differ, so do the people. For hundreds of years the inhabitants battled the elements and the land to wrest a living from these mountains. Today, for many of these hardy mountain folk, tourists are their lifeblood and are accommodated with pleasure and perfection!

Enjoy scenes that could be straight out of Heidi or The Sound of Music. Imagine listening to the sounds of cowbells in mountain pastures; drinking in the landscape of wild flowers and the snow capped mountains; smelling fresh mown hay; tasting mountain grown vegetables and, from the top of a pass, almost touching heaven.

Dream about magnificent mountain riding on the finest roads in the world, awesome scenery, diet-shattering food, unique shopping opportunities and enough cultural overload to last a lifetime. It’s all there, providing a motorcyclists’ paradise.

Welcome to Bavaria

Beginning and ending in Munich, the first day after arrival is a free day, allowing those who wish to ride the opportunity to do so. Or you may choose to spend time in the city of Munich, visiting the Olympic Park, the BMW Museum, maybe lounging in the Englischer Garten, or poking about the old town.

Like each free day on a Beach’s tour, rides are suggested for those with a passion for moving! The Bavarian countryside is crisscrossed with lightly trafficked roads. A relaxing ride through the farming villages is the best way to become familiar with your new BMW motorcycle.

To Salzburg

Departing Munich we ride to Salzburg. Founded prior to 700 A.D., this is a not-to-be-missed city. We help with that, as we offer a guided walking tour to help you discover the millennia of history here.

The Alps have been teasing us, adding an unmistakable skyline to the southern horizon during our rides for the past two days. Now it is time to dive into the middle of them and discover what mountain riding is all about!

The mountainsides are dotted with farms and laced with tiny roads connecting them. No one knows these “little white roads” better than Rob Beach, who laid out all the routes for this tour. To follow “Rob’s Roads” on a day’s ride means miles of local roads. And it means finding yourself in places tourists, and often locals, never see.
The Grossglockner Hochalpenstrasse is an iconic mountain pass climbing over 4800 feet to summit at the Edelweißspitze. The views from here are impressive—your camera will be busy.

We overnight on the pass itself. That means no traffic when you depart the hotel in the morning. Only with Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures do you have the Hochalpenstrasse all to yourself!

Explore the Dolomites

Widely regarded as being among the most attractive mountain landscapes in the world, the intrinsic beauty of the Dolomites derives from a variety of spectacular vertical forms with contrasting horizontal surfaces rising abruptly above more gentle foothills. Some of the rock cliffs here rise more than 1,500 m and are among the highest limestone walls found anywhere in the world. The Classic Alpine Adventure follows the Dolomites from east to west. Better still a free day right in the middle of them means that we wake up to an unforgettable view not once, but twice.

Switzerland—a paradise of mountain passes

During the next few days, as you explore Switzerland, you may opt to ride the Klausen, Pragel, Brunig, St. Gottard, Lukmanier, Oberalp, Neufenen, Furka, Grimsel, or Susten passes, to name a few of the possibilities! For millennia armies, ideas, products and people have been crossing the same roads.

These roads wend though scenery that is—with no exaggeration—breathtaking. They also breach the barrier between cultures—the mountains themselves.

Riding to Interlaken means crossing Switzerland’s highest passes. It isn’t a long ride, horizontally, anyway. It certainly is in a vertical sense, as the road climbs and descends in harmony with the land.

A free day in Interlaken allows an opportunity to see the world from the top, with cable car or cog-rail train trips to the Swiss peaks. The infamous Eiger, as well as the Jungfrau, the Monch, the giant, pyramidal Niesen and the Stockhorn are the “local” mountains, making the entire area a place of rugged beauty.

The Swiss Alps continue to the eastern edge of the country, and we follow the mountains, in, out, up and over, to the Austrian border.

Amazing Austria, and on to the 2018 BMW Days

The Austrian states of Vorarlberg and Tyrol are almost completely mountainous, and thus fit perfectly into the theme of the Classic Alpine Adventure—to play on twisty roads with an excellent motorcycle!

BMW Days, the World’s largest BMW motorcycle event, is taking place in Garmisch-Partenkirchen and is an excellent stop on the way back to Munich. The German factory puts on a great party! After two weeks on a Bavarian machine in the Alps, what better way to end the tour than celebrating the magic with 25,000 riding buddies?

After all those countries, all those passes, all that adventure and riding the question is, how to get back again, as soon as possible??

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The Classic Alpine Adventure

Riding Season:
Summer

Begins / Ends:
Munich, Germany

Tour Distance—Min / Max:
1,550 mile / your choice

The Itinerary:
Munich, Germany
Munich, Free day
Salzburg, Austria
Heiligenblut, Austria
Arabba, Italy
Arabba, Free day
Terlago, Italy
Zuoz, Switzerland
Disentis, Switzerland
Interlaken, Switzerland
Interlaken, Free day
Rankweil, Austria
Imst, Austria
Munich, Germany

Included:
• 14 nights in 3 to 5 star hotels
• All breakfasts, 12 dinners (a variety of a la carte, choice menu, fixed menu, and buffet style.)
• Guided walking tour of Salzburg
• Airport transfers
• Tour book detailing daily options & points of interest enroute
• Preprogrammed BMW Navigator V GPS with turn-by-turn detail of all daily route options
• Custom luggage embroidered with your name and tour
• BMW Motorrad Certified Guide on a motorcycle & chase vehicle w/ driver for your luggage

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The Dolomite Domination

More than a glimpse—the Austrian Alps and Italy’s Magnificent Dolomites

One of two new tours for 2018, the Dolomite Domination is conducted on a sub-set of the Classic Alpine Adventure itinerary, focusing on the Italian Alps.

Over 8 riding days, Dolomite Domination moves at a pace that is an excellent balance between the sport of motorcycling and the lure of the countryside. The daily route suggestions allow you to dawdle and enjoy a place, or charge and ride every great road available. And it only requires a week, plus a Friday and a Monday, away from work.

Everything about the tour is to the standard of the Classic Alpine Adventure—in other words, excellent! We use the same hotels, ride the same roads, and have the same great adventure—just a little less of it.

Welcome to Bavaria

Your arrival in Europe is planned to let you catch up with the time lost and be introduced to a new environment. Beginning and ending in Munich, the first day after arrival is a free day, allowing those who wish to ride the opportunity to do so. Or you may choose to spend time in the city of Munich, visiting the Olympic Park, the BMW Museum, maybe lounging in the Englischer Garten, or poking about the old town.

Like each free day on a Beach’s tour, rides are suggested for those with a passion for moving! The Bavarian countryside is crisscrossed with lightly trafficked roads. The scenery takes an exciting turn as the Alps come into view, dominating the horizon. The twisty roads in the foothills of the Alps only hint at the adventures to come.

Discover the Austrian Alps

The Alps have been teasing us, adding an unmistakable skyline to the southern horizon during our rides for the past two days. Now it is time to dive into the middle of them and discover what mountain riding is all about!

The mountainsides are dotted with farms and laced with tiny roads connecting them. No one knows these “little white roads” better than Rob Beach, who laid out all the routes for this tour. To follow “Rob’s Roads” on a day’s ride means miles of local roads. And it means finding yourself in places tourists, and often locals, never see.

