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New Tours for the New Season 2010/2011

We are delighted to announce our new tour routes for the coming season. Our aim is to give the best value and variety for motorcycle touring here in New Zealand. To do this we looked at restructuring the fully guided tours we have provided over the years, and by a fair amount of twisting and turning, cutting and pasting, we have come up with a variety of routes, style, and price. Although we are a relatively small country about the size of Japan, there is a lot to see and do here, and it can't be all appreciated in just one visit. You think you've been once to New Zealand and have it covered? Wrong! Check out the different tour options available for you, pick one you'd like, and you are on your way to another fantastic holiday!

We think we have hit our target of providing you with the best selection and value for money in New Zealand motorcycle touring, read on and tell us what you think....

[TOUR OF THE MOUNTAIN KINGS](#)

3 weeks fabulous riding around both islands, through fantastic passes and up to awesome mountains. This tour is all about the alps of New Zealand. A deluxe fully guided style tour, it's a challenging ride, with New Zealand's diet shattering mouth watering cuisine each



day, 3-4 star deluxe accommodation, this provides all there is for a "we take care of everything" kind of tour.

[SOUTHERN MOONLIGHT TOUR](#)
2 weeks touring the fabulous south island deluxe fully guided style. This is not a new tour, no matter from what angle we looked at it, this tour



could not be improved on. Truly a tried and true itinerary that can't be beat. With the stunning South Island scenery and fabulous roads to ride combined with a finely honed itinerary, you will be thoroughly won over of the beauty of NZ with this one!

[ON THE BEACH TOUR](#)

This is a beauty! Beach and bikes combined with riding along New Zealand gorgeous coastal highways .



"On the Beach" shoreline accommodation and 2 weeks touring both islands adventure style makes this tour a must for those wanting to enjoy a beach holiday on a motorcycle. Explore the coastline and experience NZ's fabulous beaches at every location. You will see the sun rise and set on the beautiful shores, and can swim, surf, and ride a motorcycle all the way. Perfect for the romantics!

[MAORI DISCOVERY TOUR](#)

3 weeks touring both islands top to bottom adventure style. If you want to see the whole of

New Zealand but don't want to do it deluxe style then this is the tour for you. A relaxed tour, freedom to dine where and how you want, nice comfortable accommodation, and you ride from the top to the bottom of New Zealand. Discover the fascinating Maori culture and folk lore throughout NZ. From the Bay of Islands to Bluff you will discover NZ's rich history and ride in scenic regions full of awesome motorcycle roads.



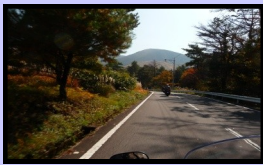
[EXPLORE NZ TOUR](#)

Our UK agent Dave Grist of [HC Travel](#) gave us a challenge to create a tour that a couple could do for around 300 pounds per day . This is what we came up with!
19 days, both islands, a guide on a motorcycle, motel style accommodation, and highlights included such as the Milford Sound Cruise and the exciting Maori Concert Evening. Traveling light (no luggage van) can be done here quite easily, and will suit those who have a tight budget yet dream of riding here in New Zealand.

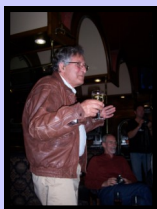




LAND OF THE RISING SUN - JAPAN



**Certainly travel is more than the seeing of sights; it is a change that goes on, deep and permanent into the ideas of living.”
Miriam Beard**



Ted Simon with a glass of “red” on his NZ Tour 2010

Mention Japan and most people will picture Tokyo, a vast city of around 35 million people, futuristic technology, and high rise buildings, but Tokyo is only small part of a fascinating enchanting land. Forget the televised images of an over populated country, if you were to stay in Tokyo you’d get that but as soon as you get on your bike and head out of the city, in about an hours time you are riding in verdant mountains and past rustic rice fields, breathing air that is crisp and fresh.

In October 2009 we toured for 10 days with a small group of friends and had a fantastic time discovering a Japan most of us could not comprehend existed. So why Japan? There are plenty of interesting countries in Asia to have a motorcycle adventure in, however things aren’t as smooth and “westernized” as they are in Japan. Hit a car in India or Thailand for instance and see how you fare. Japan, despite it’s drawbacks and its quirky customs is, after all a “first world” country.

