

2012 Five-Country Tour –FAQS

Dates:

August 26 – September 6, 2012

What is the appropriate Rider level/Experience?

Expert – this is a tremendously technical and physically challenging tour.

What are the roads like?

Extremely curvy, with **constant** switchbacks.

How large is the tour group?

Between 6-12 riders, 1 tour guide and 1 sweeper

Is there a Chase Vehicle?

No

Are heated grips standard?

Yes

Are there connections for Heated Gear?

No, but if you want to bring heated gear, bring your own connections, and you can install it yourself when you receive your rental motorcycle.

Can I hook up my GPS unit?

Yes

Can I ride my own motorcycle?

Yes, but you would be responsible for shipping it and/or arranging to get it to Munich

Can I bring a friend who would be following us in a car?

No, this is a motorcycle only tour.

Motorcycle Luggage System

650GS, 800GS and R – 2 Side Cases

R1200GS and RT – Topcase, 2 side cases (backrest available upon request)

**We recommend bringing a roll bag or duffel to secure on to the passenger seat (if single rider) for extra storage*

Will Internet be available during the tour?

Internet will be available in some locations, usually for an additional cost, which varies from hotel to hotel. Mobile hotspots will **not** likely be found in the areas in which we will be touring.

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MOTORCYCLE TOURING & TRAVEL

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Germany – Austria – Slovenia – Italy – Switzerland
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Join the RoadRUNNER team on this tour especially designed for our readers. Savor incredible Alpine roads, great green valleys, historic villages, marvelous Old World charm and hospitality, and some of the best cuisine prepared anywhere. Join us and ride to your heart's content on our extended Five-Country Tour in 2012. **This tour is for experienced riders only** who enjoy technical riding and lots of switchbacks.

Dates:	August 26 – September 6, 2012
Arrival/Departure:	Munich, Germany
Duration:	12-day vacation, 9 riding days
Total Distance:	1,400 miles / 2,250 km
Average Mileage Daily:	155 miles / 248 km
Accommodations:	Comfortable middle-class hotels
Optional Rest Days:	Tamsweg, Austria, Serfaus, Tirol
Highlights:	BMW Museum, Weisses Bräuhaus, Salzburg, Ankogel Glacier, Dolomite Mountains, Wine Road of Meran, Timmelsjoch, Stilferjoch, St. Moritz.

RIDING EXPERIENCE

This tour is for experienced riders only. The roads are very technical, curvy, and frequently steep and narrow.

ITINERARY

Sunday August 26, 2012	Flight to Munich
Monday August 27, 2012	Munich – Munich - <i>sightseeing</i>
Tuesday August 28, 2012	Munich - Lenggries
Wednesday August 29, 2012	Lenggries - Tamsweg
Thursday August 30, 2012	Tamsweg – round trip or rest day
Friday August 31, 2012	Tamsweg - Kötschach Mautern
Saturday September 1, 2012	Kötschach Mautern - Arabba
Sunday September 2, 2012	Arabba – Meran
Monday September 3, 2012	Meran – Serfaus
Tuesday September 4, 2012	Serfaus – round trip or rest day
Wednesday September 5, 2012	Serfaus – Lenggries
Thursday September 6, 2012	Flight home

TOUR PRICE

Tour price per person

	1 rider / double occupancy	1 rider / single occupancy	two-up / double occupancy
F650GS	\$3,716	\$4,161	\$2,899
F800R	\$3,929	\$4,371	\$3,002
F800GS	\$3,929	\$4,371	\$3,002
R1200R	\$4,352	\$4,792	\$3,214
R1200GS	\$4,455	\$4,903	\$3,270
R1200RT	\$4,499	\$4,939	\$3,291

INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

Airport shuttle service, accommodations, all breakfasts and dinners, two multilingual guides, BMW motorcycles, tour information package and safety tips, road map.

Please note: early arrivals and late departures are responsible for their own transportation

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE

Not included in the tour price are: international or other airfare to/from Europe, personal items, passport, fuel, speeding tickets and other fines, laundry and dry cleaning, telephone calls, lunches, beverages, additional and personal hotel room charges, and medical and accident insurance.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The hotels are mostly family-owned and operated, and have a wonderful local flavor. They are three- and four-star category establishments, and all provide breakfast and dinner. You will feel welcome and at home right away. Some hotels have a pool or sauna, so bring your bathing suit, and all provide hair dryers. If you bring any electrical devices, remember that Europe has different voltage (220V) and electrical outlets, so make sure you have the right converters and plugs, and that your appliances work on both voltages. Casual clothes for evenings are fine, there's no need for formal wear.

INTERNET ACCESS AND PHONE SERVICE

Most hotels on the tour offer internet for an additional fee. (not included in your tour package) Also keep in mind that purchased internet access for hot spots in Europe only work in large cities, and in areas which we **will not** covering on our tour.