The Grossglockner Hochalpenstrasse is an iconic mountain pass climbing over 4800 feet to summit at the Edelweißspitze. The views from here are impressive—your camera will be busy! This is such a special road that it deserves more than a “ride over” it. So we overnight on the pass itself. That means no traffic when you depart the hotel in the morning. Indeed, only with Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures do you have the Grossglockner all to yourself!
Explore the Dolomites

The stunning Dolomite mountains are among the highest limestone walls found anywhere in the world.

The itinerary follows the Dolomites from east to west, allowing enough time to get to know these mountains and roads well.

Better still, a free day right in the middle of the most impressive group of the entire range, means that we wake up to an unforgettable view not once, but twice!

High and Wild. Italy has even more to offer

From the Dolomites we head to Italy’s Valtellina region, known to the Romans as “the territory of the Magnificent Land.” Pliny the Elder visited and wrote about Bormio 2,000 years ago, and now it is our turn! This mountainside village features thermal baths and a Medieval old town that is still magnificent.

A simple stroll around town gives a sense of its history—medieval frescoes, ancient carved wooden doors, and rustic fountains that still provide cool, refreshing mountain spring water abound here, all surrounded by the steep, beautiful Alps.

Cross the mighty Stelvio Pass

Tagged as one of the world’s best roads by the blokes at Top Gear, the Stelvio Pass generates quite a bit of hype. It is an impressive piece of engineering, and the views from the top are quite special. Better still, the summit arrives at the perfect time to stop for coffee and a bit of “wow, I am really here” realization.

Later in the day, a curiositly. Jutting from the middle of the lake near the top of the Reschen pass, a church steeple hints of the village flooded when the lake was damned. Stop and get the photo—another of the “I was there” images for the scrapbook.

Ludwig’s castles

The return trip across the same range, following the road up to Berwang is just, ho-hum, more brilliant Alpine riding. You have been able to ride all of this before the weekend mob arrives. Having this great pavement and jaw-dropping scenery all to yourself is the icing on the cake!

Before putting the Alps in your rearview mirror, take time to be a tourist. Visit “Mad” King Ludwig’s World famous Neuschwanstein castle, walk the gardens in his “home” castle Linderhof, or visit a 930 year old church. And then, finally, take more “Rob roads” north to Munich to wrap up this amazing week of adventure.

The Dolomite Domination

Riding Season: Summer

Begins / Ends: Munich, Germany

Tour Distance—Min / Max: 850 miles / your choice

The Itinerary:
Arrive Munich, Germany
Munich, Free day
Heiligenblut, Austria
Arabba, Italy
Arabba, Free day
Campo Lomaso, Italy
Bormio, Italy
Imst, Austria
Munich, Germany

Included:
• 9 nights in 3 to 5 star hotels
• All breakfasts, 8 dinners (a variety of a la carte, choice menu, fixed menu, and buffet style dinners.)
• Airport transfers
• Tour book detailing daily options & points of interest enroute
• Preprogrammed BMW Navigator V GPS with turn-by-turn detail of all daily route options
• BMW Motorrad Certified Guide on a motorcycle
• Chase vehicle / driver for your luggage
• Custom luggage embroidered with your name and tour
From the very beginning this grand adventure is about great roads. The itinerary begins with a free day in Manchester, and that means a ride into the Peaks District National Park, a favorite area for riders in the center of England. Cafe-racing enthusiasts will be able to add a tick to the bucket list with a visit to the Cat & Fiddle, a pub that has long been a motorcycle gathering place. This is one of England’s best known motorcycle roads, but is only one of the many great roads in the area.

Once the tour departs the Greater Manchester area it is necessary to decide on each day’s focus—history, nature, riding, or sightseeing! Riders will take a round-about way to Shrewsbury while history buffs follow a more direct route to arrive early in this unspoiled medieval town and take it all in.

Wonderful Wales

To hear spoken Welsh is to hear music via conversation. And the Welsh countryside is as delightful as the language. The roads flow across the impressive mountains of Snowdonia National Park to the coast. Impressive castles dot the coastline. Quaint villages here are not always what they seem. Our destination, Portmeirion, was purpose built in the 20th century to pay homage to Italian fishing villages.

The First Road Race

In 1907 riders bored with the 20 mph speed limit set in mainland Britain gathered on the Isle of Man for a friendly, competitive get-together. And there it was—the first race for the Tourist Trophy. Evolving side-by-side with the motorcycle itself, the TT was the world’s premier motorcycle race for many decades. It is now one of a handful of events still run on public roads, and, as the oldest organized motorcycle race in the world, an event that sits high on most riders’ “bucket list.”

Arrival on the Isle of Man

It is a short distance from our overnight in Lancaster to Heysham, where our riders (and a thousand or so others!) begin to gather at the docks. The excitement builds, as we are now all on our way to the Isle of Man. Being part of the horde of bikes loading onto the ferry is quite an experience! Upon arrival in Douglas the thousand merge into the ten thousand already there. More will arrive on each ship, and the event—the spectacle that is TT week—is underway.

Our race week begins with a Preview Dinner where we have the opportunity to meet riders competing in the 2018 event, as well as seasoned veterans of previous TTs. Ramsey, on the north end of the Island, is our base for race week. This is the sunniest city on the Island, and with its population of over 7,000 people, the 2nd largest.

Outside of the racing, there is plenty to do in Ramsey and on the Island. Sandy beaches offer relaxing seaside respite from the drama of the mountain course. Country lanes

Tour Wales, the Lochs and Highlands of Scotland, the Yorkshire Dales and experience the TT!
invite one to take a leisurely ride around the island. And a variety of motorcycle shows and events are certain to keep us entertained. Weather permitting, we will see the Superbike, Superstock, TT Zero, Sidecar, and Supersport races, and some qualifying sessions. And we will be there for Mad Sunday, when amateurs try their hand on the mountain course.

To the Yorkshire Dales
Our bittersweet departure from the Island means no more racing but plenty more adventure! Fans of the James Herriot series “All Creatures Great and Small” will recognize the terrain and some of our stops on the way to Harrogate. The rural towns, small roads, and generally open countryside of the Yorkshire Dales make for a memorable motorcycle ride.

The Scottish Highlands
Legends of valor and hardship are ubiquitous with the Highlands. Over the next 6 days we explore this area in great detail.

Riding down tiny roads across lightly populated countryside there is no buffer between us and the awesomeness of the Highlands. The raw landforms have helped to breed a tough, unique population. You will discover that Scotland really is mystical.

Heading south, back to England, the route takes us through the Lakes District. This beautiful area has some of England’s steepest pass roads and quaintest villages. There is plenty to explore and discover here.

The one regret will be that we couldn’t spend even more time near the lakes. But move we must. The ride back to Manchester is like all others on this great adventure. Meaning more great roads and scenery! Revisiting the Yorkshire Dales, we now take an in-depth ride through them to discover what rural England is about.

From the first to the last day the TT Tarry is all about motorcycling—from gentle touring to brutal, unbelievable road racing.
The Italian Idyll
— Tuscany, and More!

