



# The Pinnacle Passes

28 June - 13 July 2017



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## Highlights

Our route through the Alps takes in most of the highly acclaimed European Alpine Passes and features:

- KTM Factory tour and a visit to KTM's industrial designers, Kiiska Design
- Ride the latest 2017 model KTM adventure bikes
- Ride the some of the top European alpine passes including - Passo di Giau, Passo Pordoi, Grossglockner, Strada Della Forra, Passo Stelvio, San Bernadino Pass, Fluela Pass, Passo Giovo, Jaufenpass, Stealler Sattel, Simplon Pass, Grimselpass, Sustenpass, Saint Gotthard pass
- Participate in the first ever KTM Adventure rally in Italy. 3 days of riding in mountainous terrain and a share an incredible social experience with riders from many nations. Your choice of either road or off-road riding
- Time has been allowed to visit some of the iconic tourist destinations during our journey.
- Exceptional luxury accommodation
- Breakfast & dinner included every day
- Our contacts at the KTM factory have promised our group VIP treatment!!
- Enjoy the ride with our Aussie tour guides Nick and Trudi, who adore the Italian Alps & Lakes districts and are excited to share their favourite places with you.

## Itinerary

28 June	Arrive in Munich, welcome dinner
29 June	Transfer to Salzburg, pickup rental bikes
30 June	KTM Factory Tour and Kiska Industrial Designers
1 July	Salzburg to Sesto (Dolomites), Italy
2 July	Sesto to Lago di Garda, Italy
3 July	Lago di Garda - Rest Day
4 July	Lago di Garda to Lago di Como, Italy
5 July	Lago di Como to Bardonecchia, Italy (KTM Rallye)
6 July	KTM Rallye
7 July	KTM Rallye
8 July	KTM Rallye
9 July	Bardonecchia to Lago di Maggiore, Italy
10 July	Lago di Maggiore – The Alpine Passes Loop day
11 July	Lago di Maggiore to Bormio
12 July	Bormio to Zell Am See, Austria
13 July	Zell Am See to rental bike depot, transfer to Munich, farewell dinner
14 July	Depart Munich (or stay on!)

*You will be truly spoiled. Guaranteed...*

# Who dreams of sweeping mountain passes?

## Ride Overview

Held over sixteen magical days we invite you join us on a tour of the magnificent Italian Alps, the Italian lakes, Swiss Alps and participating in the KTM Adventure Rallye on the border of the Italian/French Alps. The route we will cover includes the most incredible roads you can possibly imagine.

The kind that from a distance appear to be grey ribbons

snaking their way up and down mountainsides. From up close, they appear to be the most fun you have ever experienced on a motorcycle. For an Australian travelling to Europe and riding the Alpine passes is mind blowing. The scenery is stunningly beautiful. The roads are incredibly twisty and fun to ride. The food is typically amazing.

Our tour begins in beautiful city of Munich, Germany. A welcome dinner is an opportunity for us to make introductions and begin our tour in a fun, social environment. The following day we will provide a transfer to our bike rental depot to collect our KTM hire motorcycles before riding to Salzburg - home to Mozart and the "Sound Of Music".

Whilst in Salzburg, we'll be making a very special visit



to the KTM Factory and Kiska Design, KTM's industrial designers.

We then start to head from Austria down into Italy but not before tackling Austria's highest alpine pass – Grossglockner.

The stunning and majestic Dolomite mountains greet us on arrival into Italy laying before us spectacular alpine roads, through to the picturesque Italian Lakes District.

We will enjoy three days at the KTM Adventure Rallye in Italy, high up in the Alps near the French border. Each day at the Rally there will be several routes to choose from ranging from 100% paved roads to 100% off-road.

Most of our tour will be on tar, however we may be able

to fit knobby tyres for the days of the KTM Rallye so we can venture deeper into the mountains on the gravel.

After leaving the KTM Adventure Rallye we will head back down to the lakes district making Lago Maggiore our home for the two nights. This gives us the opportunity to explore some of the most incredible Swiss alpine passes including Grimselpass, Sustenpass and Saint Gotthard Pass. The photos and memories you will capture will stay with you for a lifetime.

