



Pancho Villa Moto-Tours

Motorcycle Tours & Expeditions

AFRICA

AN ADVENTURE IN SOUTH AFRICA WITH PANCHO VILLA MOTO-TOURS

Pancho Villa Moto-Tours invite you to experience a new dimension of motorcycle touring adventure - South Africa, country of contrasts.

Imagine riding uncongested roads and rugged off-road trails through the breathtaking mountain passes and scenery of Lesotho, through the Klein Karoo semi-desert; visit unspoiled beaches; wine farms and experience the sounds of nature under a starlit sky after game viewing in a wildlife reserve.

THE RIDE

This event is a Pancho Villa Moto Tours Expedition. It is not a rally, nor a venue for proving one's speed or ability to race through such conditions.

THE MOTORCYCLE

The Kawasaki KLR 650 will be used, the ideal dual purpose machine. The bulk of the gear will be transported in a support vehicle.

ACCOMMODATION

Fine lodging has long been one of the trademarks of Pancho Villa Moto-Tours and the South African Expedition will not be an exception. Accommodation ranges from luxury hotels to wildlife reserve camps - all designed to give you a real African experience. However it is important to note that on occasions, the Expedition will take riders far from the usually travelled tourist path, which means accommodation will be rustic, although comfortable with the basic necessities. Rooms will be double occupancy.

FOOD AND DINING

Good eating is another Pancho Villa Moto-Tours attraction. Meals feature local tastes ranging from venison to crayfish and other South African delicacies such as boerewors and biltong. Alcoholic beverages will be the responsibility of the individual rider and are not included in the package. If you happen to be one whose diet is rigid and unbending, you will be missing out on one of the delights of this great event.

THE ITINERARY

The following itinerary is custom designed exclusively for Pancho Villa Moto-Tours. The very nature of travel in a foreign land demands that participants be flexible and understanding in that Pancho Villa Moto-Tours reserves the right to modify the itinerary when and where deemed necessary for the benefit of the tour.

DAY 1.

ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG

You will be greeted by the Pancho Villa Moto-Tours staff at the airport and transferred to your hotel. We collect the motorcycles and attend a briefing to double check that everything is in order & then relax. (BB)

DAY 2.

The adventure begins! The ride is on sealed roads to the beautiful Eastern Free State where we visit the Basotho

cultural village, a museum displaying the traditional tribal life and where we can watch tribal dancing. The area is also well known for its unusual mountains. O/n Clarens. (DBB) 350km

DAY 3.

Today we cross the border and venture into the Mountains of Lesotho. We follow its Northern and Eastern border, riding dirt and sealed roads to our overnight stop at Molimo Nthuse at the end of a breathtakingly beautiful road in the central Maluti mountains. (DBB and picnic lunch) 390km. (190km dirt roads)

DAY 4.

Known as the Mountain Kingdom with its spectacular scenery, Lesotho is the off-road riders' paradise with many paths and trails to explore. The roads offer exciting riding and stunning scenery. We stop overnight at Malealea in the heart of Roof of Africa country. (DBB) 250km. (includes 200km off road)

DAY 5.

More challenging riding through spectacular mountains into deep valleys and crossing streams before we arrive at our next stop, Rhodes, in the early afternoon. En route we visit a site with excellent examples of Bushman rock paintings. Rhodes is a little village in the mountains in one of the few areas in South Africa that has snow every year. (DBB) 260km. (dirt roads)



DAY 6.

Enjoy the spectacular Naudesnek Pass - 100km long dirt road pass offering spectacular views and riding. We travel along the top of the scenic rolling hills in the area where Nelson Mandela grew up. O/n Stutterheim (DBB and picnic lunch) 400km. (includes 200km dirt)

DAY 7.

An easier ride today. We travel to Port Elizabeth, visiting the Addo Elephant park or Shamwari game reserve where we will see some interesting wildlife. Our early arrival at our hotel gives us a chance to relax before dinner. (BB) 330 km. (includes 80km off road)

DAY 8.

We ride along the magnificent Baviaans Kloof pass, crossing and re-crossing the river as it flows for 160km through rugged mountains. Turning East, we cross the Prince Alfred Pass into Knysna where we overnight. (DBB) 350km. (includes 210km dirt roads).

