

Grand Tour of South Africa - 14 Day Ride

2012



Prices - R 26 900.00 own bike & R 37 500.00 rented bike

Dates in 2012 - 28/04, 11/08, 10/11 and 08/12



About the Grand Tour of South Africa

Tour information:

Touring days	14
Distance in km's	3930
Average daily distances	330
Accommodation incl. BB	14
Dinners included	5
Bike rental days	13
Rest days	1

Our Grand Tour starts in the North of South Africa and ends in Cape Town a few days later. The first few days we enjoy around the Mpumalanga Province - "Place of the Rising Sun". We go on safari in the Kruger National Park to find Big 5. We explore the Panorama Route known for its natural wonders which include the Blyde River Canyon, Gods Window and the potholes at Bourke's Luck.

Traversing the rolling hills of Mpumalanga we ride in a southerly direction to Swaziland for a one night stay in this tiny monarchy. Lake St. Lucia, a world heritage site, welcomes us to Kwa-Zulu Natal, aka the Zulu Kingdom. We bid the coastal plains farewell as we head for the Battlefields. Here many a battle were fought between the British, the Zulu's and the Boers. After a short Battlefield Tour we continue towards the Drakensberg Moun-

tains. Named the "Barrier of Spears" by the Zulu's and the Dragon Mountains by the Voortrekkers, these majestic mountains with their awe-inspiring basalt cliffs are one of South Africa's listed World Heritage Sites.

Our journey continues along the Northern Drakensberg as we head to the Golden Gate National Park. The perfectly sculptured sandstone cliffs dominate the landscape. Iconic towns such as Clarence welcomes us as we enter the Free State Province. Our motorcycle travels continue across the foothills of the Maluti Mountains as we head to the Great Karoo. We spend one night in Graaff Reinet, the 4th oldest town in South Africa. We visit the Valley of Desolation and enjoy a town-

ship tour with a local township resident.

Traversing the Great Karoo by motorcycle one appreciates the beauty of this flat and arid, sometimes unforgiving, terrain. Next we stop in Oudtshoorn, ostrich capital of the world. We visit the Cango Caves and a working ostrich farm. Then its off to Cape Town along Route62 (R62) and 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 whales in season. Our last days will be spent in Cape Town, the Mother City, where we enjoy the treasures of the Peninsula whilst we prepare for our journey back home.

Tour highlights:

- Blyde River Canyon
- Pilgrims Rest
- Gods Window
- Kruger Park Safari
- Zulu Experience
- Anglo Boer Battlefields
- Valley of Desolation
- 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