*Ride a BMW from the Mediterranean to the Adriatic in irresistible, irreplaceable, irrepressible Italy!*

One could run through the alphabet and find phrases and descriptions—beginning with each of the 26 letters—that personify the wonderful country that is Italy. In an effort to bring this specialness to the fore, we have a delightful itinerary that is wholly Italian. We explore Tuscany, the Marche, Umbria, Lazio, Molise and Abruzzo. These offer tremendous terrain; scenery that truly does take the breath away; and riding opportunities incomparable elsewhere. To take maximum advantage of all that central Italy offers, this itinerary features many double overnights, allowing in-depth exploration, or riding each and every road that strikes your fancy, with no need to repack regularly.

The majority of the Italian Idyll takes place in magical little towns far from the normal “tourist circuit.” Here life moves at a farmer’s pace, and seasons rather than hours or days dictate activity. The ancients left a special legacy, and our visits to Florence, Rome, and Siena are the opportunity to appreciate the culture and beauty they created.

**Walk the streets of Florence**

We begin with the heart of Italy—Tuscany. All of Italy is beautiful, but this region surpasses all others in natural beauty.

Tuscany was the birthplace of the Renaissance, and is home to the amazing villages, towns, and cities that provided the linkage between medieval and modern man.

Nowhere is that link more apparent than in Florence where, on a guided walking tour, we will see first hand that art, architecture, and history abound. Stroll on the Ponte Vecchio, the oldest surviving bridge across the Arno, and shop for antiques, jewelry, crafts, and leather goods. Ending with our first group dinner in a lovely restaurant down a quaint stone street, your first day will leave your mind and your belly full.

**Olive groves & vineyards**

These roads of Tuscany and Umbria take you through olive groves, spectacular mountains, medieval villages, and quiet countryside—and oh, the vineyards. The character of Italy is as complex and ingenious as the products of the grape.

**Incessant curves**

We touch the Marche more than once, with good reason. Seemingly a more 3-D version of Tuscany, the hills of the Marche are higher and the views are more expansive. We travel south at right angles to a majority of the valleys. Crest a range of hills and be treated to a wonderful view, again and again throughout the day!

**Ride the Gran Sasso Range**

A dip into Abruzzo takes us almost to the east coast of Italy. Abruzzo is sited in the highest and wildest portion of the Apennines. Three mighty mountain chains contain the highest peaks in the peninsula. Our double overnight here has been arranged...
specifically to benefit the riders, for roads in the Gran Sasso offer some of the best riding in the entire country! Snow capped mountains are not what one would expect in Italy, yet here they are, towering over your truly unique accommodation in a Medieval village. The Gran Sasso is one more place certain to leave a lasting memory.

**All Roads Lead to Rome**

It is more than a cliché—every road sign really does point to Rome! There is no escaping history on the way to the city. One route visits Villa Adriana, Hadrian’s residence in Tivoli. Here the emperor built a personal city that gives us an idea of the lavishness and enormous power of Ancient Rome. Another passes Monte Cassino, where the Allied armies finally breached the Nazi’s Gustav line and were able to continue their march to Rome. Our two days in Rome are rewarding, with enough time to see this magnificent city and taste some of the history, but not so much to be overwhelming. A private city tour is included as part of the Italian Idyll, and when it is complete you will have had an intimate view of the millennia of history here.

**To the Tyrrhenian Coast**

Italian culture is very much about the sea. An overnight on a magnificent property on the west coast will help you understand why. At the foot of the impressive Monte Argentario, Porto Santo Stefano is a working man’s port with fishing boats vying for moorings among the jet-setter’s yachts.

On the way there pass through active thermal areas where the earth’s heat is used to produce power with sustainable resources.

**Bitter Rivals**

For centuries the Guelphs of Florence bitterly fought the Ghibellines of Siena. Our last double-overnight, in Siena, gives us a chance to get a sense of the changes brought by the Renaissance. Money, talent, and new ideas flowed into Florence while Siena languished. Their loss is our gain, as Siena is now a more ‘genuine’ medieval city. The crowds are absent, the back alleys quieter, the shopping more affordable.

**Roman and Renaissance cities**

As an alternative to dancing with your bike on brilliant roads, Italy’s culture and history come alive in the cities visited on the Italian Idyll. Your free days allow detailed exploration of crazy, majestic Rome, artistic and beautiful Florence, and elegant Siena. Riders have excellent options on free days if these impressive cities don’t strike your fancy. Each day on the Italian Idyll has been thoughtfully planned to offer a variety of routes of various distances. Enjoy the cities, revel on the country roads—it is your choice.

As you will find, from the sun-drenched coasts to the snow-clad peaks, Italy is a paradise for motorcyclists. There is magic to be found in the antiquities: the magnificent museums, the art treasures, the architecture, the parks, gardens and streets, and food and wine that is nothing short of irresistible. And the people! Yes! In short, the entire Italian Idyll is magical!
Magic – a term we often hear from Rob while he is leading a tour. Why? Because so many of the places we go, so many of the things we do are, simply, magical. (a definition of magical; something that seems to cast a spell)

What makes it so? A spell is cast by combining something different or exceptional with something familiar. For example, the exceptional view of breathtaking mountains from the familiar seat of a bike. Crystal clear air allowing one to see forever. The emotional sensations transmitted to a rider heading down a special road. The joy of perfect weather on a day’s ride. A good, hearty series of laughs shared with fellow travelers. You see? It is magical!

The Garden Route – South Africa’s magnificent showpiece, is magical from end to end. The South African Saunter concentrates on this amazing area.

The Prettiest City in the World?
Cape Town, perfectly situated on Table Bay, is our focus for the first few nights. A tour of the city, a cable-car ride up to the top of Table Mountain, or a ride to the end of the Cape of Good Hope all leave visitors with the knowledge that this really is one of the prettiest cities in the entire world. Choose an activity that suits you on our free day here. Enjoy your welcome to South Africa your way!

Mountains and motorcycles are a guaranteed magical combination, and as we ride through the Langeberg mountains on the way to Montagu the peaks get higher, the roads twistier. Montagu was cut off from the rest of the country by these same mountains until the middle 1800s when a tunnel was hand cut and a pass road opened. Now the journey is one of the most scenic in the country.

Orchards and vineyards surround Montagu, and we will have a chance to sample some of the superb South African wines as the side-stands come down and the “what I saw today” tales begin.

Ahhh... Fashion
Curious combinations – while Montagu grew thanks to fruit, Oudtshoorn grew thanks to the ostrich. For much of the 19th century the fashionable accessory for Europe’s nobility was an ostrich feather. Oudtshoorn’s millionaires were created by a long lasting fad! Beside the ostriches themselves, the magnificent homes built by the farmers are an impressive highlight of the town. We have the opportunity to learn about this curious, and still profitable, bird on a tour of a farm. It is quite different livestock!

From the Mountains to the Crashing Surf
Better still, getting to, and from, Oudtshoorn requires riding through the Swatberg mountains. More perfect motorcycling!

Scenery in South Africa is stunning in its variety. Storms River, at its mouth with the
Indian Ocean, mixes tall trees, crashing surf, waterfalls and perfect accommodation. This is a place that will remain in your memory simply because it is what it is.

It’s Wild!