Ask your cell phone provider about their international calling plan and data package options available for trips and traveling abroad.

LUGGAGE STORAGE

Tour members will be able to store extra luggage in the hotel in Lenggries securely while on tour.

MOTORCYCLES

For our tours, we use BMWs: F650GS, F800R, F800GS, R1200R, R1200GS, and R1200RT. Motorcycles are reserved on a first-come, first-served basis, depending upon availability, and are not guaranteed.

Keep in mind that smaller bikes handle much better on alpine roads! A great choice for a carefree, leisurely ride is the F650GS, 800GS, or R. They handle very easily on the numerous hairpins and still have enough power to keep up with anybody else on the mountain roads. If you are a very capable rider and want to experience the ultimate challenge in riding, then the R1200GS, because of its size and seat height (33.1”), is the bike for you. This would also be a good choice for two-up riding. Anything bigger (and heavier) takes away the pleasure of riding in the Alps. And a race bike is useless in these conditions - there are not many high-speed or straight sections on our tours. (You might want to check out these bikes at your local dealer, to see which one feels the most comfortable for you.)

LUGGAGE SYSTEM

Whatever luggage you bring must fit on your bike. The BMWs we provide for our tours are equipped with a luggage system. The volume of the hard side cases varies, depending on the motorcycle. Generally, you can count on a total of between 60-70 liters (2.4 cu ft) of storage for both cases total.

The F650GS, 800GS and the F800R come with two side cases, and the R1200GS and R1200RT come with two side cases, and a topcase. The cases are easy to remove from the motorcycle. It's not necessary to bring interior bags although they are lighter, and less weight to carry.

Dry duffels or waterproof roll bags strapped to the back seat can provide extra luggage capacity.

TANKBAGS

The rental motorcycles are not equipped with tankbags. Bring a tankbag with straps to mount on the tank.

INSURANCE

The motorcycle insurance for your tour package requires a pre-paid deductible of €1,150 (approximately \$1,654, depending on the exchange rate at the time). It can be paid

in cash or by credit card. Following a damage-free or accident-free tour, the money will be refunded to you. In case of minor damage to your motorcycle, an appraisal of the repair cost is made, based on the dealer's cost, and paid from your deductible. The remainder is returned to you. In case the cost of any damage to the motorcycle is higher than the deductible, or if the bike is stolen, the deductible is forfeited entirely. The insurance company will cover the rest of the cost.

GROUP SIZE

The group will contain between six to twelve riders and will be led by two tour guides.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Deadline for reservation is Wednesday May 25, 2012.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT

A deposit of \$500 per person is required to reserve your place on the tour. All deposits are non-refundable although they are transferable to another party. The balance for the tour is due before or on July 16, 2012. We accept personal check, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express and money orders.

CANCELLATION POLICY

If you cancel your Tour (August 26-September 6, 2012) between July 6 and August 3, 2012 (in writing), you forfeit 50% of the total tour price. After August 4, 2012, the total tour price is non-refundable. We strongly recommend trip cancellation insurance.

ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT MUNICH

We will pick you up at the airport in Munich (MUC) on Monday August 27, 2012 and shuttle you and your belongings to the first hotel.

ARRIVE EARLY

It's a good idea to arrive early in order to overcome the effects of jetlag and to acclimate yourself to the area. If you intend on spending additional time in Munich, keep in mind that we'll be taking you sightseeing through downtown Munich, visiting the Weissen Bräuhaus and the BMW Museum as part of your tour package. Please let us know your arrival plans in advance, so that we can make arrangements accordingly.

- *Please note: early arrivals and late departures are responsible for their own transportation.*

EQUIPMENT

Proper riding gear (leather, GORE-TEX®, Cordura®) is essential to cope with the temperature changes due to altitude and weather conditions, and to help protect you in case of injury. Jeans and chaps are not considered suitable riding gear. Bring your full-face helmet and riding boots, and pack your raingear. Bring two pairs of gloves (a warmer and a lighter pair).

ROADS AND TRAFFIC

Note, though riding an average of only 155 miles / 248 km per day may seem easy, don't be deceived. Riding in the Alps on the back roads where the locals ride, you'll encounter many challenges; the roads are technical, narrow and curvy. This is not a tour for beginners.

MONEY

The currency is the Euro. It's **important** to get your credit card **validated** for Europe. You need it both to rent the bike and for the deposit. (Most credit card swipers in Europe now require your credit card to be chipped.)

The cheapest and easiest way to get money is via a bankcard carrying a CIRRUS or MAESTRO symbol, and for which you have a PIN (personal identification number). Please ask your bank if you have any questions. Credit cards are also useful for getting cash, again, provided you have a PIN. Paying for services, such as gas and food with a credit card is still rather uncommon in most places, so make sure you have cash as a backup. You can exchange money at the airport or in most European banks. Travelers' checks are outdated and hard to exchange. You can estimate spending about 50 Euros per day - 20 for gas and 30 for lunch, snacks, and drinks.

