

This motorcycle tour is a ride with a difference. We begin with an included flight from Rio to Foz and visiting the world's greatest waterfalls of Foz do Iguacu before riding across the Argentine Chaco region bound for the beautiful Salta. Crossing the Andes we enter Chile at the remote Paso Sico border and ride into the stark yet beautiful landscapes of the Atacama desert, before arriving at the desert oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama. Leaving San Pedro we begin what surely must be one of the worlds greatest motorcycle journeys as we enter the wild and remote landscape of the 12,000/7500 square kilometer/mile Salar de Uyuni. We ride past multicolored lagoons fringed with flocks of rare James Flamingoes, fantastic rock formations and islands dotted with cacti before riding into Uyuni 3 days later. We will visit the world's highest city of Potosi with its still working ancient mine before crossing the high passes of the Altiplano and entering La Paz, this really is a ride of superlatives that has to be ridden to be believed.

The ride

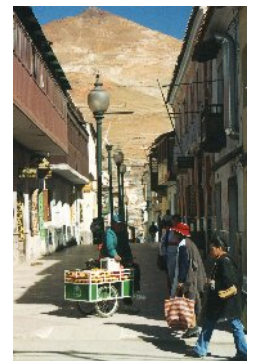
Week One

We begin the ride spending two days exploring the awesome waterfalls at Foz Do Iguacu including a helicopter flight over them. The Falls border, Paraguay, Argentina and Brazil and we will spend time in both Argentina and Brazil exploring them. Riding west we soon enter the vast Chaco region of Northern Argentina via a night at the Jesuit ruins at San Ignacio Mini. Two nights will be spent at the beautiful city of Salta with its wonderful Plaza de Armas and very temperate climate.



Week Two

We leave Salta and cross into Chile via the remote and high Paso Sico before riding off an immense plateau and on into the adobe desert oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama, with its roofless restaurants and wonderful bars. We will ride out at sunset to witness the surrounding landscape burn a deep red as the sun goes down over the valley of the moon. The next three days will be spent crossing the vast, empty, silent yet absolutely stunning Salar de Uyuni before riding into Uyuni on the edge of the Salar, this ride is one for the record books, you will have bragging rights.



Week Three

From Uyuni we cross the Andes once again, on another scenically wonderful ride, stopping at a local school Compass Expeditions sponsors, as we ride the high Altiplano toward the world's highest city of Potosi. This city, once bigger and richer than new York and Paris, will leave you breathless, literally, as it sits at 4060m/13,320ft. We ride across the Altiplano and descend into a huge basin where La Paz sits, under the shadow of the snow capped Mt Illumani, where this remarkable motorcycle tour comes to an end. This ride is one that will stay with you forever, we at Compass are the only bike company on earth that offer this route.



Aqua and Salars

18 days

Tour Highlights

- Foz do Iguacu and helicopter flight
- Salta
- Riding the Andes
- San Pedro de Atacama
- Valle de la Luna
- Incredible ride across the Salar
- The ride between Uyuni and Potosi



What's Included

- Airport transfers
- Flight from Rio de Janeiro to Foz do Iguacu
- Motorcycle rental **BMW F 650 GS**
- GPS, with waypoints pre programmed in, for entire expedition
- Fuel
- Tolls
- Border paperwork
- Support vehicle with passenger carrying ability
- Non alcoholic drinks on support vehicle
- Breakfasts everyday, lunches and dinners on all riding days
- Accommodation in excellent small hotels
- **Bonus night** accommodation
- Services of ride leader and support vehicle driver
- Pre departure material and route maps
- Access to satellite phones, pay per minute
- Compass Expeditions dress shirt and baseball cap
- Helicopter flight over Foz do Iguacu
- Entrances to both Brazil and Argentinean side of Iguacu Falls
- All National park entrances
- Guide across the Salar
- Potosi mine tour
- La Paz city Tour

What's not included

- International Flights
- Visas (if required)
- Personal spending money
- Lunches and dinners on non riding days
- Personal health insurance
- Tips and gratuities

The route



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General Tour information

The following information is relevant to this tour, please read carefully and if you have more questions please email us on info@compassexpeditions.com

Ride profile

Grade Four



Please refer to FAQ page on our website for full details on our grading system

Total distance: 2800ks/1750miles
Days on bike: 11

70% of this ride is on pavement, some sections of pavement can be potholed and narrow, some can be heavily trafficked.

30% of this ride is on dirt with one day spent on hard salt, there are also sections of dirt that has loose gravel and can be rutted with some very small sections of sand and a small number of shallow creek crossings.

On this ride we will cross a 4500mt/ 144700ft pass and some time will be spent at an altitude over 3000mts/ 9800ft.

Accommodation

- 15 nights hotels, 3 nights wild camp & 1 bonus night.
- Accommodation ranges from basic cabins on the Salar through to 4 star hotels, for a list of our accommodation styles please refer to our FAQ page on our website.
- A flexible attitude is needed as standards are not always what we are accustomed to.

Single supplement : US\$ 850

Included meals

Breakfasts: 17	On everyday of the tour we provide breakfast, on all ride days we provide a picnic lunch that we prepare ourselves from our mobile kitchen, on all ride days we provide dinner in a reliable restaurant that we have used many times before. When wild camping we provide a campfire dinner.
Lunches: 11	
Dinners: 12	

General info

- Please note that you will need to be in **Rio do Janeiro** one day prior to start of expedition
- Passengers are required to bring along a sleeping bag liner, only.
- All prices are based on rental of **BMW F 650 GS** for **1150 GS** add **US\$ 990**
- For bookings of 60 days or less that have an **"included flight"** a surcharge of **US\$ 200** is added
- It is a requirement that all clients have appropriate insurance for this type of expedition.



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