Think Africa and it is impossible to not imagine giraffe, elephants, lions, and the wildlife of so many adventure stories. In Addo a tour to the Lalibela Game Reserve will bring you nose to trunk with these huge, intelligent beasts.

African elephant tusks are highly prized in the east. As a result, the continent’s population is at serious risk. Reserves like Lalibela offer a tiny buffer to this threat, while giving us the opportunity to see herds in a natural situation. There are few things as impressive as a full-grown bull elephant – the largest land mammal on the planet. Lalibela is another magical stop on the South African Saunter!

In addition to seeing elephants from special – up close – viewing areas, a game drive is included during our free-day overnight. To be out in the bush, in the evening when all the animals are active is unforgettable!

Moving from the Bush of the South Cape to the desert and desolation of the Great Karoo is a striking change. Like the Australian Outback, this immense, wide-open space overwhelms the senses. At Graaff-Reinet enjoy a unique view of the night sky with uncountable stars punctuated by the Southern Cross. Better still, another game drive gives us a chance to see animals missed in Addo!

Quaint Enough for Mom

After experiencing it, it is time to move away from desolation back to the coast. In spite of its name, Wilderness, isn’t quite that. Rather, it is a pleasant community with excellent swimming and surfing beaches, great bird watching in the reeds at the water’s edge, and a relaxing pace of life. A perfect vacation stop, and a great place to overnight.

Go South, Young Man

An important pin on anyone’s map would be a southernmost point. Cape Agulhas is where that pin would be placed on a map of Africa, and your pin may land there after your stop in Arniston. This lovely seaside fishing village has been declared a national monument and its quaintness will surely keep your camera busy.

Wrap it up with More Mountains

Like the crescendo of a great symphony piece, the last two riding days of the Saunter ramp up the scenery and roads to end the tour with a breathless feeling. Stellenbosch, the penultimate stop, sits in a beautiful valley between the Simonsberg and Papegaai-berg mountains.

Formally a frontier town, this historic community is now a center of viniculture and tourism. It is a great jump off to the Drakenstein and Stellenbosch mountain ranges, where we spend the last day of riding on some of South Africa’s very best roads.

The now familiar Cape Town skyline welcomes us back to where it all began, two weeks and ten thousand experiences ago. With this adventure under your belt you can now say that you know, first hand, exactly what magical actually is!

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**The South African Saunter**

*Riding Season:*
Spring

*Begin / Ends:*
Capetown, South Africa

*Tour Distance – Min / Max:*
2,020 miles / your choice

*The Itinerary:*
- Capetown
- Capetown, Free day
- Montagu
- Oudtshoorn
- Oudtshoorn, Free day
- Sanddrif
- Lalibela Game Reserve
- Lalibela Game Reserve, Free day
- Graaff-Reinet
- Graaff-Reinet, Free day
- Wilderness
- Arniston
- Stellenbosch
- Capetown
- Depart for home

*Included:*
- 14 nights in 3 to 5 star hotels/lodges
- All breakfasts and dinners (a variety of a la carte, choice menu, fixed menu, and buffet style dinners.)
- 13 day use of motorcycle
- 2 Game drives, Lalibela Reserve & Graaff-Reinet
- Ostrich Farm Guided tour Stellenbosch Wine Tasting
- Supplemental motorcycle insurance
- Airport transfers
- Tour book detailing daily options & points of interest enroute
- Custom luggage embroidered with your name and tour

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Swiss Splendor

The Swiss Alps at their best!

Magical Switzerland. Here the Alps that are still growing! The Swiss network of indescribable roads takes riders to unforgettable vistas of perfectly manicured mountainsides. Yes, they do mow them. It is a perfect place, clean, safe, orderly, and fun. Swiss Splendor is the moniker for this tour because that is exactly what you will discover here—unbelievable splendor!

Bavaria, the gateway to the Alps

Everything begins in Munich, an impressive, inviting city with a booming economy. Passing through customs and immigration at the airport is quick and hassle-free. This is a taste of what is to come. Efficiency! The country is clean, the transportation system superb, the drivers precise.

Choices are the only rule on the Swiss Splendor itinerary. The free day in Munich is your day. Take a ride in the countryside and get accustomed to your new BMW. Visit bustling Munich and enjoy the museums and activities there. Tip a beer in one of Bavaria’s famous beer-gardens. Or simply put your feet up and adjust your body to a new time zone. It’s your call!

The first “real” day on the road, moving from one place to another, is through an area known as the Allgäu, where towns ooze Medieval history. A walk through the old town of Kempten, Memmingen, or Kaufbeuren will enchant you, for here history is part of everyday life. Town gates are still the way through fortified walls, medieval buildings are in use, and the locals take no notice.

Austria = altitude!

Crossing the border to Austria coincides with the roads getting twistier and the mountains higher. Fertile fields and expansive farms give way to rugged peaks. The Alps on the western side of Austria are quite vertical, with sharp peaks and narrow valleys.

Stopping at the top of the Furkajoch before arriving in Rankweil, one can see right over Lichtenstein and into Switzerland!

Splendid Switzerland

The Rhone River has cut an huge valley on the Austrian / Swiss border. That is the last piece of flat earth we will see for the balance of the tour. From here on there is no doubt this is a tour not simply through, but over the mountains.

The beauty of Switzerland is best seen from up high, and the Swiss have provided an amazing network of roads to do just that. The roads are well paved and brilliantly engineered. Combined with a BMW motorcycle they take one to remarkable places.

Riding up the Klausen pass is the first exercise in learning to deal with Swiss scenery. It begins with an easy ride down an impressive valley. There are a dozen photo possibilities regardless of where you stop. As the road climbs away from the valley different
angles and vistas lure your eyes here, there, and everywhere. The road continues up until you literally pop out into a high Alpine valley surrounded by stunning peaks.

The descent is just as impressive. Swiss passes are orgasms for the senses!

South of Interlaken, our home for the next two nights, lies the Eiger. Take a cable car or cog train to dizzying heights for a better view. This glacier covered mountain rises, seemingly straight up, from the remarkable Lauterbrunnen valley. Visit a 600 year old castle, take a lake cruise on a paddle wheeler, or ride over Switzerland’s highest pass. Visit Thun, a city that has been inhabited for over 2300 years. There is much to do on our free day!

Many of the most impressive Swiss pass roads are on the itinerary over the next few days. When the adventure is over our bet is that you will not be able to pick a favorite. They are all splendid—hence the tour moniker, Swiss Splendor.

The Engadin is a special place within Switzerland where Romansh culture reigns. This small and unique area features solid, tasteful architecture grouped in quaint, inviting villages, and mountains galore. Rides to and from our overnight in Zuoz are over lightly trafficked mountain passes, away from normal tourist routes. This is another place where “Rob’s White Roads” will take you to views tourists simply don’t see.

One of the day’s routes from Zuoz follows the Inn River, passing through villages that slowly morph from Romansh to Germanic in architecture and mindset.

Another detours through South Tyrol, a beautiful corner of Italy. The Italians build their pass roads a little differently than the Swiss, but still pierce the clouds to give you views found nowhere else in the world.

