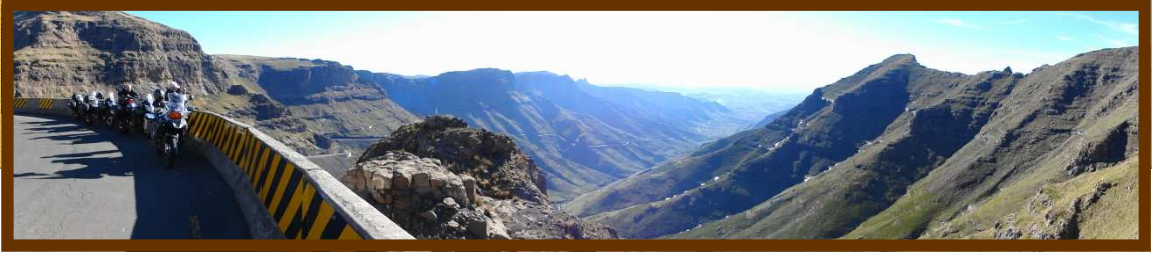


# Big Six Tour of South Africa - 18 Day Ride

2012



Prices - R 31 000.00 own bike & R 43 400.00 rented bike

Dates in 2012 - 28/04, 11/08 and 08/12



## About the Grand Tour of South Africa

### Tour information:

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| Touring days            | 18   |
| Distance in km's        | 4400 |
| Average daily distances | 340  |
| Accommodation incl. BB  | 17   |
| Dinners included        | 5    |
| Bike rental days        | 16   |
| Rest days               | 2    |

Our *Big 6 Motorcycle ride* starts in the North of South Africa and ends in **Cape Town** a few days later. We travel to the province of **Mpumalanga** where we enjoy a day **safari** in the **Kruger Park** in search of the **Big 5**. We ride the **Panorama Route**, known for its natural wonders such as the **Blyde River Canyon**, **Gods Window** and **Bourke's Luck**. We stop at the historic mining town **Pilgrims Rest** with its Jacaranda trees.

We traverse the rolling hills of Mpumalanga and ride to **Swaziland** for a brief stay. **Lake St. Lucia**, another world heritage site, is our first stop in **Kwa-Zulu Natal**, aka the **Zulu Kingdom**. In the distance the **Drakensberg Mountains** awaits us. These majestic mountains, with their awe-inspiring basalt cliffs, is another **World Heritage Site** we visit. Our ride continues along the Northern

**Drakensberg** as we say good-bye to the coastal lowlands. We enjoy the **Maluti Route** between South Africa and **Lesotho**. Here the sculptured sandstone cliffs dominate the landscape for miles on end. We ride through historical towns like **Golden Gate** and **Clarence** before we cross into **Lesotho**. In the **Mountain Kingdom** we ride passes at altitudes in excess of 3000m to get to the **Katse Dam** in the heart of Lesotho. We continue through the Eastern Free State towards the **Great Karoo**.

We enjoy a brief stay in **Graaff Reinet** and visit the **Valley of Desolation** before we head to the "sunshine coast" of the Eastern Cape. The **Great Karoo** is a vast semi arid region and riding by motorcycle allows you to appreciate the

beauty of this arid and sometimes unforgiving terrain.

Our next stop is **Port Elizabeth**, a popular holiday destination. From Port Elizabeth to **Cape Town** the **Garden Route** delights visitors. We traverse scenic *mountain passes* en route to **Oudtshoorn** and shortly after we head to **Cape Town** along **Route 62**. However, no journey will be complete without spending a night at the **southern tip of Africa**, **Cape L'Agulhas**. This might also be the best opportunity to view Southern Right whales frequenting these waters annually. Our last few days will be spent in Cape Town where we enjoy the **treasures of the Peninsula** and visit the **Cape of Goodhope** and **Table Mountain** to end our tour on a highlight!

### Tour highlights:

- Blyde River Canyon
- Pilgrims Rest
- Gods Window
- Kruger Park Safari
- Zulu Experience
- Katse Dam Lesotho
- Valley of Desolation
- Tsitsikamma Coastal Park
- Cango Caves
- St. Lucia Boat Trip
- Ostrich Show Farm
- Cape of Goodhope
- Table Mountain
- Robben Island

### About the ride

**Rating** - An easy going ride.

**Pillions** - This ride is suitable for all pillions.

**Gravel vs. Asphalt** - Asphalt only .

**Minimum group size** - 6 riders

**Back up vehicle** - Yes