The final few days of our Pinnacle Passes Tour are punctuated with more incredible Alpine roads including Stelvio Pass and a string of Austrian lakes.

Staying in villas and small hotels throughout, this trip will



immerse you in culture, food and wine, and of course unbelievable riding.

This is a small group ride, and pillions are most welcome. Motorcycle hire has been arranged with pickup and drop off in Austria. As we are travelling through multiple alpine passes, the riding will be challenging in places with many twisty hairpins and some longer days in the saddle.

However some of the stops will be two nights or more, so you won't have to pack every day and if you'd like to have rest days during the tour, then that's fine too. All arrangements on tour including motorcycle hire will be organised by us.

All you have to do is book your flights, turn up and we'll take care of the rest. The key to enjoying this trip is to soak up and enjoy the European way of life, go with the flow, enjoy your surroundings and the fabulous friends you'll meet along the way!

## Accommodation

As you can see, we have found some exceptional luxury accommodation for the trip. All accommodation is 4-5 star rated. Some of the locations we stayed at on our last tour and survived our stringent quality standards!

We've kept the theme of villas and small hotels throughout the trip so whilst we're travelling through the regions, you get to experience the food, the people and the landscape.

## Meals

We didn't want the meals on tour to be 100% pre-planned because you never know what delicious surprises you might find along the way. Last time, some of the best meals we had were found just by circumstance!

All breakfasts and dinners are included as part of the tour. The only thing you will need to cover each day is your lunch. Breakfast is included each day, generally at our accommodation. Lunch will be wherever we end up along the route when we're hungry!!

Dinner will be at our accommodation or we'll take you to some of the little known places we have some inside knowledge about.

## KTM Rallye

Included in the tour price is attendance at the KTM Rallye Italy. Located in Bardonecchia, we'll get to enjoy three days of riding around the area. There are three choices of routes, 100% tar, 50% tar - 50% off-road, or 100% off-road. If it's anything like the Australian Rallye, it will have a great party atmosphere and awesome riding.

## Rest Days / Ride Loop Days

We've setup the tour so that in some locations we'll stay two nights or more. This way you'll get to see the area we're staying in and not have to pack up everyday to move to the next location.

Depending on our locations, we may organize loop rides

on the rest days that are completely optional. Check out the itinerary for the details of these locations.

## Grading

As we are travelling through some of the most famous Alpine passes, think twisty!! This means there are some very narrow roads, and lots of tight switchbacks. For example, the full length of Stelvio Pass has 82 corners!!!!

Also remember they drive on the right hand side of the road too. There will be heavy traffic in some of the cities we visit, and the Italians are notorious for not stopping at stop signs, so you'll need to be particularly vigilant.

In summary, the riding on this tour is for the more experienced road rider. The off-road component at the KTM Adventure Rally is optional.

## Dates

28 June – 13 July 2017

## Duration

15 ride days (16 days total)

## Distances / Riding Time

The distances for each day range between 200 - 350km.

*Ride the Alps  
on 2017 KTM's*



Riding time is likely to be between 5-7 hours including stops.

## Tour Price

Below is the pricing for the tour, accommodation and included meals outlined in this document. Bike rental pricing is on the next page.

We have based it on three different pricing options:

Couple	Single	Twin
€ 9,100	€ 7,200	€ 4,500

(note: Twin share includes two single beds)

PLEASE NOTE: We have prepared the pricing in Euros due to the conversion and GST implications here in Australia.

## Tour Inclusions

- Tour guides x 2
- 16 nights of luxury accommodation
- Breakfast and dinner every day on tour
- KTM Rallye entry
- Major road tolls
- Ferry crossing fare
- Transfers to/from Munich to bike rental depot

## KTM Bike Rental

Bike rental will be available for pickup in Austria from 29 June. We'll be doing a loop ride out of Salzburg the next day visiting the KTM Factory. This will give you the chance to get familiar with the bike, pack and get organised the day before departure.



**690 Duke**



**690 Enduro**



**1290 Adventure S**



**1290 Adventure R**



**1090 Adventure**

We will return the bikes back in Austria on 13 July and get a transfer back to Munich. Below is pricing for the length of the tour including insurance.