This is where you find the 2nd highest pass in the Alps, Italy’s Stelvio. At the top of the pass kiosks hawk all sort of Stelvio memorabilia. A museum exhibits relics found here after WWI. And riders, sports car drivers, and bicyclists, converge in serious numbers. Each has a tale of the ascent, and new memories to take down with them. As you take a selfie looking over the edge at the hairpins below, you are a member of the club!

Austria’s terrific Tyrol

From Switzerland, regardless of the route you take, the destination is the Tyrol. For millennia the roads and villages of the Tyrol were one of the main links between northern and southern Europe. It is a dynamic region with a mix of the Mediterranean “laid back and casual” attitude and the precision of the Germanic people.

Sitting on the veranda of the hotel enjoying a Tyrolian sunset is a moment you will savor. And then it is the last riding day. *Already? Before simply putting the Alps in your rearview mirror, take time to be a tourist. Visit “Mad” King Ludwig’s Neuschwanstein castle or walk the gardens in his “home” castle Linderhof. And then take more “Rob roads” north to Munich to wrap up this amazing week of adventure.*
The Transylvanian Trek

Transylvania—a place that brings to mind mystery, folklore, legends, and Dracula. It is also the location of the Transfăgărășan, the pass described as “the most amazing road we have ever seen” by the guys on the TV Series Top Gear.

The cabal—to get to, and ride, the Transfăgărășan. The method—a tour to discover all that is good between Budapest, Hungary, and Brașov, Romania. The association—motorcyclists with a keen sense of adventure and curiosity.

This itinerary explores places hidden from Western eyes for decades on its way through Hungary, Romania, Slovakia, and a corner of Poland. A ride across the border into Ukraine, and another side trip to Serbia are possible. Riders will find countries rich in local folklore, with magnificent cultural and historical heritage. September is a favorite time to travel through these mountains.

Buda and Pest, on the Blue Danube

Appropriate decadence might be the term for hopping off an international flight and slipping into a thermal bath upon your arrival in Budapest. It certainly would be appropriate, as travelers have been taking the waters since Roman times. What better way to relax after a few hours in the air?

Suburban Buda and its historic castle district offer medieval streets and houses, museums, caves and Roman ruins. The dynamic Pest side boasts the largest parliament building in Europe and riverside promenades, flea markets, bookstores, antique stores and café houses. This is a big city—the largest in Hungary. To maximize our enjoyment, we head off on a Segway tour to enjoy the highlights.

Monday is a day to ride and to discover the Hungarian countryside. In less than 20 miles we are riding in pastoral farmland, enjoying easy roads and becoming familiar with our motorcycles.

Pass through villages that have seen a stream of armies over the centuries. In addition to the Turks, the Tartars, Habsburgs, and Russians have all invaded and occupied Hungary. The national anthem describes the Hungarians as “people torn by fate.” They have persevered, and exist today while the “conquers” have faded or disappeared.

To the Mountains

Moving away from Budapest it doesn’t take long before we cross into another country. Slovakia, half of the former Czechoslovakia, sits like a beacon on the northern horizon. Having emerged from its frumpy, communist-era cocoon and joined the EU, this little-known area awaits discovery.

The High Tatras are the reason we head this way. This magnificent area has been designated a National Park, in two countries! Containing the highest peaks in Slovakia, Poland, and the entire Carpathian mountain chain, the Tatras contain the best motorcy-
cle roads in both countries.

Take a morning coffee brake in Zakopane, Poland, and enjoy a walk around the old section of town. Get back on the bike and follow great roads through the mountains to Liptovsky Mikulas, and eat lunch in Slovakia. Then, once again, enjoy more scenery and amusing riding back to our home in the Tatras, Štrbské Pleso.

Across the Plain

Košice, the last stop in Slovakia, has one of Europe’s most special historic districts. Locals predominate, and carry on as if the downtown is simply where they live, vs. the idyllic setting that it actually is. It is rewarding to spend time wandering among the grand buildings and parks of the city center.

And then it is across the Great Plain, Hungary’s breadbasket, to our overnight in a little country town. Wheat fields stretch as far as one can see to the west and the south. A traditional meal and a quiet night will fortify us for the next day’s adventure, our arrival in Romania!

On to Romania, and Transylvania

The next few nights are spent in Transylvania, the home of Vlad the Impaler, a hero to Romanians, a villain to fans of Bram Stroker’s Dracula. Count Dracul is only one of the fascinating attractions in the area. We will visit UNESCO protected medieval cities, salt mines worked from the middle ages, and ride through villages with historical ties preceding the Romans.

Transylvania is one of the most beautiful natural regions in Europe, dotted with picturesque, medieval fortress towns and monasteries. Here you find old villages where people live exactly as they did a hundred years ago. Decades of Communism changed the cities but did little to alter the pastoral countryside.

It is difficult to move quickly through this land. The roads don’t allow it, and somehow it feels wrong. This is a slow moving place where everything operates on a different standard.

The Carpathians - the high roads!

We move on to the state’s southern border, at the edge of the southern ranges of the Carpathian Mountains. It is here that we have come to play on our modern machines. The country’s highest road, the Transalpina, or “King’s Road,” is one of our targets. Another is Top Gear’s favorite, the Transfăgărășan. Nicolae Ceaușescu, post WWII dictator of Romania, built the Transfăgărășan Road at great cost in the early 70’s. The Transalpina was rebuilt beginning in 2010. And we can conquer them both! Our double overnight in Brașov gives us time to ride a variety of other great, coiling roads, to enjoy stunning landscapes, and ride through pristine old mountain forests.

Our last days on the road are through Wallachia, where we will seem to have the area to ourselves. Passing through Roman communities the traffic becomes mixed with horse drawn carts, and the homes are most unusual.

Join us and ride the Carpathian Mountains as they curl across Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia. Ride a little harder and add another 2 additional countries to your “been there” list. Experience traditional local hospitality, discover beautiful countryside and explore historic towns. It’s all a part of Beach’s Transylvanian Trek.
Adriatic Amble  
_Begins / ends in Ljubljana, Slovenia_  
May 6 ~ 20, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $7,280  
- Sports car driver — not available  
- Passenger — $5,453  
- Single Room — $505

Alpine Adventure East  
_Begins / ends in Munich, Germany_  
September 2 ~ 16, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $7,045  
- Sports car driver — $5,700  
- Passenger — $5,040  
- Single Room — $460

Alpine Adventure West  
_Begins / ends in Baden, Switzerland_  
July 15 ~ 29, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $7,510  
- Sports car driver — $6,170  
- Passenger — $5,695  
- Single Room — $802

Classic Alpine Adventure  
_Begins / ends in Munich, Germany_  
June 24 ~ July 8, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $7,180  
- Sports car driver — $5,850  
- Passenger — $5,277  
- Single Room — $385

Dolomite Domination  
_Begins / ends in Munich, Germany_  
August 4 ~ 13, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $4,505  
- Sports car driver — $3,605  
- Passenger — $3,435  
- Single Room — $250

Isle of Man TT Tarry  
_Begins / ends in Manchester, England_  
May 27 ~ June 17, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $9,760  
- Sports car driver — not available  
- Passenger — $5,575  
- Single Room — $655

Italian Idyll  
_Begins / ends in Florence, Italy_  
October 14 ~ 28, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $7,955  
- Sports car driver — $6,435  
- Passenger — $6,055  
- Single Room — $638

