



ROUTE ONE · SELF-GUIDED · 7 DAYS

Cape2Karoo. Wilderness to forest.

Seven days, seven completely different landscapes — from the Baviaanskloof wilderness and the deep Karoo interior, over the Swartberg Pass — with the option of the descent into Gamkaskloof, “Die Hel” — to the ancient forests of the Garden Route and the Tsitsikamma coastline.

7 DAYS	~1,306 km TOTAL DISTANCE	~70% GRAVEL	3–8 hrs DAILY RIDING
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INCLUDED IN THE PACKAGE

- Motorcycle — fully prepared, 7 days
- Garmin zūmo XT2 GPS — full route preloaded
- 60-litre soft pannier system — three 20-litre compartments
- 6 nights accommodation — a private room for each rider, breakfast included
- Pre-departure route briefing & bike familiarisation
- 24/7 breakdown support — phone help first, then a standby motorcycle brought to you if needed
- 24/7 phone & WhatsApp support
- Secure luggage storage at base
- Tyre repair kit on every bike
- Airport transfer

RIDER'S OWN ACCOUNT

- Dinners, lunches and drinks
- Fuel for the full route
- Riding gear and helmet
- Travel & medical insurance — specific cover required, see page 3

PRICING — PER RIDER, 7 DAYS

4 riders	€2,950
3 riders	€3,100
2 riders	€3,250
Solo rider	€3,450

30% deposit at booking, non-refundable; balance due 60 days before collection. A booking is confirmed when we issue a written Booking Confirmation. Tours run year round — October to April is our premium riding window.

THE MACHINE

KTM 790 Adventure — 799cc parallel twin, 95 hp, 203 kg, ~400 km tank range, WP Apex suspension, 21/18" wheels.

WHO THIS IS FOR

Experienced riders comfortable on unpaved roads — around 70% of the route is gravel. Valid motorcycle licence required; IDP strongly recommended for non-South African riders. Full protective gear is mandatory.

01 St Francis Bay → East Baviaanskloof

North via Humansdorp and the Gamtoos Valley to Patensie. Gravel farm roads climb through Hankey Pass, Grootrivier Poort and Combrink's Mountain Pass into the Kouga mountains. Enter the Baviaanskloof at its eastern gate — the wilderness closes in immediately.

~163 KM · ~4-5 HRS · 70% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: EAST BAVIAANSKLOOF

02 The Full Baviaanskloof

The complete R332 traverse — one of Africa's great wilderness corridors. Holgat, Langkop, Grasnek and Nuwekloof passes in succession. Forty-plus river crossings, towering cliff walls and total isolation across 178 km of 100% gravel. Fuel at Kleinpoort (shop hours only).

~178 KM · ~6-8 HRS · 100% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: WILLOWMORE AREA

03 Deep Karoo — Willowmore to Prince Albert

North through Steytlerville into the remote Karoo interior, threading through Rietbron and across the high plateau to Prince Albert. Few riders take this line. Almost nobody lives here. This is the real Karoo.

~225 KM · ~6-7 HRS · 75% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: PRINCE ALBERT

04 Prince Albert → Calitzdorp

South from Prince Albert over the Swartberg Pass — Thomas Bain's 1888 masterpiece, one of the great gravel passes of the world. Near the summit, riders who are up for it can take the optional turn-off into Gamkaskloof, "Die Hel": a 37 km dead-end track of steep gradients, tight hairpins and rocky sections, 2-3 hours each way into one of South Africa's most isolated valleys. Take it on, and this becomes the biggest riding day of the tour. Dropping out of the mountains, Coetzee's Poort delivers you into the valley at Calitzdorp — South Africa's port wine capital.

~170 KM · ~3-4 HRS · 60% GRAVEL · OPTIONAL DIE HEL: ADDS 4-6 HRS · 80% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: CALITZDORP AREA

05 Calitzdorp → Garden Route Forests

South over Leopoot Pass to George, then east along the legendary Seven Passes Road through ancient indigenous forest — towering Outeniqua yellowwoods, the Karatara waterfall and dappled canopy light. After four days of semi-arid Karoo, this green world is a revelation.

