

This wonderfully diverse motorcycle tour will take us from the vibrant Chilean capital of Santiago into the stunning wilderness of the Atacama desert and follow the Andes to the Incan “Navel of the universe” Cusco. On this extraordinary ride we will visit Chilean beach resorts, abandoned Nitrate mining towns, cities set beneath towering volcano's and of course ride amongst the legendary Incan ruins that are scattered along the stunning Sacred Valley culminating in the awesome Machu Picchu. This two week motorcycle adventure will stay with you forever.

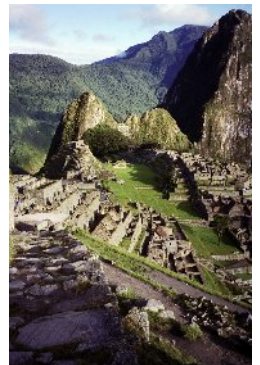
## The Ride

### Week One

We leave the vibrant city of Santiago, set at the base of the Andes, and ride north on the Pan American highway before stopping at the balmy beachside resort of La Serena. We enter the Atacama desert, the driest on earth and ride into a landscape of sand and snow capped mountains, abandoned ghost towns and ancient geoglyphs. Nights will be spent under a magnificently clear star laden sky dining on seafood as we make our way up the coast. We will eventually leave Chile and enter Peru and ride amongst the foothills of the Andes before arriving at the “White City” of Arequipa. Two nights are spent here allowing us to explore this beautiful city with, arguably, the finest Plaza de Armas in the America's and the Santa Catalina convent and Juanita “the ice princess”, a mummy believed to have been sacrificed by the Incas 500 years ago.

### Week Two

Week two will see us take to the dirt as we ride toward one of the world's biggest canyons, Colca Canyon. The riding here is inspiring as we ride into the Andes, riding amongst snow capped volcano's, herds of Llama and vicuna and cross a 5000m/16400ft pass. It is in this very region that the mighty Amazon River begins its epic journey. A night is spent at the canyon rim where we may be lucky enough to see giant Condors. Back to paved roads we will ride onto the archaeological centre of the America's, Cusco. A day will be spent riding the sacred Valley visiting Incan ruins that are scattered throughout, before catching a train to the legendary Machu Picchu. A day will be spent wandering these famous ruins before returning to Cusco. A full day will also be spent in Cusco itself wandering the cobblestone streets and hanging out in the amazing Plaza de Armas, maybe have a beer at the bikers hangout of Norton's Rats, a fitting end to this wonderful motorcycle ride.



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### Tour Highlights

- The beachside resort of La Serena
- The stunning Atacama Desert
- Arequipa
- Colca Canyon
- High Andes Scenery
- Cusco
- Riding the Sacred Valley
- Machu Picchu

### The route

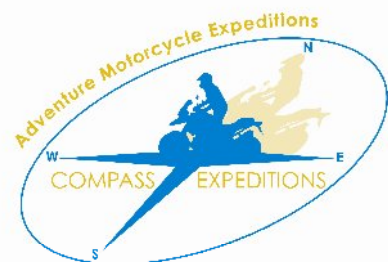


### What's Included

- Airport transfers
- 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 nights** 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
- Entrance to abandoned mining town
- Visit to Santa Catalina Convent
- Colca Canyon hot springs/ park entrance
- Cusco Visitor tickets allowing entrances to many sites
- Train and entrance to Machu Picchu

### 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



# 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](mailto:info@compassexpeditions.com)

## Ride profile

### Grade Two



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

**Total distance:** 3000ks/1870Miles  
**Days on bike:** 10

98% of this ride is on pavement however there are two days that are spent on hard packed dirt, there can be sections of the dirt that has loose gravel and can be rutted. Some sections of pavement can be potholed.

**Suitable for off -road novice and two- up riding**

On this ride we will cross a 5000mt/ 16400ft pass and some time will be spent at an altitude over 3000mts/ 9800ft.

## Accommodation

- 13 nights hotels, 1 night wild camp & 1 bonus night.
- Accommodation ranges from small beachside cabins 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\$ 700**

## Included meals

**Breakfasts:** 15  
**Lunches:** 10  
**Dinners:** 10

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. A camp dinner is provided when wild camping.

## General info

- Please note that you will need to be in **Santiago** one day prior to start of expedition (accommodation included)
- Passengers are required to bring along sleeping bag liner, only.
- All prices are based on rental of **BMW F 650 GS** for **BMW 1150 GS** add **US\$ 840**
- 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.



**Great picnic lunches**

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