South African Saunter  
_Begins / ends in Capetown, South Africa_  
November 4 ~ 18, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $6,396 w/F700GS  
- +$300 w/F800GS, $690 w/R1200GS  
- Passenger — $3,942  
- Single Room — $985

Swiss Splendor  
_Begins / ends in Munich, Germany_  
August 18 ~ 27, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $4,785  
- Sports car driver — $4,055  
- Passenger — $3,885  
- Single Room — $270

Transylvanian Trek  
_Begins / ends in Budapest, Hungary_  
September 23 ~ October 7, 2018  
**Price:**  
- Rider — $6,215  
- Sports car driver — not available  
- Passenger — $4,610  
- Single Room — $385

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Swiss Splendor, Dolomite Domination — $490  
Isle of Man TT Tarry — $990

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**Introduction / As you like it**

No 7 a.m. reveille nor 10 p.m. taps! No “this is the route for the day and we’ll meet for lunch at Homer’s restaurant at 12:15 sharp!” No regimentation! No “you must!” No “it has to be!” These are tours that are not group tours. Having pioneered Alpine mountain motorcycle touring, the Beachs know that individuals need rest and relaxation; the peace and serenity that come from getting away from organized entertainment and activities; time to be the explorer; time for peaceful reflection in a setting of great natural beauty and spectacular views.

The Beachs stress the joy of individual exploration. By removing the obstacles and minimizing the problems, we provide an exceptional and memorable experience for the first time visitor as well as the experienced international tourer.

Our company was established in 1960 and our first European motorcycle trip was in 1969. We conducted our first tour of the Alps during the spring of 1972 and have conducted tours continuously since then. We also have a presence in Europe as Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures, Ltd. Niederlassung Deutschland with an office in Munich.

Each member of the Beach organization has a personal commitment to make your vacation trouble free and totally satisfying. Details have been taken care of. Now it’s time to simply relax and enjoy!

We are happy to answer any of your questions as you prepare for the motorcycle adventure of a lifetime. Following are some of the most frequently asked questions.

**Do you have any one-week, or 10 day, tours?**

We have two tours which are perfect for those pressed for time. The Dolomite Domination focuses on some of the best areas in Austria and Italy, and the Swiss Splendor dives right into the Swiss and Austrian Alps. The itineraries are great, and each offers 8 days of riding while only requiring a week plus a Friday and a Monday away from work.

Most of our tours are of two full weeks duration. Our definition of a two week tour means 14 nights in hotels, 13 days use of the motorcycle. We don’t fudge the length of your tour by saying that the two days in the air are a part of your vacation.

In our experience, it takes as long as a week for tour participants to overcome jet lag, to forget about the hassles in the office, and to become truly comfortable riding on foreign roads. Tours of shorter duration really don’t allow the participants to relax and simply enjoy, as there is so little time. After the first week riders and passengers settle in and begin to really enjoy the experience.

**Do Beach tours require group riding?**

Absolutely not. Our function is to handle details, advise, suggest, but not herd. We do not like regimentation and do not impose it on tour members. Each tour member is free to choose his/her own daily riding companions, routing, and time schedule.
Pre-programmed BMW Navigator V GPS units are provided to further enhance the freedom of independent travel. While using one of these you are not “following a GPS,” you are following a route created by a motorcyclist for a motorcyclist. The GPS is simply an effective tool to assist in your navigation.

**If we don’t wish to ride in a group, how do we know where to go?**

Each rider or driver receives a tour book specifically written and published for his tour. Daily itineraries, distances, time en route, suggestions for special activities, and directions to the hotel are included. In addition, this book has illustrations of road and traffic signs, currency exchange information, driving tips, and everything that our four plus decades of touring experience suggests to make your trip more enjoyable and trouble free.

After dinner there is a briefing to discuss the following day’s suggested routes, options, attractions, and side trips. At this time guides are also available to help plan day-to-day routes that will satisfy you. In addition to the tour book and briefings, each tour bike is equipped with a pre-programmed GPS. With all this information, participants are well-informed on each day’s routing possibilities. Then your adventure begins!

**Who will guide the tour?**

An experienced member of the Beach family has always conducted each European tour. For over 33 years, and for the next 20 or so years, that pleasant duty falls to Rob Beach.

Each tour participant is met at the airport by a Beach representative and when it’s time to depart we are there to say *Adieu* or *Gute Fahrt*!

We travel the same distance, pack and unpack daily, eat the same meals and meet with rain, heat, wind, snow and beauty—the same as any tour member.

Every Beach tour has a guide on a motorcycle and a support van. Most of our European tours feature a full time hostess to assist with activity planning.

Of the Alps, Rob says “There are ever so many fantastic, interesting, and beautiful parts of Europe. As a motorcyclist, I appreciate the Alpine areas more than any other. I have to thank my father for introducing me to these stunning countries. I will tell you a secret: It is for one simple reason—self indulgence—that we continue to focus our European tours on the Alpine mountain chain, and that I don’t want anyone else to guide them. It is the best place in the world to ride motorcycles!”

**What motorcycles are available?**

Motorcycles are provided and are included in the rider tour price. There is no mileage charge nor mileage limitation. You are free to use the motorcycle to your heart’s content!

On the European tours the motorcycle will be at the hotel at the beginning of the tour, and that is where it is taken at the end of the tour. You need not spend time transporting our motorcycles to a remote rental location. In addition, you deal only with the Beachs for all motorcycle arrangements. There is no need to sign secondary contracts with outside agents.

In Europe we currently use the BMW C650, C650GT, G310R, G310GS, F750GS/low, F750GS, F850GS, F800R, R1200GS, R1200GS/low, and R1200R as our base motorcycles. All other BMW models, with the exception of the K1600LT series, are available at an additional charge. Other brands may be available on special request.

The list of BMWs available on each tour, complete with specifications, and some thoughts on choosing a bike for the tour, may be found on our website.
South African tours include a BMW F700GS in the rider price. The F800GS and R1200GS are available at extra cost. The bikes used in South Africa are from a motorcycle shop located close to our hotel, and must be picked up and returned there.

**What daily distances are involved?**

Each suggested daily ride has been carefully planned to take maximum advantage of road conditions and still permit sightseeing and relaxing.

There are many riding options each day, so those riders who want to ride long and hard will find opportunities to do so. Those who wish to amble along and enjoy the scenery may opt for a different route and cruise through the countryside.

We have chosen our overnight stops with three things in mind — comfort, sightseeing, and riding. Each day you choose the route to take. Most days on tour range from 120 km. (3 to 4 hours riding time) to around 300 km. (6 hours riding time). The minimum distance varies from day to day, and our longest minimum ride on the Alpine Adventure is 260 km. which translates to about 5 hours of riding.

It is important to keep in mind the fact that we have an entire day to cover those hours of riding. Departing the hotel at 9:30 a.m. and staying out till 6:00 p.m. gives you 8.5 hours to cover the distance and do things other than ride! Average riding distances on the Italian Idyll range between 150 and 250 km. With so many double overnights the Italian Idyll offers more flexibility than any other tour. Many days it’s not even necessary to ride, but for those who wish to, superb roads beckon!