~175 KM · ~5-6 HRS · 55% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: GARDEN ROUTE FOREST AREA

06 Prince Alfred's Pass to the Tsitsikamma

Gouna River Pass and Phantom Pass from the forest floor, then the long gravel haul over Prince Alfred's Pass, the longest mountain pass in South Africa. Through the Langkloof at Avontuur and De Vlucht, over Brakkloof Pass to the coast, past the Paul Sauer Bridge at Storms River and east through the Tsitsikamma. The biggest day of the tour.

~250 KM · ~7-8 HRS · 65% GRAVEL · OVERNIGHT: KOUGA / TSITSIKAMMA

07 Tsitsikamma → St Francis Bay

The final morning. Gravel roads through the Kouga mountains and valley back toward the coast. A shorter day to absorb the last of it — bike handover at St Francis Bay and the quiet satisfaction of a route ridden properly.

~143 KM · HALF DAY · 55% GRAVEL · FINISH: ST FRANCIS BAY

Gravel passes and remote sections are affected by weather and road works — where a section is closed or unsafe, we substitute equivalent riding of the same character. Overnight stops may also change with availability. We brief you fully on the confirmed route and stays before departure.

AVAILABILITY & PRIVATE OPERATION

Tours run year round. October to April is our premium riding window — drier, warmer and the most settled conditions — but both routes run outside those months too. Every tour runs privately: no fixed departures, no minimum numbers, from a single rider upwards. You are never put in with strangers and never wait for a departure to fill. Rates are published for four riders; larger groups are quoted on request.

LUGGAGE

A 60-litre soft pannier system, three 20-litre compartments, fitted to the motorcycle. You carry your own luggage with you; we do not move it between overnight stops. Secure storage is available at the collection point for anything not needed on the road.

RIDER REQUIREMENTS

Minimum rider age 25, with a motorcycle licence held for at least two years. Pillioners are not permitted on either route, a consequence of the terrain these routes cover. Full protective gear is mandatory, and an International Driving Permit is strongly recommended for non-South African riders.

IF A MOTORCYCLE IS NOT AVAILABLE

We would tell you as early as we possibly could and offer alternative dates first. If the dates cannot be moved, your deposit is refunded in full, without deduction.

YOUR OWN TRAVEL INSURANCE — READ THIS BEFORE YOU BOOK

You must hold travel insurance covering emergency medical treatment, medical evacuation and repatriation, valid for motorcycling on unsealed roads in South Africa. This is where bookings most often trip up: a great many standard European policies exclude engine capacities above 125cc and exclude unsealed roads altogether, so a policy that looks perfectly adequate often is not. Specialist adventure-riding cover exists and is not difficult to find. We are not in a position to recommend an insurer, only to flag the requirement clearly. Proof of cover is requested at balance payment.

OUR PUBLIC LIABILITY COVER

Public liability is held through SATIB, purchased per rider for the duration of your trip, with a limit of indemnity of R10,000,000.

SECURITY DEPOSIT & RIDER LIABILITY

A refundable security deposit is taken by payment link 48 hours before handover, on a credit or debit card in your own name, and refunded within three working days of the return inspection, less any charges due. It is charged and refunded in rand; exchange differences and bank fees are for your account. Where a motorcycle is damaged, your liability is the lesser of the actual cost of repair or a fixed limit, plus an administration fee, per motorcycle issued. The amounts are set out in your booking documentation and in the rental agreement.

RECOVERY

Recovery is charged per kilometre for the return trip, and only where the need for it arises from your own act or omission. Where a motorcycle fails mechanically through no fault of yours, recovery is at our cost. Where the cause cannot be established, we do not charge.

NEW & CUSTOM ROUTES

Bespoke and extended routes are developed to order and quoted individually — a different length, a particular pass or region, a harder or softer gravel balance, a start or finish somewhere other than St Francis Bay. Every route is ridden or confirmed rideable by us before handover, and every overnight stop is checked before it is offered.