As a race the Japanese are the most gracious, friendly and polite people you will ever encounter. They are very pre-

cise in everything they do and good manners go a long way in Japan. Stop and ask for directions and they will just about take you there, need to cross the road and they will stop the traffic!

When you leave the cities behind you there is a countryside to ride through that is absolutely beautiful. It was Autumn while we were in Japan, the temperature was mild and warm during the day and a little cooler at night. The trees were just starting to change with gold, copper, and red hues for made stunning scenery everywhere we went. Ancient villages in highland scenic surroundings full of shrines and temples that give you a feeling of being in an untouched world. Roads that with every corner you turn give you postcard scenery, and once again the most polite friendly people you will ever find.

Eating out is not for the faint hearted! The Japanese diet consists of rice, noodles, fish, with smaller options of beef, chicken and vegetarian selections. It is delicious and always beautifully presented, but some dishes will challenge the average westerner. It

won’t look like anything you’re used to back home...

We rode around the worlds largest dormant volcano, rode motorcycles for 6 days, rode the bullet trains, bicycled through the gorgeous labyrinth of back streets in Kyoto, visited temples and shrines, experienced a traditional Japanese Inn and Banquet, and finished our tour feeling like we saw the real Japan; not the “tourist” version that just comes across as overcrowded and terribly confusing!

It’s so good we’re going back this October 2010. If you’ve got Japan on your “bucket list” of things you must do then come and ride with us. We can show you a Japan that will appeal to the motorcyclist as well as the discerning traveler. It won’t be the cheapest tour you’ve done but it will be up there as one of the most fascinating.

Interested? [Click here to enquire](#)



BMW MOA Rally Oregon July 2010



Yes, you will see our smiling faces at the annual BMW MOA Rally, this time in the beautiful state of Oregon! John and Alison will be at the booth with Fred Rau joining us. We’ll

be happy to talk endlessly about why you should come touring with us and answer any questions about New Zealand and Japan.

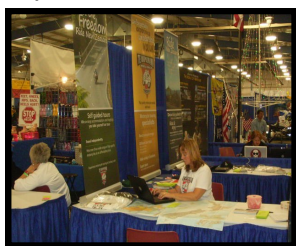
This year we are riding up with Fred from LA on Can Am Spyders! We’re looking forward to being on the road with Fred and Alison is particularly excited about the pillion seat, talk about an armchair! We’ve been attending the

Rally now for about 10 years, it never ceases to amaze us the huge amount of work that is all done by wonderful volunteers. Sam Munn and his team do a fantastic job.

We are riding up from LA with [Fred Rau](#) (our USA agent) on Can-Am Spyders kindly offered to us by BRP Ltd. We’re going to have fun finding out just what these babies can do!

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This year we will be showing our new fully guided tours, our Japan Tour (October 2010), and giving a presentation with Fred Rau. Fred has taken the role of our key contact in the USA. We are very lucky to have Fred on board



and he is a fantastic representative for us in the USA! We'll be busy but never too busy to chat and we will be looking out for old friends and familiar faces. Oregon looks like a fine place to ride, John has been thru there before but it will be Alison's first time and she is very excited about it, especially having the chance to catch up with old friends :)



After the Rally we are flying over to CT to have time with our family who live there, and relax with friends over a few beers and BBQ's.

It's always a real pleasure to catch up with folk at the rally so if you're planning on attending, stop by at our booth for a chat.



Tokyo skyline . A clean well organized wonderful city with zero, nil, zilch graffiti. Strange but true...

Bikes and Riders.....

We reckon with close to 90 motorcycles the fleet did around 1.5 million kms this year! Problem free? Not quite, but as near as humanly and mechanically possible.

We bought new **BMW1200GS's** and **BMW650GS twins** at the start of last season. The 1200GS we know and love but the 650GS Twin is an interesting beast. This bike has a lively punchy motor with wonderful handling and great fuel economy. Running costs are low due to light weight and a moderate power output. The seating is good for two up but a better 650 twin motorcycle two up is the **Suzuki 650 VSTROM**. This beauty has proved popular with the pillion riders due to a very comfortable seat.