One of the pleasing things about a Beach tour is that evening accommodations are prearranged. You can stay out and play till dinner time, if you like. There is no need to end your day at 4:00 p.m. in order to search for lodging for the night.

**Do we travel every day?**

While we do not require riding every day, on most tours we do spend two to four days on the road between double overnights. Riders not accustomed to three or four day motorcycle trips should consider this.

The 14 day tours feature three or more “free days,” where we stay two nights in the same hotel. This provides an opportunity for rest, relaxation, sight-seeing and/or taking advantage of outstanding riding locations. On these days it is not necessary to ride, but we will wager that after a taste of the roads in these areas you will spend at least part of each day on the bike!

Usually there is a seat in the luggage van if a passenger wishes to ride in a cage for a day or two.

**Do we ride when it rains?**

We, like the postman, travel rain or shine. As we do have a planned destination each evening, it is necessary to ride in changeable weather conditions to arrive at that destination. Excellent riding gear is essential on every tour. It is not fun to be wet or cold on a motorcycle ride!

**What weather conditions can we expect?**

The Alpine tours are mountain tours and this means weather can change rapidly. These tours are in June through September; months when mountain passes will generally be open and the roads clear of snow.
Remember that the temperature changes 3° for each 1,000 feet of change in altitude. So, if it is 75° Fahrenheit in the valley at 3,500’ above sea level, it will be 57° Fahrenheit at 9,500. We do spend time running up and down mountains and need to be prepared for a wide range of temperature.

Participants on the Italian tours should expect temperatures ranging from 50° to 70° Fahrenheit. On all tours, regardless of the time of year, we must be prepared for a variety of conditions each and every day.

South African temperatures range between 70° and 90°.

**What insurance do the motorcycles carry?**

All of our motorcycles carry the legal limit liability required in each country. This covers damage to others but does not include collision coverage for the motorcycle. Each motorcycle operator is responsible for a maximum of US$ 2,500 of motorcycle damage. A credit card is required when taking delivery of your bike. Should there be any damage to the bike while on tour you will be billed for the repairs on this credit card.

There is no medical coverage for the rider or passenger and we strongly advise you to secure medical or accident and trip interruption coverage. Check your current health insurance as it may very well cover you during your trip.

A new service offered by Ripcord (www.ripcordtravelprotection.com/bmca) combines emergency evacuation coverage with standard trip insurance. It is an excellent package that we highly recommend.

**What clothing and riding gear shall I bring?**

A list of suggested clothing and riding gear is furnished after an application is received. We do not have riding gear available on any tour—you must supply your own.

A variety of good riding gear is required for tour participants to be comfortable and safe. Riding in jeans or a T-shirt is not recommended, as the weather is not always accommodating. Therefore, excellent rainsuits, good cold weather riding gear and proper protective equipment are necessary on all tours.

**What level of hotel accommodations will we have?**

We pay great attention to creature comforts. Nightly accommodations are furnished in quality hotels. Some hotels have saunas, spas, and/or swimming pools. The hotels are chosen for a specific reason—be it the view, the area, the owners, or the ambiance.

Alpine accommodations vary between three and four star hotels. Italian Idyll hotels are predominately four star. Adriatic Amble and Alpine Adventure West hotels are between two and four star.

The tours in Africa stay in a wider variety of accommodation ranging from two to four star.

We make use of the best accommodations available in each given area and have chosen them with great care and consideration. Tour prices are based on two persons sharing a room. Single occupancy is available at additional cost. Solo riders willing to share a room never pay single room supplemental prices with us—if we can’t find a roommate for you, that is our problem, not your expense!

**I don’t like to overpack my bike, nor do we wish to live out of our saddlebags for two weeks. What happens to my luggage?**

A luggage van is provided on every tour, allowing you to ride an unencumbered
motorcycle during the day. Each tour member may bring two suitcases and a carry on bag. Your luggage needs to be in the hotel lobby by 9:00 in the morning and will be in your hotel room by 6:30 in the evening.

You enjoy the freedom of an unencumbered bike during the day, and have available all of the evening wear you need. Live out of two saddlebags? For many people it is impossible—and you never need to do so on a Beach tour.

**What meals are provided?**

All breakfasts are included. Included evening meals are as follows:

12 - Adriatic Amble, Classic Alpine Adventure, Alpine Adventure West, Transylvania Trek; 15 - Isle of Man TT Tarry, 8 - Dolomite Domination, Swiss Splendor; 11 - Alpine Adventure East, Italian Idyll, Island Interlude, Sicilian Sojourn, South Island Scamper; 17 - Maori Meander; 14 - South African Saunter

**Where do we eat lunch?**

Anywhere! Some days you may wish to lunch at an outdoor cafe and enjoy the weather and the views while some days, if you’ve had a late breakfast, you may just wish to skip lunch and some days you may wish to have a picnic on a mountainside.

We can suggest restaurants on the route you are taking for the day. Restaurants are open from about noon to 2:30 for luncheon and generally, you can’t go wrong in choosing local dishes.

**I require a special diet—vegetarian, kosher, diabetic, etc...what do I do?**

Our evening menus are planned in advance, so we need to know what your requirements are. To the best of our abilities we will arrange for your evening meal to be prepared for your special needs.

**What items or expenses are not included in the tour package?**

Airfare, airport taxes, and airport fees are not included in the tour price. Luncheons, beverages, laundry, items of a personal nature, road tolls, gasoline and souvenirs are individual expenses.

**How much money should I bring?**

For our two-week tours in the Alps, we suggest that you plan to spend an additional $750 if rider only, and $1,150 if a couple, to cover gasoline, lunches, beverages, and tolls. These estimates should cover minimum necessities plus some extra activities.

**What documents are required?**

For American citizens, a valid passport and a motorcycle operator’s license are required for riding in any foreign country. On the Alpine and Italian tours an international driver’s license with motorcycle endorsement is also necessary. This document is available at your local AAA office. No visas or vaccinations are required for Americans in the countries in which we travel.

Citizens of countries other than the USA must check with their local authorities concerning what documents may be necessary.

**What are the age limitations?**

Tour participants have ranged in age from 3 months to 84 years. Each motorcycle
operator must have a valid motorcycle license. There is no upper age limit, but it is important that you are fit and healthy.

The motorcycle operator’s minimum age for the European tours is 18. Minimum age (and time as a licensed driver) to drive a car varies by the class of automobile. Please contact us with specific questions.

**Can friends or family who don’t ride motorcycles join the tour?**

Yes. Both motorcycles and automobiles are welcome on most Beach tours, so friends or family may still join you in the adventure of international touring! Contact us for specifics on the automobile options on the various tours.

**What sportscars are available?**

We recommend that participants interested in driving on the tour choose a convertible, as the view is so much better than in a sedan.

The cars on European tours are arranged through Sixt car rental. The current fleet in Munich includes both 2 and 4 seat convertibles.

Sixt is based in Munich. Some of our European tours begin or end in other cities. One-way rentals are not available, so extra days are required to move the vehicle between Munich and the start or end city for the tour. All cars have no mileage charge, nor mileage limitation. An alternative is to arrange auto rental from a local company. We will assist to the best of our ability if you choose this option.