DAY 9.

A well earned day of leisure at Knysna, centre of the Garden Route. Relax on the unspoilt beach, ride the famous Outeniqua Choo Choo train or tour the Featherbed Nature Reserve with its unique scenery. (BB)

DAY 10.

After breakfast we ride inland to visit the famous Cango Caves, then a Cheetah farm and an Ostrich farm. O/n at Oudtshoorn. (DBB) 170km

DAY 11.

We ride to the top of the Swartberg Pass and down into a forgotten valley called "Die Hel" where families lived in isolation for centuries before the road that we ride on opened this valley to the world. Back on sealed roads, we travel through semi-desert areas and rugged canyons to Montagu, a wine farming centre. (DBB) 360km. (includes 200km dirt roads). This is the last day of dirt road riding.

DAY 12.

Tour the winelands sampling some of the world-renowned wines of the region. The famous Four Passes route via the university town of Stellenbosch takes us in to Cape Town where we stay. (BB) 220km.

DAY 13.

Peninsula tour visiting Cape Town's famous sights - Hout Bay, Cape Point and Table Mountain. The tour ends with a farewell dinner and prize giving. Overnight in Cape Town. (DBB) 200km.

DAY 14.

Some last minute shopping before your flight home with memories of Africa you will never forget.

TOTAL KMS : 3280KM

DIRT ROADS: 1340KM

TOUR INCLUDES :

13 Nights hotel and guest house accommodation including breakfasts & 8 dinners ♦ Visit to Shamwari Game Reserve ♦ Tour guide on a motorcycle ♦ Support vehicle for emergencies & carrying personal gear with driver ♦ Necessary hotel - airport transfers ♦ Rental of KLR 650 or similar motorcycle ♦ Maps and tour preparation information ♦ Entrance fees to Basotho village, Game drive, Cango caves, Ostrich farm, Cheetah farm, Cape Point and Table Mountain.

DOES NOT INCLUDE :

International Airfares to South Africa ♦ Alcoholic beverages ♦ Lunches except on days 3,4,5,6,8 ♦ Fuel ♦ Travel or cancellation Insurance ♦ Health or medical Insurance ♦ Meals other than those provided as part of the package ♦ Gratuities. ♦ Estimated costs of items not included: ♦ Fuel A\$170 ♦ Meals-budget A\$20 -dinner without drinks, A\$13 -light lunch without drinks.

OPTIONAL EXTENSION:

Arrive 2 days early and spend 2 nights in a private wildlife reserve relaxing and enjoying game viewing A\$800 per person sharing, single supplement A\$300. Includes return transfer by car from Johannesburg airport to Lodge, all meals and game viewing activity.

PRICE OF TOUR:

A\$4,950 including bike hire, 13 nights' accommodation and most meals. Single supplement A\$590.

PRICE PER PASSENGER

A\$3,950 including transport in back up vehicle, 13 nights accommodation and most meals.

CONDITIONS, PAYMENTS ETC.

1. A deposit of A\$900 per rider is required to secure a tour position.
2. A minimum of 6 paying riders are required for this tour to go as scheduled.
3. Refund policy for cancellations:
 - a) 90 days or more before event, \$300 will be retained
 - b) 60 - 89 days before event, \$600 will be retained
 - c) 45 - 59 days before event, the full \$900 will be retained.
 - d) 44 days or less before the event - each situation will be reviewed.
 - e) Refunds, where warranted, will be prompt.
4. Final payment in full is due 8 weeks before the event.
5. A A\$700 security deposit is required at time of arrival, fully refundable upon return of the motorcycle undamaged. (Credit cards can be used). All participants & staff are required to sign a standard release of liability agreement as well as a rental agreement stating responsibility for the motorcycle.
6. Compulsory Emergency Air Medical Rescue Insurance - please ensure that you are covered in the event of an emergency air evacuation from Lesotho to South Africa being required. No participant will be allowed to travel without meeting this requirement.

TIMING:

17-30 Oct 1999
16-30 Jan 2000
April, 2000

OTHER

Participants should be in good physical condition and arrive with an attitude of flexibility and a willingness to be a part of a team. Riders should be skilled road tourers with a minimum 2 years dirt riding experience and hold a current motorcycle licence.

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