With so many motorcycles of varying mileage we have altered our pricing on some models to reflect the difference. **BMW1200GS's** pre 2008 are less per day than the newer facelift models. Likewise with the **BMW1200RT's**, anything over 50,000 kms on the clock will be offered at a discounted rate. For those Ducati riders the **Ducati Multistrada** (was 1000cc) is now an 1100cc.

We'll let Ducati get the bugs ironed out of the 1200 before offering it to the demanding public! Otherwise our fleet composition is unchanged for next summer, just the usual out with the older high kms bikes and in with lower kms bikes. And as usual the bikes will be stripped down, lubed, and overhauled thoroughly. Our team are well into the winter servicing and all will be ready for the coming season.

Clients, not bikes, give us "eye brow raising" moments and here are a few -

Lawrence May - who rode 220kms back to Christchurch after crashing his bike....With concussion and not remembering the accident! Lawrence also gets the **"Not listened to John" Award** for taking off the panniers which would have saved a lot of damage and a lot of his money!

"Unnamed Person" - Gets the **Iron Butt Award** after clocking up 4000kms in 5 days on a Yamaha FZ6. When asked what he remembered of his holiday all he could come up with was gas stations, tea rooms and how cold it was riding at 3am. Yeah, good on ya mate...

Wayne Grega - Wins the **Most Embarrassing Award (part 1)** for losing his keys just as he was about to board the interisland ferry. Lucky for Wayne that the spares were in the tour van.

Voni Glaves - **Most Embarrassing Award (part 2)** For finding Wayne's keys 2 hours later in her jacket pocket!

Last but not least, eighty something year old **Doug Sutherland** gets **"The Battler Award"** for riding like a champion all around New Zealand on a Honda 250 Rebel. The riding wasn't a problem but due to injuries from a previous accident, getting on and off was painful for him.....And those watching!

Oh, gone but not forgotten, to **61ZBD** a **Honda ST1300** Rest in Peace. Loved by us and ridden by many, met it's end on SH 1 just south of kaitaia on the 6th March 2010. All of John's attempts at resuscitation failed....

"The journey is the interruption"

Author Ted Simon on why the trip is more important than the destination...



14 days and 13 nights of motorcycle joy! Ride NZ with Fred and John
11th Jan to 23rd Jan 2010

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A few words from “The Chief”

Greetings everybody! I've taken time out of my busy role of bike cleaner extraordinaire to pen a few words. New Zealand is a smallish country and a fair bit of it can be seen in our traditional 3 week tour , the same well worn path we have ridden for years. With this in mind we (read Alison) have been poring over maps and have come up with some interesting variations. Off the beaten path, some great un-ridden roads and our usual interesting accommodations.

Want to stay at the beach every night and take a swim every morning then check out the “**On The Beach Tour**”. It's mid-summer and the water is warm! We've reintroduced our Adventure Style Tours for those who want something a little less formal and would like some flexibility with meal arrangements. For those with a limited budget the new “**Explore Tour**” is perfect. 19 days, both islands, 1 guide on a motorcycle, pack light because what you carry is what you take!

My highlight of the summer season was to travel with Ted Simon. He surprised me with his skilful riding; I was expecting to be waiting along the road at regular intervals for the old guy to catch up but I tell you, barely was I stopped when suddenly Ted on his 650 Vstrom would come gliding past! All power to Ted and his new bride, long may they be happy and in love.

I was first in Japan in 2003 and then in 2008 managed to persuade Alison (she really didn't want to go) to join me. We had a blast!! I can't say enough good things about Japan – really good riding, the amazing modern clean cities, the bullet trains, exquisite food and drink, polite and friendly (though rather inscrutable) people, and technological wizardry – all this wrapped up round a very ancient and non western way of thinking. The core values of Japanese culture have not really been influenced much by outside forces. This will be your only way to really see Japan – it's one country that unless you are patient and have months to spare it's impossible to penetrate far. Expensive? Yes! Unforgettable? Yes! Come with us and have fun negotiating Tokyo Subway, cycling the back streets of Kyoto, and trying to figure out what's on your dinner plate....If this is the future, I just hope it's this clean and well organised!



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