Tips

In Europe, tips are welcome, but are not the standard 15-18% like they are in the US. Rounding up to the next Euro, or adding a Euro is perfectly acceptable.

WEATHER

Temperatures will range between 40 and 85 degrees. The altitude changes during the day's ride as you go up and down the Alps, and the temperature changes accordingly. It can rain and be freezing on the mountain road, yet be warm when you come down into the valley. Dress in several layers so you can easily adjust to the weather conditions. Don't forget to bring rain gear! In case of heavy rain or other bad weather, we will choose the shortest route to the next hotel, and avoid pass roads wherever possible.

TIME DIFFERENCE

There is a time difference of 6 hours to Eastern Standard Time.

RESERVATIONS

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<i>Day</i>	<i>Distance average 155 miles / 248 km</i>	Highlights
Sunday Aug 26	Departure from USA	
Monday Aug 27	Arrival in Munich	Shuttle to hotel, sightseeing walk Munich, Weisses Brauhaus
Tuesday Aug 28	Munich – Lenggries	BMW museum , shuttle to Lenggries, pick-up motorcycles, short ride
Wednesday Aug 29	Lenggries – Tamsweg <i>(Two nights in Tamsweg)</i> Lenggries – Alpenstrasse – Salzburg – Tamsweg	Germany – Austria Along the German Alpenstrasse to Salzburg: sightseeing in Mozart’s birthplace.
Thursday Aug 30	Tamsweg – Tamsweg <i>(optional rest day)</i> Tamsweg – Bundschuh – Nockalmstrasse – Turacherhöhe – Tamsweg	Austria Nockberge with views of the Hochalm and Ankogel Glaciers (over 9800ft).
Friday Aug 31	Tamsweg – Kötschach Mautern Tamsweg – Katschberghöhe – Liesertal – Villach – Wurzenpass – Vrisicpass – Mangartstrasse – Predilpass – Sella Nevea – Naßfeldpass – Kötschach Mautern	Austria – Slovenia – Italy Three countries and seven pass roads in one day.
Saturday Sept 1	Kötschach Mautern – Arabba Kötschach Mautern – Lesachtal – Toblach – Cortina – Passo di Giau – Passo Fedia – Passo Prodoij – Arabba	Austria – Italy Fantastic view from the Passo di Giau plateau of the impressive Dolomite Mountains.
Sunday Sept 2	Arabba – Meran Arabba – Passo Falzarego – Passo Valparole – Corvara – Grödnerjoch – Klausen – Brixen – Sterzing – Jaufenpass – Meran	Italy Across the traditional passes of the Dolomites of the Sella group and along the wine road to Meran.
Monday Sept 3	Meran – Bormio – Serfaus <i>(Two nights in Serfaus)</i> Meran – Gampenjoch – Passso Tonale – Ponte di Lego – Passo Gavia – Bormio – Stilferjoch – Mals – Reschenpass - Serfaus	Italy –Austria Crossing of four passes including the exciting and famous Stilferjoch.
Tuesday Sept 4	Serfaus – Serfaus <i>(optional rest day)</i> Serfaus – Pfunds – Martinsbach – Susch – Fluelapass – Davos – Tiefencastel – Julierpass – St. Moritz – Ofenpass – Glurn – Reschenpass – Serfaus	Austria – Switzerland - Italy Four more pass roads with the Swiss resort of St. Moritz and in Southern Tyrol.
Wednesday Sept 5	Serfaus – Lenggries Serfaus – Imst – Hochtannjoch – Plansee – Walchsee – Lenggries	Austria – Germany Tyrolian roads and Bavarian lakesides back to Lenggries.

Thursday Sept 6 - departure

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Dates	August 26 – September 6, 2012	
Registration Deadline	May 25, 2012	
Personal Information	Rider	Passenger
First Name		
Last Name		
Address		
City		
State, ZIP Code		
Age		
Height		
Year/Make/Model of your Bike		
Driver's License Number		
T-Shirt Size		
Contact	Work Phone Number: () Home Phone Number: () Email:	
Rental Motorcycle	F650GS - F800R - F800GS - R1200R - R1200GS - R1200RT first choice _____ second choice _____	
Total Tour Costs	\$ _____ please insert amount according rate sheet	
Deposit	\$500.00 per person (non refundable)	
Balance Due 6 weeks prior to arrival	July 16, 2012 Automatically charge my card the balance due Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Will pay by check <input type="checkbox"/>	
Credit Card Number	<input type="radio"/> VISA <input type="radio"/> MasterCard <input type="radio"/> Discover <input type="radio"/> Amex _____ exp: ___ / ___ V-Code _____ (3 additional digits in signature field, or 4-digit code on front of AMEX card) Signature _____ Date _____	

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