Rental cars are also available on the African tours. Contact us for details.

Finally, drivers and passengers should be aware that on cold or wet days, the motorcyclists in the group may be quite envious of the heater and the fact that you can put the top up!

**What tour costs are in addition to the cost of the car rental?**

One person pays the “Sports Car Driver” price, any passengers pay the “Passenger” tour price. Refer to “What items or expenses are not included in the tour package?” for details.

**What are Beach’s rules and regulations?**

For many years our only rule has been: Arrive at the hotel in time for dinner! If you can’t make it by 7:00 p.m., please phone so we don’t worry and send out a search party.

All riders and drivers must adhere to local traffic laws and to the laws of the countries visited during the tour. And finally, it is highly recommended that you enjoy each day!

**How much risk is involved?**

Motorcycle riding is, by nature, an intense, risk-filled sport. It is very difficult to say how much risk is involved in our tours as much depends on the ability and judgment of the participant. A road or set of conditions offering considerable challenge and risk for a novice rider may present an experienced rider with little risk.

Likewise with weather conditions—a rider accustomed to riding in the rain may simply find it uncomfortable. A rider terrified of riding in the rain may make poor decisions and put himself in a very dangerous position. Riding in the European Alps is some of the most challenging street riding a motorcyclist will ever encounter. It will also certainly be the most rewarding from the standpoint of the scenery, the challenge, the daily options available, and the sheer joy of life. The Alps are truly Motorcycle Heaven.

Curvaceous is the single word that aptly describes central Italian roads. There are fewer
hairpins to negotiate, and shorter climbs and descents than in the Alps. But the turns follow one right after the other and no place is level, resulting in few straightaways. Throughout the itinerary traffic is generally light and the road surfaces excellent.

South African roads are in excellent condition, and 99% of the riding we do is on paved roads. There are two sections (totalling about 30 miles) of gravel to get to/from our game lodges. We can arrange to have your bikes transported over these sections if you don’t wish to ride. South Africa requires driving on the left.

**How do I book a Beach tour?**

Simply complete one tour application for each person, and send it with a deposit of $500 per person to our office. The balance is due thirty days prior to the date of departure.

In the event of a cancellation, a fee of $250 per person is assessed. If the cancellation notice is received less than thirty days before the departure date, a fee of $500 per person will be assessed. Any non-recoverable expenses incurred will also be charged to the applicant.

There are no refunds for unused services or accommodations once the tour has started.

**Is it possible to arrange a custom or private tour?**

Possibly. We have conducted custom tours in the past, and special itineraries are available for groups. Please contact Rob Beach with your request.

**What if I have to leave the tour?**

A tour member leaving the tour for any reason must arrange transportation for himself, his luggage and vehicle to the final tour destination. We will assist as far as possible. These arrangements are subject to the approval of the tour guide.

**Is it possible to ship my own motorcycle to use on tour?**

Yes, if you are prepared to spend money and time and endure general aggravation. The only practical transport is airfreight as ocean freight can take many weeks with uncertain arrival times.

The bottom line is that unless you will be riding in Europe for more than a month there is little or no financial benefit to shipping your own motorcycle. If you are still interested in riding your own machine, contact us. We can point you in the right direction. Riders using their own machines will be charged the Sports Car Driver tour price.

**I have a few questions that are not answered here. What shall I do?**

Call, write, fax, or e-mail us. Remember that the only foolish question is the one you neglect to ask. We strive to answer any and all of your questions before you depart, so that the only surprises on tour are the pleasant ones we have planned for you!

**Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures, Ltd. Responsibility**

Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures, Ltd. and Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures Niederlassung Deutschland do not assume responsibility for bodily injury, for damage, nor loss of any personal effects.

Please consider the purchase of travel insurance which covers personal injury; accidents and illness; trip cancellation; and loss, damage, or theft of luggage and personal belongings.

Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures, Ltd. and Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures Niederlassung Deutschland act only in the capacity of agent for the tour members in all matters connected with transportation, accommodations, or auto rental. No liability shall be incurred by
Beachs for delay, loss, damage, or injury to person or property while a passenger is using the facilities of an airline, train, steamship line, vehicle rental agency, and/or other transportation line.

The right is reserved to decline, accept, or retain any participant on the tour. Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures, Ltd. and Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures Niederlassung Deutschland are not obligated to replace a damaged motorcycle. A tour participant’s motorcycle may be secured should the rider not comply with local traffic laws.

The right is reserved to alter the itinerary at any time for the convenient operation of the tour; also to substitute hotels, date of departure or return, or withdraw the trip if deemed necessary at any time, for any reason. The issuance and acceptance of receipts, tickets and vouchers shall be deemed to be consent of the above conditions.

All prices are based upon tariffs and exchange rates existing on the printing date of this brochure and are subject to change without notice.

**The Bottom Line...**

Beach’s Motorcycle Adventures are exactly that—motorcycle adventures.

* We do not conduct grueling tests of man vs. nature.

* We do not encourage riding outside of one’s limits.

Our tours are focused on motorcycling. It is, after all, why we are on a motorcycle tour and not a bus tour. Participants should be ready to ride—at their own pace—daily, and to center many of their daily activities around the ride.

It is necessary on all of the tours to understand that you will be pushing yourself—riding in conditions and on roads that may be very unfamiliar to you. If that sounds overwhelming to you, it will be.

On the other hand, if you are ready for new experiences, for riding on some of the world’s finest roads, for great hotels, fantastic company, and good fun, then join us for a true Motorcycle Adventure!
APPLICATION FOR A BEACH TOUR
Each applicant must submit an individual form.

Name - Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr.: _____________________________________________________________________________________

Street Address: _____________________________________________ City: ______________________________________________

State / Province: ________________ Zip / Post Code: ______________ Country: ___________________________________

Home Phone: ____________________________________ Office Phone: ________________________________________________

Cell Phone: ______________________________________ E-mail: ______________________________________________________

Tour - please check your choice and list tour date and year

☐ Adriatic Amble __________________________________

☐ Alpine Adventure West ___________________________

☐ Swiss Splendor __________________________________

☐ Classic Alpine Adventure _________________________

☐ Italian Idyll _____________________________________

☐ Other (please include tour name / date _______________________________________________________________________

If you are a rider, do you plan to use: (check one)

☐ One of Beach’s motorcycles ☐ Your own motorcycle ☐ A rental automobile

If a passenger, with whom will you ride? _________________________________________________________________________

Where did you learn of our tours? _______________________________________________________________________________

Do you have any food allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, please elaborate.) _____________________________________________

☐ Single Room (additional cost) ☐ Double/Twin    Roommate: ___________________________________________________

Birthdate: ______________________________ Wedding date: _______________________________

Please print your name as you want it on your nametag: _____________________________________________________________

In the event of accident or illness, contact: (Please list someone other than your rider or passenger!)

Name: _____________________________________________ Relationship: _____________________________

State / Province: ________________ Zip: ______________ Country: ________________________________

Home phone: _________________________ Cell Phone: _______________________________

Please complete this application and return it with a deposit of $500 per person. Mail to: Beach's Motorcycle Adventures, Ltd., 2763 West River Rd., Grand Island, NY 14072-2053 USA