The models provided based on current availability and change frequently. There are very limited numbers of each model, so it will be first in best dressed.

1090 Adventure	1290 Super Adventure R	1290 Super Adventure S	690 Duke / Enduro
€2,646	€2,926	€2,926	€2,086

Hard luggage and GPS is available for all bikes fitted for the ride. We have arranged to leave suitcases at the bike rental company whilst on tour.

## Payment Schedule

A \$1,000AUD per person non-refundable deposit is payable at the time of booking on our website, is all that's required to reserve your place due to the limited numbers available for the tour.

At the time of booking, please confirm the motorcycle you wish to rent for the tour as this needs to be reserved for you straight away.

Then 50% of tour fee and bike rental fee (payable in Euro) is due no later than 31 May 2017. Balance then due no later than 15 June 2017. Of course if you prefer, you can always pay in full at any time before that date!

## How do I pay in Euro?

We will provide you with our foreign currency account details when our invoice is sent to you. All you will need to do is direct deposit the funds into our foreign exchange bank account. All of the major banks have the facility in their internet banking to enable you to do this and is very simple to do. We can assist with this process should you need help.

Please note: the minimum number of riders to run the tour is five. We have capped the tour at a maximum of 15 people.

## Cancellation Policy

You may withdraw from the tour at any time by notifying us in writing via email. In case of withdrawal, a cancellation fee calculated by reference to the tour and hiring fees is payable as follows:

- 0% if 60 days or more notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour
- 50% if 31-60 days notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour
- 75% if 15-30 days notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour.
- 100% if 14 days or less notice is given prior to the commencement of the tour.

If the tour does not proceed because the minimum number of participants is not reached, your AUD\$1,000 deposit will be refunded in full.

## What's Not Included

- What the tour price doesn't include:
- Any meals outside of those stipulated as part of the tour package (ie. lunches)
- Additional activities you participate in during the tour
- Public transport or taxi fares
- Flights
- Fuel, some minor road tolls, parking fees, fines
- Travel insurance
- Visas (if required). Please check your individual circumstances



## Travel Insurance

It is a mandatory requirement prior to you participating in the tour that you purchase a travel insurance policy. This can either be done with your own insurance company of choice, or via our partners at World Nomads Travel Insurance. The link is on our online store where you can get an online quote within a couple of minutes.

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## International Drivers Licence

Please make sure you get one of these before you leave!! It is a mandatory requirement to ride over in Europe and the bike rental company will require this as well.

## Arrival into Munich

If you are arriving into Munich direct from Australia we advise you to arrive a couple of days before 28 June so you can have some time to adjust your body clocks.

We will be picking up the bikes on the 29 June, so you need to be in Munich by that day at the latest. We can arrange group transfers through our hotel for transfers to and from the airport. Some airlines also offer this service for free, so check with them at the time of booking your flights.

## Flights to and from Munich

Our investigations have identified a handful of flights (Qantas / Etihad) that arrive earlier in the day (morning – lunchtime) into Munich (28 June) so you have a chance to get settled prior to our welcome dinner that evening.

Likewise if you intend on leaving immediately after the tour finishes on the return leg (14 July), there are morning, lunchtime or late evening flights available.

Please let us know if you require any assistance with flight reservations.

## Not from Australia, but want to join us?

Whilst this tour is being run by a group of Aussies we more than welcome riders from other countries to join us. Join an English speaking Aussie tour group. You're guaranteed to have lots of fun :-)

## About Maschine

Maschine is a motorcycle events and tours business that operates from Victoria Australia. We have been organizing adventure tours since 2011 both in Australia and abroad.

We are highly experienced in managing large-scale motorcycle events of up to 250 riders. Equally we know how to create an incredible experience for more intimate groups of riders such as this tour with a dozen or so riders.

## What Now?

To book, go to [maschine.com.au](http://maschine.com.au) and follow the links to our online store to book.

Or you can give us a call on 03 5428 8433.

We will register your details for the event and ask for your credit card details for the \$1,000 AUD per person non-refundable deposit to secure your place.

Please let us know at the time which bike you would like to rent for the tour.

We look forward to you joining us on this amazing journey.

Cheers,

Nick and Trudi

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