

Williams Motorcycles with Peak Rider Adventure Czech WSBK & High Alpine Tour 2012 - Itinerary

Tuesday, 17 July – Our tour begins with an early afternoon send-off at Williams Motorcycles. We'll then head east on the M62 to a late afternoon departure from the P&O ferry terminal in Kingston-upon-Hull for our overnight mini-cruise to Zeebrugge. Once on board, with bikes secured and gear stowed in our inside cabins, we'll meet for a welcoming drink and a sumptuous buffet evening meal.

Wednesday, 18 July – Following breakfast we'll disembark in Zeebrugge and motor across Belgium making tracks for the heart of Germany's Pfälzerwald, or Palatinate Forest. This is the highest mileage day on the tour – approximately 330 miles – although with much of it motorway you may wish to make a detour to add local interest to the ride. You might consider a lunch break on the banks of the River Meuse below the clifftop citadel at Dinant. For those willing to venture a little further off track there is the quintessentially quaint village of Durbuy hidden away in a narrow ravine in a wooded valley.

Upon arrival at our hotel - surrounded by lush vineyards – you'll find a relaxing pool and sauna. Suitably refreshed you may want to enhance your multi-course chef-prepared evening meal with one of the excellent local wines.

Thursday, 19 July – Today we'll continue eastwards across the heart of central Germany and into the Czech Republic. At close to 275 miles this is our second longest day. With much of that on the efficient Autobahn you should have time for some sightseeing along the way. Not far off the main motorway is the walled city of Rothenburg ob der Tauber, its mediaeval centre seemingly untouched by the passage of time. We also skirt Nuremburg. Given its unique role in the German narrative you may wish to explore certain aspects of this former imperial city.

Our end of day hotel is nestled in a postcard-perfect castle-crowned hilltop village. Round out your fine evening meal with a refreshing lager brewed right on the premises.

Friday, 20 July – South Moravia's provincial capital, the cosmopolitan city of Brno, is today's final destination. We could go by motorway but Czech secondary roads generally have good quality surfaces and an absence of heavy traffic. Combine that with a rolling landscape through forest and farmland and you have the recipe for a great day's ride. Our roughly 245 mile route will take us via historic Tábor. With one of Bohemia's most beautiful town squares it's the perfect place to stop for a relaxed alfresco lunch.

Arriving at our three star centrally-located hotel in Brno– home for the next three nights - we'll unload our gear and prepare for a great evening out. Although dinner is not included while we're in Brno you won't have to go far or spend much to enjoy a good evening out. Our hotel is right on the edge of the lively city centre with its many bars and restaurants. As always in Europe a hearty continental breakfast is included.

Saturday, 21 July and Sunday 22 July – Brno Automotodrom is the venue for two days of scintillating World Superbike race action. Saturday's programme features final practices, qualifying and Superpole. Sunday is the full race schedule. In order to get the most from our experience we'll be transported to and from the circuit by mini-bus leaving our bikes securely parked at the hotel.

Your BMW Motorrad Motorsport VIP package includes: WSBK ticket (grandstand seat & paddock), hospitality area with food & beverages plus a meet & greet with Leon Haslam and Marco Melandri. You'll also receive a special BMW Motorrad VIP Fan Package consisting of a BMW Motorrad Motorsport polo-shirt, cap, lanyard and the BMW Motorrad Unstoppable book.

Monday, 23 July – Today's route is barely 130 miles by the most direct route but with **two** Unesco World Heritage towns to visit you'll want plenty of time to exercise your camera. We'll start with the unadulterated 16th century splendour of Telč. When you first enter the stunning town square you may feel like you've travelled in time back to the Renaissance. Some building tours are available including the exquisite Chateau and ornate Chapel of St. George.

Moving on to our final stop of the day we find the fairy-tale beauty of Český Krumlov crowned by its spectacular castle. The baroque buildings of the old world town square are surrounded by an arc of the meandering Vltava River. Our lodgings for the night, only 400 metres from the centre of town, are a roomy pension (guest house) with ample and secure parking. This evening you are on your own for dinner with plenty of options to choose from.

Tuesday, 24 July – At an estimated 209 miles this won't be a particularly long day but it will be a good one. We start our day by heading south on the twisting route 160 that hugs the sinuous bends of the Vltava River. Crossing into Austria and skirting Linz we'll wiggle our way south across snow-capped eastern Alps to our guest house in Carinthia, Austria's southernmost province.

Upon arrival at our special guest house you'll find the warmest of welcomes. You'll barely have time to remove your helmet and gloves before our English-speaking bike-riding hosts, Ros and John, offer you a freshly poured cold lager. We're on half-board here with dinner and breakfast included.

Wednesday, 25 July – Leaving Carinthia we'll ride towards the North Tirol via the iconic Grossglockner High Alpine Road with its unforgettable Edelweisspitze where you can test your mettle on the cobblestone switchbacks. At the end of today's 245 mile ride we can relax in our hotel's sauna and pool before sharing our day's adventures over the three course evening meal.

Thursday, 26 July – A special day of approximately 210 miles begins with an ascent of the legendary Stelvio, the highest paved pass in the eastern Alps. Cameras at the ready, we'll take a break at the summit for souvenir shopping and the obligatory photographs.

Heading north we'll tackle the forested Umbrail Pass before veering northwest towards Klosters and Davos and winding our way across central Switzerland. Skirting Zurich we'll make tracks for the German border and end our day at the southern edge of the Black Forest. After a breathtaking day like that you'll be ready for a cool drink at our hotel's outdoor café before sitting down to our three course evening meal.

Friday, 27 July – Our ultimate destination today is Trier, the oldest city in Germany and renowned for the best preserved Roman buildings in the north of Europe. But first we run the Schwarzwaldhockstrasse, the fabled B500 Black Forest High Road with its sweeping bends and amazing ridge-top views. With almost 120 miles on the serpentine B500, our nearly 260 mile day has the potential to be a long one. A prompt morning departure will pay dividends down the road.

Nearing Baden-Baden (so pleased were the locals they named it twice) we head northeast through the French Alsace region towards Trier. Our centrally located hotel doesn't offer dinner but is just steps from many restaurants and bars in the adjacent historic city centre. After passing under the arch of the four storeys high Roman gate you needn't go hungry, or thirsty, for very long.

Saturday, 28 July – The last leg of our tour takes us across Luxemburg and Belgium to Zeebrugge. On the way to the ferry port you may want to visit the Battle of the Bulge memorial at Bastogne or pop into Circuit Spa-Francorchamps for a souvenir. You may also have time to enjoy a coffee and snack in the historic market square of Bruges.

Once in Zeebrugge we'll make an early evening departure for our overnight mini-cruise to Kingston-upon-Hull. Once again an inside cabin and buffet dinner is included. With bikes secured we can spend a relaxing evening sharing our adventures.

Sunday, 29 July – Following a hearty on-board breakfast we disembark in Kingston-upon-Hull and officially end our tour.

Tour includes:

- Two overnight mini-cruise channel crossings (Hull/Zeebrugge)
- Ten nights in quality accommodation (some with spa facilities)
- All breakfasts; Seven three course evening meals
- Two days Czech World Superbike races w/ hospitality package
- Your tour and ride guide
- Tour information packet

Price:

- One person, one bike, single room £1899 each
- One person, one bike, shared room £1479 each
- Two persons, one bike, shared room £1359 each

Booking:

- £300 deposit per person
- See terms for payment schedule

Extra:

- Beverages, and meals other than noted above
- Toll road and parking charges
- Petrol, personal and incidental expenses

Keen to join us? Call today to secure your reservation.

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