

This is one of the most diverse and scenically stunning motorcycle tours we undertake. This extensive ride must rate as one of the world's great journeys. We begin at the former Incan capital of Cusco, taking in the incomparable Machu Picchu before crossing the Andes, stopping at the world's highest navigable lake, Titikaka, visiting the nearby floating island of Uros. We ride amongst the snow-capped peaks of the Andes as we enter La Paz set at nearly 4 Kilometers/2.5 miles above sea level. We then embark on a ride through some of the most remarkable scenery on earth, the incredible 12,000 square Kilometer Salar de Uyuni, three amazing days are spent riding across the wild, remote Salar passing crimson and turquoise lagoons frequented by the rare James Flamingo, herds of Vicuna and Alpaca, the crystal clear nights are the stuff of dreams. We cross into Chile and pass Geyser fields as we reach the desert oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama, set on the fringe of the beautiful Atacama desert. Turning east we ride across the vast Chaco region of northern Argentina before reaching the greatest waterfalls on earth, the thundering Foz do Iguacu, all 275 of them, it's a fitting way to end this remarkable ride, and we are the only company in the world offering this tour on bikes.

## The ride

### Week One

Our first ride will see us ride the Sacred Valley passing numerous Incan ruins en-route to the legendary Machu Picchu. Three nights are spent in Cusco and surrounds before we ride into the Andes and onto the beautiful Lake Titikaka and visit the "have to be seen to be believed", floating reed islands, before crossing into Bolivia and to the unofficial capital of La Paz. Three nights are spent in this amazing city set at 3660 metres above sea level under the watchful gaze of Mt Illumani.



### Week Two

From La Paz we ride out onto the stunning high Altiplano and onto the world's highest city of Potosi, a UNESCO listed city this old mining town sits at the foot of Cerro Rico a mountain that has been continually mined for over 400 years. The next 4 days will provide you with some of the most memorable, wild and dramatic scenery you would have ever seen, as we cross the Salar de Uyuni, the largest salt flats in the world. We pass multicolored high altitude lagoons, ringed with Flamingoes, bizarre rock formations and herds of Vicuna and Alpaca, we are the only motorcycle tour company to offer this amazing route. The week is finished in Chile as we pass steaming Geyser fields as we reach the desert oasis town of San Pedro de Atacama. Watching the sun set over Valle de la Luna and seeing the surrounding volcano's turn a blazing red is the perfect way to end what will be one very special week.



### Week Three

From the ancient Atacama Desert we turn east and enter Argentina at the remote border of Paso Sico, the scenery is spectacular as we descend into the beautiful city of Salta. From here we cross the vast Chaco region of Northern Argentina stopping to visit the Jesuit ruins of San Ignacio Mini. Our final destination is the incomparable waterfalls of Foz do Iguacu, we spend 2 days here visiting both the Argentinean and Brazilian sides of the falls including a helicopter flight over them, boat ride under them and a train trip around them. At night enjoy a Churrascaria and show or the vibrant nightlife of Iguacu, a flight is included onward, to Rio do Janeiro for your international connections.



## Tour Highlights

- High Andes Scenery
- Cusco
- Riding the Sacred Valley
- Machu Picchu
- Uros Islands
- Potosi
- Incredible ride across the Salar
- San Pedro de Atacama
- Valle de la Luna
- Foz Do Iguacu

## The route



## What's Included

- Airport transfers
- Flight from Foz do Iguacu to Rio do Janeiro
- 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
- Cusco Visitor tickets allowing entrances to many sites
- Train and entrance to Machu Picchu
- Boat trip out to floating Uros Islands
- City tour of La Paz
- Potosi mine tour
- Guide across the Salar
- Helicopter flight/ boat trip/ train trip and entrances into Foz do Iguacu

## 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



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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](mailto:info@compassexpeditions.com)

## Ride profile

### Grade Four



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

**Total distance:** 4500ks/2800miles  
**Days on bike:** 13

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

30% is off-road, there is one day that is 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.

Suitable for off-road novice and two up riding.

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

## Accommodation

- 18 nights hotels, 5 nights wild camp & 1 bonus night.
- Accommodation ranges from basic dwellings 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\$ 1050

## Included meals

**Breakfasts:** 22  
**Lunches:** 13  
**Dinners:** 14

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 a camp dinner is provided.

## General info

- Please note that you will need to be in **Cusco** 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\$ 1260**
- 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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